

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

V Granton, Main St Sidewalk
Convenience Store to E 5th Street
Non-Hwy
Clark County

Project ID: 7855-00-00/70



January 14, 2026
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Village of Granton Fire Station

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with information regarding the proposed sidewalk along County Highway K between the Granton Convenience Store and East 5th Street in the Village of Granton in Clark County, Wisconsin. Property owners, project stakeholders, and anyone else interested in the project are encouraged to review the information presented and ask questions regarding the project. Public comments will be received throughout the design process and will be considered when making design decisions.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide connectivity for pedestrians between residences and local businesses on the southern side of the Village of Granton and East 5th Street.

Defined Needs

No Sidewalks Constructed in Project Area

Currently, there are no sidewalks or other pedestrian facilities constructed within the project area. Village officials have noted that residents will walk along the edge of the roadway to reach destinations on the south side of the Village. Dedicated off-street pedestrian facilities are needed for safety and to separate pedestrians from traffic.

Provide a Safe Route for Pedestrians Along South Main Street/County Highway K

Residents walking to the Dollar General, Granton Convenience Store, or the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church have no dedicated pedestrian facilities. Currently, pedestrians, including minors, must walk along the edge or shoulder of the existing roadway next to traffic traveling with a posted speed limit ranging from 25 to 35 mph, and County Highway K has an average of 990 vehicles per day. Construction of off-street facilities would provide pedestrians a safe route through the Village.

Village of Granton Pedestrian Connectivity

Existing sidewalks in the Village of Granton end at East 5th Street, discouraging pedestrians from using these routes or forces walking within the roadway next to traffic lanes. Construction of a sidewalk is needed to enhance the overall pedestrian connectivity and safety within the Village of Granton.

Proposed Project Scope

The Village of Granton (Project Sponsor), in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is proposing to construct a new sidewalk along South Main Street/County Highway K and Granton Road. The project would improve safety, provide pedestrian facilities along the roadways, and would further extend and connect the pedestrian path network in the Village. The sidewalk would connect existing sidewalks with the Dollar General, Granton Convenience Store, and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The proposed project is approximately 2,100-feet in length and features a 5-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of County Highway K between the Granton Convenience Store and Romadka Avenue, and along the north and northeast sides of South Main Street/County Highway K between Romadka Avenue and East 5th Street. Additional 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed along

Granton Road from County K to the Dollar General on the south side and the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on the north side. The sidewalk is being designed in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration guidelines, the WisDOT Facilities Development Manual, the Wisconsin Guide to Pedestrian Best Practices, and US Access Board guidelines for ADA compliance. Other proposed design elements include curb ramp installations at roadway crossings and minor tree trimmings and removals. Pedestrian curb ramps would be designed and installed at intersections to meet ADA compliance.

Grading around the sidewalk would blend the proposed path in with the existing roadway and surrounding yards and properties. Slopes constructed in yards would be a maximum of 4:1 to allow for comfortable mowing. All areas disturbed during construction will be seeded and restored. Driveways would be reconstructed around the sidewalk to create smooth transitions, and existing driveway surfaces would be matched in-kind. For details about specific proposed driveway and property impacts, please reach out to the project contacts listed in this handout.

Stormwater and snow melt drainage are considered when making design decisions. Existing drainage patterns are proposed to be maintained throughout the project. Minor modifications, such as additional concrete curb and gutter, may be needed to facilitate drainage. The Village would provide snow removal for the proposed sidewalk as many properties will not have access for snow removal equipment.

Note: Clark County and the Village of Granton propose a separate reconstruction project to improve the County Highway K/Granton Road/Romadka Avenue intersection. The project will realign the intersection to a 4-way stop control, improving sight lines, vehicle movements, safety, and pedestrian crossing locations. It is safest to provide pedestrian crosswalks where traffic is controlled by a stop condition. State grant funding has been applied for the construction of this project and is currently scheduled for construction in 2026, pending funding approval. The intent is to reconstruct the intersection prior to the sidewalk construction.

