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WELCOME to the US 41 PROJECT

Memorial Drive to County M (Lineville Road)
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Bay View Middle School
Wednesday, August 18, 2010 *from* 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



MEETING PURPOSE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is hosting tonight's meeting to present updated design alternatives for US 41 between Memorial Drive and County M. Please take time to review the updated plans and associated environmental information. Feedback received at the meeting will be used in the continuing alternative evaluation and elimination process, and development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

MEETING FORMAT

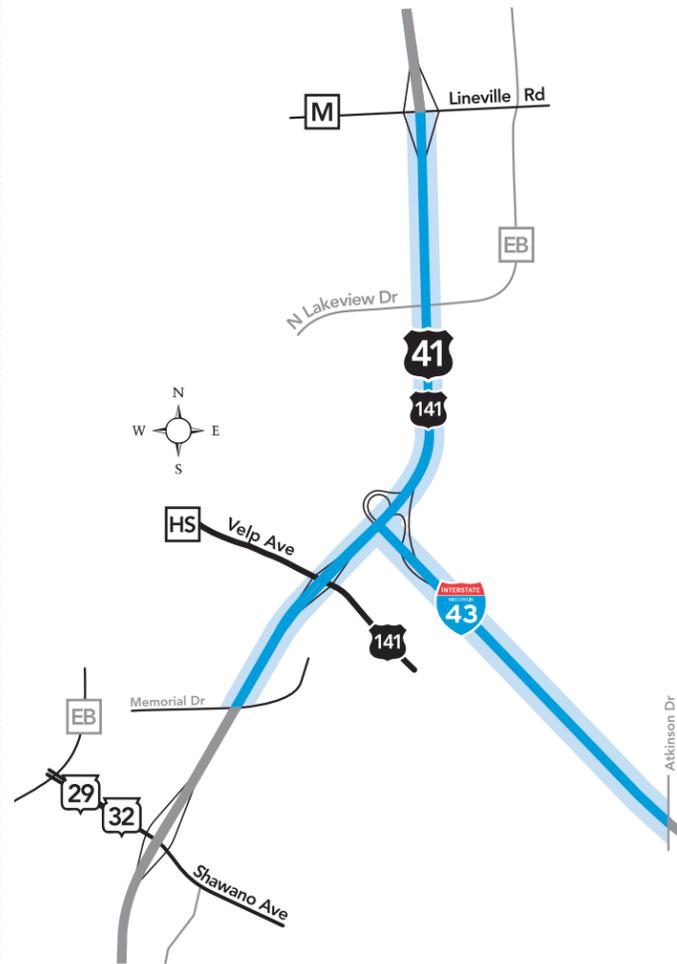
Today's meeting is an open house from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. WisDOT staff will give a presentation at 5:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Please review the project displays and feel free to speak with project staff. A form is available for written comments. It can be turned in at the meeting or mailed to WisDOT by September 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of the US 41 Project, WisDOT is planning to make roadway improvements to: the US 41 mainline between Memorial Drive and County M (approximately 3.5 miles), the interchanges within this segment, and the I-43 mainline between US 41 and Atkinson Drive (approximately 2 miles).

