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Fact sheet

Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is initiating an expansion and improvement of 31 miles of US 41 in Brown and Winnebago Counties. The US 41 Project is comprised of two individual segments separated by 32 miles, but is referred to by one name: the US 41 Project. This improved US 41 will benefit everyone who lives, works and travels along the corridor.

Improvements

Overall improvements will include:

- The addition of traffic lanes to 31 miles of highway
- 44 roundabouts, which are intersection alternatives to traffic lights or stop signs that increase safety and reduce delays
- 16 improved interchanges
 - 13 interchanges will be completely rebuilt
- A new, eight-lane crossing over Lake Butte des Morts
- The addition of a third lane along the median in each direction
- The addition of auxiliary lanes between closely spaced interchanges
- The widening, raising, extending or replacing of existing structures as needed
- Replacement of pavement constructed between 1952 and 1974
- Installation of freeway lighting at exit ramps, system interchanges, roundabouts and Lake Butte des Morts Causeway

Where

Construction will begin first on the 17-mile segment in Winnebago County in the south, and then expand to the 14-mile Brown County segment in the north.

When

Work will begin in 2009 in Winnebago County and in Brown County in 2010. The work will continue through 2017.

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Benefits

This work will ultimately benefit everyone who lives, works and does business in Northeast Wisconsin. It will reduce crashes and injuries; ease congestion; ensure faster, efficient traffic flow and provide “easy on, easy off” access. Examples of benefits include:

- Incorporating roundabouts will allow traffic to move through on- and off-ramps efficiently
- Roundabouts have been proven to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities
- The addition of at least one lane in each direction will make for faster, more efficient traffic flow
- Improved traffic flow will enhance economic development of the entire region and allow for future community growth

Construction traffic flow

Every effort will be made to keep all available lanes of traffic open throughout the construction zone during all phases of the project. Two lanes will remain open in each direction at all times to aid in traffic flow. In addition:

- Nighttime construction is planned to help keep the project on-schedule
- Clearly marked detours and signage will aid way-finding
- Travel information will be available early and often to help travelers plan their routes

Information

This project will impact everyone who uses US 41. WisDOT is undertaking large-scale, multi-level communications to:

- Residents and business owners in Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago counties
- Travelers from outside the area

Local involvement

WisDOT is placing a high value on providing jobs and business opportunities for those who make the corridor their home. A high priority is bringing businesses owned by minorities and women—classified as disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE)—into the project. WisDOT is actively soliciting DBE firms, and is working with community organizations to ensure firms who wish to qualify as DBEs are able to successfully bid on the work.

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