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### **Public meeting on updated design alternatives for US 41 Project Memorial Drive to County M (Lineville Road)**

*Meeting will help decide future of I-43/US 41 interchange*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) NE region office in Green Bay is announcing a public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to present updated design alternatives for US 41 between Memorial Drive and County M (Lineville Road) in Brown County. The meeting will be held at Bay View Middle School, 1217 Cardinal Lane, Howard. A short presentation is planned for 5:45 p.m.

WisDOT is looking to gather feedback on updated design alternatives remaining for consideration under the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a 3.5-mile portion of US 41 between Memorial Drive and Lineville Road.

There are currently three build alternatives remaining for consideration. Alternatives C, D, and E share the following key elements: adding capacity to the US 41 mainline, reconstructing County M (Lineville Road) and US 141 (Velp Avenue) interchanges and reconstructing several bridges that currently cross US 41 mainline. The primary difference among the alternatives is how improvements to the I-43 interchange are handled.

In addition to adding capacity to the US 41 mainline within the project segment, Alternatives C and D include additional mainline capacity between Velp Avenue and I-43 interchanges through the use of auxiliary lanes or a collector-distributor (CD) system. The CD system allows vehicles to enter and exit the freeway on a separate roadway, separated from the US 41 through-traffic lanes. Both alternatives include improvements to the I-43 interchange, but maintain the two existing tight loop ramps. Access to the freeway from Velp Avenue remains as it is today.

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Alternative E also adds capacity to the US 41 mainline within the project segment, but completely rebuilds the I-43 interchange, constructing a system interchange between I-43 and US 41. The design includes new high-speed, free-flow ramps between the two freeways in all directions and eliminates the tight loop ramps. Alternative E reconfigures the interchange ramps to improve safety, but also eliminates access between I-43 and Velp Avenue via US 41. Local traffic would need to use an alternative interchange to access I-43.

Feedback received at the meeting will be used in the continuing alternative evaluation and elimination process as the draft EIS (DEIS) is developed. After a public hearing in December of this year, WisDOT will select a preferred alternative and take the design to the public once again. The final EIS will name the preferred alternative and identify commitments needed to mitigate impacts through construction. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in spring of 2012 and construction would occur from 2013 through 2017.

The meeting site is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance may call the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay System at 711. To allow time for arranging assistance, please call no later than three working days prior to the meeting. For additional information, interested persons may contact the WisDOT project manager, Mindy Gardner at (920) 492-0133 or [mindy.gardner@dot.wi.gov](mailto:mindy.gardner@dot.wi.gov).

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