

US 41 PROJECT FACTS

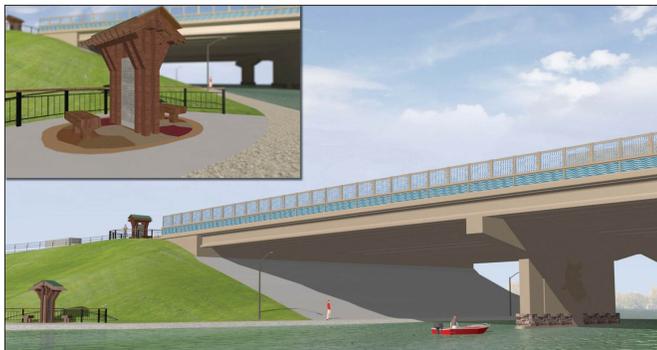
LAKE BUTTE DES MORTS CAUSEWAY



Originally opened in 1955, the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway is getting an upgrade. To better accommodate increasing traffic volumes on US 41, WisDOT is building a new, eight-lane crossing by widening the existing structure to the west. The new causeway, with all lanes of traffic scheduled to open in late July 2013, provides increased safety and improved traffic flow. Improvements include:

- Three through-lanes and an auxiliary lane in each direction. This design will address problems with blowing and drifting snow, and allow two traffic lanes to remain open in each direction during construction.
- Lights spanning the entire causeway.
- A bicycle/pedestrian recreational trail across the causeway east of the northbound lane.
- Fishing access on Lake Butte des Morts.

Lake Butte des Morts Causeway features design characteristics dedicated to Wisconsin's Native American tribes. Kiosks will display information about each tribe, and a Native American architect designed aesthetic features for sections of the causeway that are inspired by the natural elements earth, fire and water. At the north end of the causeway, a kiosk will provide information about the history of Lake Butte des Morts.



Red Cliff tribal marker.



The bike-pedestrian trail is scheduled for completion in November 2013.

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 lbs.	Weights as much as 2,025 dairy cows

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