

Continued widening of US Highway 2

The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:

- **Continued widening of US Highway 2 sections between Superior and Hurley that will support four lanes based on economic development and safety needs.**

Counties Impacted: Iron, Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas Counties

Background

US Highway 2 is a two-lane highway with pass lanes. It is the only highway traversing Northern Wisconsin crossing both west and east borders, connecting Wisconsin with the States of Michigan and Minnesota. Over 60% of the northern tier counties that Highway 2 bisects are timbered. Bio-energy and related industries are becoming more prevalent in this region. Northern Wisconsin has the only National Park in the State which Highway 2 accesses. Highway 2 encompasses approximately 100 miles of roadway and is the main transportation route for commerce, residents and tourists through Northern Wisconsin.

Safety

Roadway improvements including passing lanes in Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland and Iron Counties have greatly improved safety during peak traffic times. Traffic loads during peak seasons often exceed 2 lane highway thresholds. Severe weather and climatic changes along Lake Superior further compounds traffic safety issues in this hilly, forested region.

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