

Highway 13 Passing Lanes

THE CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN REQUEST

Additional passing lanes be constructed on Highway 13

BACKGROUND

Highway 13 continues to face increased traffic numbers in Ashland County. Although some of this increase can be attributed to tourism, the majority is commercial, trucks, and school buses.

Highway 13 is a main route for trucks carrying logs and forest products for delivery to the Minnesota paper mills.

- Sappi Wood Products owns a large staging area for the delivery and transportation of logs in Glidden (center of Ashland County) on Highway 13 with dozens of trucks a week leaving or entering the area.
- The paper mill in Park Falls has converted to wood as the main source of fuel.
- Along with the increase in commercial traffic, we have recently had some redistricting of local schools. The Chequamegon School District was created consisting of schools from the former Glidden District and the Park Falls District. This merger has increased school bus traffic along Highway 13.
- The increased commercial traffic makes passing virtually impossible, slowing traffic and creating serious safety issues. The addition of passing lanes will greatly improve the safety and traffic flow of this vital highway.

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