

Zoo Interchange

Corridor Study - Project Kickoff

Winter 2007/08



Project initiation: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is beginning an environmental and engineering analysis of the Zoo Interchange. The Zoo Interchange is the connection between I-94, I-894 and US 45 in western Milwaukee County near the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Why the Zoo Interchange is important: The Zoo Interchange, built in 1963, is the busiest interchange in the state. It plays a key role in moving commuters, retail customers, health care patients, freight and others to major commercial areas, residences, businesses, recreational and institutional sites.

Why replacement is necessary: WisDOT has maintained and rehabilitated the ramps, bridges, pavements and other structures for over 40 years, but the interchange needs to be replaced. Now is the time to take the next steps to determine how the interchange should be rebuilt to serve the community and economy for decades to come.

What is being done now: WisDOT has put together a team to complete the corridor planning study for the Zoo Interchange. The study is just beginning and will likely take two years to complete. The study will include developing alternatives and evaluating the impacts of those alternatives. Project staff will work closely with members of the public and community leaders to develop a plan that fits the needs of the traveling public and communities in the area.



Home or business relocation as part of the upcoming Zoo Interchange project: *At this point, no decisions have been made for the ultimate design or for property impacts of a Zoo Interchange reconstruction project.* These issues will be addressed in the comprehensive environmental and engineering analysis. This process will examine the interchange, determine traffic and infrastructure needs, evaluate alternatives, identify positive and negative impacts of the alternatives, and present a preferred alternative. These analyses will fully evaluate possible impacts to homes, businesses, institutions, recreational centers, public facilities, social organizations and natural resources.

Results from previous study: The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) completed a regional freeway plan in 2003 that estimated impacts to 22 properties in the interchange. WisDOT has not yet performed any work to examine these estimates and the actual number of impacted properties may change.

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More project information:
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Zoo Interchange Public Design Workshops

Please join us for the public's first opportunity to have input on the Zoo Interchange corridor study.

Two open-house design workshops will be held in January. We hope you can join us for one of the meetings!

January 17, 2008 4:00pm-8:00pm

Zoofari Conference Center
9715 W. Bluemound Road, Milwaukee

January 23, 2008 4:00pm-8:00pm

State Fair Park - Tommy Thompson Youth Center
Gate #5, 640 S 84th Street, West Allis

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