Estimated Construction Costs – Please note that construction costs are only an estimate. As final plans are developed, the estimate will be updated. Final costs will likely vary depending on the final project scope and current economic trends at the time of bid letting.

The project will utilize Federal aid from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Approximate Construction Cost: \$250,000-400,000

Federal Funds: 80%

Local Funds: 20%

Proposed Traffic and Property Owner Impacts

Construction is scheduled to begin in the 2027 construction season.

All streets within the project limits would remain open during construction, but there would be shoulder and lane closures at times to accommodate construction operations on the sidewalk.

Short term, temporary driveway closures would be required to construct the proposed sidewalk; property owners will be notified during construction when their property access will be impacted. Paved driveways may be reduced to gravel or compacted earth during construction. Driveways will be repaved and matched into existing conditions prior to construction completion.

Mail and all other deliveries would continue throughout construction. Additional information regarding mailboxes will be provided prior to construction.

Utility relocations would be required for the sidewalk construction. Utility companies are responsible for their own relocation design and construction. If there are questions about utility services, please contact your service provider.

Real Estate

Real estate acquisition will be required for this project to construct the sidewalk.

Temporary easements are proposed to allow for erosion control implementation and to allow contractors to properly blend the existing ground into the proposed sidewalk. Temporary easements are established for the duration of construction. When construction is complete, the easement expires and is no longer valid.

Areas of permanent right-of-way acquisition are proposed where the sidewalk does not fit within the existing right-of-way. Once acquired, the permanent right-of-way would be owned by the Village of Granton and would allow for future maintenance of the sidewalk.

The proposed temporary easements and permanent right-of-way lines shown on the public involvement exhibits are preliminary estimates of real estate needs. Final proposed limits will be determined when design is finalized in Spring 2026.

Property owners impacted by real estate needs will be offered compensation. Owners will be contacted by real estate acquisition agents to begin the acquisition process after the project design is completed and the plat is approved, scheduled for Summer 2026.

Project Update/Next Steps

Formal Public Comment Period Ends.....	February 13, 2026
Environmental Documentation Complete	February 2026
Design and Design Study Report Complete	March 2026
Real Estate Acquisition.....	Summer 2026
Project Development Complete	November 2026
Project Letting.....	Winter 2026/2027
Project Built	Construction Season 2027

Agency Coordination (To Date)

State Historical Preservation Office

An archaeological and historical survey was performed along the project limits. There were no

sites or historic properties found. The Clark County Historical Society, 1897 Clark County Jail Museum, Inc., and Loyal Area Historical Society were contacted to review and provide comment about the proposed project. Comments received included a request to avoid large tree removals and information on older buildings along the project corridor.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR)

The WisDNR has been contacted and will be consulted prior to design completion. Environmental protection measures will be included with the proposed design to meet WisDNR permitting requirements.

US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Coordination with the USFWS has been initiated. The effects of the proposed project to threatened and endangered species are evaluated through the IPaC system. Impacts to threatened and endangered species will be minimized through design and construction commitments.

Utilities

Utility relocations are anticipated. Utility companies will be sent final plans for their review. Utility companies independently design and relocate their own facilities prior to or simultaneously with construction.

Public Input/Comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. If you are aware of any archaeological sites, hazardous materials, or other factors that could impact the project, please comment. We also appreciate feedback regarding the proposed improvements.

Please mail any written comments about the project before February 13, 2026 or leave them with the project team tonight. You may also call or e-mail any questions or comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. Thank you for your interest and involvement with this project!

For more information, please contact:

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Please provide comments on the form below and **submit by February 13, 2026**. Comments can be sent to Dan Gerling, P.E. – Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. by email at daniel.gerling@jewellassoc.com or by mail at 3406 Oakwood Hills Parkway, Suite 300, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public and your local community. Your input is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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Comments:

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Are additional pages included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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