

St. Croix Crossing Bike/Pedestrian Loop Trail

St. Croix County

September 2015



The St. Croix Crossing Bike/Pedestrian Loop Trail (Loop Trail) is part of the environmental mitigation package for the St. Croix River Crossing project. This final phase of the project will include construction of the trail from the historic Stillwater Lift Bridge up Houlton Hill, through portions of Houlton, past the Houlton Elementary School, and continue along WIS 64 to the new river bridge.

The project also includes the construction of two trailhead parking areas; one will be located at the top of Houlton Hill and the second will be located across the street from Houlton Elementary School.

St. Croix County will be the maintaining agency for the majority of the proposed trail. WisDOT and St. Croix County have been working together for the trailhead areas amenities design and to address trail safety concerns.

The Town of St. Joseph will be the maintaining agency for the trail along Houlton School Circle/Old County E. WisDOT, the Town of St. Joseph and the Hudson School District have been working together on the design of the shared use path near the Houlton Elementary School. WisDOT will continue to work with the Town of St. Joseph for those portions of current state highways that will be turned over to the Town upon completion of construction.

New WIS 35 is currently under construction and will be opened to traffic in early October 2015. A shared use path is included along WIS 35/County E at the WIS 35/64 interchange area. New WIS 64 will be paved in 2016 and 2017 and opened to traffic simultaneously with the new St. Croix River Bridge.

Construction of the Loop Trail will occur after the new roadways are open to vehicular traffic. Construction of the Loop Trail is currently anticipated for 2018.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide the public with the layout and preliminary design of the Loop Trail as identified in the approved environmental document. Public comments are encouraged, and will be considered as we continue the design process.

Design and Construction Schedule:

January 2016 – Beginning of final design process

August 2016 – Completion of final design

2017- Begin construction of bicycle/pedestrian Loop Trail, exact construction schedule TBA due to the bridge construction schedule

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