

I-41 PROJECT FACTS

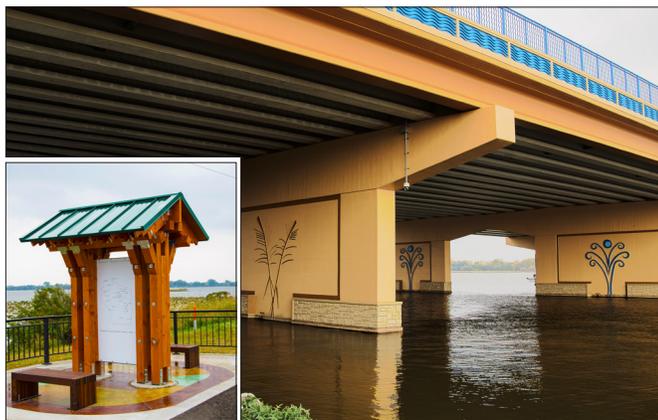
LAKE BUTTE DES MORTS CAUSEWAY



Originally opened in 1955, the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway was in need of an upgrade to accommodate increasing traffic volumes. WisDOT built the new, eight-lane crossing by widening to the west. The new Causeway opened to traffic in 2013 and provides increased safety and improved traffic flow. Improvements include:

- Three through-lanes and an auxiliary lane in each direction (this design also addresses problems with blowing and drifting snow)
- Lights that span the entire Causeway
- A bike-pedestrian recreational trail across the Causeway, located east of the northbound lane
- Fishing access on Lake Butte des Morts

The upgrades to the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway and I-41 mainline are critical to Wisconsin, the region, and area businesses because they ensure an important economic link between the Fox River Valley and Southeastern Wisconsin for the future.



Tribal marker (inset) and Causeway bridge piers



The Lake Butte des Morts Causeway bike-pedestrian trail

CAUSEWAY QUANTITY FACTS

	Quantity	Fun Fact
Common Excavation	536,444 cubic yards	Enough to fill more than 16 Olympic swimming pools
Base Aggregate (Gravel)	98,273 tons	Weights about as much as 3.5 Titanics
Concrete Pavement	60,386 square yards	That's enough to cover 16,360 queen-sized mattresses
Concrete Barrier	8,437 linear feet	18,350 Hershey bars laid end to end
Storm Sewer Pipe	5,410 linear feet	10,570 U.S. dollar bills
Pavement Markings	56,329 linear feet	925 10-pin bowling lanes
Prestressed Concrete Girders	25,741 linear feet	End to end, spans 70 football fields
Steel Reinforcement	3,134,390 pounds	Weights as much as 2,025 dairy cows