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Construction Update - 2015 Projects

If you travel on I-39/90 between Beloit and Madison, you will undoubtedly notice orange barrels along the Interstate and area highways for various construction activities related to the I-39/90 Expansion Project. Those projects include:

County G reconstruction, between Huebbe Parkway and WIS 11 west and County BT construction

 County G (Prairie Avenue) is closed to through traffic between Huebbe Parkway and WIS 11
West. Local traffic is shifted to the east side of roadway on gravel surface, between Huebbe Parkway and Philhower Road. Also, a temporary three-way stop sign is installed at County G and Inman Parkway.



Work underway for new bridge on County G, north of Sunny Lane.

- Crews removed the bridge on County G, just north of Sunny Lane. All traffic must use alternate local routes. The bridge and roadway are expected to reopen to local traffic in late September.
- In addition, crews are constructing a new roadway, County BT, as part of the Inman Parkway extension, which will connect Inman Parkway to County S (Shopiere Road).
- When completed, County G and County BT will serve as I-39/90 alternate routes for congestion and incident management during and after Interstate expansion.

County S (Shopiere Road) interchange reconstruction

- Crews set the center pier columns for the new bridge and work on the abutments is underway. Bridge girders are anticipated to be placed in mid-August. Slow down and be alert for traffic shifts on County S.
- The new bridge over I-39/90 is being constructed south of the existing structure to maintain access to area businesses and neighborhoods.
- Access remains open to local businesses and residences from the new side roads (Terrapin Trail and Tortoise Lane) connecting to County S.
- Periodic lane and ramp closures are anticipated at the interchange.
- The reconstruction project will improve safety, meet current design standards, modify the ramps, and lengthen the bridge over I-39/90, in advance of the Interstate expansion from the Illinois state line to the US 12/18 interchange near Madison.

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US 14 and US 51 alternate route improvements from Janesville to Edgerton

- In June and July, crews resurfaced US 51, north and south of Edgerton.
- Concrete repairs are nearly complete on WIS 26 (Milton Avenue) westbound and eastbound, between US 14 and Kettering Street. Some lane closures may occur on US 14 near the WIS 26 intersection. Delays are anticipated in the area.
- Grading work began at the I-39/90 and US 14 interchange as crews modify the ramps into a diamond interchange (removing the loop ramps). This ramp work will continue for the next few months.
- Starting last week, left turns are not permitted at the US 14 (Humes Road) and Pontiac Drive intersection in Janesville. Through movements on Pontiac Drive across US 14 are also restricted. Alternate local routes are required. This intersection is expected to reopen on Monday, August 17. Similar work occurred at the US 14 and Lexington Drive intersection, which reopened a few weeks ago.
- Intersection improvements are underway at the US 14/WIS 11 (Racine Street) intersection, US 14/Milwaukee Street intersection and US 14/ Ruger Avenue intersection. Work was recently completed at the US 14/ Harmony Town Hall Road and US 14/Old Humes Road intersections.

WIS 73/US 51 interchange reconstruction near Edgerton

- In mid-July, crews placed 28 bridge girders for the new bridge over I-39/90. Each girder is approximately 127 feet long and weighs about 110,000 pounds.
- WIS 73 is closed from I-39/90 north to WIS 106 until early September.
- The new bridge over I-39/90 is being constructed south of the existing structure to maintain access to area businesses and neighborhoods.
- Periodic lane and ramp closures are anticipated at the interchange.



Bridge girders being placed at the I-39/90 and WIS 73/US 51 interchange, near Edgerton.

• Similar to the County S interchange project, this reconstruction project will improve safety, meet current design standards, modify the ramps, and lengthen the bridge over I-39/90, in advance of the Interstate expansion from the Illinois state line to the US 12/18 interchange near Madison.

Reconfiguration of the WIS 73 and US 12/18 intersections near Cambridge and Deerfield

- US 12/18 westbound traffic is shifted onto the widened section of the highway.
- Nightly grading work is now completed. Flagging operations will continue on US 12/18 as equipment crosses the highway. Some delays are anticipated; plan ahead.
- Girders are set for the new US 12/18 bridge over WIS 73. Work has completed on all box culverts.
- Access to Fadness Road from US 12/18 is permanently closed, but remains open from WIS 73.
- The south section of WIS 73 at the US 12/18 intersection is closed until mid-September. In mid to late September, the north section of WIS 73 (toward Deerfield) will be closed for almost a month and a half. Alternate local routes are required or follow the signed detour route of US 12/18, I-39/90 and I-94.
- View the navigation map (once completed) of the new interchange, <u>http://projects.511wi.gov/wis73/exhibits/</u>.

In late August or early September, reconstruction work is expected to begin at the Edgerton Road bridge over I-39/90, north of the WIS 73/US 51 interchange and the County A bridge over the Interstate, north of the US 51 interchange.

