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## **Governor Evers approves WIS 23 expansion in Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties**

*Construction starts Monday, May 13, 2019*

(Plymouth, Wis.) Governor Tony Evers announced Wednesday, May 8, that construction will begin on the WIS 23 expansion project on Monday, May 13, 2019. The long-awaited project will expand WIS 23 from US 151 in Fond du Lac east to County P in Plymouth to a 4-lane divided highway with various intersection upgrades. Gov. Evers made the announcement at a ceremonial groundbreaking for WIS 23 construction at the Wade House Historic Site in Greenbush, Wisconsin.

"The beginning of this much-needed expansion is a wonderful example of numerous communities, businesses, state and local leaders coming together for a common cause," said Governor Evers. "Construction marks a successful achievement for our state to provide a safer, more efficient, expanded roadway to accommodate traffic volumes and commerce."

Governor Evers noted collaboration was key to the project finally coming to fruition.

"This project encountered many obstacles since it first was proposed more than 20 years ago," said Governor Evers. "The people of this community, who knew the right thing to do was to expand the highway, never gave up their push to get it built. This construction celebrates their hard work and passion."

Governor Evers was joined at the groundbreaking by Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-Designee Craig Thompson, federal, state and local officials, members of the Sheboygan and Fond du Lac business community, and WIS 23 project design and construction engineers.



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“WIS 23 construction is an example of our department's commitment to investments in our state's transportation infrastructure and motorist safety,” said Secretary Thompson. “This is the first step in a multi-year process that will benefit not only motorists on the highway, but the entire state of Wisconsin.”

Secretary Thompson noted the improvements to WIS 23 will provide easier transfer of goods and services on WIS 23, enhance economic development and regional competitiveness, and allow for easier transfer of goods and services on WIS 23 and enhance economic development and regional competitiveness. Expansion will also provide a dependable highway connection to and from regional communities while reducing dangerous conflicts between local and through traffic.

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Governor Evers signed the first construction contract to begin expansion on the Sheboygan County portion of the project. The \$12.3 million contract will provide grading for the new WIS 23 lanes north of the existing lanes of travel from County P in to the Sheboygan/Fond du Lac County line.

Construction of the new Sheboygan County lanes will take place in 2020. WIS 23 expansion in Fond du Lac County will take place from 2020 to 2022. The \$150.5 million project is expected to finish in fall of 2022 with resurfacing of the existing lanes of travel.

### More Information

- The WIS 23 project construction website is located on the 511 Wisconsin family of websites at <https://projects.511wi.gov/region/northeast/>.
- You can follow construction progress on this project on the Northeast Wisconsin Weekly Highway Construction Update at <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>.
- For more information regarding traffic impacts, transportation news and improvement project updates in Wisconsin's Northeast Region, follow us on Twitter [@WisDOTnortheast](https://twitter.com/WisDOTnortheast).

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