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Meeting to explain US 45 interchange reconstruction in Oshkosh

Discussion to focus on WIS 21 to US 45 segment of US 41 Project

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region in Green Bay is holding an informational meeting on construction staging and scheduling for the US 41/US 45 interchange in Winnebago County. The discussion will also include the current construction staging and schedule for the WIS 21 interchange, expected to begin in late summer 2011. The open house meeting is on Wednesday, May 19 at the Winnebago County Highway Department, 901 West County Y, Oshkosh. A business outreach session is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. with a brief presentation on the project at 12:15 p.m. A general public session is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a presentation beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The reconstructed US 45 interchange incorporates several features to enhance safety and traffic flow. Improvements include:

- Reconstruct the interchange to provide free-flow movements from northbound US 41 to northbound US 45 and southbound US 45 to southbound US 41
- Construct US 45 to pass over US 41 (US 41 currently passes over US 45)
- A new Lake Butte des Morts Drive overpass south of US 45 and a new Fountain Avenue/Snell Road overpass north of US 45 to enhance local traffic movements

The US 45 interchange is being constructed in phases to minimize travel delay. Staging includes temporary pavement widening on US 41 and a temporary US 41 bypass at US 45 to maintain two travel lanes in each direction during construction. Work starts in August 2010 and continues through September 2012.

The entire US 45 interchange is closed from April 2011 through November 2011 with US 41 traffic detoured to the WIS 76 interchange. The US 45 southbound ramp to US 41 southbound

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should reopen by September 2011. The flyover ramp from US 41 northbound to US 45 northbound will remain closed through June 2012. Completion of the entire US 41/45 interchange is scheduled for September 2012. Throughout construction two travel lanes in each direction will be maintained on US 41. During overnight hours (9 p.m. to 5 a.m.) US 41 will be restricted to one lane for temporary pavement widening.

The public is encouraged to attend and give input and ask questions about the US 41 Project. Construction displays and schedule information will be available.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like more information, contact Project Manager Tom Buchholz at 492-0142 or send e-mail to Tom.buchholz@dot.wi.gov. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance may call the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711). To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than three working days prior to the meeting.

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