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Governor Evers approves I-43 improvements in Sheboygan County

Interstate resurfacing and structure work begins March 2, 2026

(Sheboygan WI) To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$21 million contract to rehabilitate 10.4 miles of I-43 from Wilson/Lima Road in the town of Wilson to WIS 42 in the town of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County. Work begins March 2 and is expected to finish in this fall. Traffic impacts will include reduced lanes in both directions, local and numerous ramp closures.

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

Project improvements

The work includes removing 3 inches of the deteriorated pavement surface and overlaying with 3 ¾" of new asphalt pavement. Structure maintenance will take place on nine bridges in the project work zone, sign structure replacement, slope grading, restoration, beamguard replacement, shouldering, and pavement marking.

Anticipated benefits

This project will significantly extend the service life of the pavement and associated structures for many additional years by addressing current deterioration through milling and overlaying with new asphalt, along with targeted bridge maintenance and replacements of aging sign bridges, guardrails, and fencing. This proactive rehabilitation will reduce long-term maintenance costs by preventing more severe future damage and the need for costly full reconstructions. Motorists will experience smoother, more comfortable driving conditions on refreshed pavement, while the updated safety features - such as modern guardrails and sign structures - enhance overall roadway safety by better protecting against roadside hazards, improving driver navigation, and structural integrity.

Schedule, construction staging, closures

- **March 2, 2026, to mid-March:** Tree clearing and ROW fencing with minimal traffic impacts.
- **Mid-March to July 2026:** Long term lane closures on I-43
- **July 2026 to November 2026:** Intermittent lane closures during non-peak travel times.
- **July 2026 to August 2026:** Southbound I-43 collector/distributor ramp and associated loop ramp at WIS 23.
- **July 2026 to August 2026:** Northbound I-43 collector/distributor ramp and associated loop ramps at WIS 23.
- **July 2026 to September 2026:** Long term lane closures on County PP over I-43
- **March 2026 to November 2026:** I-43 ramps at County V, WIS 28, and WIS 42 (2-day closure each)
- **Late October/early November 2026:** Scheduled construction completion.

Traffic impacts

- The I-43 southbound and northbound collector/distributor ramps and associated loop ramps at WIS 23 will be closed for 35 working days for bridge work in July/August.
- The I-43 southbound and northbound collector/distributor ramp and associated loop ramps will have nighttime closures during paving operations.
- The I-43 on and off ramps at County V, WIS 28, and WIS 42 will be closed for a maximum of two consecutive calendar days during paving operations.
- County PP over I-43 will be reduced to one lane of traffic. Traffic will be maintained with temporary traffic signals.
 - Please see the project website for detour routes, maps and exhibits.

For more information

Please see helpful information online to learn more about this project.

- I-43 Project website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/i43sheb/>
- 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

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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