



Media Alert

Wisconsin Department of Transportation



Northeast Regional Office, 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304-5344, Phone: 920/492-5643 FAX: 920/492-5640 www.dot.wisconsin.gov

February 26, 2010

For more information, contact:

Kris Schuller, US 41 Project Communication Manager
Kris.Schuller@dot.wi.gov (920) 492-4109

Reminder: Witzel Avenue overpass closes for demolition on Monday

Motorists who use bridge over US 41 in Oshkosh need to find another route

(Green Bay) – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region Office in Green Bay is reminding motorists that work soon begins on the replacement of the Witzel Avenue bridge over US 41 in Winnebago County. The Witzel Avenue overpass is closing to all traffic on Monday, March 1 and will remain closed through early September 2010. Roughly 14,000 vehicles a day use the Witzel Avenue overpass.

Witzel Avenue overpass demolition details include:

- Closing Witzel Avenue on March 1 to all traffic between Washburn and Koeller frontage roads
- Removing the Witzel Avenue bridge over the course of three nights beginning March 2, between the hours of 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Full-lane closures on northbound and southbound US 41 during demolition between WIS 21 and 9th Avenue interchanges, with through freeway traffic detoured to Washburn Street

The overpass was built in 1972 and is being replaced as part of the US 41 Project in Winnebago County. Cost of this project, which includes the reconstruction of Washburn Street, is estimated at \$8.3 million. During the closure of the Witzel Avenue overpass, motorists are encouraged to use WIS 21, 9th Avenue, or WIS 44 to cross US 41.

###

[Winnebago- all, Brown-media]

NOTE: News releases can be viewed on the Web at: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news/index.htm.