

## Work continues in Zoo Interchange corridor

While much of the initial work is completed on the roads and bridges surrounding the Zoo Interchange, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is looking ahead to the reconstruction of the major ramps and bridges that make up the core of the US 45, I-94 and I-894 interchange.

Keeping the freeway traffic moving, and area businesses accessible to their customers around the busiest interchange in the state, WisDOT and their construction partners have rebuilt aging freeway bridges, railroad structures, local roads and mainline freeway. This work brings challenges and opportunities and the team has managed to complete the work on schedule and on budget.

This past summer, WisDOT awarded the nearly \$200 million contract for the first phase of the core of the Zoo Interchange. The major closures that will come with the upcoming construction will include changing traffic patterns on local roads and other segments of the freeway system. Watch our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for updates as the project continues.

### Keep the construction zone safe

Reduce your stress during construction by allowing a little extra time for your trip and be sure to slow down in the construction zones. There are hundreds of workers that are busy around the clock keeping the project on schedule so please help to keep their work zone safe.

### Keep in touch

Updated information on project progress is available 24 hours a day on Facebook, Twitter and the project website:

[www.zoointerchange.wi.gov](http://www.zoointerchange.wi.gov)



*The core of the Zoo Interchange is the connection of I-894, I-94 and US 45. It is the busiest interchange in the state of Wisconsin and the construction will involve 38 bridges and 43 retaining walls.*



*Work is on-going over and around the highway.*

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# Freeway service vehicles assist motorists

Traffic incidents in the work zone result in potentially unsafe conditions for the stranded motorist and creates additional traffic back-ups for the remaining motorists. WisDOT's solution to the problem is the use of Freeway Service Teams in the corridor as a rapid response force, reducing congestion and delays.

The Freeway Service Team vehicles have been patrolling the construction zone during the busiest hours since November of 2013, providing assistance to an average of 184 vehicles per month.

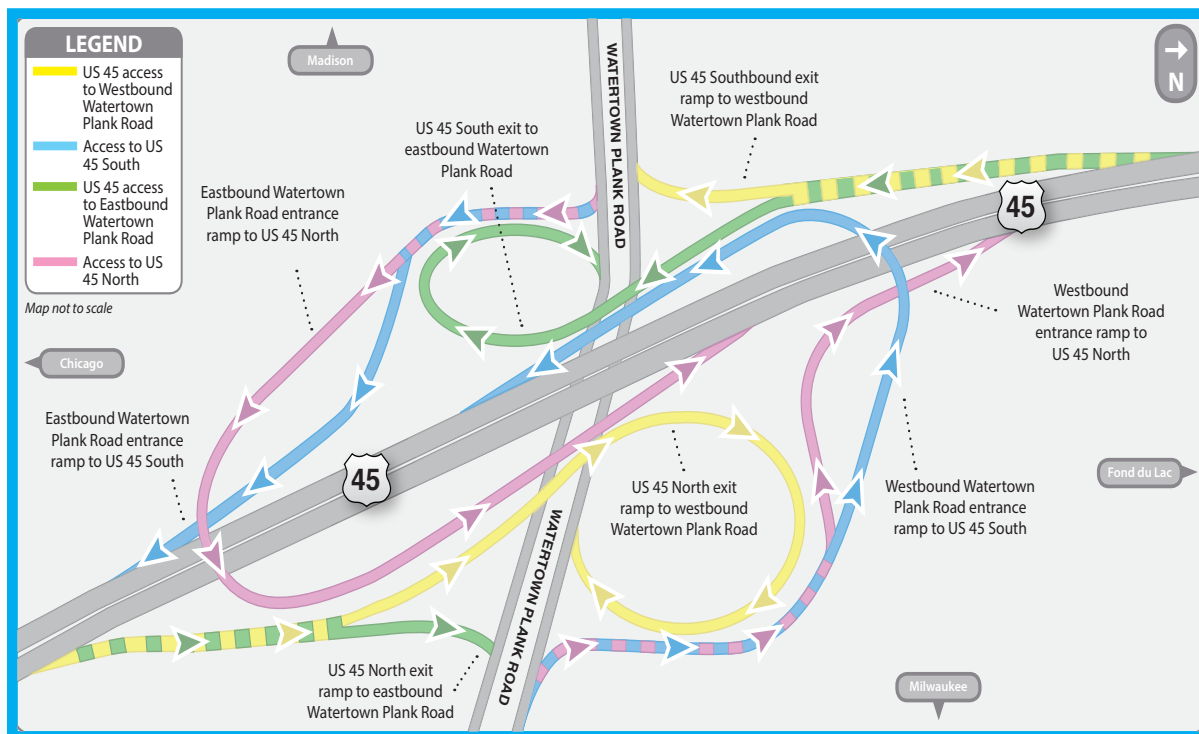
The Freeway Service Team vehicle looks like a standard flatbed tow truck, painted bright yellow-green for increased visibility and easy recognition. Types of services provided include: flat tire assistance, fuel, information, traffic control, and towing. If the stranded vehicle can't be started in a short amount of time, it is moved to a pre-determined safe drop zone.



