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US 41 Public Information Meeting WIS 26 – WIS 21 Segment

January 26, 2011

Presentation Topics

- US 41 Project Overview
- Review 2010 Completed work
- US 41 Mainline work
- US 41/9th Avenue Interchange Schedule
- Roundabouts
- US 41 Schedule
- Question/Answer

US 41 Project overview

- Largest construction project in the history of Northeast Wisconsin
 - Reconstruct 17 miles in Winnebago County
 - Add new lanes to freeway
 - Reconstructing/modifying 7 interchanges including the ramps
 - Providing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) with the project.

2010 US 41 Work

- Completed Witzel Avenue and County K Overpasses.
- In 2010, completed night work to widen the southbound roadway with temporary asphalt.
- Completed placing temporary poles and cameras for ITS
- Completed traffic signals on US 41/WIS 26 ramps & WIS 26/Washburn/Planeview

US 41 Mainline work

- US 41 traffic will be all on southbound roadway with 2 lanes in each direction separated by concrete barrier
- Allows contractor to reconstruct northbound roadway
- July 2011 switch traffic to new northbound roadway
- Allows contractor to reconstruct southbound roadway by November 2011

US 41 Mainline work

- Ramps to WIS 26 and WIS 44 remain open during construction via temporary ramps
- Stain the WIS 26 over US 41 existing bridge piers/abutments, girders to match the color of the other new Oshkosh structures
- Paint the WIS 44 over US 41 existing bridge to match the color of the new Oshkosh structures

US 41/9th Avenue Interchange

- 9th Avenue bridge/access to US 41 to close February 28/March 1, 2011
- 9th Avenue/Washburn & 9th Avenue/Koeller intersections to remain open during construction; 1 night closure from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am is allowed.
- 9th Avenue open across US 41 and to northbound ramps by July 16, 2011

US 41/9th Avenue Interchange

- All ramps open November 4, 2011
- No posted detour for 9th Avenue
- Incentive/disincentive clauses in the contract to meet completion dates

Future Construction Plans

- US 41/26 Landscaping Plan
- WIS 44 Improved Median Landscaping

Roundabouts vs. traffic signals

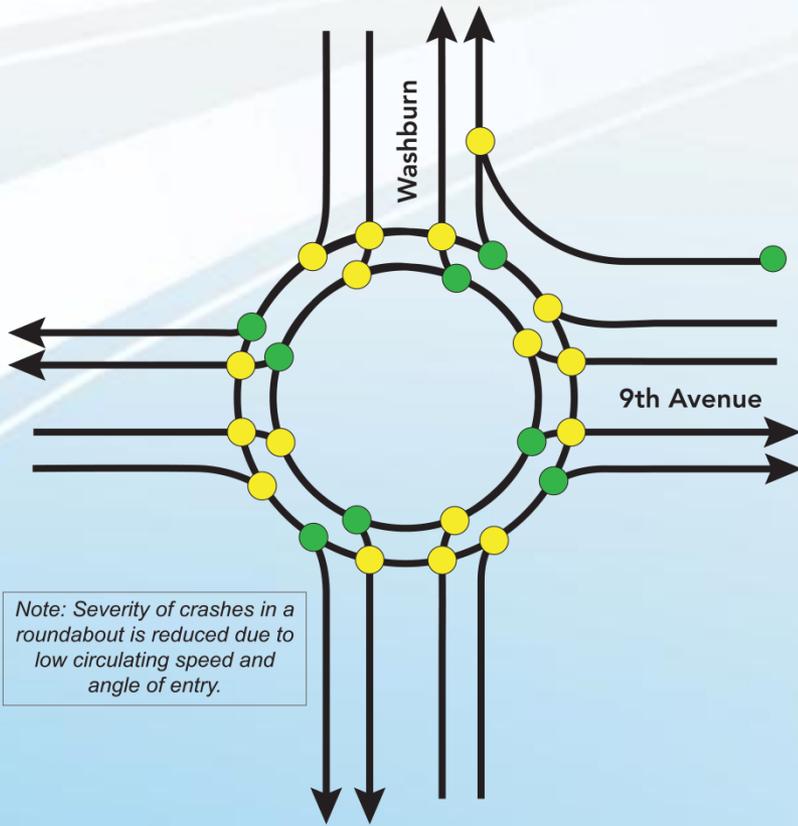


Roundabouts vs. traffic signals

- Where roundabouts have replaced stop signs and/or traffic signals ...
 - Crashes decreased 39%
 - Injuries decreased 76%
 - Fatalities and/or incapacitating injuries decreased 90%

