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Governor Evers approves WIS 22 reconstruction in downtown Gillett, Oconto County

Construction begins April 7 with full closure of WIS 22.

(Gillett WI) - To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$6.6 million contract to improve 1.08 miles of WIS 22 from Finnegan Lake Road to the WIS 22/32 intersection in the city of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Construction begins April 7, 2026, and finishes in fall of 2026. WIS 22 will close on April 7 for the duration of construction.

Peters Concrete from Green Bay, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

Project Overview

This is a reconstruction-level improvement. Construction elements include:

- New concrete pavement, concrete sidewalk, and concrete curb and gutter
- New storm sewer and culvert replacements
- Multiple intersection improvements
- Parking lanes between W. Park Street and E. Washington Street
- Extension of the Christie Brook box culvert

Traffic Impacts

WIS 22 will be closed and detoured for the duration of the WIS 22 state project.

The city has utility work with a full closure and detour currently, and another project south of Gillett will affect the detour routes. There will be three detour routes.

Current city detour

- **City utility project detour:** WIS 117 to WIS 29 to WIS 160 WIS 32 back to WIS 22

After completion of the city utility project, the detour will switch to the state project detour.

- **State project detour:** Detour route will use County R, County H, and WIS 32.

During the construction of a bridge structure in Cecil (WisDOT Shawano County Project), the detour will change for one month due to the detour in Cecil. The Cecil project is not part of the WIS 22 Gillett project.

- **3rd detour route:** Detour will use County E to WIS 32 to WIS 22.

Access will be maintained for residents, businesses, and emergency services in the work zone. WisDOT will target completion dates of the project to minimize impacts to local businesses and residents. Pedestrians will also be redirected around the project utilizing existing city sidewalk.

Anticipated benefits

This reconstruction project replaces aging infrastructure with modern standards, enhancing safety, accessibility, and quality of life in downtown Gillett.

- New concrete pavement, curb, gutter, and drainage systems will deliver a smoother, longer-lasting roadway, reducing maintenance needs and vehicle operating costs.
- Upgraded storm sewer, culvert replacements, and Christie Brook box culvert extension will improve drainage, reduce flooding risks, and support safer conditions during heavy rain.
- ADA-compliant sidewalks and intersection improvements will provide better accessibility and safer interactions for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles.
- Enhanced sight lines and geometry at intersections are expected to lower crash risks and improve overall traffic flow.
- The modernized corridor will create a more attractive downtown, boosting community pride, tourism, and local economic activity.

For more information

Please see project information, maps, exhibits, and displays online to learn more about this project.

- WIS 22 construction website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/22gillett/>
- This project will appear on the Northeast Region Weekly Highway Construction Update at <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>

- WisDOT Northeast Region Twitter [@WisDOTnortheast](#).

Work Zone Safety

For information regarding work zone rules for motorists, the law restricting hand-held devices, and general work zone safety information, please see our work zone safety website at <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/safety/education/workzone/>.

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