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Governor Evers approves I-41 over Lake Butte des Morts improvements in Winnebago County

Long-term ramp closure begins May 28, 2024

(Oshkosh) To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$2.04 million contract for a rehabilitation project on the I-41 Lake Butte des Morts causeway between WIS 21 and US 45 in the city of Oshkosh, Winnebago County. The project begins Tuesday, May 28, and is expected to finish in early October of this year. Both directions of I-41 will be reduced from three to two lanes across Lake Butte des Morts. In addition, the US 45 ramp to southbound I-41 will be closed for the majority of the project.

Sheet Piling Services of Custer, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

Project improvements

Project improvements include:

- Removing and replacing structure approaches for northbound and southbound I-41 bridges over main channel of Lake Butte des Morts
- Replacing and relocating a 100-foot section of cable barrier on the west side of I-41 near the US 45 interchange
- Removing and replacing existing safety and weight enforcement facilities (SWEF) along I-41 near the northern shore of Lake Butte des Morts

Traffic impacts

- Northbound and southbound I-41 will be reduced from three to two lanes across Lake Butte des Morts.
- Southbound I-41 ramp from US 45 will be closed beginning on Tuesday, May 28 for a majority of the project.

- Detour route will follow US 45 to WIS 21 to I-41
- Significant traffic impacts are anticipated throughout the entire project and motorists are advised to use alternate routes whenever possible.
- Note: During EAA AirVenture, the project will be suspended with all lanes and ramps open to traffic.

Project benefits

The benefit of this project is to extend the life of I-41 bridges and upgrade the weight enforcement facilities along this important corridor.

More information

- 511 Wisconsin Construction website <https://projects.511wi.gov/butte-des-morts/>
- Northeast Region Weekly Project Updates <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>
- WisDOT Northeast Region Twitter [@WisDOTnortheast](https://twitter.com/WisDOTnortheast).

Work Zone Safety

Each year in Wisconsin, 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://wisconsin.gov/Pages/safety/education/workzone/>.

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