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The 20th Avenue overpass in Oshkosh is demolished during a nighttime construction session in February

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2010 construction is underway

With the snow gone and spring underway, the bulldozers, trucks, cranes, and other heavy machinery that have been sitting idle alongside US 41 in Winnebago County, are coming back to life. Fasten your seatbelts for year two of construction for the US 41 Project in the Oshkosh area, and the beginning of work in Brown County.

"In 2009 we began a series of projects in Winnebago County that caused minor impacts to motorists," said US 41 Project Corridor Manager Brett Wallace. "The 2010 construction year is a bit more aggressive, both in terms of the number of projects under construction and the effect they will have on everyone's driving habits."

In February, the 20th Avenue bridge over US 41 in Oshkosh was demolished. One week later, the Witzel Avenue overpass was removed. Both will be reopening to traffic later this year; 20th Avenue in June and Witzel in September. Each aging structure will be replaced with four lanes of new pavement and expanded sidewalk. These are just two of the many projects scheduled for the \$117 million, 2010 construction season of the US 41 Project.

The US 41 Project is bringing extensive improvements to 31 miles of US 41 in Brown and Winnebago counties, with construction running through 2017.

"It's going to have a tremendous positive impact to the communities of Oshkosh, Neenah, Green Bay and all of northeast Wisconsin, because Highway 41 is a north/south corridor of great

importance to us all," said Mike Berg, Northeast Region Director for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

In Winnebago County, the WIS 76 interchange is closed for reconstruction through the beginning of July. In June, contractors will add temporary lanes on US 41 northbound between US 45 and Breezewood Lane in Neenah. In September, the process of adding temporary lanes on US 41 southbound between WIS 21 and WIS 44 will start. Come August in Brown County, construction begins on two roundabouts as part of the Scheuring Road interchange project. Add to the mix the continuation of projects which began in 2009; expansion of the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway, building the new Snell Road and Lake Butte des Morts Drive overpasses, expansion of Washburn Street, construction of two roundabouts on Witzel Avenue and one roundabout at US 45/Fernau/Lake Butte des Morts Drive, and it's a very full construction year.

"We're looking forward to having a hugely successful project that will help business grow, that will help commuters travel up north safely, and just be a tremendous asset to the northeast part of the state," said Berg.

For more information and the latest on traffic impacts, visit www.US41wisconsin.gov.



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Construction outlook

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Brown County



August 2010 to November 2011 Scheuring Road (CTH F) and US 41 De Pere

- Reconstruct the Scheuring Road bridge over US 41 to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Reconstruct exit ramp bridges over Ashwaubenon Creek
- Install four roundabouts along Scheuring Road at the ramp terminals and at the intersections of Lawrence Drive and Mid Valley Drive (Opening Fall 2010)
- Remove the intersection of Mid Valley Drive with Scheuring Road
- Re-align Mid Valley Drive to connect with Eisenhower Drive

Winnebago County

July 2010 to October 2011 US 41 from US 45 to Breezewood Lane, northbound lane widening and Breezewood Lane interchange

- Widen US 41 northbound roadway
- Reconstruct Breezewood Lane interchange
- Construct four multi-lane roundabouts on Breezewood Lane (Opening Fall 2011)
- Breezewood Lane interchange closed in 2011

August 2010 to July 2012 US 45 Interchange

- Reconstruct US 45 interchange to provide free-flow movements between US 41 and US 45
- Construct multi-lane roundabout at SB ramp terminal (Opening Fall 2011)
- US 45 interchange closed in 2011
- US 45 detour route: US 41 north to WIS 76 to US 10 to US 45

August 2009 to October 2010 US 41 Grading and Lake Butte des Morts Drive Overpass

- Grade US 41 southbound into Lake Butte des Morts
- Construct Lake Butte des Morts Drive structure over US 41
- Grade US 41/45 Interchange
- US 41 southbound lane shifts

September 2010 to November 2011 9th Avenue Interchange

- Reconstruct US 41/9th Avenue interchange
- Construct four multi-lane roundabouts on 9th Avenue (Opening Fall 2011)
- 9th Avenue interchange closed on 2011

