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US 41 Project: a year-in-review for Brown and Winnebago Counties *2012 construction highlights and a look into 2013*

(Green Bay) The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is providing this US 41 Project year-in-review for Brown and Winnebago counties. Construction work on the US 41 Project spans 17 miles of highway in Winnebago County that began in 2009 and will be finished in 2016. It also covers 14 miles in Brown County that began in 2010 and will be completed 2017. The work includes: roadway expansion from four to six or more traffic lanes; improvements to 16 interchanges, including 40 roundabouts; installation of 17 traffic cameras; widening the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway to eight lanes; and a bike/pedestrian trail across the lake with access for fishing.

WisDOT northeast region director Will Dorsey said, "I would like to thank US 41 drivers, area residences, and businesses for their continued patience and support of this major project."

Please note: Photos of the 2012 highlights can be found at <http://us41.wisconsin.gov/overview/about-the-project/2012-year-in-review>.

Winnebago County 2012 highlights

US 45 interchange: June 26 marked the completion of the \$31 million project to rebuild the busy interchange, which handles up to 18,000 vehicles per day. The interchange closed to traffic in April 2011 to allow construction of free-flow ramps between US 41 and US 45, while reconstructing US 45 to pass over US 41 traffic lanes.

WIS 21 interchange: On October 29, the US 41/WIS 21 interchange opened three weeks ahead of schedule. The \$54 million project included rebuilding the WIS 21 interchange so that WIS 21 passes

over US 41, construction of four roundabouts, and reconstruction and expansion of US 41 between Witzel Avenue and US 45. This marked the final long-term interchange closure in Winnebago County.

Brown County 2012 highlights

Mason Street interchange: After 6 months of demolishing and rebuilding, the Mason Street interchange re-opened on July 28. The \$29 million reconstruction project replaced the 46-year-old bridge over US 41 and included the construction of three multi-lane roundabouts, replacement of the 9th street bridges and expanded one mile of US 41.

Lombardi Avenue: The \$4.2 million project involved the reconstruction of Lombardi Avenue between Wood Lane and Argonne Street. Through traffic lanes on Lombardi were expanded and reconstructed along with the construction of additional turn lanes on the entrance and exit ramps connecting to US 41.

Main Avenue interchange: The interchange and Main Avenue under US 41 was closed for two months and re-opened on November 16. The closure was part of the \$57 million project to reconstruct the interchange and expand US 41 to six lanes of traffic from Orange Lane to Glory Road.

Lakeview Bridge: On November 17, the reconstructed Lakeview Bridge over US 41 in the Village of Howard opened to traffic. The \$3.3 million project involved replacing the bridge over US 41, building two retaining wall structures, and improvements to Lakeview Drive.

Winnebago County 2013 preview:

Work will continue in three areas: the WIS 44 interchange, Lake Butte des Morts Causeway, and the north segment mainline expansion from US 45 to Breezewood Lane. There will be no interchange closures in 2013 and traffic impacts to US 41 end in July with the completion of the causeway.

The new Lake Butte des Morts causeway will provide increased safety and mobility. Improvements will include: three through-lanes and an auxiliary lane in each direction; lighting spanning the entire causeway; bicycle/pedestrian recreational trail across the causeway east of the northbound lane; and fishing access on Lake Butte des Morts.

Brown County 2013 preview:

Brown County will have numerous construction projects in 2013. Hansen Road overpass will be under construction from August 2013 to September 2014. Work will continue on the WIS 29 interchange. Early structures and filling work will start on the I-43 interchange. While the Lineville

Road interchange will be under construction, it will remain open with intermittent lane and ramp closures. Mainline construction will be in full swing with nearly all of US 41 in Brown County either completed or under construction by late 2013.

Interesting Facts:

For both counties:

- WisDOT has coordinated with more than 50 local officials, agencies and Native American Tribes.
- Through 2012, more than 2.1 million hours have been worked on construction.
- Planting of shrubs and plants along the 31-mile US 41 project

When work is completed in Winnebago County:

- 30 retaining walls will be constructed
- 26 bridges will be constructed
- 1.4 million square yards of concrete will be paved

When work is completed in Brown County:

- 90 retaining walls will be constructed
- 84 bridges will be constructed
- 1.8 million square yards of concrete will be paved

For additional information on the US 41 2013 construction season, visit www.US41Wisconsin.gov , and click on project briefs which will provide regularly, updated detailed information on the 2013 projects.

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- Call 5-1-1 or visit [Wisconsin 511 online](#).

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