

I-41 PROJECT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

ABOUT the PROJECT

The I-41 Project is reconstructing and expanding 23 miles of I-41 from WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue) and County F (Scheuring Road), from four lanes to six lanes.

The project will reconstruct the system interchange at the junction of I-41 and WIS 441, and it will reconstruct or improve the nine existing service interchanges and 11 overpasses and underpasses within the project limits.

A new service interchange at I-41 and Southbridge Road will also be constructed as part of this project.

The project also includes the construction of additional auxiliary lanes or collector-distributor roadways between interchanges where warranted; a new combined Wrightstown Post and Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF); improvements to existing park and ride facilities along the corridor; and an increase in county maintenance salt storage capacity.

PROJECT STATUS

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held a series of public involvement meetings in spring 2024 to update stakeholders on the anticipated construction for 2024 and 2025. Details were shared regarding the current design status and the tentative construction timelines.

Crews began reconstructing the Capitol Drive overpass in early April 2024, marking the first scheduled closure of the I-41 Project. Four lanes of traffic are expected to remain open on I-41 during peak travel times, with some scheduled lane closures, full interstate closures and detours expected during off-peak hours. For an overview of anticipated 2024 and 2025 construction, please refer to the map on pages 3 and 4.

WisDOT continues to develop final design and construction staging plans for upcoming years.

Crews are also continuing additional topographical survey work, soil boring and utility relocation efforts.

The project team will continue to provide project updates throughout design and construction.





REMINDERS

Construction is scheduled through 2030.

Scan the QR code or visit the I-41 Project's Construction webpage for more details. **tinyurl.com/41construction**



WORK ZONE SAFETY

Work zone safety is always a priority. Thousands of hardworking men and women participate in highway and bridge projects statewide each year. Work zones keep these workers safe and are necessary for the maintenance and improvement of Wisconsin's infrastructure. While all roadwork is temporary, the decisions that motorists make in work zones can have a lasting impact.



Keep an eye out for orange signs, barrels or cones. They indicate that you are entering a work zone. Here are some key things to remember when you enter a work zone:

- Stay alert and eliminate distractions.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limits.
- Give yourself room to avoid rear-end collisions.
- Be patient and plan ahead.

Motorists are reminded to move over or slow down when approaching a highway maintenance or emergency vehicle that is stopped with its warning lights flashing. Wisconsin state law also prohibits the use of cell phones and other handheld electronic devices while driving through a work zone, and texting while driving is illegal throughout the state. Please give undivided attention to the road to ensure everyone's safety.





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The entire I-41 Project team is dedicated to prioritizing safety and efficiency throughout the expansion project. Our dedication extends beyond the present, as we strive to create a highway system that meets current needs and also establishes standards of safety and efficiency for the future. Through collaboration, innovation, and rigorous safety protocols, our team aims to redefine highway construction standards, ensuring a safer, more sustainable future for all travelers and workers.



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2024 CONSTRUCTION

WIS 15 Interchange Early Fill

Work will begin near WIS 15 to prepare for ramp construction in 2025. Some temporary closures may occur between April and September 2024.

Capitol Drive Overpass

Capitol Drive over I-41 between N. Capitol Court and Northridge Lane closed in early April 2024. The project is demolishing the current overpass and reconstructing a new overpass that will be wider to allow for bike and pedestrian travel. Construction is expected to be complete in fall 2024.

8 County N Interchange

This interchange is expected to close in July 2024 to reconstruct interchange ramps, add and extend turn lanes, and replace pavement in the area. Construction is expected to be complete in fall 2024.

Rose Hill Road Overpass

The current overpass bridge is expected to close for demolition in late April or early May 2024.
The bridge will be fully reconstructed and is expected to be complete by

Wrightstown Post and Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF)

October 2024.

The current SWEF is scheduled to close in fall 2024 in order to construct a new two-story building that will combine the SWEF with the State Patrol Northeast Region Post. Additional communications and auxiliary towers will also be built on site with an anticipated completion in summer 2026.

Additional rehabilitation work is occurring on I-41 between Breezewood Lane and WIS 15 in 2024. Learn more about this project by visiting the 511 website. projects.511wi.gov/i41rehab/full-project-overview

Southbridge Interchange Frontage Roads

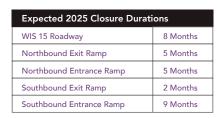
French Road between Creamery Road and Southbridge Road is scheduled to close for reconstruction. Motorists will be unable to access Southbridge Road via French Road through fall 2026.

