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## **Work starting Monday on US 45 in Winnebago County**

*Final stretch of road being converted to freeway*

(Green Bay) As part of his efforts to create jobs and make sure Wisconsin is open for business, Governor Scott Walker recently signed a \$15.5 million contract converting 4.6 miles of US 45 from County G to County II in Winnebago County to a freeway. Work is starting Monday, June 27 and expected to be finished in fall 2012.

The general contractor for the project is Hoffman Construction Company, Black River Falls.

WisDOT northeast region director Will Dorsey said, "This project is the last stage converting US 45 to a full freeway between US 41 and US 10. It provides a safer environment for motorists while improving mobility along the entire US 45 corridor."

The project includes constructing frontage roads along the highway. Three at-grade intersections are also being removed and replaced with bridges crossing over US 45 and connecting local roads.

The three intersections are Breezewood Road/Woodland Road, Lakeview Road/Oakridge Road, and Grandview Road. Breezewood/Woodland and Grandview will be closed in early July of this year while Lakeview/Oakridge will be closed in early 2012.

US 45 will remain open during the project, though there are some traffic impacts.

- Single lane closures will be allowed on weekdays between the hours of 6 a.m. Monday and noon Friday
- Full lane closures for up to 20 minutes due to rock blasting or the setting of bridge girders will be allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9 a.m. and noon on Fridays
- Please note all lanes will be open weekends from noon Fridays to 6 a.m. Mondays and during holidays.

Motorists are reminded to use caution and stay alert when driving through this or any work zone.

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