



I-39/90 Project US 12/18 to Illinois state line Dane and Rock counties



Frequently Asked Questions about the I-39/90 Project – North Segment US 12/18 to Dane/Rock County line

Who is conducting the reconstruction project?

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) – Southwest Region is initiating and overseeing the project.

What are the limits of the I-39/90 North Segment reconstruction project?

The I-39/90 North Segment starts at the Dane/Rock County line and continues north along I-39/90 to US 12/18 in Madison. A project location map is included on the last page.

The I-39/90 North Segment is one of three segments of the I-39/90 reconstruction project from the Illinois/Wisconsin state line to US 12/18 in Madison. The other two segments are located in Rock County.

What is the I-39/90 North Segment reconstruction project all about?

WisDOT is initiating the initial design of proposed improvements for the I-39/90 North Segment. The proposed improvements include the reconstruction of the existing freeway lanes and will add a third lane in each direction to create a six-lane facility. The interchanges within this segment will be reconstructed to address roadway and capacity deficiencies. Bridges over or under the interstate along the segment are also included in the reconstruction.

When will the construction start and end?

Construction could begin as early as 2015 for certain portions of the corridor. Construction will occur over several years and will be coordinated with the other I-39/90 reconstruction segments. Construction is expected to be completed by 2021.

Will I still be able to use I-39/90 on my way to Wisconsin Dells, northern Wisconsin, or Chicago?

Yes. I-39/90 will remain open to four-lanes of traffic for the duration of the project with some nighttime lane restrictions on a periodic basis.

Are the traffic problems along I-39/90 that serious?

Yes. By the year 2030, with no corrective action, all sections of I-39/90 are expected to experience high levels of congestion, resulting in poor traffic flow and increased safety problems. Many of the safety concerns are due in part to the fact that this corridor was originally constructed over 50 years ago. Many design features are in need of updating to current standards.

Is expansion to six lanes necessary?

Yes. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was conducted from 2001 to 2006 to examine the Interstate's future needs and showed that the demands placed on the corridor in the coming years will stress the current road beyond its capabilities.

The project underwent a statutorily-set evaluation that considers a project's potential to enhance economic development, relieve traffic congestion, improve safety and achieve community objectives while minimizing environmental impacts.

How can I get involved and stay informed?

Local officials from Dane County, affected towns, property owners and other interested stakeholders will all be involved in the project. Further meetings for both the general public and local officials are being planned. The meetings offer opportunities for interested citizens to provide input on the issues and the alternatives under consideration. A project mailing database has also been developed. It lists corridor residents/businesses, local officials, agricultural operators, school transportation officials and other interested parties. All these stakeholders are notified of future public information meetings.

For general project information and the option to sign up for email updates, visit the project website at www.i39-90.wi.gov.

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I-39/90
 Illinois State Line - Madison
 Dane/Rock County Line - US 12/18
 Dane County North Segment

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- Legend**
- I-39/90
 - Roads
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Water

0 0.5 1 2 Miles
 1 inch equals 1.89 miles