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (www.iihs.org)

Conflict Points: Roundabout 9th Avenue and South Washburn Street

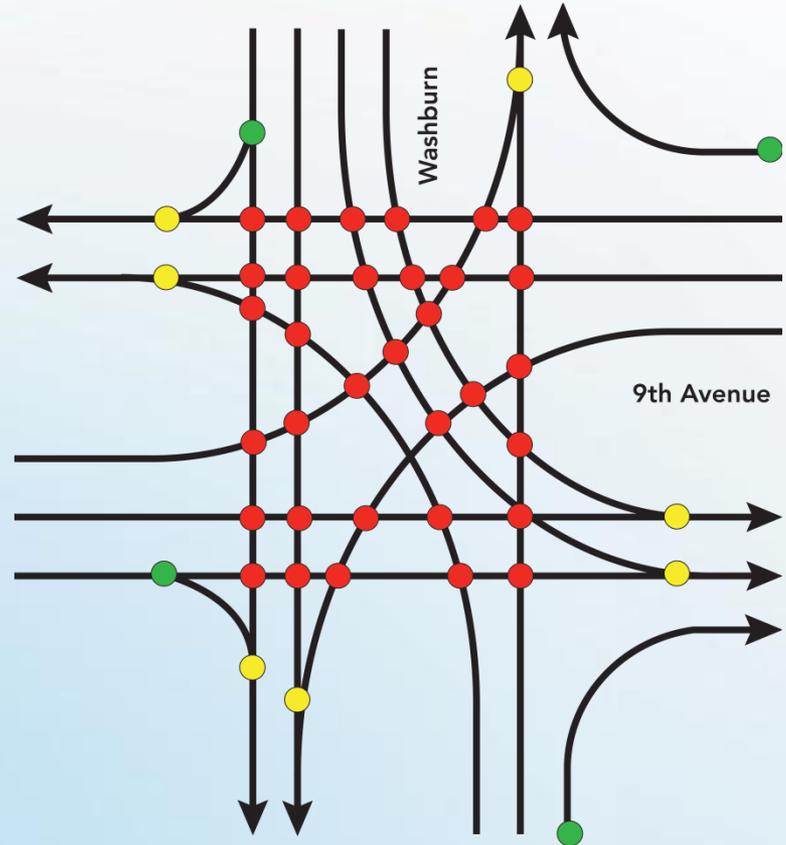


Note: Severity of crashes in a roundabout is reduced due to low circulating speed and angle of entry.

Crash Types:

● Rear-end	9
● Angle/Side Swipe	17
● Severe Angle	0
TOTAL	26
Pedestrian Conflicts: 18	

Conflict Points: Traffic Signals 9th Avenue and South Washburn Street



Crash Types:

● Rear-end	4
● Angle/Side Swipe	7
● Severe Angle	34
TOTAL	45
Pedestrian Conflicts: 28	

Roundabouts vs. traffic signals

	Traffic signal	Roundabout
Capacity	↓	↑
Level of service	↓	↑
Traffic speed	Not affected by geometrics	Restrained to 18-30 mph by geometrics
Operational benefits	More delay	Less delay

