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US 45 interchange in Oshkosh closing to traffic April 4

Second phase of highway expansion project about to start

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing the US 41/45 interchange in Winnebago County is closing to all traffic for reconstruction at 5 a.m. on Monday, April 4. Ramps carrying traffic to and from US 41 at the interchange will shutdown, as well as US 45 between County T and Fernau Avenue. Work is resuming on the reconstruction of the US 45 interchange and expansion of the US 41 mainline between Lake Butte des Morts and Snell Road. Motorists are encouraged to seek other routes.

Please note: The detour route during the interchange closure is US 41 to WIS 76 to US 10 to US 45.

The project involves reconstruction of the US 41/45 interchange to provide free-flow movements from US 41 northbound to US 45 northbound and US 45 southbound to US 41 southbound. Additionally, the project includes reconstructing US 45 to cross over US 41 and constructing a roundabout at the interchange ramps west of US 41.

Traffic impacts include:

- US 41/45 interchange closes at 5 a.m. April 4, 2011
- US 45 northbound closed from Fernau Avenue to County T until early November 2011
- US 45 southbound closed from County T to US 41 southbound until mid-August, 2011
- All lanes of US 45, US 41 southbound exit and entrance ramps open to traffic early November 2011
- US 41 northbound exit and entrance ramps reopen late June 2012.

The work also includes the widening of US 41 to three traffic lanes in each direction between Lake Butte des Morts and Snell Road. In mid-April, all US 41 traffic will be shifted to the temporary US 41 bypass (two traffic lanes in each direction) built east of the US 45 interchange. Speed limits will be reduced from 65 mph to 55 mph and traffic lanes will be reduced to 12 feet with restricted shoulders.

Construction within the US 45 interchange continues through June 2012. All work is weather dependent and subject to change.

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, up to 40 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.US41wisconsin.gov or by calling the project hotline: (920) 492-4120.

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