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## **Witzel Avenue overpass reopening in Oshkosh**

*US 41 crossing closed to traffic since March*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region Office in Green Bay is announcing the Witzel Avenue overpass in Oshkosh, including two new multi-lane roundabouts on Witzel Avenue at the intersections of Washburn Street and Koeller Street, will reopen to traffic Saturday, September 11. Motorists have been unable to use the overpass since mid March when the bridge closed for demolition. The overpass was widened to make room for additional traffic lanes on US 41, scheduled for construction in 2011. Approximately 14,000 vehicles a day use the Witzel Avenue overpass.

“Winnebago County drivers have been very patient during this project and I want to thank them,” said Michael Berg, WisDOT’s northeast region director. “Witzel Avenue is a major east/west arterial for the city of Oshkosh, which handles a lot of traffic. The new roundabouts improve driver safety in this active business district.”

The overpass was built in 1972 and is being replaced as part of the US 41 Project in Winnebago County. The cost of the project is \$8.3 million and includes the addition of traffic lanes to Washburn Street and construction of the Koeller Street bridge over Sawyer Creek.

Motorists should remain alert and use caution when driving through this or any work zone.

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