↑ = higher ↓ = lower

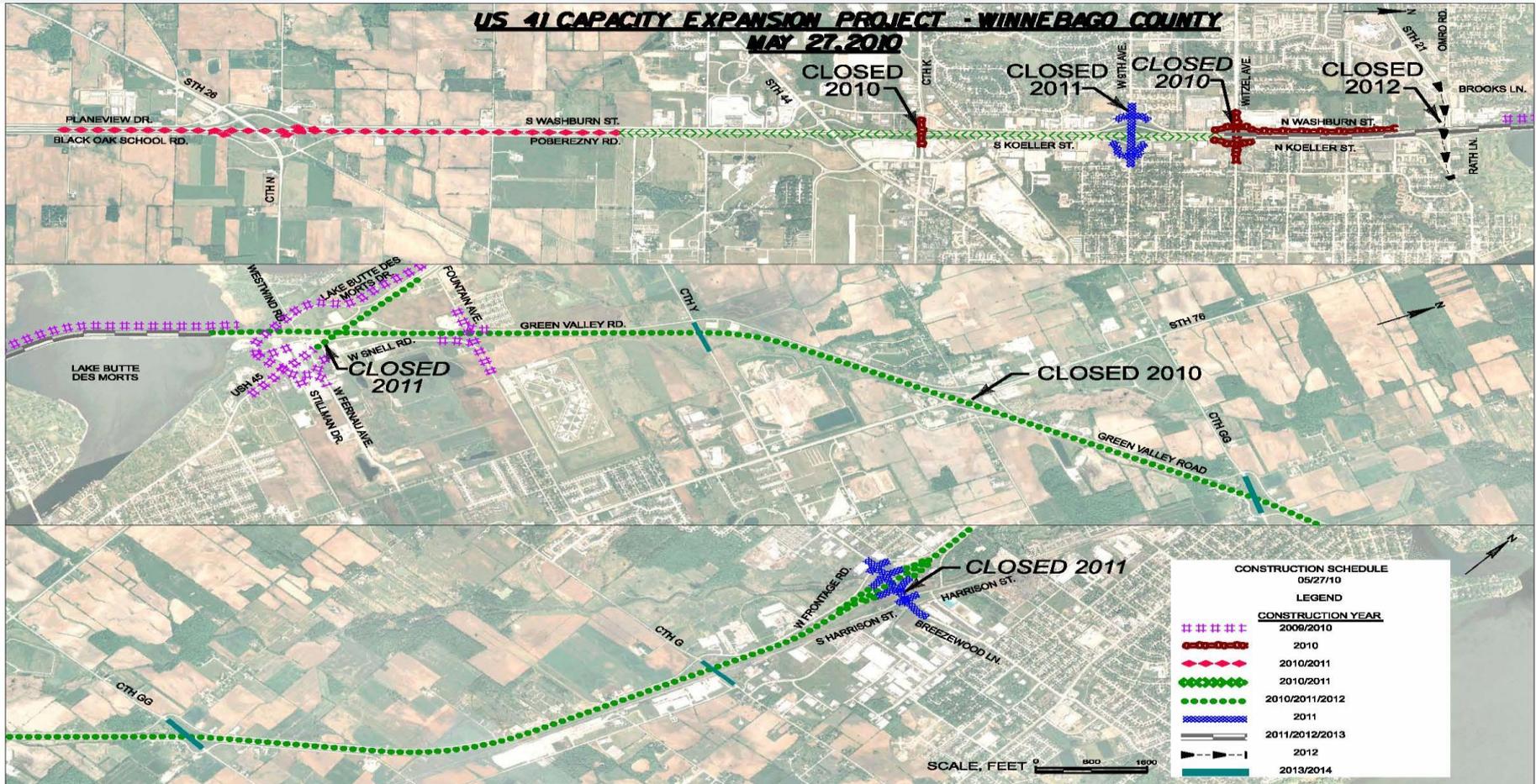
US 41 corridor roundabout plan: engineering, education and enforcement

- Coordination with:
 - Community officials
 - Businesses
 - Affected property owners
 - Public transportation providers
 - Commercial trucking industry
 - Bike and pedestrian stakeholders
- Enforcement of existing traffic laws (yield to pedestrians)
- Appropriately engineered design
- Quality construction
- EDUCATION and OUTREACH

US 41 Traffic management

- Traffic management implementation (2011-2013)
 - Maintain two-lanes NB and SB during construction
 - 55 mph speed limit
 - State Patrol law enforcement
 - Ongoing coordination with public
 - Freeway service team
 - ITS
 - Media outreach, communication and project Web site

Construction Schedule



Questions/Answers

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