

Project Newsletter

I-90 Reconstruction

March 2012

La Crosse County

Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning a range of improvements to Interstate 90 (I-90), between Round Lake and Theater Road (just east of the WIS 157 interchange). Construction on these projects is expected to begin in 2013 and end in 2016. These improvements include replacing pavement on I-90; reconfiguring/reconstructing the I-90/US 53/WIS 35 (Exit 3) interchange; and reconstructing US 53/WIS 35 between Livingston Street south of I-90 and Elm Street north of I-90.

The proposed work on I-90 is needed to address major repairs and to bring this segment of the interstate up to current standards. Work on US 53/WIS 35 is needed to repair those highways and accommodate a new interchange configuration at Exit 3.

First Public Information Meeting April 12

The first public information meeting for the I-90 Reconstruction Project will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 5-7:30 p.m. at Logan Middle School, located at 1450 Avon Street, La Crosse, WI 54603. A presentation will be given at 6:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to stop by anytime during the open house. The team will consider input

received at this meeting when designing I-90 improvements.

Please use the side door near the auditorium located on Avon St. to enter the middle school.



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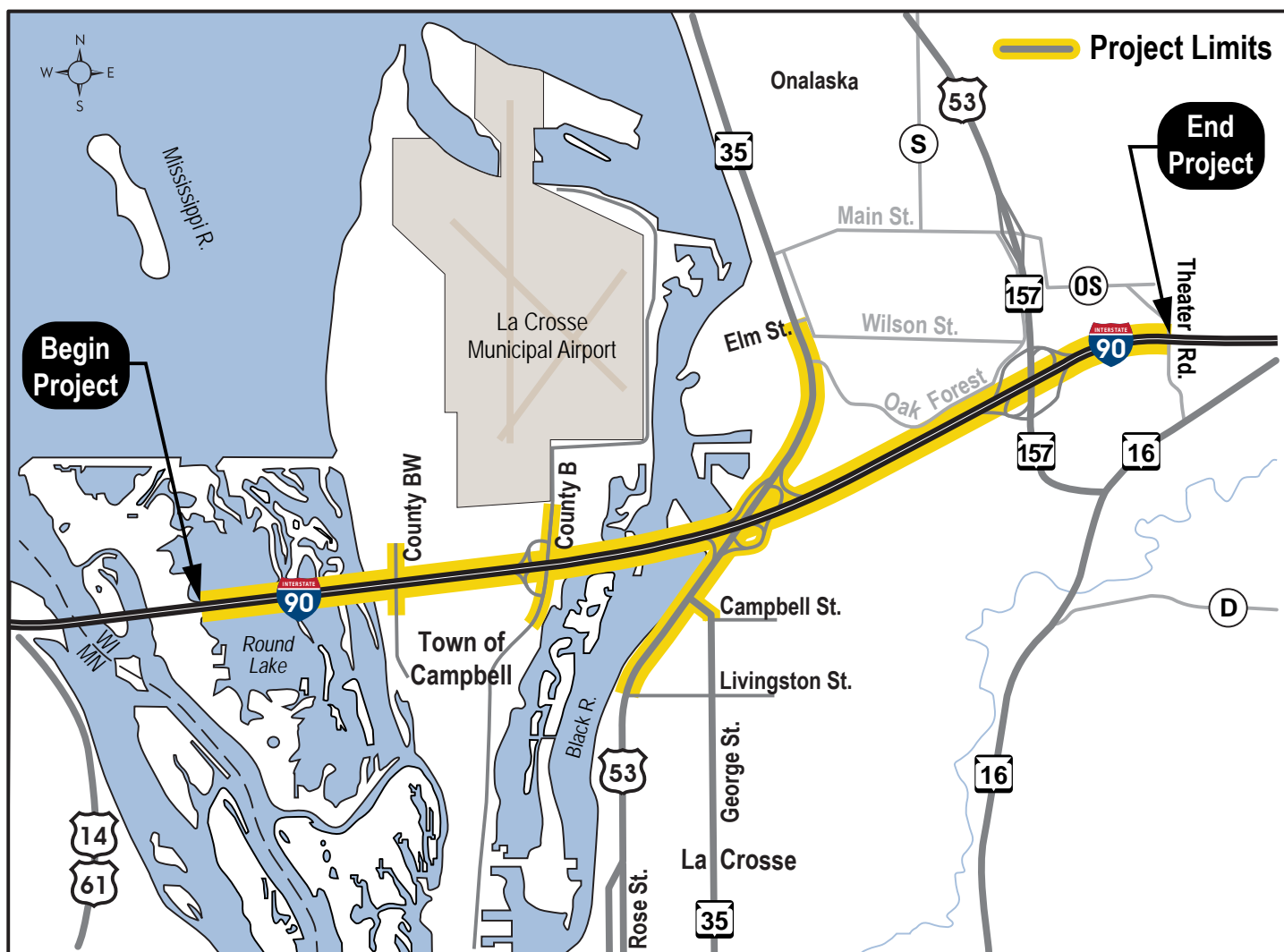
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Project Highlights

