

I-41 PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Winter
2025/
2026

PROJECT UPDATE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region is continuing to make progress on the I-41 Project between WIS 96 near Appleton and County F (Scheuring Road) in De Pere.

IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED IN 2025 INCLUDE:

- Reconstructed the Vandenbroek Road and Holland Road overpasses
- Reconstructed the County J interchange
- Reconstructed the Ballard Road and the WIS 15 interchanges into Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDIs)

CONSTRUCTION IN 2026 will focus on three mainline segments, five interchanges, two overpasses, and one underpass. Utility relocations and real estate acquisitions will continue throughout the year in preparation for future construction. Additionally, the Wrightstown Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF)/State Patrol's Northeast Region Post and a new salt shed in Outagamie County are scheduled to be completed in 2026.

Find a detailed overview of 2026 construction inside this newsletter!



Completed in 2025



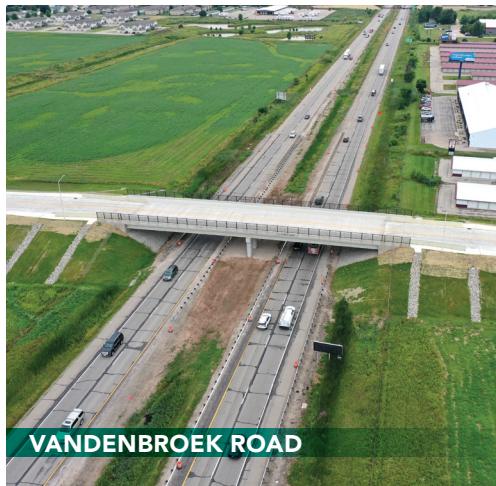
WIS 15



HOLLAND ROAD



BALLARD ROAD



VANDENBROEK ROAD



COUNTY J

WisDOT is excited to highlight the latest improvements along the I-41 Project.

2025 WORK BY THE NUMBERS

**69K TONS
OF ASPHALT** 

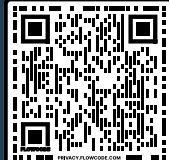
 **19+ LANE
MILES
OF CONCRETE**

**66K SQUARE
FEET
OF RETAINING WALLS** 

 **280K TONS
OF AGGREGATE**

2026 ROAD CLOSURES START IN SPRING!

Sign up to be notified of CLOSURES and receive project updates by email.



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Move Over or Slow Down

For Stopped Emergency / Maintenance Vehicles

- Keep an eye out for construction barrels, orange signs, flags, workers, or flashing lights. They indicate that you are entering a work zone.
- Move over or slow down when approaching a highway maintenance or emergency vehicle that is stopped with its warning lights flashing.
- Stay alert and eliminate distractions.
- Give yourself room to avoid rear-end collisions.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT! Spring 2026

WIS 47

1 WIS 47 bridge over I-41

CLOSURE begins in spring 2026

2 I-41 on- and off-ramps

CLOSURES begin in spring 2026



WIS 441

1 Northbound WIS 441 ramp to northbound I-41

One month CLOSURE begins in spring 2026

2 French Road bridge over I-41

CLOSURE begins in early 2026



In order to minimize impacts to travelers, consecutive entrance and exit ramps will not be closed simultaneously. Keep reading for detailed closure and construction schedules for WIS 47, WIS 441, and other planned work in 2026.



WRIGHTSTOWN SAFETY AND WEIGHT ENFORCEMENT FACILITY (SWEF)/STATE PATROL'S NORTHEAST REGION POST

WisDOT is constructing a new two-story building that will house the new SWEF and State Patrol's relocated Northeast Region post headquarters. Construction includes a 400-foot communications tower and a 70-foot auxiliary tower. The SWEF/Wrightstown Post will be operational this winter, with construction completed summer 2026.

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2026 CONSTRUCTION

WisDOT is continuing work on the I-41 Project in 2026. Construction will include three mainline segments: from WIS 96 to Lynndale Drive; from Lynndale Drive to Holland Road; and from County JJ to Miners Way. The map to the right shows details of this mainline construction, as well as construction planned at five interchanges, two overpasses, and one underpass.

OTHER PROJECTS IN THE AREA

In addition to the I-41 Project, there are several county and local road projects occurring in 2026. Visit www.511wi.gov and the Adjacent Projects section of the I-41 Project website at i41project.wisconsindot.gov/adjacent-projects to learn about other projects in the area.

KNOW before you go!

