

March 18, 2011

For more information, contact:

Kim Rudat, Regional Communications Manager
Kim.Rudat@dot.wi.gov, (920) 492-5743

For US 41 Expansion Project information, contact:

Kris Schuller, US 41 Project Communications Manager
Kris.Schuller@dot.wi.gov, (920) 492-4109

Weekly construction update

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) NE Regional Office in Green Bay is providing a weekly update on region construction, which includes the counties of Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Sheboygan, and Winnebago.

Motorists are advised to use caution and remain alert when driving through any work zone.

Drivers are also encouraged to seek information about work zones and detours in the following ways:

- For statewide, recorded road construction information, 24 hours a day, call 511.
- For statewide road construction on the World Wide Web, visit www.511wi.gov

Brown County

US 41-Scheuring Rd - US 41 major

Schedule: July 2010 to October 2011

Length: 0.9 miles

Cost: \$14.7 million

Location: Lawrence Dr/PDQ Dr, city of De Pere

Description: Roadway improvements for this project include the construction of roundabouts at the intersections of Scheuring Road and Lawrence Drive and Scheuring Road and PDQ Drive. Roundabouts will also be constructed at the interchange service ramp terminals intersecting Scheuring Road. Structural improvements for this project include the removal and replacement of the bridge over US 41 at Scheuring Road and the removal and replacement bridges over Ashwaubenon Creek at both the northwest and southeast service ramps. Structural improvements also include the construction of retaining walls. Additional improvements include storm sewer, culverts, asphaltic paving, concrete paving, concrete curb and gutter, signing, landscaping, and lighting.

March 14 to March 20: The contractor continued working on excavation for the retaining wall in the southwest quadrant of the Scheuring Road interchange, driving piling at structures, storm sewer, and structure excavation. The temporary diversion channel for the Scheuring Road detention pond was constructed and completed.

March 21 – March 27: The contractor will continue excavating for retaining wall in the southwest quadrant of the Scheuring Road interchange, driving piling at structures, storm sewer placement and structure excavation. Contractor will begin setting girders and begin decking at the US 41 south bound ramp over the Ashwaubenon Creek.

Traffic impacts: Traffic impacts as a result of the implemented traffic control plan include the following: (1) The ramps at Scheuring Road will be closed until mid July. (2) The bridge over US 41 will be closed for the duration of the project. This will close west bound traffic at Lawrence Drive and east bound traffic at Mid Valley Road.

Door County

Michigan Street Bridge rehabilitation and painting

Schedule: June 2009 to July 2011

Length: 1,390 feet

Cost: \$20.9 million

Location: Sturgeon Bay

Description: Work includes structural rehabilitation of the fixed and movable steel through truss spans; replacement of the machinery, controls, electrical system, lighting and fender system. This work has been included. Painting is continuing and includes removal, collection and containment of existing paint material and priming/recoating with an epoxy paint system.

March 14 to March 18: Contractor is installing containment on spans 11, 10, 9 and 7.

March 21 to March 25: Contractor will continue to work on installing containment and plans on starting to blast and paint primer coat on span 11.

Traffic impacts: The Michigan Street bridge is closed to all road traffic during this project. Due to the nature of work being performed, mariners are strongly urged to exercise extreme caution in the vicinity of the bridge.

Marinette County

US 141 bridge replacement

Schedule: September 20, 2010 to December 9, 2011.

Location: US 141 over the Menominee River at the Michigan/Wisconsin border

Length: 0.3 miles

Cost: \$5.4 million

Description: Bridge replacement, pathway and approaches. This project will begin in September 2010 with the construction of contractor haul roads, detour route signing and pavement marking placement. The majority of the road and bridge work will be completed between January and December 2011.

March 21 to March 25: During the week of March 21 the bridge contractor is removing the old bridge. They are working building cofferdams and beginning foundation construction within the Menominee River. Boaters should be aware of construction activity in the area. Boaters are encouraged to avoid the area and use extreme caution if necessary to transit the construction site.

Traffic Impacts: This work will require a detour of US 141 traffic which will be in effect from January 2011 through November 2011.

Outagamie County

WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue, City of Appleton)**Location:** Richmond Street to Ballard Road**Schedule:** March 28 to November 2011**Length of project:** 2 miles**Cost:** \$5.7 million

Description of work: Two miles of Wisconsin Avenue are being reconstructed, including new concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer, picture frame concrete sidewalk, stamped and colored concrete terraces, decorative street lighting, traffic signals, pavement marking and signing. Stage 1 work will be from Erb Street to Morrison Street and also from Viola Street to Leona Street. During Stage 1 work, Wisconsin Avenue will be open to traffic from Morrison Street to Viola Street.

