

## Widen turning lanes on US Highway 2 and widen State Farm Road off US Highway 2 at entrance to Bayfield County Business Park.

### The Citizens of Northwest Wisconsin Request

That an east bound turning lane at the intersection of US Highway 2 and State Farm Road is constructed, and that State Farm Road is widened at that intersection for safety and for increased economic development at the Bayfield County Business Park.



*State Farm Road from/off US Highway 2 – Leading to Bayfield Business Park, Photo: Bayfield County*

### Background

This is the site of the former University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, which was in operation until 2002. The property was deeded to Ashland and Bayfield Counties in 2002 and is now owned by Bayfield County alone except for several parcels sold to businesses.

Bayfield County formed a five person Bayfield County Business Park Planning Committee in January 2016 to gather information identifying what is needed to build out the 160-acre property for future business development. A strategic development document for the park was finalized in October of 2016. One key item identified was the need for improvements at the US2/State Farm intersection in order to accommodate turning traffic and semi access and egress from the park.

After a meeting with the Wisconsin DOT in the summer of 2016, preliminary thoughts about the turning lane and intersection widening were identified.

### Request

That the Wisconsin Department of Transportation continue to work with Bayfield County and the business park planning committee to design the best result for safety and adequate build out for the future. That funding for this project be identified in early 2017 with a construction schedule to follow.