



Back to work...

9th Avenue construction underway—Construction crews hit the ground running in March at the 9th Avenue overpass in Oshkosh.

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Roadwork intensifies in Oshkosh-Neenah

Motorists traveling on US 41 in the Oshkosh-Neenah area have seen steadily-increasing construction activity since the end of February. The 2011 season will be the most intense year of construction activity for the US 41 Project in Winnebago County with about \$100 million worth of individual construction projects, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The US 41 Project began in 2009 and is scheduled for completion in Winnebago County in 2014.

Major construction activities are currently underway at the 9th Avenue, Breezewood Lane and US 45 interchanges. Paving operations on mainline US 41 are also happening this season. Construction

of the northbound lanes between WIS 26 and Witzel Avenue began earlier this spring, and in July, work will switch to the southbound lanes. Contractors have also started working on southbound lanes between US 45 and Breezewood Lane. This work will continue through November 2011. Northbound lanes on this stretch from US 45 to

Breezewood will be constructed in 2012.

Construction will begin this August on the new bridges on the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway. The WIS 21 interchange will close in 2012.

While WisDOT will maintain two lanes of traffic in both directions on US 41—with the exception of intermittent nighttime lane closures—the speed limit will be reduced to 55 and the roadway will be constricted. There will be narrow shoulders with concrete barriers for approximately 13 miles in both directions, according to WisDOT.

The Wisconsin State Patrol has added extra enforcement in the construction zone throughout the construction season. The State Patrol urges motorists to obey the reduced speed limit and remain alert in the construction zone.

Additionally, WisDOT will have a Freeway Service Team vehicle patrolling the construction zone during busiest hours beginning March 1 (see back page for more).

Construction details inside

New WisDOT Leadership

Mark Gottlieb was appointed by Governor Scott Walker to serve as the new WisDOT Secretary beginning in January 2011. Secretary Gottlieb, a Vietnam-era veteran, is a registered professional engineer in the state of Wisconsin. He worked for 24 years in various public and private sector positions.

Mike Berg, formerly WisDOT's Northeast Region Director, was named deputy secretary. He is now the chief operating officer for a state agency with 3,500 employees, dozens of field offices and an annual budget of more than \$3 billion.

Will Dorsey, Operations Manager for the Northeast Region, has been named acting director.



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2011 project schedule Winnebago County



(Construction schedules are subject to change)

Traffic impacts Alternate routes Detour

A Brezewood Lane Interchange
March through October 2011
Reconstruct interchange, build multi-lane roundabouts on Brezewood Lane and ramp ends and reconstruct the bridge over US 41 to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
 This interchange will close from March through October 2011. North/south movement across Brezewood Lane will always be available.
 Traffic can use US 41/114 interchange to Green Bay Road to Cecil Street to Gillingham Road to Bergstrom Road to get to County G and the Neenah Industrial Park.

B Mainline Paving from US 45 to Brezewood Lane
April 2011 through June 2013
Contractors will be working on southbound lanes from April 2011 to November 2011. Northbound lanes will be constructed in 2012.
 All traffic will switch to northbound lanes in April 2011. In November 2011 traffic will switch back, with southbound traffic moving onto the new southbound pavement. In 2012 all traffic switches to the southbound lanes while the new northbound lanes are constructed. Expect periodic nighttime lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

