

SOUTH SEGMENT FACT SHEET



Welcome to the open house meeting for the South Segment of the Interstate 39/90 Project. At today's meeting, you will see exhibits showing the proposed improvements for this segment. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) representatives are available to discuss the project on an individual basis.

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 South segment is located in Rock County and extends 12 miles from the Illinois state line near Beloit to County O near Janesville.

I-39/90 is a key link for the 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 support the existing traffic, or projected increases, thus resulting in poor traffic flow and increased safety problems. 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

I-39/90 will be completely reconstructed and expanded to six lanes from the Illinois state line to WIS 11 (Avalon Road) and eight lanes from WIS 11 (Avalon Road) to County O in the south segment. Much of the expansion will be accomplished by expanding the roadway within the existing median; however, additional right of way will be required as a part of the project.

All of the bridges in the South segment will be reconstructed or modified with the exception of the Cranston Road bridge. The County S and WIS 11 interchanges have been reconstructed. The I-43/WIS 81 interchange reconstruction is scheduled to begin in late 2019.

Additional roadways were improved to serve as I-39/90 incident management routes including Hart Road, County G, County BT, and WIS 140.

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A brief summary of the improvements is provided below. Please see the exhibits for additional details.

- ***I-39/90 mainline*** - I-39/90 mainline will be reconstructed and expanded to six lanes (from Illinois state line to WIS 11) and eight lanes (from WIS 11 to County O). Roadway widening will generally occur in existing medians. I-39/90 temporary widening projects have been ongoing since 2013 in preparation for required staging for the permanent mainline construction. Permanent mainline construction will begin in late 2017 from Hart Road to County O.
- ***I-43/WIS 81 interchange*** - The new interchange will be a high speed free flow system to connect I-39/90 to I-43 with a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) to provide local access from I-39/90 to WIS 81. WIS 81 will be extended east of I-39/90 to connect Gateway Boulevard, providing a direct local connector road between the east and west sides of the interstate. Access to Beloit from I-43 will be provided through the County X/Hart Road interchange and WIS 81/Gateway Boulevard. A multi-use path along WIS 81 will provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodations between the east and west sides of the interstate.
- ***County S (Shopiere Road) interchange - (Constructed in 2015)*** - A diamond interchange was constructed with stop signs at the ramp terminals. A temporary northbound on-ramp will be constructed in 2017 to facilitate staging of mainline I-39/90 construction.
- ***WIS 11 (Avalon Road) interchange - (Constructed in 2016)*** - A Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) with traffic signals at the ramp terminals was constructed. The DDI is a new interchange alternative to Wisconsin with “crossover lanes” at the ramp terminals to direct traffic and to allow free-flow left turns without stopping or crossing oncoming traffic. The new bridges accommodate two eastbound lanes and two westbound lanes of traffic. Bicycle accommodations are provided throughout the interchange.
- ***Overpasses*** - Local road bridges over I-39/90 replaced in 2016 include Hart Road, Creek Road, and Woodman Road. The Stateline Road bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2017. Each project includes some roadway approach work for improved sight distance. A project to repair a damaged girder on the Hart Road bridge is also scheduled for 2017.

Thank you for your involvement!

Thank you for your participation in the I-39/90 public meetings. We encourage you to stay involved in future public outreach as your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Sign up for project email updates on the project website, www.i39-90.wi.gov, under the Sign Up for Updates tab.

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