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Beloit: Phase one nearly complete, phase two to ramp up in spring

Phase one of reconstruction and expansion work along I-39/90 and I-43 in Beloit is nearing completion, and crews have already transitioned into phase two reconstruction activities. Phase one included I-39/90 lane expansion from the Illinois state line to Cranston Road. I-43 lane reconstruction also occurred in preparation for the new interchange configuration.

Phase two work involves the core of the I-39/90 and I-43/WIS 81 interchange and will take two years to complete. This fall's work included constructing crossovers and temporary widening for traffic use in 2020. Crews also built temporary ramp connections for use, yet this year, to transition motorists between the two Interstates. Motorists in this area can expect weeknight single lane closures on the Interstates between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. and periodic overnight ramp closures at the I-39/90 and I-43/WIS 81 interchange.

From spring 2020 to spring 2021, I-39/90 and I-43 interchange traffic will be maintained using the temporary ramp configuration. I-43 traffic will be located on the future extension of WIS 81 alignment near the Millington Road/Gateway Boulevard intersection. Initially, all I-39/90 traffic will be shifted onto the existing southbound lanes, between Hart Road and Cranston Road. This allows crews to construct the flyover ramps that will directly connect I-39/90 and I-43 while maintaining access for motorists to and from Beloit.

In summer 2021 through fall 2021, I-39/90 and I-43 traffic will begin using portions of newly reconstructed lanes and flyover ramps.



Crews began phase two work on the I-39/90 and I-43/WIS 81 interchange. The interchange is scheduled to be completed in fall 2021.

Access to Beloit will be maintained via the new WIS 81 alignment near Millington Road/Gateway Boulevard intersection, and through the new Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). You can learn more about this configuration by visiting projects.511wi.gov/i-39-90/ddi/wis81/.

During this timeframe, all WIS 81 traffic, within the city of Beloit, will be shifted over to one side of the roadway, between Branigan Road and Freeman Parkway, to accommodate construction of the other side. This will involve short-term closures of the interchange ramps and WIS 81 to convert all traffic to the new interchange configurations. Dates and timeframes will be provided in advance of the closures.

Starting in early fall 2021, access for I-43 traffic to and from WIS 81/Milwaukee Road is anticipated to be rerouted, as shown in the navigation map by visiting bit.ly/I39-90andI-43WIS81navigation.

Crews prep the northern most section of the project near the Madison Beltline

Crews are almost finished with this year's temporary widening on the northbound side of Interstate 39/90, between County AB and the US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange near Madison, in Dane County. The widening is in preparation for I-39/90 reconstruction and expansion work in this area, beginning in spring 2020. The speed limit within this project limits has been reduced to 60 mph to accommodate the temporary widening process which will be complete in mid to late November 2019.

In spring 2020, crews will shift all Interstate traffic onto the northbound side, utilizing the temporarily widened lanes, in order to reconstruct and expand the southbound lanes. Two lanes of travel will be maintained in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

In July 2020, all I-39/90 traffic will shift onto the newly reconstructed southbound side and crews will complete expansion work on the northbound Interstate lanes.

As part of the expansion work, a three-month closure of Siggelkow Road, under I-39/90, is planned for late summer/early fall 2020. Motorists will be required to use an alternate

route. Closing Siggelkow Road allows crews to reconstruct the Interstate's northbound bridge over the roadway. The southbound Interstate bridge over Siggelkow Road was completed in 2014.

Throughout this project, I-39/90 will remain open to two lanes in each direction during peak travel times. Single lane closures will occur on the Interstate weeknights within the construction project limits. Motorists are reminded to plan ahead, obey the posted speed limit, pay attention and drive with caution in all work zones.



Crews built concrete crossovers south of the I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange to accommodate future traffic staging. In 2020, the Interstate will be expanded to three lanes each way from County AB to the Beltline interchange.

20 miles of the I-39/90 Expansion Project complete this fall

In mid-November, the I-39/90 Expansion Project will reach a major milestone when nearly 20 miles, of the approximately 45-mile project corridor, will be completed. The completed section will be from the Rock River bridges in Edgerton to County AB, just south of Madison, and includes three lanes of traffic open in each direction.

Crews recently opened the Interstate's southbound lane expansion and finished bridge construction activities for the structures at County MN, Drotning Road, County W and County B. Restoration work is also taking place along sections of this corridor from this year's construction activities.

Construction for the overall 45-mile expansion project, between the Illinois state line and US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange near Madison, officially began in 2013 with the reconfiguration of WIS 11/Racine Street interchange in Janesville. That year, crews also completed temporary widening along sections of the Interstate and installed traffic

cameras along the Interstate as well as message boards along the Interstate and designated alternate routes.

