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## Epic Systems bridge construction raises concerns among community members



Epic Systems is in the process of building a new four-lane bridge along their campus in Verona, and it has community members concerned.

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VERONA, Wis. (WMTV) - Epic Systems is in the process of building a new four-lane bridge along their campus in Verona, and it has community members concerned.

The Wisconsin DNR held a public informational hearing regarding the construction Thursday evening at the town hall in Verona. The event aimed to

"They're putting a four-lane bridge across a pristine section of the Upper Sugar River, in a beautiful valley that is pretty much untouched," said Caryl Owen, a director of the Verona Rural Preservation Alliance. "That's got wildlife, has solitude, and is now going to be in the middle of a four-lane highway."

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According to Whitewater Policy Coordinator - State DNR Crystal Von Holdt, the project is currently in the public notice comment period. The Wisconsin DNR says the project is tentatively approved and has received an initial application.

The department is in the process of reviewing the application internally, which includes asking for more information regarding design updates before making a permit decision.

"The goal of our state wetlands requirements is to avoid wetlands first," Von Holdt said. "When an applicant shows that they can't avoid the wetland then the state requires that you minimize. So we've worked really hard with the consultant and the applicant to really evaluate what alternatives they have."

The comment period ends on May 19. Statute provides staff 30 days to make an official decision.

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