




**What's next?**

After the first public information meeting, the study team will use public input to assist in developing the preliminary alternatives. Upcoming study activities will include the following:

- Review input received from the first public information meeting.
- Develop the preliminary alternatives.
- Begin evaluating environmental effects.
- Continue working with the Project Advisory Committee and coordinating with state and federal review agencies.
- Conduct another public meeting in summer 2010 to present the preliminary alternatives.

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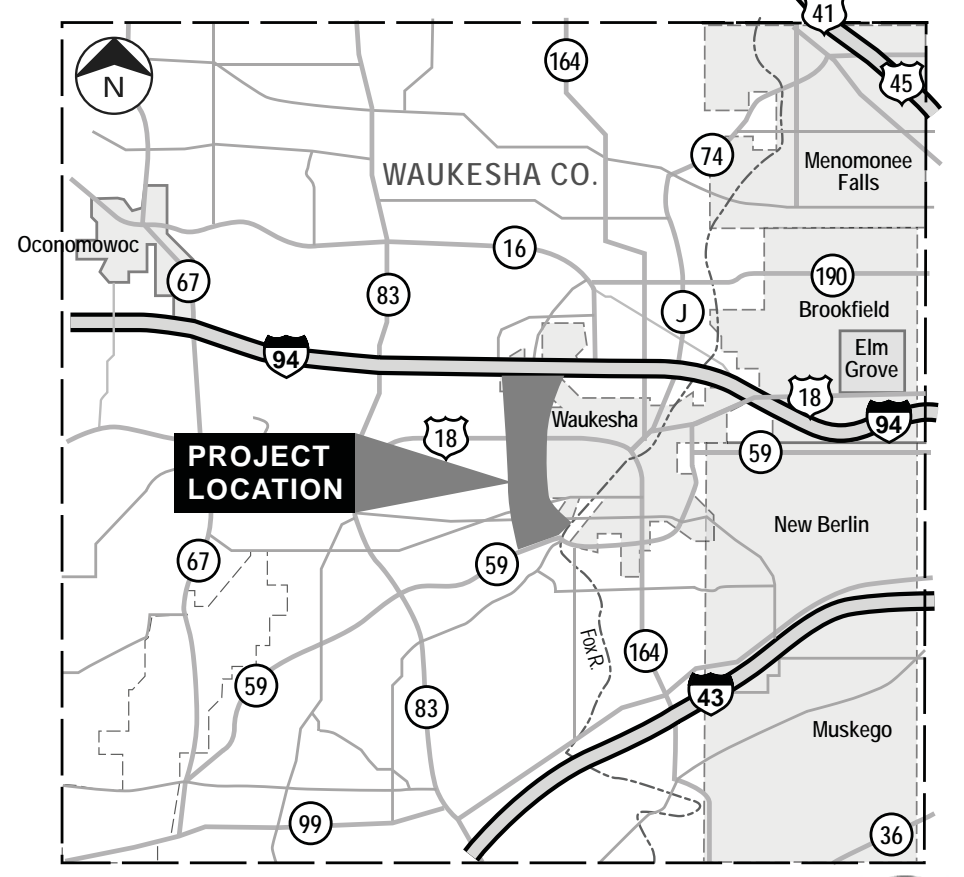
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The first public information meeting for the West Waukesha Bypass study will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Waukesha West High School cafeteria, 3301 Saylesville Road. The meeting will be an open house where interested persons may stop in anytime between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to visit with the project team, learn more about the study, review displays, and share ideas and concerns.

**Introduction**

This newsletter introduces the West Waukesha Bypass engineering and environmental study being conducted by Waukesha County following Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) protocol. The study will evaluate alternatives for providing a north-south arterial highway between I-94 and WIS 59 to complete the existing partial beltline around Waukesha (see study area location map). Completion of a bypass on the west side of Waukesha is being proposed to address growing local and regional traffic volumes, and to enhance traffic flow and safety.



## Project history

Completing the existing partial beltline around Waukesha with the addition of a west bypass has been under consideration for over three decades based on planned growth and development, and increasing travel demand in the city of Waukesha and surrounding area.

Regional land use and transportation system plans prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) have long included a West Waukesha Bypass. Most recently, the 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin (Planning Report 49, June 2006) includes a bypass corridor between I-94 and WIS 59 that uses a combination of Meadowbrook Road/Merrill Hills Road to a point north of Sunset Drive where it would then be on new alignment to the WIS 59 intersection with County X. Waukesha County plans and the official map for the city of Waukesha also include this bypass corridor.

## Current study

In 2009 Waukesha County, the city of Waukesha, and the town of Waukesha agreed to conduct the current engineering and environmental study following WisDOT and FHWA requirements and regulations. As the lead agency Waukesha County is responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Waukesha Bypass study.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with FHWA and WisDOT procedures for implementing the National and Wisconsin Environmental Policy Acts. The EIS will:

- Evaluate the need for a West Waukesha Bypass based on transportation system linkage, forecast traffic volumes, and safety concerns.
- Evaluate a range of build alternatives and the no-build (“do nothing”) alternative.
- Assess and compare the environmental effects of the alternatives.
- Report the results of coordination with state and federal review agencies.
- Document community outreach activities such as public information meetings, project advisory committee meetings, and coordination with local officials.

The 18-month engineering and environmental study is planned for completion in mid-2011 with a final EIS and Record of Decision documenting the course of action selected.

## Community involvement opportunities

There will be several opportunities for interested persons to keep informed and participate in the West Waukesha Bypass study. These include coordination with local officials, public information meetings, newsletters, periodic news releases and information posted on the project Web site [www.waukeshabypass.org](http://www.waukeshabypass.org). In addition the study team is available upon request to meet with interested residents, business owners and community groups.

Waukesha County has also established a Community Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Advisory Committee. The committee includes local officials, state and federal agency representatives, area residents and business owners who will provide input during development and evaluation of alternatives and other aspects of the study.

The CSS process involves working with project stakeholders to develop a solution that meets Waukesha County’s transportation needs while also addressing community goals and values. Recommendations made through the CSS process will guide the design and location of the alternatives as well as identify resources in the study area that are important to the community.

## Public information meeting May 18

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