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Bridge reconstruction over the Rock River underway



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is alerting water enthusiasts to the ongoing work to replace the Interstate 39/90 bridges over the Rock River, near Edgerton and Newville in northern Rock County.

Crews are constructing piers that will support the new bridges spanning the river as part of the I-39/90 Expansion Project.

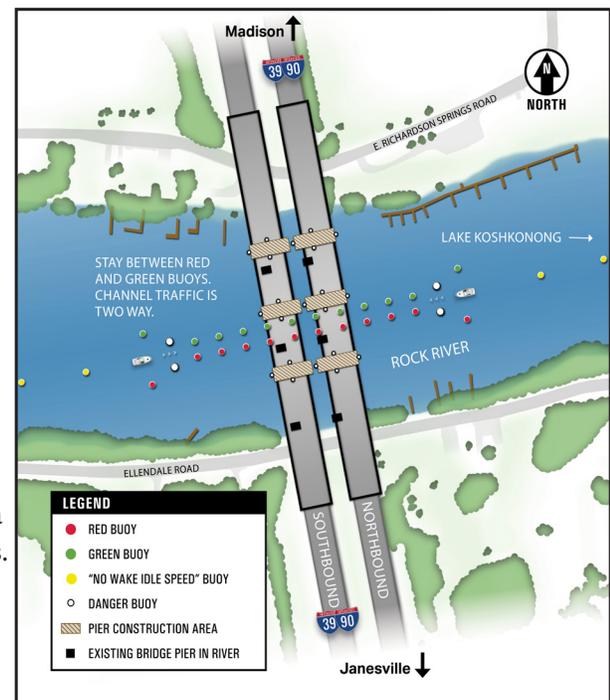
Boaters using this stretch of the river will encounter buoys placed in the river to safely navigate them through the work zone. Periodically, the buoys will be relocated as construction progresses.

To encourage safety, boater awareness signs and brochures have been placed at active boat launches along Lake Koshkonong and the Rock River. In addition, brochures can be found at some bait and tackle shops in the Edgerton area, and can also be viewed on the I-39/90 Project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, under 2016 activities on the home page.

Download your copy at
<http://bit.ly/RockRiverBridgeBoaterNavigationGuide>

The Rock River will remain open for boating throughout construction. For your safety and the safety of the construction crews, we ask that all water enthusiasts using this portion of the river to slow down, take extra caution and obey all boating laws.

If you haven't already, be sure to grab a copy of the boater navigation guide and place it in your boat or tackle box.



2016 Interstate work in full gear

As summer begins, motorists are encountering orange barrels marking construction work zones on most of Interstate 39/90, between the Illinois state line and Madison. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has approximately 20 reconstruction projects scheduled for this year along this section of Interstate.

Work underway or planned to start later this summer or early fall includes interchange reconfigurations; temporary lane widenings; bridge replacements; Interstate reconstruction and expansion; and alternate route improvements.



Motorists can better navigate these work zones along the Interstate with the 2016 Construction Guide. Know before you go, and view this guide on the I-39/90 Project website at www.i39-90.wi.gov.

A print version is also available at various sites in communities adjacent to I-39/90, including:

- Rest areas
- Local government buildings
- Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) locations
- Area libraries
- Chambers of commerce and visitor centers
- Project field office in Edgerton

The guide identifies the projects taking place this year, and also highlights the alternate routes. These routes are used to alleviate congestion and facilitate incident management during and after the Interstate expansion. Be sure to keep one in your vehicle.

It's important to note that two lanes will remain open in each direction on I-39/90, especially during peak travel times. Motorists may experience periodic nighttime single lane closures in work zones, generally between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.

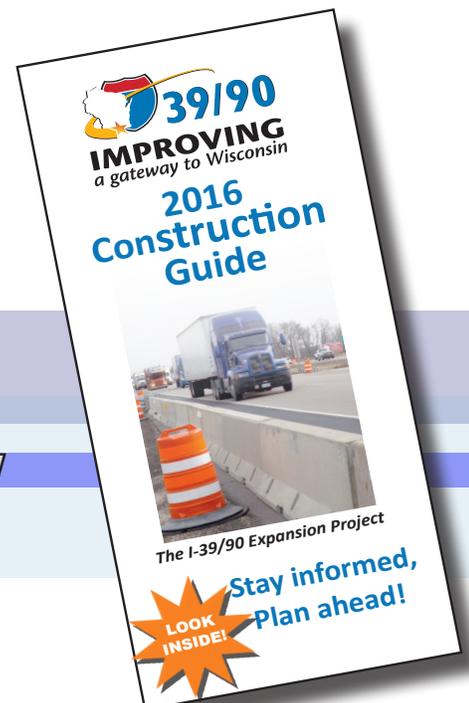
Materials are delivered to build the new southbound Interstate lanes at the US 51 interchange, east of Stoughton.

