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**9th Avenue interchange in Oshkosh partially reopening
July 7**

US 41 crossing closed to traffic since February

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region Office in Green Bay is announcing the 9th Avenue interchange in Oshkosh is reopening for most traffic movements at midnight on Thursday, July 7. The interchange is opening 10 days early. It has been closed since February 28, 2011.

“Winnebago County drivers have been very patient during this project and I want to thank them,” said Will Dorsey, WisDOT’s northeast region director. “9th Avenue is a major east/west arterial for the city of Oshkosh, which handles a lot of traffic. It was especially important for us to reopen the overpass and northbound ramps ahead of EAA AirVenture and we have done that.”

After the barricades are removed motorists will again be able to cross US 41 using the 9th Avenue overpass, while northbound US 41 traffic can resume exiting and entering the highway at 9th Avenue. The southbound US 41 ramps remain closed until work is completed in November for the reconstruction and widening of southbound US 41 from two to three lanes.

The \$6 million project involves replacing the 39-year-old bridge over US 41 and constructing multi-lane roundabouts at the ramp terminals and 9th Avenue intersections at Washburn and Koeller streets. Some minor work remains, such as sidewalk replacement and landscaping. This work will not affect traffic.

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