I-41 Mainline: WIS 96 to Lynndale Drive CONSTRUCTION: spring 2025 to fall 2027



CLOSED: April 1 to fall 2024

WIS 15 Interchange



CLOSED: early 2025 to fall 2025

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2024 to fall 2024

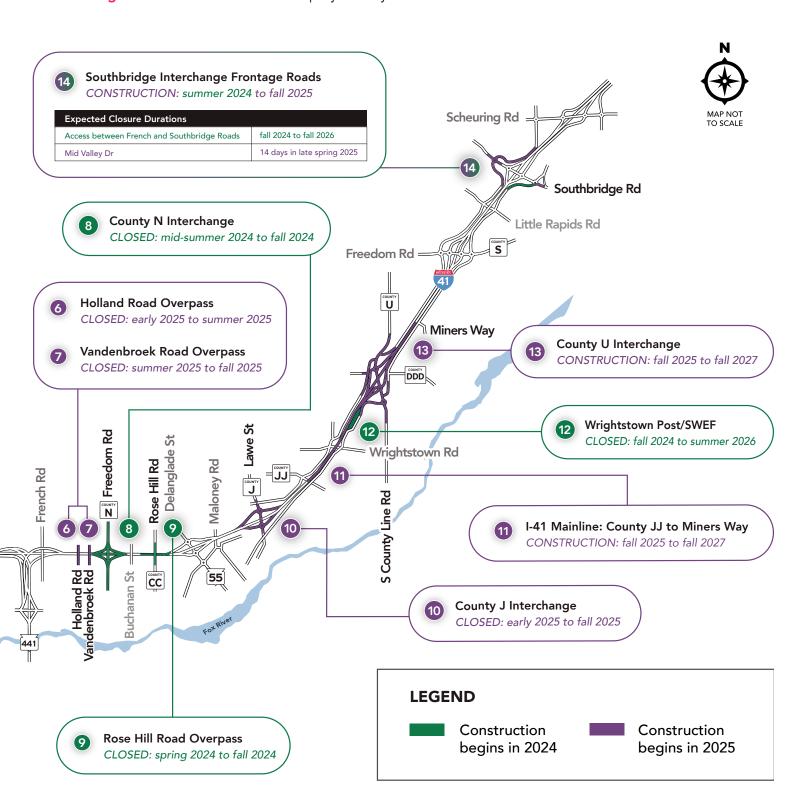


WIS 96 Interchange
CONSTRUCTION: summer 2025 to fall 2027

2025 CONSTRUCTION

Construction will resume along the I-41 corridor in early 2025. This is anticipated to include the first sections of mainline reconstruction, focusing on I-41 between Wisconsin Avenue and Lynndale Drive, and between County JJ and Miners Way. Scheduled closures are anticipated for the WIS 15, Ballard Road and County J interchanges. The Holland Road and Vandenbroek Road overpasses are also scheduled to be reconstructed.

In addition to the I-41 project, there are several county and local road projects occurring during 2025. Visit the **Adjacent Projects** section of the I-41 Project website at **i41project.wisconsindot.gov/adjacent-projects** or **www.511wi.gov** to learn more about other projects in your area.



BUSINESS RESOURCES

Navigating construction can be difficult for business owners. WisDOT recognizes that businesses located in work zones have unique needs, and their customers must have access during road construction. The I-41 Project team is committed to working with businesses to make resources readily available ahead of construction.

WisDOT is coordinating with local municipalities and community organizations to encourage collaboration for temporary business signing opportunities. If access to your business is impacted by a closure, contact the I-41 Project Team for more details on the temporary business signage process.

The I-41 website also has a dedicated **Business Resources** page with information for businesses and community leaders as they plan for upcoming road construction in their area.

Visit tinyurl.com/41business to learn about upcoming business meetings and subscribe for project updates. Stay engaged and prepare your business for success from start to finish.

NOISE VOTE SUMMARY

WisDOT analyzed the I-41 project area for existing and projected noise levels as part of the environmental and design phases of the project. The noise analysis was updated in a 2023 reevaluation based on design changes and updated receptor information. Nine noise barriers were found to be feasible and reasonable based on WisDOT policy.

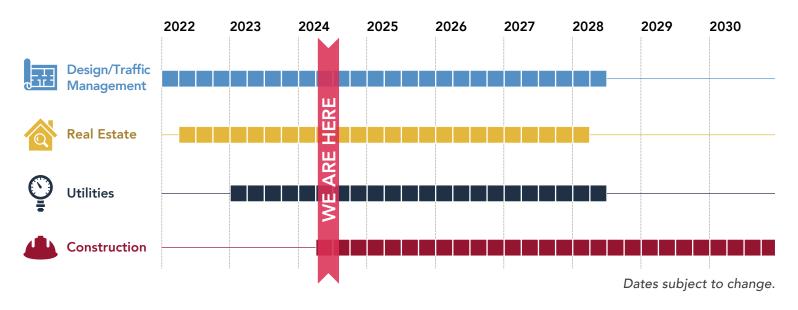
A public meeting was held on January 23, 2024, for benefited property owners and residents within 500 feet of the proposed noise barriers.

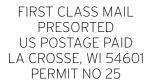
Benefited receptors had until February 29, 2024, to submit their votes.



Votes were tallied, and a simple majority of residents and property owners are in support of each proposed noise barrier. The noise barriers are planned to be built as part of the mainline construction.

I-41 PROJECT SCHEDULE









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