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

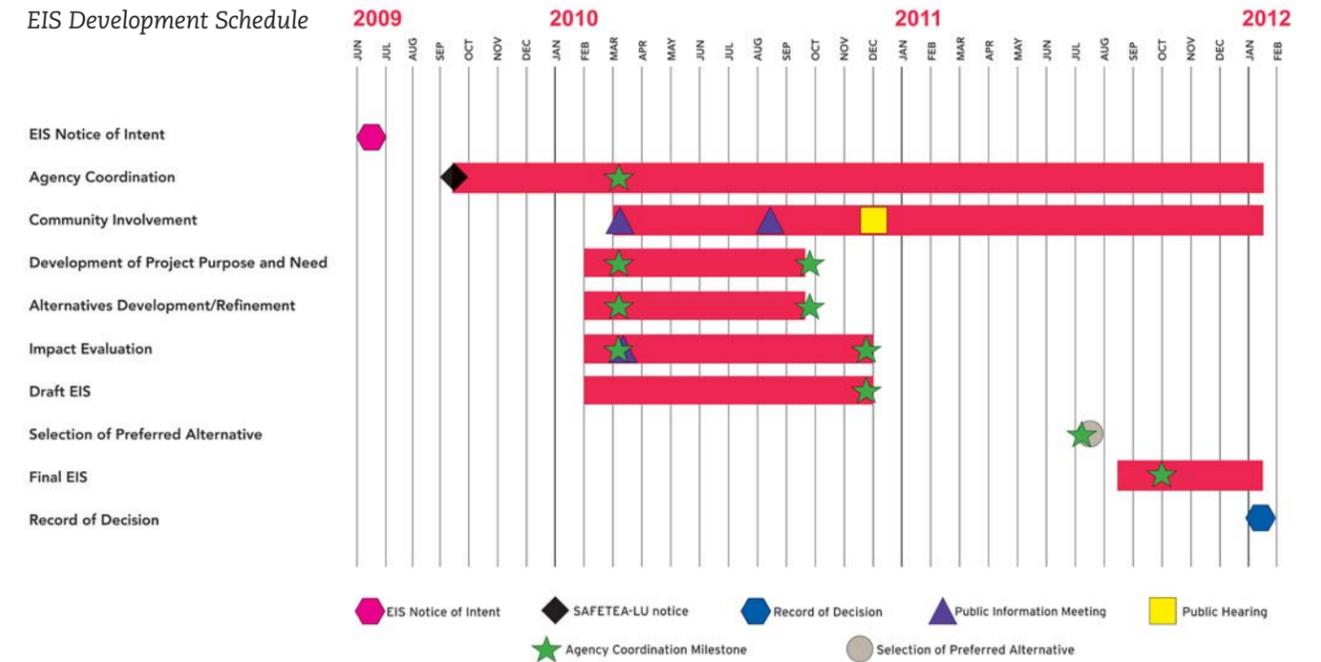
The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that accommodates present and future traffic demand while minimizing impacts to the environment to the extent practicable. The need for the project is based on a combination of factors including system linkage and route importance, traffic demand and operations, highway deficiencies, and safety concerns. US 41 is an important freeway that links to other major regional and national transportation systems. Future traffic volumes are expected to increase more than 50% by the year 2035 and without roadway improvements, the freeway will be unable to safely and efficiently handle future traffic volumes at an acceptable level of service. Currently, US 41 crash rates within the project segment are among the highest throughout the Brown County US 41 Corridor.



EIS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT) PROCESS

The EIS development process includes development of a range of design alternatives, evaluation, and screening of the alternatives, and eventually selecting a preferred alternative. This project is currently in the alternative evaluation and screening phase. Numerous factors are considered throughout the EIS process, including safety, mobility, engineering/design considerations and standards, a wide range of environmental impacts, input from the public, local, state, federal, and environmental agencies, federal agency input, and construction cost and feasibility.

EIS Development Schedule



PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Eliminated Alternatives

The no-build alternative (Alternative A) and Alternative B were eliminated following the March 2010 public information meeting. Alternative A fails to address the project's key purpose and need factors. Alternative B does not fully address geometric deficiencies or safety concerns on US 41.

Remaining Alternatives

There are currently three build alternatives (Alternatives C, D, and E) remaining for consideration. The main difference among the alternatives is how improvements to the I-43 interchange would be handled. Proposed improvements and/or characteristics that are unique to each of these alternatives, as well as recent modifications, are described on pages 4 and 5. Improvements that are common to all build alternatives are detailed to the right.

Common Improvements

All build alternatives have the following key proposed improvements:

- Adding capacity to the US 41 mainline
- Replacing and/or building new bridges at US 141/Velp Avenue, Canadian National Railroad, Wietor Drive, I-43, Duck Creek, County EB/Lakeview Drive, and County M.
- Reconstructing the US 141/Velp Avenue interchange, including roundabouts at the ramp terminals and at the intersection of US 141/Velp Avenue and Memorial Drive.
- Reconstructing the County M interchange, including roundabouts at the ramp terminals and the intersections with the frontage roads.
- Beaver Dam Creek realignment

The proposed improvements, listed for alternatives C and D, are in addition to those listed under "Common Improvements" on Page 3:

ALTERNATIVE C

US 41 expansion with collector-distributor (C/D) roadways between US 141/Velp Avenue and I-43



- Construct collector/distributor (C/D) roads on both sides of US 41 between US 141/Velp Ave and I-43 to reduce traffic weaving movements
- Make minor geometric improvements and safety enhancements to the two inside/indirect loop ramps at the I-43 interchange

DESIGN REFINEMENTS SINCE MARCH 2010

- Geometric design refined for two ramps (US 41 SB to I-43 SB and I-43 NB to US 41 NB) to accommodate higher design speeds required to meet interstate standards
- Some bridges at the US 41/I-43 Interchange lengthened to span wetlands thereby minimizing impacts to wetlands
- Geometric design refined for the two indirect/inside loop ramps at I-43 to allow increased driving speeds for vehicles exiting and entering the C/D roadways

