

FACT SHEET
Whitewater – North Prairie
(STH 106 to East County Line)
STH 59
Jefferson County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project length is 2.569 miles long. This rehabilitation project of State Highway 59 begins at State Highway 106 and ends at East County Line.

NEED FOR PROJECT

The need for the project is to address deteriorated pavement, bridge structures, and portions of the storm sewer system.

IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include removing 5-inches of the existing asphaltic pavement, addressing weak areas within the underlying base material, and overlaying with 5-inches of asphalt pavement on STH 59. Curb ramps will be updated to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The paved portions of the shoulders in the rural section of the project will be widened from 3' to 5' and shoulder rumble strips will be added.

The bridge over the Scuppernong River, approximately 200 feet northeast of Mill Rd, will be replaced. There will be repairs to the bridge over the waterway approximately 1,000 feet northeast of Mill Rd, as well as to the bridge over the Scuppernong River approximately 650 feet southeast of County Highway H. Additionally, two portions of the storm sewer system, one located at the Mill Road intersection and the other located east of the bridge over the Scuppernong River near Mill Rd, will be replaced. The Village of Palmyra will also replace a section of their water main, located east of Mill Rd.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction of STH 59 is scheduled for 2027. The roadway will be closed to through traffic and detoured along STH 67, USH 12, and STH 59. Flagging operations will be in place for local traffic.

REAL ESTATE

The acquisition process is expected to start in November 2025 and be completed by August 2026.

FEE ACQUISITION

This means the state will purchase the land permanently.

TLE ACQUISITION

A Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) is usually needed for grading purposes during construction only. This easement will allow the contractors to complete their work. After the project is complete, the easement will terminate.

ENCROACHMENT

An encroachment is any trespassing on the domain of another, e.g., wall, fence, landscaping, building, etc.

COMPENSATION

About three weeks after the conveyance form has been signed, a check will be mailed.