The project includes the following measures to repair, maintain, and in some cases improve the existing infrastructure:

- Replace pavement on I-90 from Round Lake to Theater Road
- Replace bridge deck on County BW
- Replace pavement between ramp terminals and make bridge improvements at County B interchange
- Reconstruct US 53/WIS 35 from Livingston Street (La Crosse) to Elm Street (Onalaska)
- Reconfigure US 53/WIS 35 interchange (Exit 3)
- Replace I-90 structures over Great River State Trail with new box culvert
- Add third lane (auxiliary lane) in each direction on I-90 between US 53/WIS 35 (Exit 3) and WIS 157 interchanges
- Perform work on existing WIS 157 structures over I-90



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Community Involvement

Public Involvement

There will be several opportunities for interested persons to stay informed and participate in the I-90 Reconstruction Project. WisDOT will coordinate with local officials, hold public information meetings, and send out newsletters and news releases.

In addition, the project team is available upon request to meet with interested residents, business owners and community groups. A website that will include project information is also being developed.

Project Advisory Committee

WisDOT has established a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) that includes representatives from La Crosse, Onalaska, and the Town of Campbell, community groups and business groups, as well as state and federal agencies. This group is assisting WisDOT in identifying and addressing project concerns and issues. The PAC will keep the community up to date on the project and identify issues and concerns that should be considered during project development. The committee will advise WisDOT, and all final decisions will be made by WisDOT.

Current Exit 3 Study

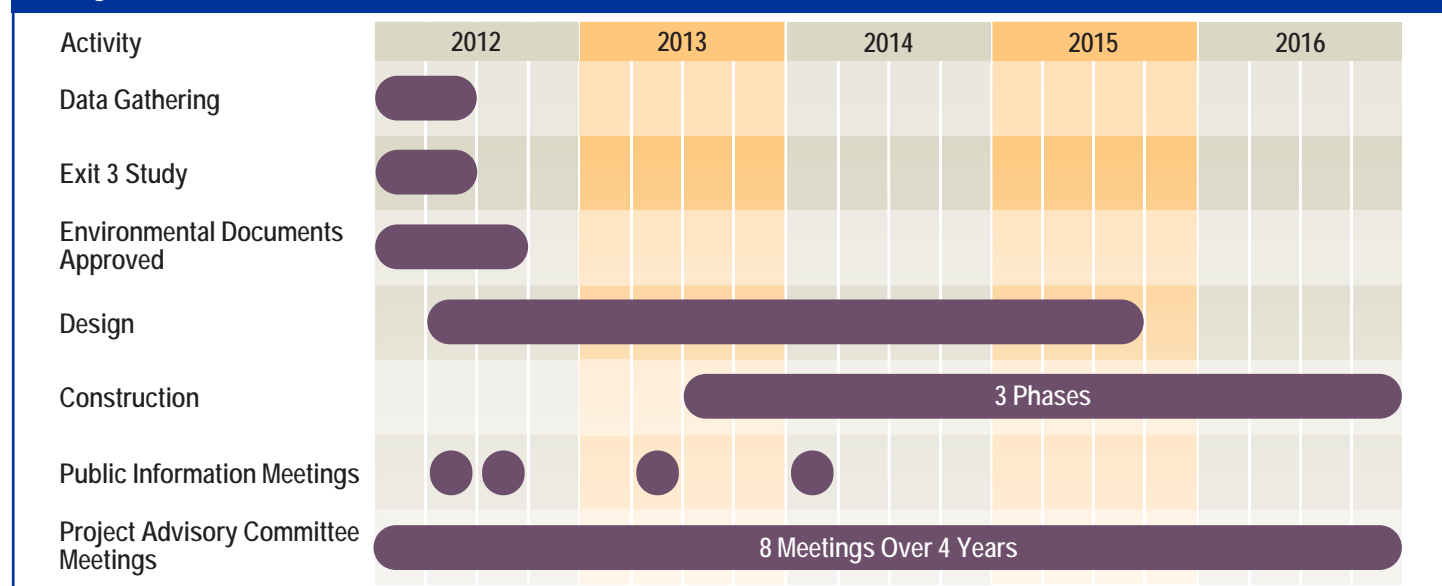
Local partners are studying the possibility of moving the I-90/US 53/ WIS 35 Exit 3 interchange on the north side of La Crosse. Repositioning this exit could free up land for development, including retail, residential and recreational uses.

WisDOT is not participating in the Exit 3 Study which is separate from this I-90 Reconstruction Project. However, the recommendations from the Exit 3 Study may be incorporated into the I-90 Reconstruction Project.

WisDOT currently is considering converting this interchange to a simpler diamond interchange (see photo below) beginning in 2014.



Project Schedule





What's Next?

Upcoming project activities will include the following:

- Review input received from the first public information meeting on April 12th
- Continue working with the Project Advisory Committee
- Prepare preliminary designs for I-90 and US 53/WIS 35
- Prepare environmental reports documenting project impacts
- Hold public meeting in summer or early fall 2012 to update the community on the project



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