

January 5, 2024

Request for Public Comments

ID 6685-03-02 (72)

Town of Spencer, Pleasant Road

East Branch of Yellow River Bridge, Marathon County

The town of Spencer in cooperation with the Marathon County Highway Department and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans to replace the Pleasant Road bridge over the east branch of the Yellow River.

The enclosed handout outlines the following information:

- Project location
- Project needs
- Proposed improvements
- Traffic impacts
- Schedule
- Right of way brochure (if applicable)

The objective of this Public Outreach is to provide adjacent property owners, interested citizens, and public officials with an opportunity to comment on the design for this improvement.

The enclosed project information can also be found on Marathon County's website at:

<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/projects-planning/highway-projects-public-involvement>

Public input/comments

Please submit comments or questions via one of the following methods by **January 24, 2024**.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to the enclosed handout, fold, and mail.
2. Email comments or questions either of the contacts listed in the handout.
3. Call one of the contacts listed in the handout.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions that may assist in the development of this project, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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cc: James Griesbach, Highway Commissioner, Marathon County Highway Department

Enclosure: project handout with tear-off comment form

Public Involvement Handout

**Town of Spencer, Pleasant Road
East Branch Yellow River Bridge
Existing Structure: P-37-0916
Proposed Structure: B-37-0477
Marathon County**

Project ID: 6685-03-02 (72)



Handout date: January 5, 2024

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.

Purpose of handout

The town of Spencer in cooperation with the Marathon County Highway Department and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans to replace the Pleasant Road bridge over the east branch of the Yellow River.

The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public, as well as the needs of the local community and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the common form attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to the contact listed below.

Project location

The project is located on Pleasant Road bridge over the east branch of the Yellow River in the town of Spencer.



Project purpose and need

The existing single span bridge (P-37-0916) is a single span steel girder bridge with a concrete bridge deck. The bridge was constructed in 1947 and is deteriorated throughout the structure with cracking and spalling (breaking) concrete. The existing steel railing does not meet modern safety standards.

The existing bridge has reached the end of its useful service life and cannot be economically rehabilitated.



