



WIS 57 — County C J-Turns

Door County

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J-turns at WIS 57/County C Intersection

WisDOT is planning for the construction of J-turns at the existing WIS 57/County C intersection. This type of intersection is expected to reduce a significant number of the severe, right-angle, crashes that are occurring at this intersection. Relative to other improvement concepts,

J-turns are a low-cost treatment that can be quickly implemented, do not require property acquisition or relocation of homes and businesses, and minimize environmental impact. Construction is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2015.

J-turns: A safer way to cross a busy highway

A J-turn is an effective way of reducing conflict points – points that lead to crashes – at intersections. It improves safety and mobility and can be quickly implemented.

WisDOT has determined J-turns can significantly reduce both the number and severity of crashes. This type of traffic control device is already in use in several areas in Wisconsin, as well as other states such as Michigan, Maryland, and North Carolina.

Left and right turns from WIS 57 and right turns from County C will still be made directly at the existing WIS 57/County C intersection.

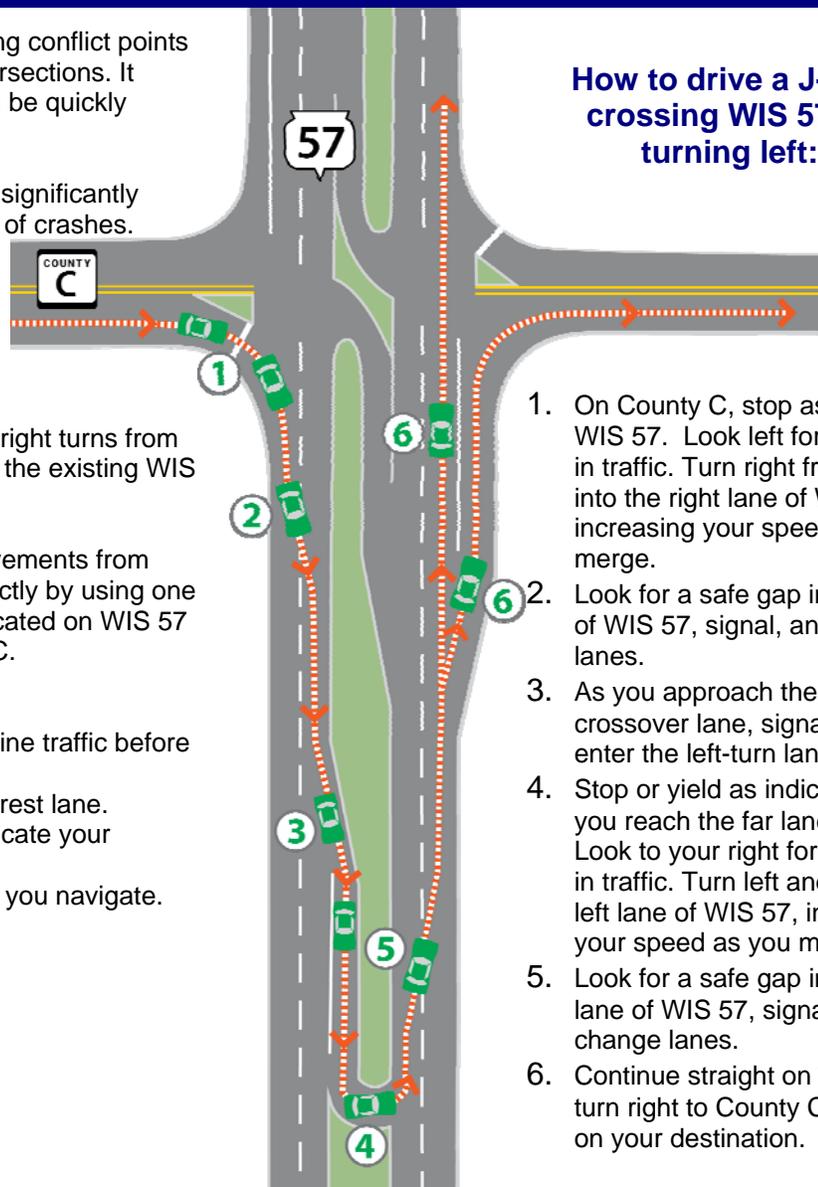
However, left turns and crossing movements from County C will need to be made indirectly by using one of the two J-turn crossovers, each located on WIS 57 about 1/3 mile either side of County C.

Some rules to remember:

- Always look for safe gaps in mainline traffic before entering or changing lanes.
- By law, you must turn into the nearest lane.
- Always use your turn signal to indicate your intention.
- Watch for directional signs to help you navigate.

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How to drive a J-turn crossing WIS 57 or turning left:

1. On County C, stop as you reach WIS 57. Look left for a safe gap in traffic. Turn right from County C into the right lane of WIS 57, increasing your speed as you merge.
2. Look for a safe gap in the left lane of WIS 57, signal, and change lanes.
3. As you approach the J-turn crossover lane, signal left and enter the left-turn lane.
4. Stop or yield as indicated when you reach the far lanes of WIS 57. Look to your right for a safe gap in traffic. Turn left and enter the left lane of WIS 57, increasing your speed as you merge.
5. Look for a safe gap in the right lane of WIS 57, signal, and change lanes.
6. Continue straight on WIS 57 or turn right to County C, depending on your destination.