All assistance and relocation services are provided free of charge to the motorist as a Zoo interchange traffic mitigation program.

If your vehicle is disabled in the project corridor, call 911 and the service team will be there to help. The team is available on weekdays from 6am-8pm and weekends from 8am-8pm.

# How to drive the new Watertown Plank Road Interchange



Thank you for your patience while driving through the construction zones. While the work is fascinating to watch, remember to keep your eyes on the road and the vehicles around you.

Visit the Map of Improvements on the Overview page at:  
[zoointerchange.wi.gov](http://zoointerchange.wi.gov)  
to learn more about the new interchange designs as they get built





Depending on funding, projects will continue through 2018.

## Improvements in the north corridor

The Zoo Interchange corridor extends as far north on US 45 as Burleigh Road. Planned improvements in the north corridor are described below.

### Pedestrian Bridge

In 2015 the pedestrian bridge over US 45 connecting Wauwatosa West High School and Whitman Middle School will be reconstructed. The bridge will be completed prior to the 2016 Center Street bridge work to facilitate safe pedestrian traffic during Center Street reconstruction.

### Center Street Bridge

In 2016 the Center Street Bridge will be lengthened over US 45 to accommodate an additional lane along the freeway in the north/south direction. The wider bridge will include bike accommodations and wider sidewalks for safer pedestrian travel.

### Meinecke Avenue Bridge

In 2017-2018, the Meinecke Avenue Bridge will be reconstructed. The bridge will be lengthened to accommodate additional lanes below along US 45.

### North Avenue - Road and Interchange

North Avenue from 116th Street east to the railroad bridge and the entrance and exit ramps off US 45 will be reconstructed from the fall of 2016 through 2018.

### Railroad Bridge

The Union Pacific railroad bridge over US 45 will be reconstructed in two phases with a temporary structure built to accommodate rail traffic while the permanent structure is being completed. The work is scheduled for 2016-2017.

### Mayfair Road Exit

The US 45 northbound Mayfair Road exit will be constructed in 2017. Both the alignment and the operations of the exit will be similar to today.

### Northbound and southbound US 45 mainline freeway lanes

In 2017 and 2018, an additional lane will be built in each direction heading northbound and southbound on US 45. The existing pavement will also be rebuilt as age and deterioration prevent cost effective overlays without full reconstruction.

## Watch for noise barrier meeting notice

Notices for noise barrier neighborhood meetings in the north corridor will be going out early in 2015.

A noise analysis is being completed for the areas north of Swan Boulevard and we anticipate conducting meetings in the first quarter of 2015.

Impacted property owners will be asked to provide input on the location and look of noise barriers. Residents with the most impact will be given a vote on the noise barrier placement.





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Be in the know about all the upcoming freeway, ramp, and roadway openings and closings coming up!

There are a lot of changes going on in and around the Zoo Interchange. This includes ramp and roadway openings, closings or changes at:

- Watertown Plank Road
- 84th Street
- Wisconsin Avenue
- Bluemound Road
- WIS 100
- Other local impacts

Find out when changes will be taking place by watching the project website or facebook page.

## Late 2014 to 2017 Core Construction Schedule