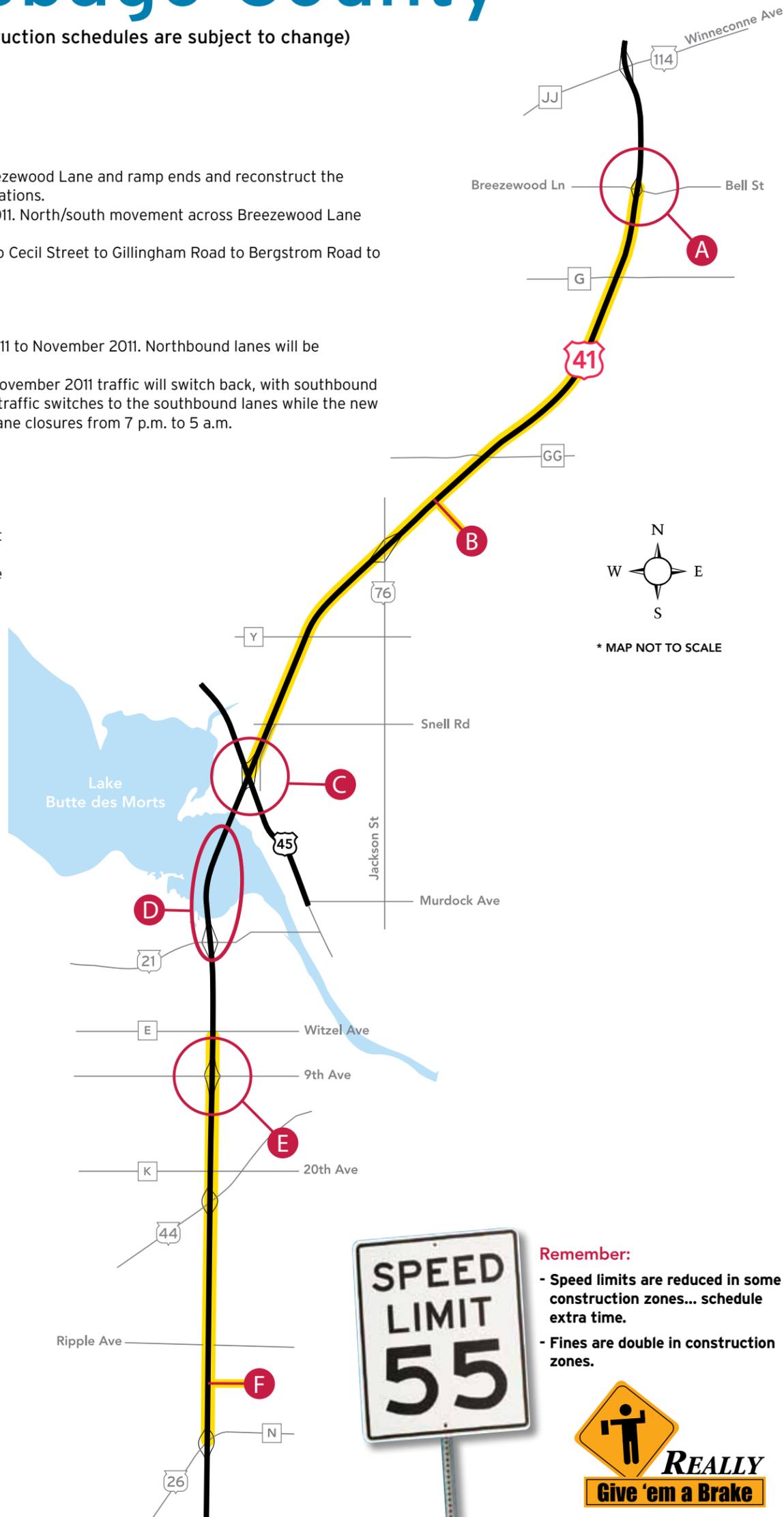
C US 45 Interchange
August 2010 through August 2012
Reconstruction of the interchange to provide free-flow movements between US 41 and US 45.
 This interchange will be closed beginning April 2011. Expect nighttime lane closures when the median and crossovers are created. In November 2011, all except the northbound entrance ramp to US 41 and the northbound flyover ramp to US 45 will open. These final two ramps will open in July 2012.
 US 41 north to WIS 76 to US 10 to US 45.

D WIS 21 Interchange/Lake Butte des Morts Causeway
August 2011 through July 2013
Reconstruct the existing interchange and roundabouts on WIS 21 and ramp ends, including bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Construction will begin in August 2011 on the WIS 21 interchange and the new bridges over Lake Butte des Morts.
 Motorists may experience temporary nighttime closures as trucks and equipment move in and out of the work zone. The US 41 northbound exit ramp to WIS 21 will close after Labor Day for three weeks to prepare for 2012 work.

E 9th Avenue Interchange
September 2010 through November 2011
Reconstruction of the interchange and construction of multi-lane roundabouts on 9th Ave and at ramp ends.
 This interchange will close beginning in March 2011. In July 2011, the 9th Avenue Bridge over US 41 northbound entrance and exit ramps will reopen. In November 2011, the southbound exit and entrance ramps will reopen.

F Mainline Paving from WIS 26 to Witzel Ave
March through November 2011
Construction of northbound and southbound lanes. Scheduled completion is November 2011.
 From March to mid-July, traffic will switch to the widened southbound roadway. In approximately mid-July 2011, traffic will switch to the new northbound roadway until November 2011. Expect periodic nighttime lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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Remember:
- Speed limits are reduced in some construction zones... schedule extra time.
- Fines are double in construction zones.



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Freeway Service Team vehicle is on patrol

The problem: a constricted work zone making it difficult for motorists who break down in that busy stretch in Winnebago County. WisDOT's solution: the Freeway Service Team.



The Freeway Service Team vehicle looks like a standard flatbed tow truck.

Since this spring, a Freeway Service Team vehicle has been patrolling the Winnebago County construction zone during the busiest hours. Its purpose is to quickly remove disabled and crashed vehicles from the construction zone to prevent congestion and backups.

The Freeway Service Team vehicle looks like a standard flatbed tow truck, painted bright yellow-green for increased visibility and easy recognition. It is equipped with small amounts of fuel and equipment to handle minor repairs such as changing flat tires and taping hoses. If the stranded vehicle can't be started in a short amount of time, it is moved to a pre-determined safe drop zone.

All assistance and relocation services are provided free of charge to the motorist.



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