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WisDOT, local officials celebrate new interchange at WIS 29/County VV in Brown County

New diamond interchange and improved local road connections enhance safety and mobility

(Green Bay) Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Craig Thompson today joined dignitaries from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Brown County, the villages of Hobart and Howard, and the Oneida Nation to celebrate completion of the WIS 29 and County VV interchange, west of Green Bay.

As one of the most innovative and complex construction projects in Brown County, the interchange improvements also created new local road connections in the villages of Howard and Hobart and the Oneida Nation. At today's ceremonial ribbon cutting in front of a large crowd at Maplewood Meats in the village of Howard, WisDOT announced that all construction will be completed at the interchange by October 15. The new Marley Street is anticipated to open on Saturday, October 1.

"Partnerships are critical in how we do transportation in Wisconsin and we are grateful for the strong involvement with community leaders to deliver this successful project," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "From increased safety as an interchange to better access for area businesses, these transportation investments will provide a brighter future to benefit all users. We are excited to see this important project finish on time and on budget."

Brown County, the villages of Hobart and Howard and the Oneida Nation were key in project development and securing the necessary funding for the project. Brown County, along with the

villages of Howard and Hobart, successfully applied and received an FHWA Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant to complete design and construction. WisDOT oversaw construction of the interchange and nearby roadways.

“Congratulations to all the men and women who worked on this important project that finished on time and on budget,” Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach said. “The VV-29 interchange demonstrates the power of community collaboration, proving that together we can do great things. This project enhances safety while stimulating opportunities for future economic development in Northeast Wisconsin.”

“The WIS 29 and County VV interchange project would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of WisDOT, Brown County, Hobart, Howard, and the Oneida Nation,” FHWA Wisconsin Division Administrator Glenn Fulkerson said. “Our grant funding helps communities make sustainable investments and this new interchange provides great value for residents and businesses.”

Project improvements

Construction started in May 2021 and included work on both the state highway and local road system:

- Construction of a diamond interchange at WIS 29 and County VV
- Realignment of Milltown Road
- Connection from County VV to North Overland Road
- Removal of the existing Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection at County VV
- Removal of access to WIS 29 from County U
- Installation of broadband to support Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Local road construction

Project benefits

The project improved safety, mobility and efficiency with the following construction elements and design improvements:

- Addressed roadway and safety issues resulting from travel speeds and at-grade access points
- Improved multimodal accessibility
- Improved freight movement to area businesses

- Enhanced access will allow for more effective local land use/transportation/economic development planning efforts

This project also increased broadband access within Brown County by extending a fiber optic utility by over 12 miles to bring Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to the WIS 29 and County VV interchange, allow connections for public schools, public emergency notification systems, as well as local businesses and residents.

Project funding

- The build grant has a total cap of \$27.8 Million (71% federal and 29% local)
- Total project cost was \$25.4 million (including design, utilities and real estate)

More project information – including detailed scope, schedule and design history – can be found on the WIS 29 and County VV interchange project website at <https://projects.511wi.gov/29vv/>.

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