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# WIS 15 Study New London to Greenville

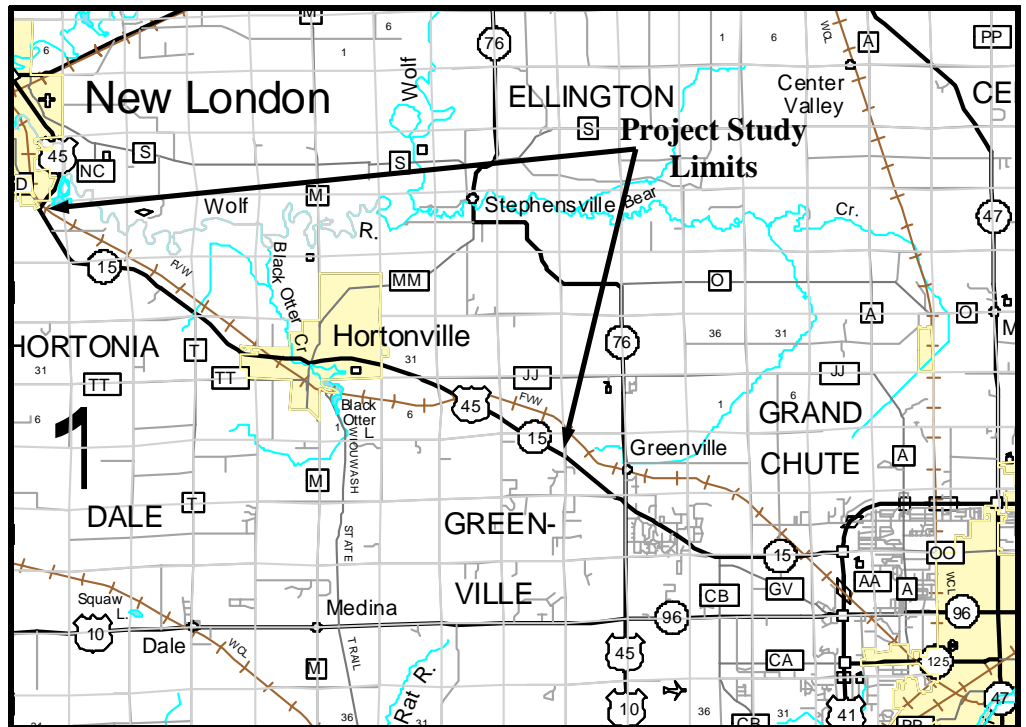
## Transportation Projects Commission approves WIS 15 for study

The Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) approved a portion of WIS 15 from New London to Greenville for study in late 2001.

The study WisDOT will complete is an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will include information and consideration of environmental

factors for transportation improvement alternatives.

The required EIS will provide information to governmental agencies and the public and will aid in the decision making process for the selection of the preferred transportation alternative.



WIS 15 project study limits approved by the Transportation Projects Commission.

A newsletter published by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to keep citizens informed.

## Major highway projects process

Concept to completion

### Step 1

#### Develop System Plans

WisDOT develops a long range plan (20 years) that looks at the “big picture” of the future of highway corridors in state.

### Step 2

#### Analyze Project Needs

The Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) selects and approves projects for environmental study after analysis of transportation needs on roadways statewide.

### Step 3

#### Environmental Impact Study

WisDOT conducts an EIS to identify the impacts of project alternatives. This includes impacts on social, economic, agricultural, archaeological, historical, and natural resources.

### Step 4

#### TPC Approval

The TPC meets in even number years to evaluate projects statewide and recommend projects for construction or “enumeration”. Projects should demonstrate ability to enhance the state’s economy, improve traffic flow, enhance safety, serve the community, and minimize environmental impacts.

### Step 5

#### Design and Construction

Final design and construction plans begin on enumerated projects.

## First public information meeting scheduled

You are invited to attend a public information meeting about WIS 15. WisDOT will hold a public meeting to provide information and hear public comment regarding the WIS 15 environmental study.

The meetings are scheduled for May 28, 2003. Two duplicate sessions are scheduled for your convenience.

One session is from 2 pm to 4 pm and the other is from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Hortonville Community Center located at 312 West Main Street in Hortonville.

Information displayed at the public meeting will include:

- Highway alternatives

- Traffic data
- Environmental areas
- Land use

WisDOT staff, Highway 15 advisory committee members and local officials will be available to answer questions.