March 28 to April 3: Traffic control will be placed for Stage 1 of the project. The contractor will begin pavement removal and storm sewer installation.

Traffic impacts: Wisconsin Avenue will be closed to thru traffic from Erb Street to Morrison Street and from Viola Street to Leona Street. Wisconsin Avenue will remain open from Morrison Street to Viola Street. The marked detour route will be via WIS 47 to US 41 to County N to WIS 96. State Street, Alvin Street, Harriman Street, Clark Street, Wisconsin Court, Jardin Court, Keniworth Avenue, Leminwah Street, Plateau Street, Ullman Street, Charlotte Street, and Wayne Street will be closed at Wisconsin Avenue.

Please note: The city of Appleton's website at www.appleton.org has detailed map of the construction area and side road access/closures. Questions can be emailed to Wisconsinaveappl@dot.wi.gov.

Sheboygan County**I-43****Schedule:** September 20, 2010 to August 24, 2012**Length:** 24 miles**Cost:** \$14.5 million**Location:** Ozaukee – Sheboygan County Line to WIS 42

Description: This project involves asphaltic paving, 8 new bridges, 3 bridge overlays, 2 deck replacements, beam guard, concrete base patching, ramp closure gates, law enforcement pads, pavement marking, and all incidentals to complete the project.

March 14 to March 18: The contractor is performing the following work: Smies Road, northbound I-43 structure (town of Holland): driving piling and pouring concrete for footings; Dewitt Road, northbound I-43 structure (town of Holland): driving piling and pouring concrete for footings; and County O, northbound I-43 structure (town of Sheboygan): driving piling for the piers and abutments.

March 21 to March 25: The contractor plans on the following work: Smies Road, northbound I-43 structure (town of Holland): forming and pouring columns; Dewitt Road, northbound I-43 structure (town of Holland): forming and pouring columns; and County O, northbound I-43 structure (town of Sheboygan): pouring concrete for footings.

Traffic impacts: Motorists should be aware that Dewitt Road (town of Holland) is closed; Smies Road (Town of Holland) is open, but with restrictions; and County O is closed under I-43.

Bi-directional traffic exists on the I-43 southbound lanes between Smies Road and Dewitt Road, and southbound WIS 23 to WIS 42. WIS 23 northbound on-ramp to I-43 is closed along with I-43 northbound off-ramp to WIS 42 is closed.

Winnebago County

US 41 - south mainline paving, WIS 26 to WIS 44, WIS 26 bridge staining - US 41 major

Schedule: August 2010 to November 2011

Length: 2.7 miles

Cost: \$19 million

Location: US 41 mainline from approximately one mile south of the US 44 overpass to approximately one mile south of the WIS 26 overpass.

Description: In 2011, 2.7 miles of mainline US 41 northbound and southbound will be widened to three lanes in each direction and concrete median barrier installed. The WIS 26 Bridge over US 41 will be architecturally treated to match the US 41 corridor theme.

March 14 to March 18: Northbound US 41 traffic will be moved to the existing southbound lanes to create a two-way traffic situation in each direction. This switch is planned for the night of Monday, March 14 – weather dependent. Traffic entering and exiting US 41 at WIS 44 will be directed to use the temporary ramps at this time. After traffic is switched off of US 41 northbound, asphalt and concrete removal work will begin at that location.

March 21 to March 25: Northbound US 41 traffic will continue to operate in the existing US 41 southbound lanes as separated by concrete barrier block under a bi-directional traffic situation. Traffic entering and exiting northbound US 41 at WIS 26 will be directed to use the temporary access ramps as constructed last fall. Pavement removal from the existing US 41 northbound mainline, grading and storm sewer work will be ongoing throughout this period.

Traffic impacts: Work on the existing US 41 mainline northbound will take place behind concrete barrier wall from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A permanent right lane closure on westbound WIS 26 will be maintained to facilitate construction vehicles accessing the northbound US 41 work zone from WIS 26.

US 41 – northbound mainline widening and Bell Street/Breezewood Lane interchange - US 41 major

Schedule: June 2010 to October 2011

Length: 8 miles

Cost: \$27.5 million

Location: US 41 Northbound from Snell Road to Bell Street/Breezewood Lane and Bell Street/Breezewood Lane from west of Bergstrom/Gillingham Road to east of Harrison Street.

