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Work to widen US 41 northbound in Winnebago County starts June 30 *Impacts 8 miles of highway from US 45 to Breezewood Lane*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing work begins next week on a project to add temporary traffic lanes to US 41 northbound, between US 45 and Breezewood Lane. The work is needed to accommodate US 41 southbound traffic during the reconstruction of southbound lanes in 2011. The construction zone begins at Snell Road and proceeds north 8 miles to Breezewood Lane. This project also includes the reconstruction of the Breezewood Lane interchange in 2011. The \$27.5 million project will be completed October 2011.

Traffic impacts starting June 30 - 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 restricted to one lane at various locations in construction zone, with lane closures that could extend 3 - 4 miles in length.
- Reduced speed limit to 55 MPH in various locations throughout the project
- Entire right shoulder of US 41 northbound closed in construction zone

Other construction during 2010 that will affect traffic includes:

- Widening the US 41 bridges over WIS 76
- Replacing the US 41 bridges over the railroad spur south of the Breezewood Lane interchange to accommodate the future six-lane freeway.

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The Breezewood Lane interchange will be closed from March 2011 to October 2011. Work involves lengthening the on and off ramps and widening the bridges over US 41. The bridges will have a pedestrian/bicycle path. Roundabouts will be constructed at the interchange ramps and at the Breezewood Lane intersections with Gillingham/Bergstrom Road and Harrison Street. North Harrison Street will be closed at Breezewood Lane during construction; Gillingham/Bergstrom Road intersection will be closed to east/west traffic beginning May 2011; north/south traffic will be maintained through Gillingham/Bergstrom Road intersection.

Work will not be allowed and the highway completely open during these times:

- Noon Friday, September 3, 2010 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2010 (Labor Day)
- 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 4th)
- 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 are advised to remain alert and use caution when driving through this or any work zone. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes.

ABOUT THE US 41 PROJECT

WisDOT is initiating expansion and improvement of 31 miles of US 41 in Brown and Winnebago Counties. The project will include road expansion to accommodate increased traffic volume, 44 new roundabouts, improved interchanges and expansion of the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway. Current construction information and details about the project can be found at [www.www.US41wisconsin.gov](http://www.US41wisconsin.gov) or by calling the project hotline: (920) 492-4120.

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