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Governor Evers approves WIS 42 improvements in Manitowoc County

Construction and highway closure begins March 27, 2023

(Two Rivers) To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed an \$8.37 million contract to improve 11.2 miles of WIS 42 from 35th Place in the city of Two Rivers to 350' north of Lakeshore Road in the town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County. Construction begins Monday, March 27, 2023. Project anticipated to finish late this year. Some work may be completed in early 2024. WIS 42 will be closed and detoured during portions of 2023 construction.

Northeast Asphalt, Inc. from Greenville, Wis. is the Prime Contractor.

Project improvements

This is a resurfacing-level project with numerous structure improvements. Work includes:

- Milling 2" and 4" of cold-in-place asphalt followed by a 2.5-inch asphalt overlay
- Widening paved shoulder from 3' to 5'
- Centerline and shoulder rumble strips
- Beam guard removal/replacements and slope improvements
- Box culvert and pipe culvert replacement
- Culvert cleaning and replacement of small sections of curb and gutter
- Pavement markings

Traffic impacts

WIS 42 will be closed and detoured using two different detour routes for culvert work. The closures will not be concurrent. Access to properties in the closed section of WIS 42 will be maintained at all times.

- **North stage closure - March 27, 2023 to June 12, 2023:** WIS 42 will be closed and detoured between County V and County BB.
 - Detour: Traffic will be directed to use County BB, County B, and County V.
- **South stage closure - June 12, 2023 to July 24, 2023:** WIS 41 will be closed and detoured between 35th Place and County V.
 - Detour: Traffic will be directed to use County V and WIS 147.
- WIS 42 will be open with flagging operations after the south stage closure for all remaining construction.

Project Benefits

The existing pavement surface and numerous structures are deteriorating at many locations. Improvements will reduce surface roughness and provide a smoother ride for motorists. Improvements will also extend the life of the pavement structure while reducing future maintenance costs. Repair and replacement of culverts will help to ensure adequate drainage to mitigate possible flooding. Rumble strips will help to alert errant vehicles leaving the lane of travel, and wider shoulders will help to provide enhanced opportunity to correct vehicles back into the travel lane.

More information

Please see the WIS 42 construction project website to view detailed scope and schedule of construction operations. The website includes maps and exhibits for detour routes, construction activities and work locations. Please refer to the website for the most current contractor schedule.

- WIS 42 construction website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/42trbr23/>

Work Zone Safety

Each year in Wisconsin, both highway workers and motorists are killed and injured in crashes that happen in highway construction zones. Motorists should slow down, be patient and pay attention to their surroundings in this and all work zones.

For more information regarding work zone rules for motorists, the law restricting hand-held devices, and general work zone safety information, please see our work zone safety website at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/workzone/>.

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