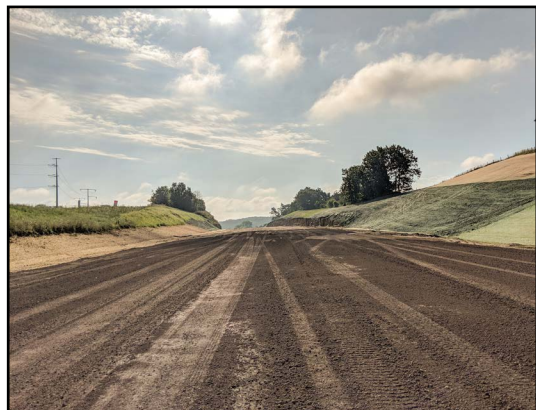
From 2014-2016, alternate route improvements occurred as well as reconstruction for interchanges and bridges additional interchanges and bridges were reconstructed on the corridor in preparation for the expansion to six Interstate lanes along most of the corridor and eight lanes in the Janesville area. Beginning in 2017, nearly all of the 45-mile corridor was one big work zone, complete with orange barrels, barrier walls and traffic shifted to one side of the Interstate so crews could work on the opposite side.

Looking ahead, the final two years of construction activities will center around the Janesville and Beloit areas, and on the reconfiguration of the I-39/90 interchange with US 12/18 in Madison. I-39/90 from the Illinois state line to Madison is scheduled to fully open in fall 2021.



In case you missed the progress

It's been a busy year for the I-39/90 Expansion Project. A lot has been accomplished and here's just a sampling of all the work completed.

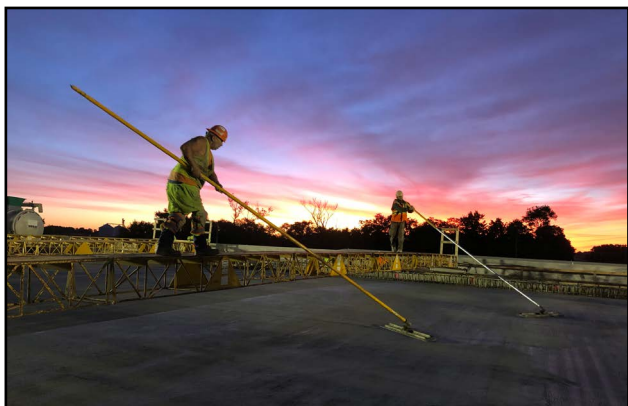


Construction crews placed about 73,500 tons of reclaimed asphalt (from the old roadway) to be used as the new base aggregate along I-39/90 southbound from Madison to Edgerton.

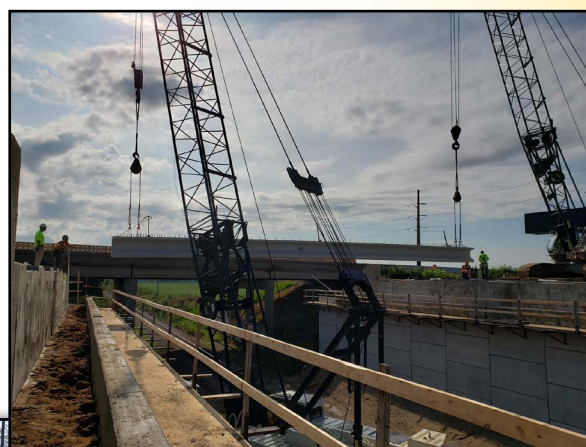
We strive to reuse and recycle old pavement and material for the new expanded lanes.



Crews poured miles of concrete for the I-39/90 southbound lanes between Madison and Edgerton.



During a beautiful sunrise, crews poured concrete for the I-39/90 southbound bridge over Townline Road, near the town of La Prairie.



Above: Girders are set for the I-39/90 southbound bridge over County M, west of Milton.



Did you see this?

As part of vegetation and restoration plans with the I-39/90 project, trees are being placed between Beloit and Madison. Tree and shrub replacement, after clearing operations for the Interstate expansion, is being focused within the 11 interchange footprints, side slopes at overpass structures, and at noise barrier transition locations. These areas offer more suitable placement away from Interstate lanes and access for maintenance. The trees are strategically placed outside of the clear zone and the vision triangle, and the interchange sight distance meets current design standards. Also, most of the ramps to the Interstate parallel the freeway to allow more time for the driver to match highway speeds prior to merging into traffic. Living snow fences of smaller native shrubs will continue to be planted along the corridor fence line for safety and snow drift control.



Left: Nearly two dozen Interstate bridges were replaced or widened this year as part of the expansion.

Noise barriers were built along I-39/90 southbound in Janesville. Work for the section on I-39/90 northbound from Randolph Road to US 14/Humes Road is underway.





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Safe driving is every driver's responsibility

Even in fall, there are still plenty of road construction activities taking place and it's up to you to practice safe driving. Here are a few tips to keep you and others safe:

Stay focused on driving: Put your cell phone and other distractions away!

Don't speed: Obey posted signs, which are in effect 24/7!

Don't tailgate: Give yourself plenty of room around those in front of you!

Winter weather creates slippery roads: Stay alert for changing conditions!

Plan ahead: Use 511wi.gov to get current travel updates on Wisconsin highways!

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