

# How to Drive: Oversize/Overweight

Wisconsin's first **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)** will be completed in November 2016 at the I-39/90 and WIS 11 (Avalon Road) interchange (Exit 177), south of Janesville. The interchange is being reconfigured as part of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT's) reconstruction and expansion of I-39/90, between Beloit and Madison.

In addition, the interchanges at WIS 26 (Exit 171A) in Janesville and WIS 81 (Exit 185) in Beloit will be reconstructed incorporating the DDI design to improve traffic flow.

WIS 11 (Avalon Road) has a significant amount of traffic, particularly large trucks, making left turns onto the Interstate. Due to the high volume of left turns, the current diamond interchange is not efficient at reducing traffic congestion. The DDI design improves traffic flow by creating a free flow left turn which also improves other congestion related issues, including the amount of vehicles waiting behind a vehicle making a turn, traffic synchronization and bottlenecks.

The DDI design accommodates oversize/overweight (OSOW) trucks. As OSOW truck drivers navigate a DDI, their trailer will sometimes track into other lanes. Drivers must be aware of other vehicles at all times. Truck aprons are provided to accommodate OSOW vehicle off-tracking.

As drivers approach a DDI, it's important to follow the overhead signs and pavement markings to choose the appropriate lane. Read below on how to navigate the WIS 11 (Avalon Road) DDI.