## Highway 15 advisory committee provides direction

How important is the Highway 15 advisory committee’s role in the environmental study process? Committee members represent their communities and are responsible for providing direction

in the decision making process. They are the eyes and ears of the local communities. The committee’s involvement will contribute towards a supported transportation recommendation.

### Highway 15 Advisory Committee Members

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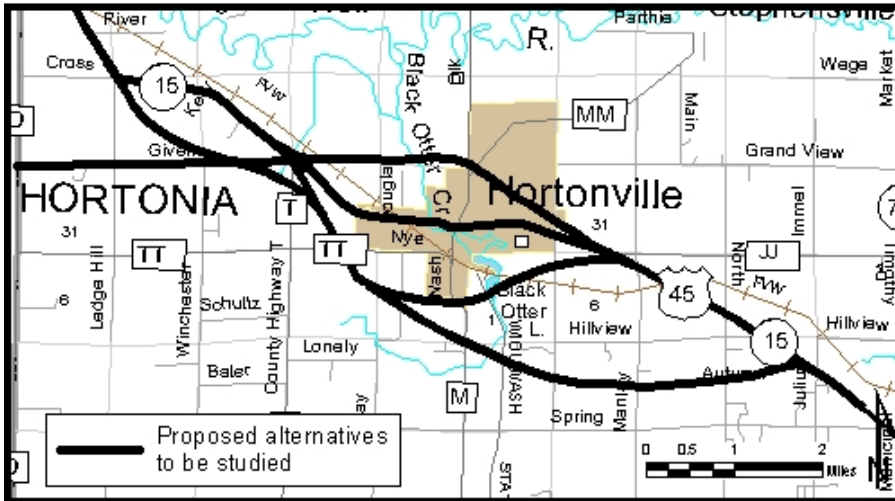
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## WIS 15 potential alternatives include bypasses of Hortonville

The map shows potential WIS 15 alternatives. Alternatives include WIS 15 remaining on existing alignment or on new location. Whereas these alternatives are likely to be chosen for the environmental impact statement (EIS) study, they are not finalized.

Input from the upcoming public informational meeting on June 12 and concurrence from cooperating agencies will determine the alternatives to be studied. It is important that you attend the meeting to share your comments with WisDOT staff.



WIS 15 bypass alternatives.

*The WIS 15 environmental study limits are from the US 45 bypass in New London to approximately Julius Road in Greenville.*

## Project history and timeline

The following is a WIS 15 history and projected timeline.

- **February 2001**—Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH), consultants for WisDOT, completes the New London to Greenville corridor plan.
- **August 2002**—SEH completes a second corridor plan along the WIS 15 corridor, from Greenville to US 41.
- **Winter 2002/2003**—WIS 15 alternates developed with cooperation of the advisory committee and presented to cooperating agencies.
- **Spring 2003**—Newsletter published and public meeting conducted.
- **Spring/Summer 2003**—Present the corridors to be studied in the EIS. Information gathering begins to evaluate the cost and impacts of alternatives.
- **Summer 2003**—Mail newsletter to update the public.
- **Winter 2003/2004**—WisDOT analyzes collected data for each alternative.
- **Spring 2004**—Newsletter published and public meeting held to present the impacts of the alternatives being studied.
- **Spring/Summer 2004**—Submittal of the draft EIS to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.
- **Summer 2004**—Public hearing held and open period allowed for comments on the draft EIS.
- **Fall 2004**—WIS 15 advisory committee meets to recommend preferred alternative.
- **Fall 2004**—WisDOT selects preferred transportation alternative and presents choice to the public. Newsletter published.
- **Late Fall 2004**—TPC determines the enumeration of WIS 15 and other highway projects in the state.
- **2005**—Final EIS approved.
- **2011 or later**—Begin construction of WIS 15 if funding is approved.

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## WisDOT, local officials, legislators receive letters from citizens

WisDOT would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write letters or contact legislators, local officials and WisDOT staff regarding this project.

A number of the contacts have come with questions, comments and suggestions. This kind of interest on the part of citizens is great and helpful. All we can say is, "Keep 'em coming."

When you write, please include contact information so we can

make sure you have a spot on our mailing list. Additionally, comments are recorded and included as part of the corridor selection process.

Contact information is included on this newsletter. Additionally, you can find a copy of this newsletter (and other transportation information) on the WisDOT Web site by clicking on [www.dot.wi.gov/projects/d3/index.htm](http://www.dot.wi.gov/projects/d3/index.htm).