Description: The project involves widening the existing northbound lanes of US 41 including the structures over WIS 76 and the CN railroad spur. The project also includes the complete reconstruction of the Bell Street/Breezewood Lane interchange including the structures over US 41 and the CN railroad line, several retaining walls, grading, storm sewer, pavement, signing, lighting, pavement marking, and ITS systems.

March 14 to March 18: Crews continued to remove the old Bell Street structure over the CN railroad. Erosion control items were installed at various locations on the project. Portions of the temporary pavement marking on northbound US 41 were repainted.

March 21 to March 25: Construction of the new Bell Street structure over the CN railroad track is scheduled to begin this week. Crews will begin installation of storm sewer.

Traffic impacts: Bell Street is closed from Harrison Street east to Industrial Drive. The Breezewood Interchange is scheduled to close on Monday, March 28. Harrison Street is scheduled to close from Jewelers Park Road to Bell Street beginning on Monday, March 28. Breezewood Lane is scheduled to close from the Bergstrom Road/Gillingham Road intersection to the east. These closures will remain in effect until October. The intersection of Bergstrom Road and Gillingham Road will remain open to the north, south, and west. US 41 is scheduled for night closures beginning Monday, March 28 to facilitate the removal of the Breezewood structure. Traffic will be detoured using the Breezewood Interchange ramps. Motorists should expect delays. **Closure and detour of US 41 is scheduled for March 28 to April 1 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

US 41 – US 45 Interchange

Schedule: August 2010 to September 2012

Length: 1.5 Miles

Cost: \$31 million

Location: US 41/US 45 interchange.

Description: This project involves construction of multiple structures including: bridges, box culverts, retaining walls, and sign bridges along with grading, base aggregate, concrete & asphalt pavements, concrete curb & gutter, and pavement marking. .

March 21 to March 25: Work is continuing on box culverts.

March 28 to April 1: Work will continue on box culverts.

Traffic impacts: The right shoulder of US 45 southbound from approximately 1,000 feet northwest of the US 41 southbound on-ramp to the US 41 southbound on-ramp is closed.

9th Avenue Interchange, north US 41 Mainline Paving, US 44 bridge painting - US 41 major

Schedule: August 2010 to November 2011

Length: 3.6 miles

Cost: \$34.3 million

Location: 9th Avenue Interchange, US 41 Mainline from 1500 feet north of Witzel Avenue, to one mile south of the WIS 44 overpass.

Description: This project involves temporary widening of the southbound US 41 lanes during the fall of 2010 to provide a staged construction zone in which 3.2 miles of US 41 will be reconstructed. There will be an additional turn lane added on WIS 21. In 2011, the 9th Avenue bridge over US 41 will be demolished and rebuilt as a decorative bridge. Two retaining walls will be built in front of the abutments. The 9th Avenue interchange and the ramp terminal intersections will be reconstructed, and four roundabouts will be installed.

Traffic was moved to a new alignment to allow for phased construction at the Washburn/9th Avenue and Koeller/9th Avenue intersections the week of March 3rd. Please use caution in this area.

March 14 to March 18: Northbound US 41 traffic was changed to the existing southbound lanes to create a two lane, bi-directional traffic situation in each direction the night of March 14. Entering and exiting US 41 at WIS 44 are now directed to use the temporary ramps at this time. Traffic is now switched off of US 41 northbound, asphalt and concrete removal work will begin at that existing northbound location. Utility work will begin at the 9th/Koeller intersection beginning March 14. Temporary shoring will

continue to be placed at the west abutment. Pile driving at the pier and the west abutment should begin this week.

March 21 to March 25: Multiple crews will be milling, pulverizing, excavating, and placing materials on existing northbound US 41 and the 9th Avenue Ramps. Multiple crews will be placing sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer adjacent to the 9th Avenue interchange and frontage roads. The bridge contractor will continue or begin to drive piling at the pier and west abutment for the 9th Avenue bridge, and the contractor will begin construction on the Modular Stabilized Earth retaining wall at the west abutment.

Traffic impacts: Southbound US 41 traffic is restricted to two 11-foot lanes between WIS 21 and WIS 26. The 9th Avenue ramps are closed. Northbound US 41 traffic has been moved to the existing southbound lanes to create a two-way traffic situation in each direction, with two 11-foot lanes in each direction. This switch occurred on Monday night, March 14. Traffic entering and exiting US 41 at WIS 44 will be directed to use the temporary ramps at this time.

###

(NE – all)