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**Q1.** Regarding the section of Highway 22 from Shawano to the Oconto County Line - There is rarely a day someone doesn't ask "what is going on with the highway and how bad does it need to get before it gets fixed?" We have seen several other roads get resurfaced in our area that were not in as tough of condition getting resurfaced this summer; first example would be Hwy 47.

**A1.** Thank you for reaching out with your concerns regarding WIS 22. I understand your frustrations with seeing other highways that appear to be in better shape being addressed before 22. In your question you actually did touch on the reasoning behind this, and that is the treatment that each roadway is receiving. WIS 47 is undergoing a resurfacing (2" mill and overlay) while WIS 22 will be undergoing a much more robust treatment with the majority of the project receiving a cold in place treatment (3" of cold in place recycling topped with 3" of new asphalt) and a section through Pulcifer receiving a slightly different treatment (6" stabilized base reclamation topped with 3" of new asphalt). With a thin resurfacing like WIS 47 is undergoing, WisDOT is attempting to keep a pavement that is in good condition in good condition. With a pavement replacement like WIS22 will receive, it is understood that the existing pavement will degrade more but more of the pavement structure will be removed and replaced when it is addressed. The treatments WIS 22 will be receiving are anticipated to have a longer service life than a simple resurfacing.

**Q2.** It was stated at the public hearing roadwork would occur in 2026. This roadwork was initially slated for 2023 which would have been appropriate, but 2026 is not good if you need to drive it everyday!

**A2.** The WIS 22 project is still on the same schedule that was presented during our public involvement outreach with final design being completed in August 2025 and the project being let in January 2026. For multiple reasons there is really no way to advance this project.

**Q3.** Are there any considerations for "a turn lane" at Pensaukee Lake Road? Currently there are 17 houses and cottages on that road and it can be dangerous turning off 22 north bound with north bound traffic at 55 mph.

**A3.** Thank you for reaching out with your concerns. All WisDOT projects have a Safety Certification Document completed during scoping of the project. The safety certification process involves using screening tools to identify locations that experience more crashes than similar sites. The intersection you have inquired about did not have any safety flags so is not a candidate for addition of a turn lane.