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Great news! I-39/90 mainline project to be completed one year early



Motorists travel a recently expanded section of I-39/90 southbound near the County N interchange.

Governor Walker

announced in

February that by

utilizing current

budget and cost

savings, the Wisconsin Department

of Transportation (WisDOT) will be advancing

\$32.7 million of the I-39/90 expansion project

work into state fiscal year 2018.

The advancement of these funds allows

the I-39/90 mainline construction to be


completed in 2021, one year earlier than


previously scheduled. This does not include

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Connect with us!

Stay up-to-date on the I-39/90 Expansion Project. From construction updates to meeting notices and handouts, you can connect with us to get information in whichever way is most convenient.

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the US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange, which is in the process of an environmental analysis.

The remaining project contracts will be awarded in 2018 and 2019.

The advancement of funds allow WisDOT to move projects, such as the I-39/90 and I-43 interchange near Beloit, ahead into the 2019 construction season.

The funds are available thanks to lower fuel prices and more competitive bids on

construction work, which have resulted in increased savings on road projects.

WisDOT continues to

effectively manage the funds to preserve our assets, maintain infrastructure, and increase safety on Wisconsin roadways.

Opening the I-39/90 mainline early ensures that the citizens of Wisconsin will have the infrastructure needed to accommodate job growth and tourism throughout the state.

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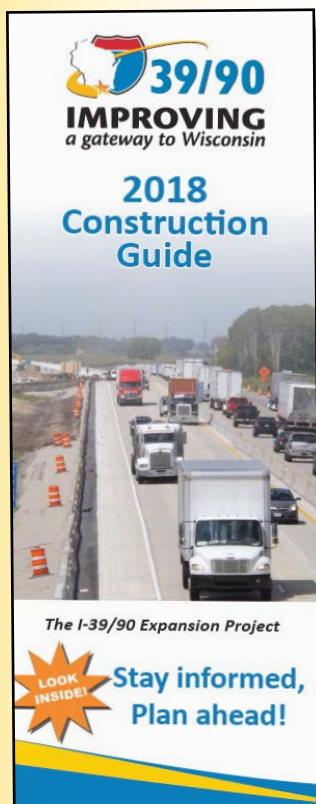
Sign up for email updates on the website.



Get real-time travel conditions by calling 511 or visiting www.511wi.gov.

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2018 Construction Guide now available!



The 2018 construction season has started, and motorists will experience construction activities along most of I-39/90 between the Wisconsin/Illinois state line and the US 12/18 interchange near Madison.

To help motorists traveling this region, WisDOT's new 2018 Construction Guide is now available. The guide can be viewed on the I-39/90 Project website at www.i39-90.wi.gov.

A print version of the 2018 Construction Guide is also available for free at various locations in communities adjacent to I-39/90, including:

- Rest areas
- Area libraries
- Local government buildings

- Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) locations
- Hotels adjacent to the Interstate
- Chambers of Commerce and visitor centers
- Project field office in Edgerton

The guide identifies the locations of projects taking place this year. It also highlights alternate routes available to help motorists reach their destination. These alternate routes are used to alleviate congestion and facilitate incident management during construction and after the Interstate expansion is complete.

If you go to the website to view the guide, please be sure to also click on the "Sign Up for Updates" tab. Each week, you'll receive an email update of construction activities taking place. It's a convenient way to stay informed when planning your travel.

**GET YOUR
COPY TODAY!**

Safety is everyone's responsibility

The construction season is upon us and all motorists have a role to play in keeping themselves and others safe while traveling Wisconsin's roads. The unfortunate reality is that, each year, highway workers and motorists are injured or killed in crashes that happen in highway construction zones.

These deaths and injuries are preventable, but we need everyone to do their part. This includes:

- **Eliminate distractions** while driving, such as eating, drinking, talking on the phone, or fiddling with electronic devices.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may change, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.
- **Slow down.** A car traveling 60 mph travels 88 feet per second and, the faster you go, the longer it takes to stop.
- **Give yourself plenty of room and allow for braking distance.** Rear-end collisions are the most common work zone crashes, so don't tailgate. Signage usually gives you ample warning of lane closings, construction areas, and flaggers and other workers ahead.

**Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility.
Drive with caution.**



- **Be patient and observant.** If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work zone.
- **Plan ahead.** Leave early or map out an alternate route. Find the latest road conditions and work zone news for the I-39/90 Project at www.i39-90.wi.gov or other Wisconsin highways at www.511wi.gov.
- **Follow the law.** Slow down and move over, if possible, when you see flashing lights.
- **Heads up; phones down!** As of October 1, 2016, it is illegal to drive within a Wisconsin work zone while talking on a hand-held mobile device.

