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Subject: Project ID 1520-02-71
Wisconsin Rapids - Plover
WIS 54 and County U intersection
WIS 54
Wood and Portage counties

Please join us to learn about this year's reconstruction of the WIS 54/Wood and Portage County U intersection.

The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Biron Municipal Center, 451 Kahoun Road, Biron.**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with information regarding the contractor's schedule and how traffic will be managed during construction. A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:30. The remainder of the meeting will follow an informal, open house format.

Project purpose and planned improvements

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety of the intersection by reducing crashes and crash severity at this location.

Crews will reconstruct the WIS 54/County U intersection as a J-turn. Improvements include:

- Reconstructing median crossovers
- Reconstructing left turn lanes
- Replacing culverts
- Lengthening existing turn lanes
- Installing new lighting, signing, and pavement marking

To learn how to drive the J-turn intersection, and to sign up for project updates, visit the construction website at: <http://projects.511wi.gov/54countyu>

Current project schedule

Construction is currently scheduled to begin as early as June 6, 2016. All work is scheduled for completion before September 1, 2016

Traffic impacts

- Motorists on WIS 54 can expect to encounter single lane closures, some flagging operations, and a reduced speed limit of 55 MPH.
- County U will be closed at the intersection with WIS 54 for three weeks late summer. No detour will be posted.
- A single lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on WIS 54, including weekends and holidays.
- Access to adjacent properties will be maintained, however, it may be necessary to temporarily limit access to driveways and/or intersections for short periods of time.

Property information

If your mailbox conflicts with construction activities, you will be required to coordinate the removal and relocation during construction.

During construction, we ask that you place your garbage near the road as close to the garbage pickup time as possible. If the garbage has been removed and your empty garbage can is in conflict with construction activities, it may be placed back near the right of way line.

Safety

WIS 54 and County U will be an active construction zone. Conditions and traffic control may change daily. Please remember to drive carefully when traveling to and from your home or business.

Contacts

We look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at 715-421-8050 or timothy.hanley@dot.wi.gov

After construction begins, business and property owners can contact the on-site project leader, Jake Johnson, at 715-340-0091.

Sincerely,

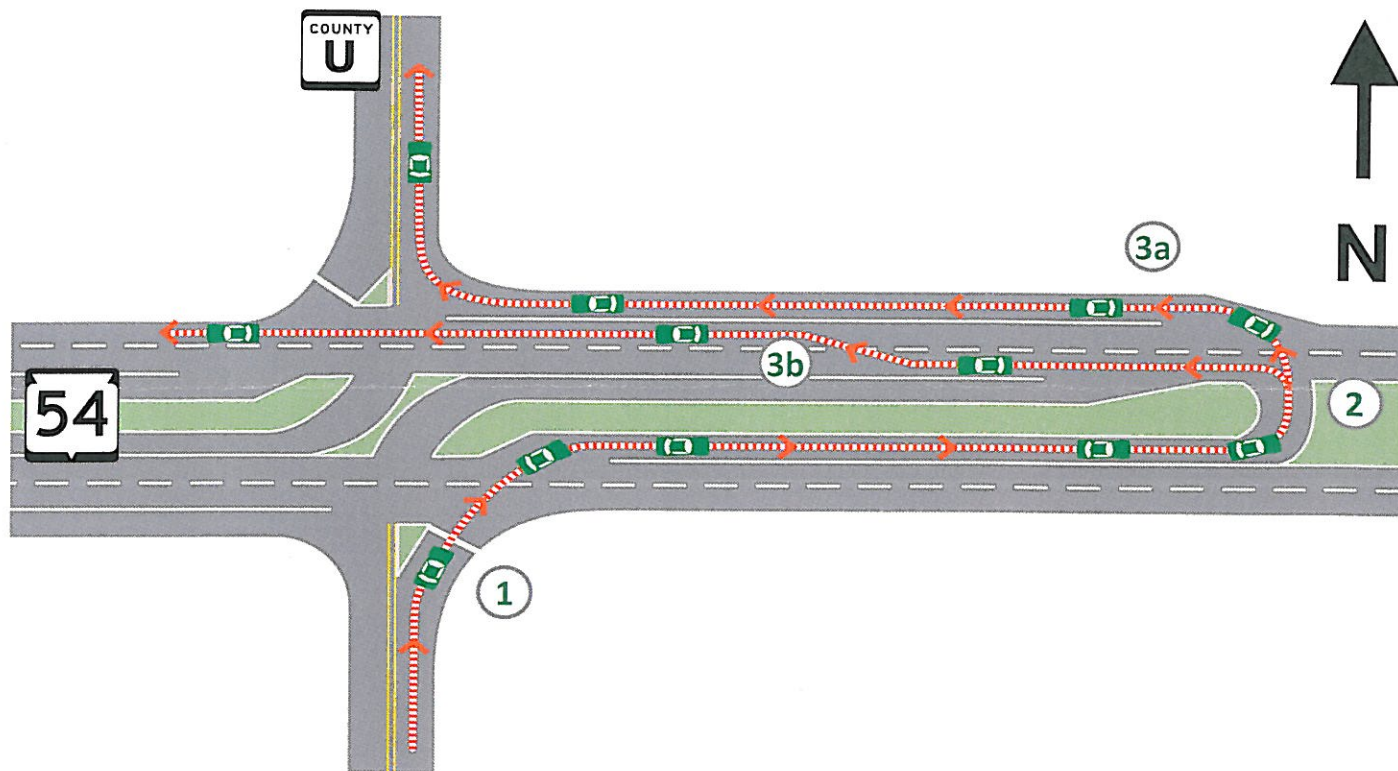
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Enclosure



Driving the J-turn

WIS 54/Wood and Portage County U



Crossing WIS 54

- 1 Stop at stop sign. Proceed across lanes when a safe gap in traffic is present and continue along the J-turn crossover lane.
- 2 Yield to both lanes of traffic.
- 3a Proceed across both lanes of traffic when a safe gap in traffic is present. Enter the right turn lane and continue to County U.

Turning left onto WIS 54

- 1 Stop at stop sign. Proceed across lanes when a safe gap in traffic is present and continue along the J-turn crossover lane.
- 2 Yield to both lanes of traffic.
- 3b Proceed into closest lane when a safe gap in traffic is present. Move to the right lane when it is safe to do so.

Animated videos demonstrating how to drive the J-turn are available at:

<http://projects.511wi.gov/54countyu>