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## *Velp Avenue Interchange Design Update Informational Meetings* **Business Group *and* Public Information Meetings**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

**US 41 Brown County Project Office, 1940 W. Mason St., Green Bay**

**Business group meeting: 7:30 – 9 a.m.**

Brief presentation at 7:45 a.m.

**General public information meeting: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Brief presentation at 5:15 p.m.



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### **Meeting purpose**

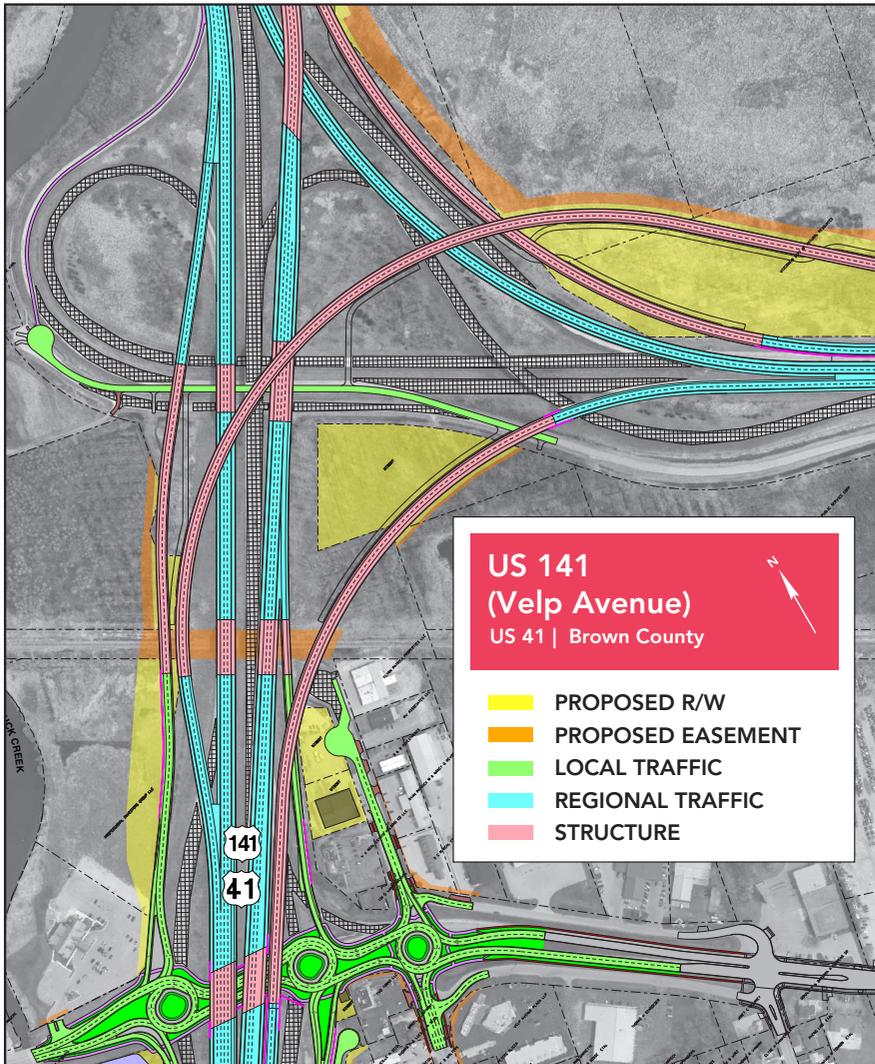
The primary purpose of these meetings is to provide firsthand information about the US 41 Project improvements in the Velp Avenue and I-43 interchange areas to the business community, local officials and general public. These meetings will provide updates on:

- Current design for the Velp Avenue and I-43 interchange areas
- Latest construction schedule
- Planned construction staging and transportation management plans (TMP)

Transportation management plans are important because they determine how construction will be staged and which strategies will be implemented to keep traffic moving through the construction zones.

### **Meeting format**

Today's business group meeting will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. with a brief presentation at 7:45 a.m. The public information meeting will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:15 p.m. Please review the project displays, and feel free to speak with project staff about questions or concerns. A form is available for written comments that can be turned in at the meeting or mailed to WisDOT.



## Access removal to improve safety

Access between I-43 and Velp Avenue via US 41 will be removed because of the tight interchange spacing between I-43 and Velp Avenue. Historically, the weaving maneuvers by drivers trying to access I-43 from Velp Avenue or Velp Avenue from I-43 has contributed to some of Brown County's highest crash rates in the area.

The removal of access between I-43 and Velp Avenue via US 41 is necessary to preserve the long term safety and mobility of the freeway facilities.

Following reconstruction of the interchange ramps, Velp Avenue will be fully accessible to and from US 41.

## Ramp closures and detour signing

The ramp closure schedule is outlined below. WisDOT will provide detour signing for the state highway system and will coordinate with municipalities for any supplemental local route detours.

