

US 12 Project Report

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US 12 (Terrytown Road – Ski Hi Road)

PROJECT LIMITS

This project is part of the US 12 project from I-90/94 to Ski Hi Road. Construction of the North Section of the project from I-90/94 to Terrytown Road began this spring. The South Section of the project begins at Terrytown Road and continues south approximately 5.4 miles to $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Ski Hi Road.

TYPE OF WORK

The South Section of the US 12 Bypass project will construct a four-lane relocated freeway approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the existing alignment from Terrytown Road to the Point of Rocks outcropping, located south of WIS 159. From the Point of Rocks outcropping to the existing four-lane section $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Ski Hi Road the project will reconstruct and expand the existing 2-lane roadway to a four-lane divided expressway. The project includes interchanges at WIS 136 and County W, an overpass at Gasser Road, at-grade intersections at Lehman Road and Ski Hi Road and cul de sacs at Hatchery Road and on existing US 12 at the Point of Rocks outcropping.

HATCHERY ROAD UNDERPASS OPTIONS BEING STUDIED

The Environmental Impact Statement calls for cul de sacs at Hatchery Road on each side of the bypass. This concept has been carried forward in the preliminary design, however, local officials, emergency management officials and property owners have expressed concerns about the cul de sac design including property impacts and emergency response times to properties. WisDOT and the project designers, KL Engineering, met with local officials on April 29 to discuss these concerns and the options for a proposed connection. In order to add a Hatchery Road connection to the project, WisDOT will need to secure additional funding and revise the approved Environmental Impact Statement. A decision on whether the connection will be added to the project is expected later this summer.

RIGHT OF WAY PLAT DELAYED

Various environmental and funding concerns along with the Hatchery Road issue have delayed the Right of Way Plat to July 2010. This means that the Right of Way acquisition process will not begin until fall/winter 2010.

NEXT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS FALL

The next public informational meeting will be held this fall and will be scheduled later this summer after the decision regarding the Hatchery Road connection is made.

CONSTRUCTION STILL ON SCHEDULE

The Environmental Impact Statement stipulates that construction of the South Section of the US 12 Baraboo Bypass not occur until 2015 or later. Construction is still anticipated to begin in 2015.

Project Schedule:

Right of Way Acquisition:
Begin Process Late 2010

Construction:
Anticipated Start 2015

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