

#### Winter 2020

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## CONSTRUCT NEW NB STRUCTURE THAT IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A FUTURE 3<sup>RD</sup> LAN PROPOSED ROADWAY SECTIO POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR DESIGN REFINEMENT WIDEN EXISTING NB STRUCTURE SB-WB RAMP ADJACENT TO MAINLINE (SHOWN 4-FOOT BUFFER BETWEEN SB-WB RAMP AND PROPOSED NB ON RAMP 2 EXISTING RAMP LANES 1 ADD-ON LANE 医马兰 的复数非人类发展 WIDEN EXISTING SB STRUCTURE PROPOSED SB 1-39/90 2 EXISTING LANES 1 ADD-ON LANE (MEDIAN) WAY TO BE REMOVED 2 NB LANES PROPOSED ON NEW ALIGNMENT. EMBANK THROUGH THE CORE OF THE INTERCHANGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO ACCOMMODATE A FUTURE 3<sup>40</sup> LANI 1218 CONSTRUCT NEW NB STRUCTURES THAT ARE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A FUTURE 3<sup>RD</sup> LANE EXISTING NB STRU TO REMAIN CONSTRUCT NEW NB STRUCTURES THAT ARE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A FUTURE 3<sup>RD</sup> LANE EXTEND EXISTING SB-EB RAMP ACCELERATION LANE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 6-LANE SECTION OF 1-39/90 FROM AG DITCH #4 SOUTH TO THE COUNTY AB OVERPASS (INCLUDING THE AG DITCH #4 BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT) ARE INCLUDED WITH THE 2014 EA RE-EVALUATION (1001-10-02) PROPOSED SB 1-39/90 AT RAMP GORE

Construction will begin this spring to reconfigure the I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange in Madison. The northbound Interstate alignment will shift adjacent to I-39/90 southbound to provide a right exit lane for US 12/18 westbound – eliminating the current left exit. The interchange project is scheduled to be completed in fall 2021.

RAMP ACCELERATION LANE (SOUTH LEG

With the completion of the I-39/90 expansion to three lanes between Edgerton and Madison, crews will begin reconfiguring the US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange near Madison. Changes to the interchange will better handle I-39/90 traffic levels, with a focus on safety issues that affect Interstate travel through the US 12/18 interchange, while ensuring compatibility with the I-39/90 Expansion Project, south to the Illinois state line.

When construction is complete in 2021, I-39/90 will feature three southbound lanes through this interchange with dedicated off ramp lanes to the Madison Beltline. Three northbound lanes will be constructed before and after the interchange, with accommodations for a potential third lane through the interchange core. The current left exit to US 12/18 westbound will be replaced with a dedicated right exit lane.

A short video on the project's website summarizes the northbound interchange movements and additional merging space for ramp lanes from US 12/18 eastbound to I-39/90 northbound. A summary of planned improvements is also available on the website.

## Reconstruction to begin on the I-39/90 and US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange

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#### Area businesses open during construction

Just a reminder that even with road construction taking place on I-39/90 and some of the adjoining interchanges, access is maintained to area businesses.

We encourage motorists to continue visiting and supporting local businesses throughout construction. WisDOT project staff maintain open lines of communication with businesses during the life of a project to assist with signage, staging and scheduling.



*Please continue to support local businesses along the I-39/90 corridor in the final years of the project.* 

To help area businesses, WisDOT offers the "In This Together Program" to provide important information and tips for businesses, located within a construction zone, to maintain and attract customers. Information about this program can be found on WisDOT's <u>website</u>.

We also encourage businesses to connect with their local chamber of commerce, economic development section and visitor center. They have ideas to bring in the customers!

Although road construction may require the need to take a different route than you normally do, or adds a few minutes of time to your travel, it's important to continue visiting your favorite stores and restaurants. They truly appreciate your business!

#### **Snowplows:** Stay Clear, Stay Safe!

In Wisconsin, winter is a great time to enjoy the outdoors! On the roads, we need to plan ahead and take it slow. Thankfully, snowplow drivers help keep our roadways clear.

Wisconsin DOT contracts with all 72 county highway departments for winter maintenance on state highways.

For everyone's safety, never tailgate a snowplow that is engaged in snow and ice removal. Stay back at least 200 feet to allow a better field of vision for the snowplow driver and you.

Be alert and drive with caution as you approach snowplows. The trucks often slowdown, or stop, along the highway depending on their route.

Say "thank you" by driving safely near plow trucks all winter long.

Learn more about <u>safe winter driving tips</u> and other winter driving resources.



Snowplow drivers work day and night to keep roadways clear. Help them do their job and stay back 200 feet. Learn more in the video below.



# **Project Fun Facts**

20 miles of the I-39/90 Expansion Project is complete from the Rock River Bridges near Edgerton to a few miles south of the US 12/18 (Beltline) interchange near Madison. Here are some cool facts about the materials used and the infrastructure completed through 2019:



93 Bridges

More than 4,170,000 yards of base aggregate





**56 Sign Structures** 

**Over 18,300 cubic** yards of high performance concrete





Nearly 41,800 cubic yards of concrete masonry





**34 Box Culverts** 





#### Janesville rest area expansion complete

Expansion of Rest Area 17, along I-39/90 just north of Janesville, was completed last fall with the addition of 28 new semi stalls and a staging area for oversize/ overweight vehicles.

Another newly added feature is an electronic message board on the Interstate, just south of the Rock River bridges, indicating the number of open spaces available.

The rest area was expanded to better serve drivers who need a break during long trips by providing a safe area for truckers to rest prior to continuing to their destinations. The need for additional semi stalls at rest areas has grown substantially over the past few years due to the growth in over-the-road shipping and the need for more parking to meet the demand of the trucking industry.

In addition, a gated emergency access road, connecting the rest area to nearby Manogue Road, was constructed and allows authorized emergency vehicles to use this access point to get to I-39/90 via the rest area. The connection allows for improved response times to incidents along this section of Interstate.

A new electronic message board just south of the Rock River bridges displays the number of semi parking spaces available.



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## Slower traffic keep right

About 20 miles of the 45-mile I-39/90 Expansion corridor, between Madison and Beloit, is complete and open to three lanes of traffic in each direction. As the expansion work progresses, it's a good reminder to all travelers that, whether it's two lanes or three lanes, the rules still apply for freeway driving: slower traffic keep right. This is for your safety while driving and that of other motorists.

Also, no signs will be posted to prohibit trucks from the left lane. According to Wisconsin State Statute 346.05(3), this provision mandates that slower traffic keep right. Therefore, if trucks are going the speed of traffic, then they have the right, per statute, to be in the left lane.

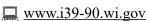


An extra lane doesn't change the rules: slower traffic must keep right on the Interstate, no matter how many lanes.

#### **Connect with us!**

Stay up-to-date on the I-39/90 Expansion Project. From construction updates to meeting notices and handouts, you can connect with us to get information in whichever way is most convenient.

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