

Project Newsletter I-90 Reconstruction, La Crosse County



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Upcoming project activities:

- Review input received from the fifth public information meeting to be held March 29th
- Continue working with the Project Advisory Committee
- Construction of I-90 eastbound, WIS 35, and County B
- Complete design of I-90 and US 53/WIS 35 improvements

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Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is wrapping up a multiyear project to improve Interstate 90 (I-90) between Round Lake and Theater Road (just east of the WIS 157 interchange), and US 53 and WIS 35 (see the map on the inside of this newsletter). Since the last public information meeting held in March 2015, 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, aesthetics, and traffic flow during construction.

Next Public Information Meeting March 29th

The next public information meeting for the I-90 Reconstruction Project will be held on March 29th, from 5-7:00 p.m. at Logan Middle School, located at 1450 Avon Street, in La Crosse. A presentation will be given at 5:30 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to stop by anytime during the meeting. The team will consider input received at this meeting when finalizing the proposed design. Please use the side door near the auditorium, located on Avon Street, to enter the middle school.



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I-90 Reconstruction Project

2016 Construction and Traffic Impacts

2016 construction will include the eastbound lanes of I-90 from Round Lake to Theater Road, the eastbound I-90 bridges over US 53/Rose Street and the French Slough, the rest area exit ramp bridge, the County B bridge over I-90, WIS 35 from the railroad to Elm Street, the southbound WIS 35 bridge over the railroad, ramp gate installations at County B, WIS 157, and WIS 16 interchanges, and the rest area. See the map below for the location of construction operations. Anticipated impacts to traffic during construction include:

- All roadways remain open except as noted below
- I-90 reduced to one lane in each direction from Round Lake to US 53/Rose Street and a portion of I-90 under WIS 157
- WIS 35 reduced to one lane in each direction from the railroad to north project limits
- County B remains open during construction
- Short term ramp closures for nighttime traffic control operations are allowed
- Eastbound I-90 loop ramp to northbound US 53/Rose Street closed most of the summer, detoured through the WIS 157 interchange
- Northbound WIS 157 to westbound I-90 and southbound WIS 157 to eastbound I-90 loop ramps will be closed and detoured for the majority of the construction season

- WIS 35 sidewalk and bike route closed and detoured from Oak Forest Drive to Elm Street
- Brief stops (up to 15 minutes) on I-90 and US 53 for sign structure placement or removal to occur Monday through Thursday 12 a.m. to 4 a.m.
- Potential lane closures on US 53/Rose Street during periods of low traffic volumes for work on the I-90 bridge
- Rest area will be closed for the duration of the project
- Short term closures in one direction at a time allowed along USH 53/Rose Street Monday – Friday 12 a.m. to 4 a.m.



Construction Completed to Date

- WIS 157 bridges over I-90
- I-90 bridges over 12th Avenue
- Great River State Trail underpass structure and trail improvements
- Westbound I-90 from Round Lake to Theater Road
- County BW bridge reconstruction
- Overhead sign structure and Freeway Traffic
 Management System facilities installed on I-90

Remaining Final Design elements that are scheduled for 2017/2018 construction include:

- US 53/Rose Street reconstruction from Livingston Street north to railroad bridge
- I-90 Ramps to/from US 53/Rose Street
- Northbound WIS 35 bridge over railroad
- W. George Street including raised median
- Access road for additional access to businesses north of W. George Street
- George Street including a shared access to the mall
- Traffic signals at the W. George/George Street intersection
- Eagle Watch Area near US 53/Rose Street intersection with W. George Street

I-90 looking east from the pedestrian bridge

During construction



After construction



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Detour: I-90 eastbound to WIS 35 northbound

2016 Temporary Ramp Closures

- I-90 eastbound to WIS 35 northbound loop ramp will be closed during construction due to close proximity of reconstruction of I-90 bridge over Rose Street
- WIS 157 loop ramp to I-90 eastbound will be closed during construction to reduce time for construction and limit traffic conflict points within the construction zone
- WIS 157 loop ramp to I-90 westbound will be closed during construction to reduce traffic conflict points within the construction zone

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