Existing Bridge

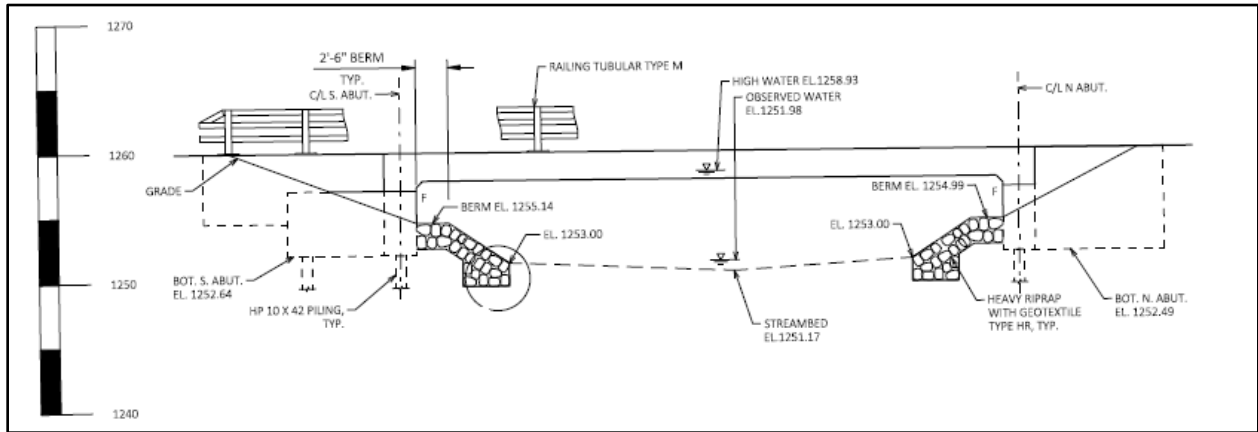
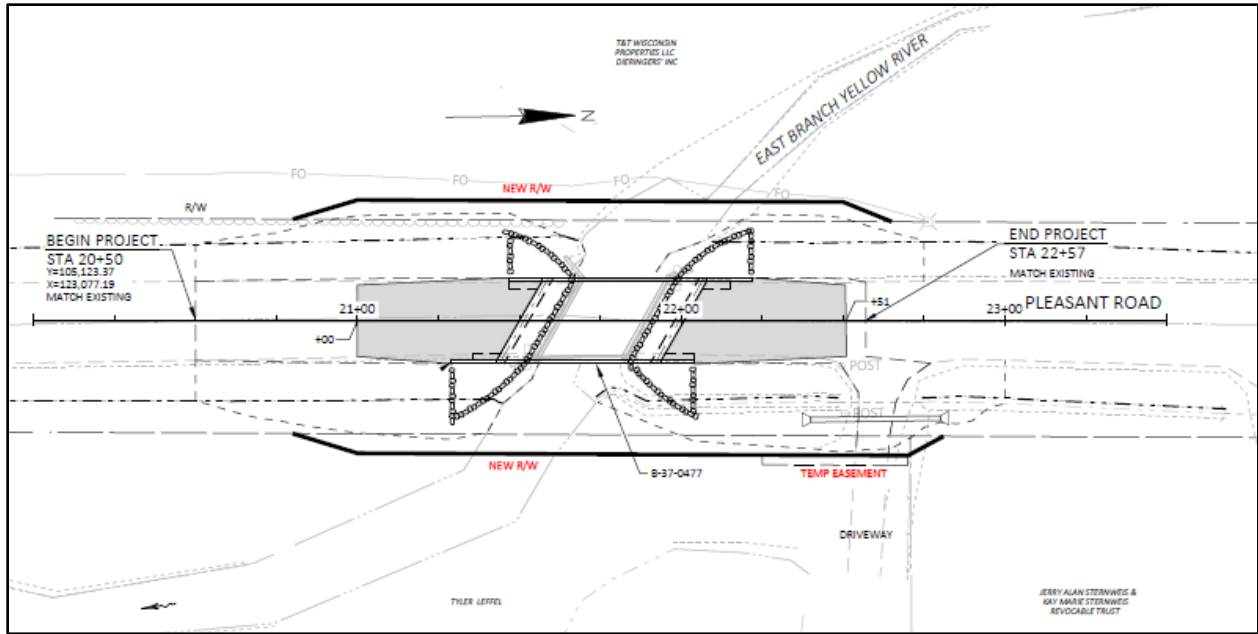
Proposed improvements

The project is programmed as a bridge replacement project. The town of Spencer has received federal funding through WisDOT to replace the bridge. The Marathon County Highway Department is administering the design process on behalf of the town.

Proposed improvements include:

- Construction of a single span concrete slab span bridge approximately 48-feet long.
- Reconstruction of approximately 160-feet of roadway approaches.
 - 50-feet of each approach would be paved with asphaltic surface to provide a smooth transition to the bridge and keep roadway aggregate off the bridge.
- Place riprap (stone) to prevent erosion along the river.
- Minor right of way and temporary easements are required to replace the bridge.

See preliminary plan on the following page.



Preliminary Plan of Improvements

Traffic impacts

- Construction is currently scheduled for 2025.
- Work will occur after June 15 due to in-water working restrictions.
- The bridge will be closed for approximately 3 months.
- Local access to property owners and emergency services will be maintained from Mann Road (north of bridge) and County Y (south of bridge).

Real estate impacts

Narrow strips of additional right of way will be required for this project. This will include areas of permanent (fee) at select locations and temporary (temporary limited easement) land acquisitions to accommodate blending of slopes on the roadway approaches and matching driveways.

Estimated right of way impacts are shown above. Marathon County expects to begin real estate acquisition in early 2024.

Direct mailings and coordination will occur with impacted property owners. A landowner rights brochure is available for review.

Schedule

- Initial data collection and design development – summer/fall 2023
- Local officials meeting – January 2024
- Public involvement comment period – January 2024
- Preliminary plans and reports approved – winter 2023
- Environmental document – winter 2023
- Right of way acquisition – spring and summer 2024
- Final plans – August 1, 2024
- Construction – summer 2025

Public input/comments

Please submit comments using one of the following methods so that we receive them by **January 24, 2024**, to be considered during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to the project engineer.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

Project contact

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Project Public Comment Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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