

# Project Newsletter

## I-90 Reconstruction

February 2014

## La Crosse County

### Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) continues to design a range of improvements to Interstate 90 (I-90) between Round Lake and Theater Road (just east of the WIS 157 interchange), and to US 53 and WIS 35 (see the map on the inside of this newsletter). Since the last public information meeting held in September 2012, WisDOT has refined the proposed improvements.

Construction on I-90 includes major repairs and bringing the highway up to current design standards. Work on US 53 and WIS 35 also involves repairs as well as a new interchange configuration at Exit 3. WisDOT is working with local communities throughout the design phase. This includes considering bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the project, and traffic flow during construction.

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### Third Public Information Meeting February 26th

The third public information meeting for the I-90 Reconstruction Project will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, from 5-7:00 p.m. at Logan Middle School, located at 1450 Avon Street, in La Crosse. A presentation will be given at 6:00 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to stop by anytime during the meeting. The team will consider input received at this meeting when

designing proposed improvements.

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



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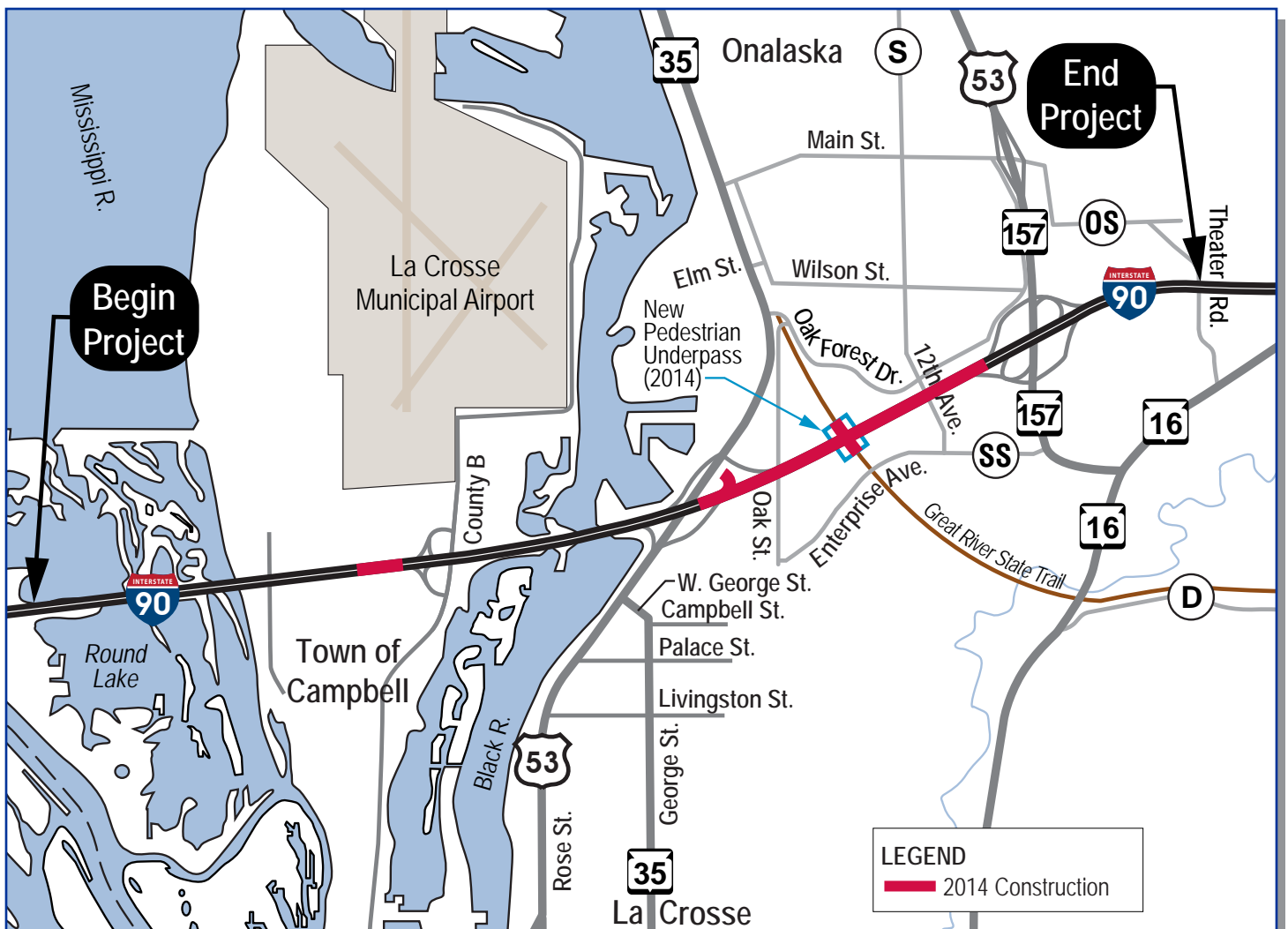


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## 2014 Construction and Traffic Impacts

2014 construction will include temporary roadways and improvements at various locations in preparation for I-90 reconstruction in 2015 and 2016. See the map below for specific construction activities. Anticipated impacts to traffic during construction include:

- All roadways remain open except as noted below
- Periodic lane closures along I-90 during periods of low traffic volume
- A short term single lane closure on eastbound I-90
- A short term closure of eastbound I-90 to northbound WIS 35 ramp
- 12th Avenue under I-90 overpass structure closed to traffic from mid-June until late August 2014
  - Remains open to bicyclists and pedestrians
- Great River State Trail closed from early May until mid-September 2014
  - Posted detour follows Enterprise Avenue and Oak Street
- Brief stops (up to 15 minutes) on I-90 for overhead sign structure removal and placement
  - Monday through Thursday 12 AM to 4 AM
- Potential lane closures along US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street near I-90 overpass structures during periods of low traffic volumes
- Traffic shift on Enterprise Avenue due to water main construction



## Rose Street and W. George Street Improvements

- The Project Team has been working with the City, Project Advisory Committee, and businesses along W. George Street on several alternatives
- There is a need to consolidate access to improve safety and traffic operations

## Features of the Current Concept

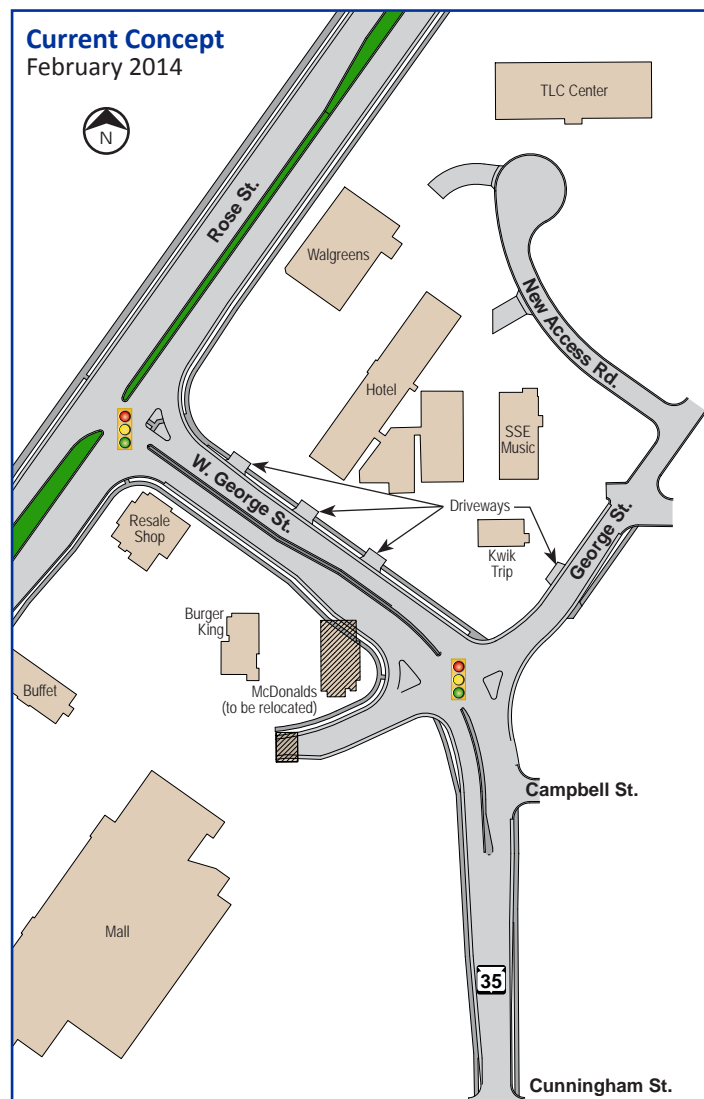
- Raised median on W. George Street to improve safety by prohibiting left turns at driveways
- Consolidated access south of W. George Street
- Proposed traffic signals at the W. George/George Street intersection
- Access road for additional access north of W. George Street
- Turn lane improvements to accommodate the flow of traffic
- Sidewalks and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

The State's Complete Streets Law (also known as TRANS 75) requires WisDOT to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian elements are included in all new highway construction and reconstruction projects that receive any funding from certain state or federal funding sources, unless an exception is approved.

WisDOT worked with local community representatives to incorporate the following bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street and the Great River State Trail as a part of the I-90 reconstruction project.

- A shared use path on the west side of US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street from Livingston Street to Oak Forest Drive
- The project team has been coordinating with the City of La Crosse to develop an eagle viewing area located between US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street and the Black River south of I-90; whether the eagle viewing area is built as part of the I-90 reconstruction depends on the availability of funding
- A sidewalk along the east side of US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street from Livingston Street to I-90, both sides of W. George Street, and both sides of WIS 35/Rose Street between Oak Forest Drive and Elm Street



- A bicycle lane along the outside lanes of US 53/WIS 35/Rose Street

The Great River State Trail will be closed during construction of the new pedestrian underpass. A detour route will be posted along the trail. The detour route map will be available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/greatriver/> during construction.

## For general project information



Find us online at:  
[www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/swregion/90/index.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/swregion/90/index.htm)

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Public Meeting**

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## What's Next?

### Upcoming project activities:

- Review input received from the third public information meeting to be held February 26th
- Continue working with the Project Advisory Committee
- Continue designing I-90 and US 53/WIS 35 improvements