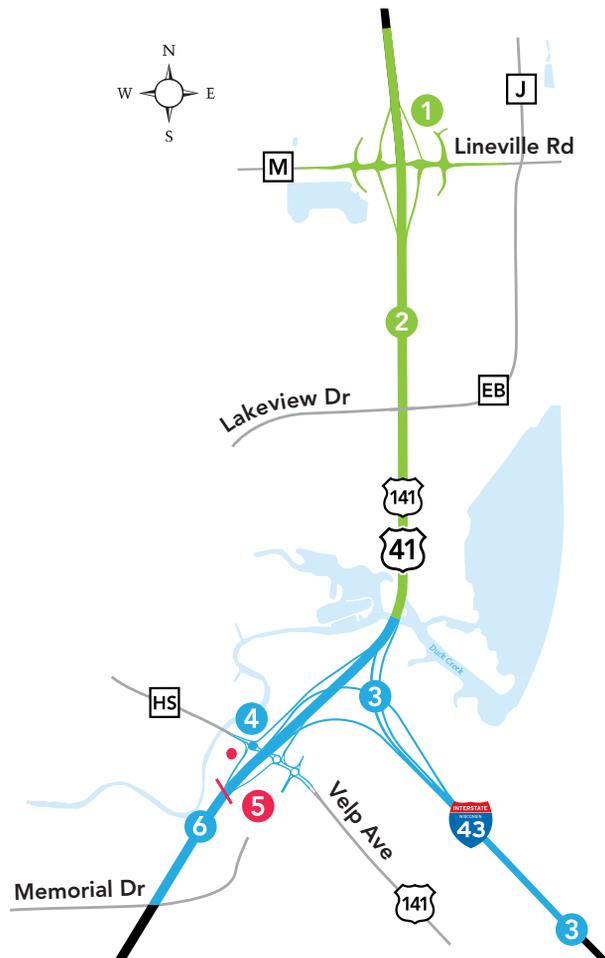
## Closure Summary (2015-2016)

Ramp	2015				2016		
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Velp Ave interchange							
NB off-ramp to Velp							
NB on-ramp from Velp							
SB off-ramp to Velp							
SB on-ramp from Velp							
I-43/US 41 system interchange							
NB 41 to SB 43							
SB 41 to SB 43							
NB 43 to NB 41							
NB 43 to SB 41							

Full closure of Velp Avenue to occur in 2016 (60 consecutive days)

## Construction timelines

- 1** Lineville Road interchange  
*Summer 2013 – spring 2015*
- 2** US 41 mainline reconstruction  
(Duck Creek to Lineville Road)  
*Summer 2013 – spring 2015*
- 3** I-43 interchange  
*Fall 2013 – spring 2017*
- 4** Velp Avenue interchange  
*March 2015 – spring 2017*
- 5** Beaver Dam Creek box culvert, creek realignment, Velp Avenue stormwater pond, Island Court/Lone Grove cul-de-sacs  
*Spring 2013 – spring 2014*
- 6** US 41 mainline reconstruction  
(Memorial Drive to Duck Creek)  
*March 2015 – spring 2017*



## Design highlights

At the Velp Avenue interchange in Brown County, WisDOT will:

- Reconstruct the US 41 bridges over US 141/Velp Avenue
- Reconstruct Velp Avenue under US 41 to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Install roundabouts at the ramp terminals and at the intersection of US 141/Velp Avenue and Memorial Drive
- Install accommodations for law enforcement on the entrance ramps
- Construct a stormwater detention pond in the southwest quadrant of the interchange
- Eliminate existing access between the closely-spaced Velp Avenue and the I-43 ramps via US 41.

## What to expect in 2014

Construction at the I-43 interchange began this fall. Some of the upcoming I-43 construction activities will impact Velp Avenue. The work will require a concurrent 30-day closure of the following ramps in spring 2014:

- Northbound I-43 to southbound US 41 loop ramp
- Northbound US 41 to southbound I-43 loop ramp
- Southbound US 41 off-ramp at Velp Avenue
- Northbound US 41 on-ramp from Velp Avenue

## Schedule a workshop with WisDOT

US 41 Project staff can attend small-group workshops with interested business owners and operators. The workshops can take place at the business location or at a WisDOT office, and the content of the workshop can focus on specific questions and needs. Please contact Mark Kantola to schedule a workshop.

## US 41 Project outreach

Businesses owners and operators and the public can learn about upcoming meetings and sign up to receive project updates via the US 41 Project website. Meeting exhibits, handouts, presentations and other resources can also be found on the website: [www.us41wisconsin.gov/newsroom/public-information-meetings/brown-county-meetings](http://www.us41wisconsin.gov/newsroom/public-information-meetings/brown-county-meetings).

## Resources for businesses during construction

WisDOT created the “US 41 Project: In This Together” kit to help businesses that may be impacted by the project. The kit contains materials to help keep businesses and customers connected during construction. Visit [www.us41wisconsin.gov/resources/business-resources](http://www.us41wisconsin.gov/resources/business-resources) for more information.

## Highway business signs

Prior to construction, businesses should form associations or committees to coordinate development and identify proposed locations of signs about 6-12 months ahead of construction. Approximately one month ahead of construction, businesses should complete and submit a business sign permit application and arrange for sign placement.

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