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### **Work to widen US 41 in Oshkosh starts September 7**

*Impacts roughly 6 miles of highway from WIS 26 to Witzel Avenue*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing work begins Tuesday, September 7 on a project to widen US 41 to six lanes of traffic between WIS 26 and Witzel Avenue in Winnebago County. The first stage of construction requires adding temporary traffic lanes to US 41 southbound. The work is needed to create capacity to carry US 41 northbound and southbound traffic during the reconstruction of northbound lanes in 2011. The construction zone begins just north of Witzel Avenue and extends one mile south of WIS 26. The \$53 million project also includes the reconstruction of the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange. All work should be completed by November 4, 2011.

Contractors for the project are Hoffman Construction of Black River Falls, Wisconsin and Michaels Construction based in Brownsville, Wisconsin.

Traffic impacts starting September 7 - November 19, 2010 will be significant, including:

- Nighttime lane closures Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. – 5 a.m., Friday from 10 p.m. – 7 a.m.
- US 41 northbound and southbound restricted to one lane at various locations in construction zone
- Reduced speed limit to 55 MPH in various locations throughout the project

The 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange will close from March 1, 2011 to July 15, 2011 for demolition and reconstruction. Northbound exit and entrance ramps on US 41 at 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue reopen in July, but southbound ramps remain closed until November 2011. Work involves lengthening the exit and entrance ramps and widening the bridges over US 41.

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Roundabouts will be constructed at the interchange ramps and the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections with Washburn Street and Koeller Street.

Work is prohibited and the highway remains completely open during these times:

- Noon Wednesday, November 24, 2010 to 5 a.m. Monday, November 29, 2010 (Thanksgiving)
- Noon Friday, May 27, 2011 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011 (Memorial Day)
- Noon Friday, July 1, 2011 to 5 a.m. Tuesday July 5, 2011 (July 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Noon Friday, September 2, 2011 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2011 (Labor Day)

Two northbound and southbound lanes will remain open on US 41 during the following local area special events: Country USA and EAA Airventure. Lane closures will also be restricted during the Packers Family Scrimmage and home Green Bay Packers football games at Lambeau Field, beginning five hours prior to the start of the game for US 41 northbound and lasting five hours past its completion for US 41 southbound.

Motorists should remain alert and use caution when driving through this or any work zone. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes.

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