

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Governor Evers approves WIS 172 improvements in Brown County

*Construction and highway closure begin June 17, 2024*

(Green Bay) To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$2.1 million contract to improve 2.3 miles of WIS 172 from WIS 54 in the village of Hobart to the entrance of the Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport. Construction begins Monday, June 17, 2024, and is expected to finish in October 2024. WIS 172 will be closed and detoured for some of the work.

Northeast Asphalt, Inc. from Greenville, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

### Project improvements

This is a resurface-level improvement project with a box culvert replacement. Improvements include:

- Resurfacing mainline WIS 172 (mill 4.5" and overlay 4.5")
- Removing the steel arch culvert pipe between WIS 54 and S Overland Road and constructing a new box culvert (This will require a two-month closure of WIS 172).
- Frost heave repair
- Pavement markings
- Shoulder rumble strips
- Shoulder aggregate

### Traffic impacts

**Culvert Replacement:** WIS 172 will be **closed and detoured at WIS 54** for approximately two months starting June 17, 2024. This closure is to replace the culvert structure near WIS 54.

- Access will always remain **open** to the airport, businesses, and properties in the closed portion of WIS 172.

**Roundabout resurfacing:** WIS 172 will be **closed to traffic at County GE** for up to one week while the roundabout is being milled/paved. **NOTE:** The roundabout closure will not occur at the same time as the culvert replacement.

- **Detour:** During both closures culvert structure replacement and County GE roundabout work, WIS 172 traffic will be detoured north along I-41 to WIS 54 to WIS 172, and vice versa.

**Mainline resurfacing:** During mainline resurfacing following culvert replacement, the roadway will be open to traffic. Motorists can expect to encounter lane closures and flagging operations.

### **Project Benefits**

The existing pavement surface is deteriorating. Resurfacing and frost heave repair will reduce surface roughness and provide a smoother and safer ride for motorists. Improvements will also extend the life of the pavement structure while reducing future maintenance costs. Repair and replacement of the culvert structure help ensure adequate drainage to mitigate possible flooding. New rumble strips provide immediate feedback to drivers drifting out of their lane of travel.

### **More information**

The WIS 172 construction project website details improvement scope, schedule, and traffic impacts. Maps, displays, and exhibits are available for download.

- WIS 172 website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/172resurf/>

### **Work Zone Safety**

Each year in Wisconsin, both highway workers and motorists are killed and injured in crashes that happen in highway construction zones. Motorists should slow down, be patient, and pay attention to their surroundings in all work zones.

For more information regarding work zone rules for motorists, the law restricting hand-held devices, and general work zone safety information, please see our work zone safety website at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/workzone/>.

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