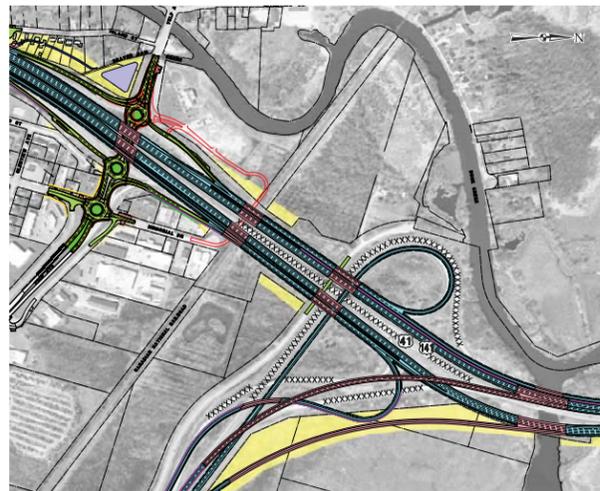
ALTERNATIVE D

US 41 expansion with C/D roadways between US 141/Velp Avenue and I-43 with freeway split configuration

- Construct C/D roads on both sides of US 41 between US 141/Velp Ave and I-43 to reduce traffic weaving movements
- Make minor geometric improvements and safety enhancements to the two inside/indirect loop ramps at the I-43 interchange
- Use US 41 mainline median split to accommodate a freeway split to the US 41 SB to I-43 SB ramp

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The proposed improvements listed for Alternative E are in addition to those listed under "Common Improvements" on Page 3:

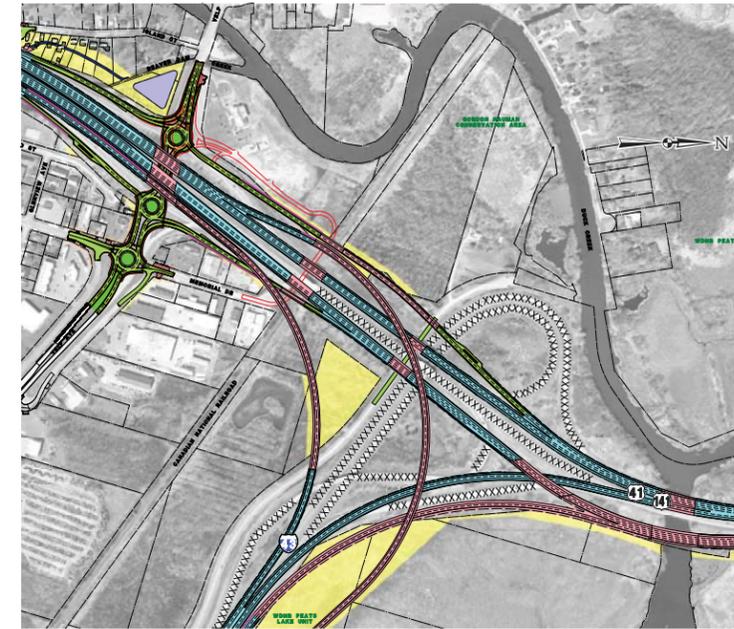
ALTERNATIVE E

US 41 expansion with full reconfiguration of I-43/US 41 interchange

- Reconstruct I-43 interchange with high speed ramps (eliminate all loop ramps)
- Access between US 141/Velp Ave and I-43 via US 41 eliminated to accommodate high speed ramps

DESIGN REFINEMENTS SINCE MARCH 2010

- Some bridges at the US 41/I-43 interchange lengthened to span wetlands thereby minimizing impacts to wetlands



NEXT STEPS

After today's meeting, WisDOT will review and consider all comments in the continuing alternative evaluation and elimination process. The comments will be incorporated into the draft EIS (DEIS). Then, in December 2010, a public hearing on the DEIS will be held. WisDOT will select a preferred alternative after reviewing comments on the DEIS and input received from the public hearing. The final EIS will identify the preferred alternative and any commitments needed to mitigate impacts as the project proceeds into construction. The final EIS is expected to be completed in spring of 2012 by the issuing of a Record of Decision (ROD) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Final design is expected to begin immediately after the EIS is completed in 2012. Construction would then begin in 2013 and end in 2017.

PROJECT SCHEDULE – MEMORIAL DRIVE to COUNTY M

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| PROJECT PHASE | | | | | | | | | |
| EIS* and Preliminary Engineering | ██ | | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate Acquisitions | | | | ██ | | | | | |
| Final Design | | | | ██ | | | | | |
| Construction | | | | | ██ | | | | |

*See Page 2 for detailed EIS development schedule

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