Interstate expansion in Dane and Rock counties ramps up in 2018

Crews are getting a jump start on construction this year thanks to a relatively mild winter. With work activities starting up, motorists will notice an increase in Interstate reconstruction and expansion in Dane and Rock counties. Leading up to 2018, construction activities mainly focused on interchange reconstructions, bridge and temporary lane widenings.

Last year, reconstruction and expansion began on a portion of the Interstate, near Edgerton, and between Beloit and Janesville. This year, Interstate expansion activities will ramp up even more, so please keep the following in mind for I-39/90 work zones:

- The Interstate remains open to two lanes in each direction during daytime hours and weekends.
- Periodic single lane closures will occur on I-39/90 weeknights from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Please be alert for crossovers, don't tailgate, follow the posted speed limits and drive with caution through all work zones!



Crews remove the I-39/90 northbound bridge over Ruger Avenue in Janesville. A new bridge is being constructed to accommodate the Interstate expansion.

Beloit to Janesville

Crews are reconstructing and expanding approximately 12 miles of I-39/90 from Hart Road near Beloit north to the I-39/90 and US 14 interchange (Exit 171B) in Janesville. Construction crews recently began removing old I-39/90 northbound pavement within these limits. All Interstate traffic is now shifted onto the southbound side within these limits.

In addition, noise barriers are scheduled to be installed this year along I-39/90 northbound between the WIS 11 (Racine Street) and US 14 interchanges. Noise barriers along I-39/90 southbound within these limits will be installed in summer 2019.

Work will also begin this fall on portions of I-43 and I-39/90 near Beloit as crews begin widening the lanes in preparation for the I-39/90 and I-43 interchange reconstruction that is anticipated to start in 2019.

Edgerton to Madison

Crews recently began work to reconstruct and expand Interstate 39/90 between Edgerton and Madison.



Motorists travel on the newly expanded section of I-39/90 northbound near the WIS 73/US 51 interchange. Southbound traffic will be shifted over to this new section as crews work to reconstruct and expand the southbound lanes.

I-39/90 southbound will be expanded this year between the Dane/Rock County line and East Church Road. The northbound Interstate expansion will continue from there to County AB near Madison. All I-39/90 traffic will shift onto one side via crossovers, while the adjacent Interstate section is reconstructed and expanded.

Some local roads under I-39/90 will be closed during the 2018 construction, such as County MN, Drotning Road, County W, County B and Lake Drive Road. Learn more about those closures at www.i39-90.wi.gov and click on the News tab for the "Weekly Construction Update."



Two lanes of traffic in each direction travel on the northbound Rock River Bridge near Edgerton as crews work to complete the reconstruction of the southbound bridge.

Besides new construction activities taking place, the reconstruction of the Rock River Bridges near Edgerton is entering the final months of construction. The northbound bridge was finished in 2016 and work is ongoing to build the southbound Interstate lanes and bridge over the river. The entire Rock River bridges reconstruction project will be completed in late summer 2018.



For more information, please visit the I-39/90 Expansion Project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, to receive weekly project email updates.





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Brown's Budget Tree Service achieves DBE certification

Vincent "Vinee" Brown, owner of Brown's Budget Tree Service in Beloit, Wisconsin, decided last fall to submit his application to become certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). Brown's firm has more than 20 years of experience in tree cutting, clearing and grubbing, trucking and other general construction work.

When I-39/90 DBE Outreach Coordinator, Crystal Wilson, reached out to Brown to explain the benefits of becoming DBE certified he said, "this is too good to be true," and was hesitant about the certification process. However, after answering Brown's questions and addressing concerns, he felt that this certification would be a good next step to grow his company and build capacity to take on larger projects.

WisDOT implements the federal DBE program on contracts that include money from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). The DBE program levels the playing field for small, women and minority owned businesses in highway construction.

Its major components include certification, goal setting and professional business services offered at no cost to the certified firm.

These services include financial, legal and technical assistance provided by Certified Public Accountants, practicing lawyers and professional engineers.

The most notable advantages for firms like Brown's Budget Tree Service are the assigned DBE contract goals and direct access to prime contractors with contract opportunities. While there's no easy or quick way to run a successful business, this certification can open doors for firms like Brown's to consider new opportunities and new streams of revenue.

