

# NEWS

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## Governor Evers approves WIS 96 (Wisconsin Ave) project in Outagamie County

*Construction begins Wednesday, April 1*

(Appleton) - To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$7.37 million contract to improve 2 miles of WIS 96 (Wisconsin Ave) from Casaloma Drive to North Badger Avenue, in the town of Grand Chute in Outagamie County. Construction begins on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and finishes in fall of 2026. A majority of the work on WIS 96 will be conducted under traffic during off-peak hours using single-lane closures.

Zignego Company, Inc. from Pewaukee, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

### Project Overview

This is a resurfacing-level project. Project improvements include:

- Mill and overlay of the existing pavement with concrete patching as needed from Casaloma Drive to Lynndale Drive
- Slotted left turn lanes will be added at the intersection of WIS 96 and Bluemound Drive as part of the [Highway Safety Improvement Program](#)
- Minor concrete patch repairs will take place from Lynndale Drive to Badger Avenue
- Railroad crossing resurfacing (just west of Badger Avenue)
  - Railroad work will require a full closure of the sidewalk for pedestrian access
- Abrasive blasting and repainting of the structural steel on the I-41 overpass structures
- Curb ramp improvements at various intersections
- New sidewalk at specific locations throughout the project limits

- Removal of the existing overhead sign and beam guard just west of I-41
- Storm sewer repairs
- New pavement markings

### **Traffic Impacts**

A majority of the work on WIS 96 will be conducted under traffic during off-peak hours in the form of single-lane closures.

- Intersection improvements at WIS 96 and Bluemound Drive and the painting of the structures on I-41 over WIS 96 may require short-term lane closures at those locations.
- Ramp improvements at I-41 and WIS 96 will be required short-term ramp closures.
- A 3-week full roadway closure and detour of WIS 96 will be required at the railroad west of Badger Avenue.
  - This detour will use WIS 47 (N Richmond Street), WIS 125 (W College Avenue), and County A (Lynndale Drive).

### **Pedestrian access**

Railroad work will result in THE FULL CLOSURE OF SIDEWALK at W Wisconsin Ave. near N Badger Ave in late summer or fall of 2026.

- Valley Transit route 12 will continue to operate and pedestrians will be able to use bus stops on both side of the closed sidewalk to get across the closed sidewalk.

### **Anticipated benefits**

Improvements will provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear and tear on vehicles. Construction will extend the life of the pavement and I-41 overpass bridges as well as decrease future maintenance costs. Added sidewalk will increase mobility throughout the corridor.

### **For more information**

Please see project information, maps, exhibits, and displays online to learn more about this project.

- WIS 96 (Wisconsin Ave) Project website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/96resurfacing/full-project-overview/>

- This project will appear on the Northeast Region Weekly Highway Construction Update at <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>
- WisDOT Northeast Region Twitter [@WisDOTnortheast](https://twitter.com/WisDOTnortheast).

### **Work Zone Safety**

For 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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