Projects currently scheduled to begin in fall are:

- WIS 11 (Avalon Road) interchange reconstruction, south of Janesville. First Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) in Wisconsin.
- Rock River bridge reconstruction, south of the WIS 59 interchange.
- Reconfiguration of the WIS 59 interchange, near Newville, to a diamond interchange with roundabouts at the ramp terminals.

Note: These fall 2015 construction projects are subject to change.

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Construction schedules are also available on the project website, <u>www.i39-90.wi.gov</u>, under the **Schedule** section on the home page. These schedules can be downloaded, printed and saved for future reference; be sure to check the website periodically for any schedule updates. You can also follow the project on Facebook, <u>www.facebook.com/WisconsinI3990Project</u>.

TrANS Grad Ready to Take on New Job



Beloit resident Javonte Jones was among 53 participants who have successfully completed one of three Transportation Alliance for New Solutions (TrANS) training programs held this past year in Southwestern Wisconsin.

Jones had been unemployed and searching for steady work for over five years. He applied for many job opportunities in landscaping, retail and factories, with little success in getting hired. Jones explained, "I felt caught between a rock and a hard place in trying to find work." But then, from friends, he'd heard about TrANS. "After learning

Javonte Jones

about the training offered, along with the potential career opportunities, I decided to apply for participation in the training," he said.

As a TrANS participant, Jones and his classmates were educated in problem solving, construction math and professionalism so they'd be prepared for road and bridge construction work. Jones felt that receiving this training was key to increasing his personal confidence. That's because one of the main things he learned through TrANS was to always stay professional. He's confident that the leadership and interviewing skills coupled with the many other skills he learned will not only be of value to him, it would also bring value to the company that chose to hire him.

After graduating from TrANS late this spring and with the apprenticeship readiness and job skills training under his belt, Jones was quickly hired as a Machine Operator Apprentice working on the I-39/90 project with Rock Road Companies, Inc. As Jones put it, "I think it is wonderful that they are making an investment in my future. This job will allow me to have a greater respect for myself knowing I'm earning a family supportive wage that will provide greater opportunities for my children."

He also offers this advice for others considering entering the TrANS Program – "It is a great investment in your future and you have to make the most of it. Sit back, listen, take everything in and be serious about the process." Most of all Jones said, "Have confidence that you will find work!"

The I-39/90 Corridor Management Team couldn't agree more and is happy to see him succeed. Check out the <u>TrANS program</u> on the WisDOT website.

Stay Informed -Sign up for Project Updates

Construction is underway for the I-39/90 Expansion Project and will continue for the next several years. To stay informed and involved with this major project, be sure to register for project updates via email. Visit the project website, <u>www.i39-90.wi.gov</u>, and click on the Sign Up for Updates tab.



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New I-39/90 Expansion Project Website

As you may have noticed, the I-39/90 Expansion Project website has been redesigned. It's the same project information, and roughly in the same location as the previous site. It's also mobile-friendly!!

Check out the new look at <u>www.i39-90.wi.gov</u>. Bookmark the website today!



70mph Signs Posted on I-39/90 and Other Wisconsin Interstates

In mid-June, county highway crews installed 70 mph speed limit signs along Wisconsin Interstates, including I-39/90, from the Illinois state line to Madison. Approximately 470 updated speed limit and related signs were posted.

In May, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) noted about 726 miles of Interstate would be impacted. Following subsequent engineering analysis, a total of about 810 miles were affected along Interstate segments previously posted at 65 mph.



While new signs are up along Wisconsin Interstates, keep safety in mind:

- Not all vehicles will be going 70 mph such as trucks that are governed slower. Slower traffic should keep to the right lane.
- Construction zones have reduced speeds. Those speeds are posted and remain 55 mph at this time.
- Most important, remember to MOVE OVER and slow down for roadside workers and emergency vehicles. Learn more about the <u>MOVE OVER LAW</u> on the WisDOT website.

New 511 Wisconsin App

WisDOT has launched a free smart phone application that will provide statewide travelers with information on traffic incidents, delays/backups, closures/detours, work zones and weather-related road conditions. Available on both Apple and Android devices, the app provides up-to-date traffic related information through traffic alerts that can be programmed to align with the users favorite travel areas.

Other features of the application include:

- Nearly 400 traffic camera live-feeds to view road conditions;
- Travel times and speeds for highly traveled routes;
- Road work information, to include dates and times of full closures and lane restrictions; and
- Incident notifications.

To download the free application, visit:

Android: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.nicusa.wisgo.android</u> Apple: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/511-wisconsin/id969082710?mt=8</u>



As safety is WisDOT's top priority; users of the app must acknowledge that use will not occur while operating a motor vehicle.

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