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**Governor Evers approves WIS 54/57 improvements in Brown County**

​*Construction begins Monday, May 20*

(Green Bay) To invest in Wisconsin’s transportation system, Governor Evers signed a $7.6 million contract to improve 4.4 miles of WIS 54 between University Way and WIS 57 in the city of Green Bay, Brown County. Project construction begins Monday, May 13, 2024. The highway will remain open during work. Various ramps will be closed. The project will finish in October of this year.

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

**Project improvements**

This is a resurfacing-level improvement which includes:

* Resurfacing mainline WIS 54/57 (concrete repair and overlay and asphalt mill and overlay)
* Resurfacing ramps for University Avenue/Nicolet Drive
* Resurfacing mainline University Avenue/Nicolet Drive (concrete repair and overlay)
* Concrete repair on Bay Settlement Road ramps

The project will also replace curb ramps at the southwest quadrant of Bay Settlement Road and Leon Bond Drive and at the intersection of the eastbound off-ramp for Bay Settlement Road and Bay Settlement Road. Other improvements include beamguard, culvert endwalls, sand barrel arrays, pavement markings, shoulder rumble strips, and shoulder aggregate.

**Traffic impacts**

**Highway** - WIS 54/57 will remain open using temporary lane and shoulder closures for most construction.

**Ramps** – The WIS 54/57 and Bay Settlement Road interchange ramps will be closed for several days for concrete repairs. The detour will direct motorists to use Bay Settlement Road and Algoma Road to the WIS 54/57 interchange.

The following ramps will be closed during off-peak hours during resurfacing and repairing operations. Dates and times will be announced on the project website.

* WIS 54/57and University Avenue system interchange and on and off-ramps
* WIS 54/57 and Nicolet Drive on and off-ramps
* WIS 54/57 and Bay Settlement Road/County EA on and off-ramps
* University Avenue/Nicolet Drive under WIS 54/57 and Bay Settlement Road/County EA over WIS 54/57 will remain open and be constructed under single-lane closures.
  + Consecutive ramps will not be closed at the same time

**Project benefits**

This project will extend the roadway's service life and upgrade other deficiencies. The project will reduce roadway roughness and provide a smoother driving surface for motorists. The improvements will also extend the life of the existing pavement and decrease future maintenance costs. New rumble strips will alert vehicles who leave the travel lane and create a safer driving environment. Upgrades to curb ramps and beamguard will further enhance safety.

**More information**

* Visit the WIS 42 construction website at <https://projects.511wi.gov/54gb24/>.
* During construction, traffic impacts and construction operations can be found on the Northeast Region Weekly Highway Construction Advisory at <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>
* Wisconsin’s Northeast Region Twitter [@WisDOTnortheast](https://twitter.com/WisDOTnortheast).

**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 this and 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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