



Welcome to the public information meeting for the Central Segment improvement of I-39/90. At tonight's meeting you will see exhibits showing the preliminary design and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) representatives are available to discuss the project on an individual basis. We appreciate your input and ask that you complete the comment form and drop it off before you leave or mail it to the address on the back of the form.

## Project Background

The I-39/90 project extends approximately 45 miles from the Illinois state line to the US 12/18 interchange near Madison and is divided into three segments – South, Central and North. The Central Segment is located in Rock County and extends approximately 13 miles from County O just south of Janesville to the Rock/Dane County line (see map).

The I-39/90 corridor is a key link for transportation of people and commerce as well as a gateway to many tourism and recreational destinations across Wisconsin. In its present condition, I-39/90 cannot adequately handle existing or projected traffic volumes, thus resulting in poor traffic flow, congestion, and increasing safety problems.

- Current: 2010 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) shows more than 50,000 vehicles per day use certain portions of the I-39/90 Central Segment.
- Projected: In 2040, more than 90,000 vehicles per day are forecasted to travel the corridor between County O and US 14 and more than 70,000 vehicles per day between US 14 and the Rock/Dane County line.

In addition, aging pavements and bridges require replacement to meet current standards to ensure a safe and efficient roadway for the traveling public.

## Proposed Improvements

The I-39/90 Central Segment will be completely reconstructed and expanded to eight lanes from County O to WIS 26 and six lanes from WIS 26 to the Rock/Dane County line. There will also be additional collector-distributor (CD) roadways on both sides of I-39/90 through the US 14 and WIS 26 interchange area. The CD roadways improve safety and traffic operations by removing traffic weaving movements from the I-39/90 freeway mainline.

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Providing additional travel lanes from County O to Kennedy Road and from the Rock River to the Rock/Dane County line will involve widening in the existing freeway median and along both sides of I-39/90. From Kennedy Road to just south of the Rock River, the new travel lanes will be added outside the existing freeway lanes and the existing median will also be widened. Right of way needs will be required as part of the project.

All bridges along I-39/90, including the Rock River bridges will be replaced or modified and the interchanges at WIS 11/East Racine Street, US 14, WIS 26, and WIS 59 will be reconstructed:

- **WIS 11/East Racine Street interchange**—this interchange is in final design with construction targeted for 2013. Public information meetings were held in March and May, 2012. Key features include replacing the existing loop ramps with a diamond interchange and constructing roundabouts at the interchange ramp terminals. A multi-use path will also be constructed between Midland Road and Palmer Drive.
- **US 14 and WIS 26 interchanges**—alternative configurations are being evaluated for these closely-spaced interchanges and collector-distributor (CD) roads are proposed on both sides of I-39/90 through this area. Near the WIS 26 interchange, Ryan Road will be extended under I-39/90 to connect with Deerfield Drive and Morse Street.
- **WIS 59 interchange**—a diamond interchange will be constructed. Two interchange alternatives are being considered – traffic signals and roundabouts.

Noise walls are being evaluated in the Janesville area. The noise barrier brochure provides general information on evaluating traffic noise, determining when noise walls are appropriate, and the public's role in the decision-making process.

ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) features will be installed throughout the entire I-39/90 corridor. ITS features will include cameras to monitor Interstate traffic, message boards to alert drivers of potential delays and traffic data collection devised to measure travel times. This system will enable WisDOT to provide real-time traveler information to motorists along I-39/90.

#### Questions to Consider

After reviewing the exhibits, visiting with the project team and listening to the presentation, please fill out the comment form. Here are a few things you may want to consider in your comments:

- 1) What are your thoughts on the proposed local road alterations at Kennedy Road, Newville Road and Goede Road?
- 2) What are your thoughts on the WIS 59 interchange intersection alternatives?
- 3) Are there specific facilities, access locations, farm operations or drainage concerns on your property that could be directly impacted by the project?

If you have any comments on the above questions or any other questions/comments, please share them with a project team member or fill out a comment form.

Thank you for your participation in tonight's meeting. We encourage you to stay involved in future public outreach as your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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