

Construction Update – August 5, 2021



Highway and project ID	WIS 78 Reconstruction Project (ID 5630-06-72)
Project limits, location	Eagle View Court to Weynand Road Prairie du Sac to Merrimac Sauk County
Project length	8.54 miles
Overall schedule	April 22, 2021 – Late September 2021
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Note: Updates are shown in red below.

Project Description:

Reconstruction along 8.54 miles of WIS 78 between Prairie du Sac and Merrimac. Construction operations consist of asphalt pavement, common excavation, base aggregate, select crushed material, concrete curb and gutter replacement, beam guard replacement, rumble strips, signing and pavement marking.

Overall traffic impacts:

WIS 78 is closed to through traffic with local traffic access maintained. The highway closure begins at Eagle View Court and ends at Weynand Road. WIS 78 through traffic is detoured via US 12, WIS 33 and I-90/94. WIS 113 through traffic is detoured via WIS 78, County DL and WIS 113.

The grading and select crushed material/base aggregate placement operations will result in local traffic having non-continuous flow through the work zone in the vicinity where the heavy construction is occurring. This means access to your destination will remain open; however, you will need to modify your approach using other routes since sideroads and driveways may only have ingress and egress from a single direction. Please plan ahead and allow extra time to reach your destination.

Work completed since last update (by roadway segment):

WIS 113 to WEYNAND ROAD-

- Open to unrestricted public travel.

WEIGANDS BAY ROAD (N) to EAGLE POINT ROAD-

- Heavy construction operations continued.

KILPATRICK POINT DRIVE to WEIGANDS BAY ROAD (N)-

- Completed the heavy construction operations.
- Continued to truck aggregate materials through this segment.
- Continued watering base aggregate for dust control.

GRUBERS GROVE ROAD to KILPATRICK POINT DRIVE-

- Continued to truck aggregate materials through this segment.
- Continued watering of base aggregate for dust control.
- One small section remains to be graded along this section.
 - 150' piece laying between Keller Road (N) and Sunset Drive.
(Special Note: Many people have asked why the section of old pavement was left in place? It is there so the contractor can truck the large pile of topsoil, which is located on the east side of the roadway over to the west side where it needs to be spread. By using a piece of the old roadway as the crossing point the muddy tires of the large off-road dump trucks will not contaminate the new gravel that would of been in place for the new highway. When the topsoil pile is gone the last section of the old pavement will be excavated and removed. Now you do not need to wonder!)

EAGLE VIEW COURT to GRUBERS GROVE ROAD-

- Maintained local access/traffic on the lower layer of asphalt pavement.
- Continued to truck aggregate materials through this segment.

Anticipated work schedule until next update (by roadway segments):

WIS 113 to WEYNAND ROAD-

- No work, highway remains open to unrestricted public travel.

WEIGANDS BAY ROAD (N) to EAGLE POINT ROAD- **FRI / MON & TUE, AUG 6TH, 9TH&10TH**

- The heavy construction operations consisting of grading, select crushed material and initial base aggregate placement operations will be working along this section.

****Local traffic will not be able to pass through the active construction area during contractor work hours due to the heavy construction operations.****

- There will be no local thru access between Weigands Bay Road (N) and Eagle Point Road. See the dates listed above.
- Presently, the heavy construction operations are located approximately 1/3 mile north of Weigands Bay Road (N) and working north towards Goette Road and ultimately connecting up to where the grading/gravelling operations stopped earlier in the season just west of Eagle Point Road.

INSPIRATION DRIVE to WEIGANDS BAY ROAD (N)-

- Placing additional gravel on the roadway.
- Watering the base aggregate for dust control

GRUBERS GROVE ROAD to INSPIRATION DRIVE-

- Watering the base aggregate for dust control.
- Install riprap along ditches by the large fill sections just north of Keller Road (N).
- Placing the new concrete curb & gutter for intersections and along mainline WIS 78.
- Moving the topsoil pile by the large fill sections just north of Keller Road (N).
- Anticipate the heavy construction operations resuming to remove the final small section of old highway pavement that exists between Keller Road (N) and Sunset Drive.

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- There will be a partial day of no local thru access between Keller Road (N) and Sunset Drive when the above noted small section of old pavement is removed. As the topsoil moving/placement operation is very weather dependent work, and a prerequisite to the

final heavy construction operation for the project, presently I cannot provide a date/time as to just when the last local thru access closure will occur. There will be electronic message boards posted along this segment of highway warning of the pending local thru access closure. I will also issue another update announcing the actual date/time of the final heavy construction operation on the project once determined by the contractors.

EAGLE VIEW COURT to GRUBERS GROVE ROAD-

- Local access/traffic maintained on the lower layer of asphalt pavement.

IMPORTANT LOCAL ACCESS INFORMATION:

COUNTY Z to GOETTE ROAD-

- The heavy construction work consisting of grading, select crushed material and initial base aggregate placement operations are north of the County Z intersection area so the travel routes for local traffic / area residents have been impacted as there are no local, county or state roads to get around the heavy construction work zone. The heavy construction work group moves at a pace of approximately 100 feet per hour or 1,000 feet per day. Within this segment any place north of the active heavy construction work zone will only have access to / from the north, and any place laying south of the active heavy construction work zone will only have access to / from the south during active contractor work hours.
- Electronic message boards will be posted by WIS 113 and County Z intersections informing the public of the furthest sideroad which can be accessed from that direction.



Heavy construction operations grading northward towards Goette Road, (8/05/21)



Placing geogrid & select crushed material north of Weigands Bay [N], (8/05/21)



Spreading additional base aggregate in front of Weigands Bay [N] Road, (8/05/21)