Notices detailing upcoming work, lane closures, ramp closures and other traffic impacts for these construction projects will be sent to the media and the I-39/90 Project email distribution list. You can be added to this list by visiting the project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, and clicking on the "Sign Up for Updates" tab to enter your name and email address.

While on the site, you can learn more about the other activities underway, view exhibits of the planned improvements and more.

You can also track all of the construction progress by following the project Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WisconsinI3990Project. It provides an interactive way to be aware of up-to-date construction activities, upcoming meetings, project schedules, informational project videos and more.

For everyone's safety, please be patient and pay attention when driving through all work zones.



Download, print and save the 2016
Construction Guide at www.i39-90.wi.gov

Plan ahead as interchange projects ramp up

If you travel along I-39/90, between Beloit and Madison, you have undoubtedly noticed ongoing construction at interchanges in the Janesville and Edgerton areas. These Interstate interchanges include US 51 (Exit 156) east of Stoughton, WIS 59 (Exit 163) near Edgerton and Newville, WIS 26 and US 14 (Exit 171 A-B) in Janesville, and WIS 11 (Avalon Road, Exit 177), south of Janesville.

Please plan ahead and be alert for ramp closures or temporary ramps as the interchanges are reconstructed. In the event of a ramp closure, signed detour routes will help you reach your destination.

These interchanges are being reconstructed to improve overall safety and efficiency, as well as to expand and lengthen the bridges to accommodate the additional lanes of traffic being added to the Interstate.

With the I-39/90 and US 51 interchange (Exit 156) improvements, the northbound Interstate on and off ramps are closed until late September 2016. Alternate routes are required during these northbound ramp closures, such as the signed detour routes of the County N interchange (Exit 147) for

I-39/90 northbound traffic, and the WIS 73/US 51 interchange (Exit 160) for US 51 traffic to I-39/90 northbound.

As the I-39/90 and WIS 59 (Exit 163) interchange transforms into a diamond interchange, new ramps are being constructed and may be open when you travel through this area. For example, motorists traveling southbound on the Interstate to WIS 59 must use the new ramp before the WIS 59 bridge.

The I-39/90 southbound bridges at the WIS 26 and US 14 interchanges (Exit 171 A-B) are being widened to accommodate future traffic staging during the Interstate expansion in this area.

New on and off ramps are also opening at the I-39/90 and WIS 11 (Avalon Road, Exit 177) interchange.

This interchange will be the first Diverging

Diamond Interchange (DDI) in Wisconsin. DDIs have also been constructed in other states across the country. You can learn more about this interchange design at <http://projects.511wi.gov/i-39-90/wis11-avalonroad/>.

Prior to traveling on I-39/90 and using one of these interchanges, be sure to visit the project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, to learn more about any traffic shifts, ramp changes, lane closures, etc. It's important to note that access to area businesses will be maintained.



Crews continue to widen the I-39/90 southbound bridge over US 14 in Janesville.

Be alert when traveling through all work zones

There are a lot of construction activities taking place not only on I-39/90, between Beloit and Madison, but throughout the state. Please be alert and take extra caution when approaching and driving through a work zone.

Although construction occurs behind barrier walls in most work zones, please remain attentive to what's happening ahead of you. When you're approaching a construction area, be aware that traffic may be slowing and adjust your speed appropriately. Be sure to leave enough space between you and the vehicle

ahead of you in the event of a sudden slow down or stop.

It's also important to keep your eyes on the road. It's tempting to try and see what's happening in the construction zone, but it's vital that you remain focused on driving your vehicle. Even a brief moment of distraction from driving could lead to a serious crash or worse.

This alert is to help you and our construction crews stay safe.

You can also check out Wisconsin's 511 website, www.511wi.gov, for up-to-date information on road conditions, construction activities and incidents that may reduce travel times on highways throughout Wisconsin.

A few quick reminders:

- Be patient and plan ahead when driving through work zones
- Texting while driving is against the law
- Use of a seatbelt is required in Wisconsin
- Fines double in work zones



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I-39/90 Expansion Project Newsletter

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Segment open houses well attended

The I-39/90 Project Team held open house meetings for the North, Central and South segments of the 45-mile-long Interstate project. The meetings were held in March and April at the project field office in Edgerton and provided opportunities for anyone interested in learning more about the overall project and, in particular, construction activities planned for 2016.

These meetings are an opportunity to share information and we appreciate the great attendance and feedback received.

Public meetings are not the only way to meet with team members. If you have a question or comment, feel free to give us a call at (608) 884-1234.

We'd be happy to discuss the project with you over the phone or arrange a



meeting to review something of interest with you in person.

You can also submit questions or comments to us via the project website or send an email to:

i39-90Project@dot.wi.gov

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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