March 2010 to June 2010 County K Overpass

- Reconstruct County K structure over US 41

September 2010 to November 2011 Painting the WIS 44 structure over US 41

- Nighttime lane closures for painting of existing girders

April 2010 to July 2010 US 41/WIS 76 Ramps

- US 41/WIS 76 ramps closed for reconstruction
- Alternate route is US 45 to County T to County Y to WIS 76

July 2009 to July 2010 Snell Road Overpass

- Construct new structure across US 41 from Fountain Avenue to Snell Road

July 2009 to July 2010 US 45/Fernau/Lake Butte des Morts Drive Roundabout

- Construct multi-lane roundabout on US 45 at the intersection of Fernau Avenue and Lake Butte des Morts Drive (Opening Summer 2010)
- US 45 staged construction

August 2009 to September 2010 Washburn Street, Witzel Avenue Overpass and Rath Lane

- Washburn Street will be closed to through traffic
- Reconstruct Witzel Avenue bridge
- Construct two multi-lane roundabouts on Witzel Avenue (Opening Fall 2010)

September 2010 to November 2011 WIS 44 to WIS 21 Mainline Paving

- Reconstruct 3.5 mile segment of US 41, starting south of WIS 44 to Witzel Avenue to ultimate 6-lane section

Customers have to drive the zone? WisDOT's Map Locator Tool can help

If your customers must drive through the US 41 Project construction zone, there's a great tool on the US 41 Project Web site (www.US41wisconsin.gov) to help them get there. It's the US 41 Project Map Locator Tool.

You can easily download this fabulous resource and put it directly on your Web site. Your customers will be able to view a map showing your location as well as closed roads and exits, traffic incidents, crash investigation sites and project phases. This interactive map will also filter project features such as improved interchanges, Community Sensitive Design (CSD) locations, and the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway.

To find the Map Locator Tool, go to the US 41 Project Web site (www.US41wisconsin.gov), and click on the red "Resources" tab.



Then click on "Business Resources," and follow the instructions for the Map Locator Tool.

The Map Locator Tool is just one of many resources in the US 41 Project "In This Together" kit, located on the same Web site page. WisDOT has created the kit to share techniques to help affected businesses remain successful during the construction on US 41.

Winnebago County Project Highlight

WIS 76 interchange update

The reconstruction of the WIS 76 interchange in Winnebago County is one project now in full swing. The project upgrades the existing diamond interchange with improved turn lanes on WIS 76 and at the ramp ends, as well as lengthening the on-ramps. This lengthening will make it easier for traffic

to get up to speed before merging onto US 41. The US 41/76 interchange ramps which closed in early April are scheduled to open June 30, 2010.

The posted detour route will be US 45 north to County T north to County Y to WIS 76.

Making the rounds for roundabouts

There will be 44 roundabouts as part of the US 41 Project in Brown and Winnebago counties, with some of them opening up for motorists this year (see map for opening dates). WisDOT's exhaustive research on roundabouts versus signalized intersections has taught them several things. Roundabouts are safer. Roundabouts are less expensive to build. And while roundabouts are efficient at moving traffic, there is a learning curve for motorists before they work optimally.

With that in mind, the staff of WisDOT has been reaching out to motorists to explain how roundabouts work and to answer questions about how to navigate roundabouts.

For the past year WisDOT has been conducting roundabout outreach in Brown and Winnebago Counties, most recently at Mercy



WisDOT staff explains roundabouts at Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh

Medical Center in Oshkosh, where several hundred people attended an informational open house on roundabouts. A wealth of information about roundabouts is on the US 41 Project Web site (www.US41wisconsin.gov).

If you are interested in scheduling a roundabout information session for your group or organization, contact Kris Schuller, kris.schuller@dot.wi.gov, (920) 492-4109.



Remember:

- Speed zones are reduced in some construction zones... schedule extra time.
- Fines are double in construction zones.



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Coming soon... Motorists traveling north on US 41 near De Pere will encounter this arched parapet design that signifies the gateway to the metropolitan area. It's part of the work of the Community Sensitive Design (CSD) Advisory Committee, whose recommended concepts are now being incorporated into a design manual for the new US 41. For more information about the CSD process visit www.US41wisconsin.gov.



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