Download the 511 WI app for the latest in:

- Road conditions
- Traffic and incident alerts
- Travel times
- Road construction



www.511wi.gov



WisDOT Safety Patrol

The WisDOT Safety Patrol is available to assist stranded motorists along the I-41 Project. Special patrols help quickly clear traffic incidents and disabled vehicles from the I-41 Project work zones.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

- Relocating disabled vehicles
- Providing small amounts of fuel
- Changing flat tires and jump-starting batteries
- Clearing roadway of small non-hazardous debris
- Assisting with traffic and crash scene clearance



1 I-41 Mainline: WIS 96 to Lynndale Drive

CONSTRUCTION: early 2025 to fall 2026

- » Reduced lanes on Lynndale Drive through late spring 2026

2 WIS 96 Interchange

CONSTRUCTION: early 2025 to fall 2026

CLOSURES:

- » Lane closures along WIS 96 from early 2026 through fall 2026
- » Northbound on-ramp from spring 2026 to fall 2026

3 Gillett Street Underpass

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2026 to fall 2027

CLOSURE:

- » Gillett Street short-term closures throughout 2026

4 WIS 47 Interchange

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2026 to fall 2026

CLOSURES:

- » WIS 47 bridge over I-41 from spring 2026 to fall 2026
- » I-41 on- and off-ramps from spring 2026 to fall 2026

5 I-41 Mainline: Lynndale Drive to Holland Road

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2026 to 2029

6 I-41/WIS 441 System Interchange

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2026 to 2029

CLOSURES:

- » Northbound WIS 441 ramp to northbound I-41 to close for one month in spring 2026



7 French Road Overpass

CONSTRUCTION: early 2026 to fall 2026

CLOSURE:

- » French Road closure from early 2026 to fall 2026

8 Buchanan Street Overpass

CONSTRUCTION: early 2026 to fall 2026

CLOSURE:

- » Buchanan Street closure from early 2026 to fall 2026

9 I-41 Mainline: County JJ to Miners Way

CONSTRUCTION: spring 2025 to fall 2027

10 Wrightstown Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF)/State Patrol's Northeast Region Post

CONSTRUCTION: fall 2024 to summer 2026

11 County U Interchange

CONSTRUCTION: fall 2025 to fall 2027

CLOSURE:

- » County U closure from spring 2026 to summer 2026
- » French Road between County DDD and Apple Creek Road from spring 2026 to late fall 2026

12 Southbridge Road Interchange

CONSTRUCTION: summer 2024 to fall 2026

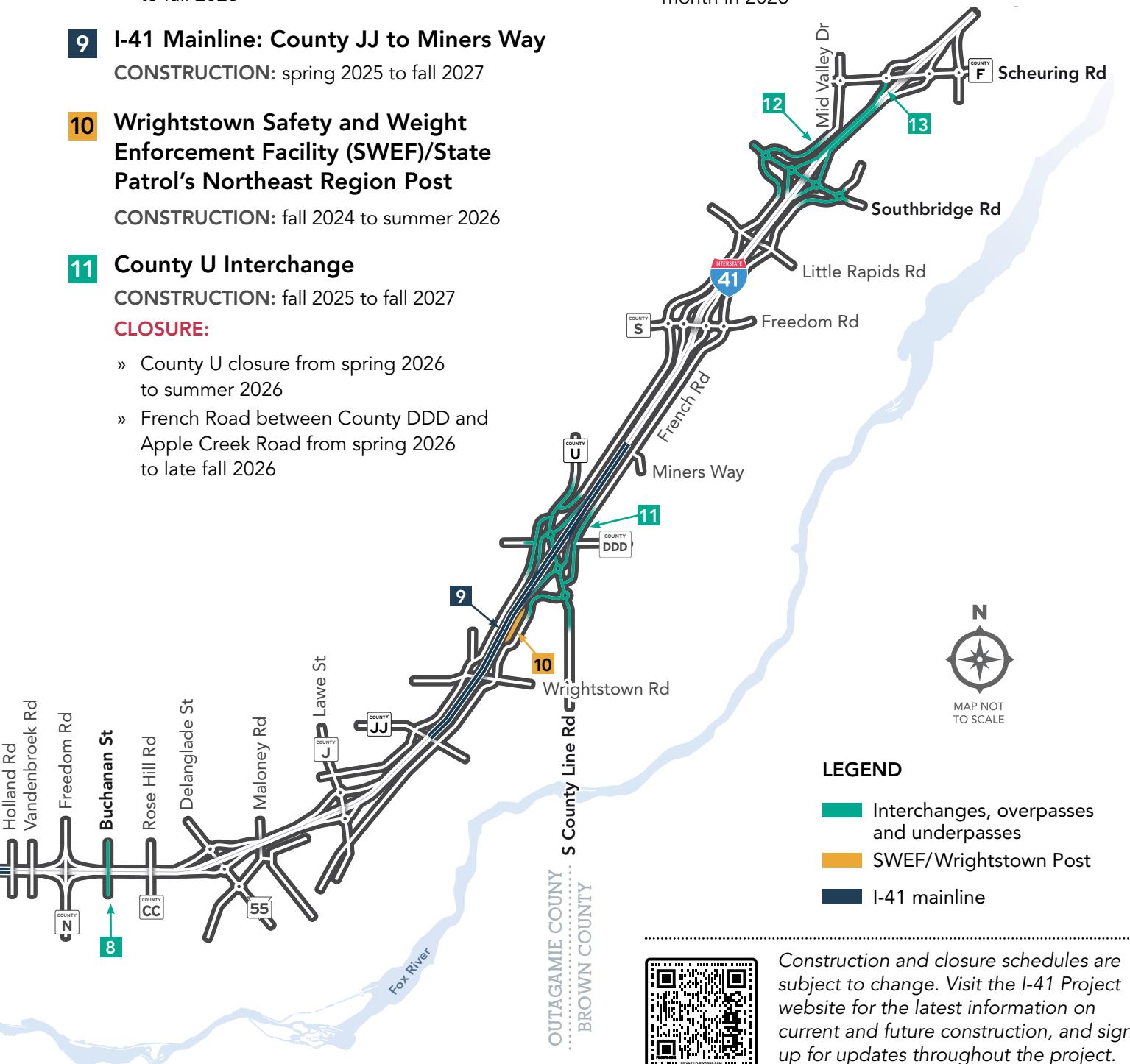
CLOSURE:

- » French Road/Southbridge Road between Creamery Road and Innovation Court from summer 2024 to fall 2026

13 Scheuring Road Interchange

CLOSURE:

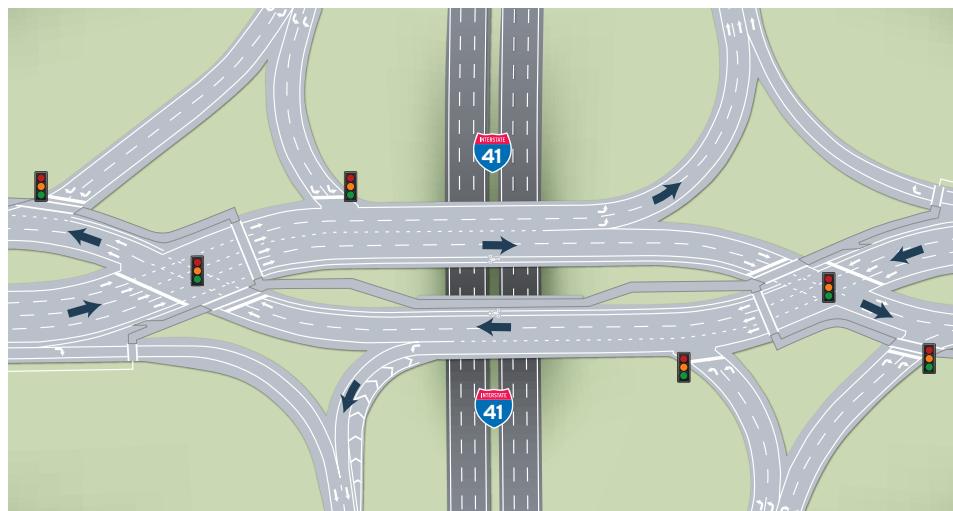
- » I-41 southbound on-ramp to close for one month in 2026



DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGES

As part of the I-41 Project, WisDOT is constructing three Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDIs) in Outagamie County. Construction began along WIS 15 (Northland Avenue) and Ballard Road (County E) in early 2025, and both interchanges opened in fall 2025. Construction along WIS 47 (Richmond Street) will begin in spring 2026 and is scheduled to be completed by late 2026.

The DDI design increases vehicle capacity at interchanges, helping to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. For example, WIS 15 (Northland Avenue) has a significant amount of traffic making left turns onto the interstate ramps. During peak hours, an average of 1,430 vehicles are expected to merge onto northbound I-41 from WIS 15.



Visit our I-41 Project Field Office!



3600 Commerce Court Appleton, Wisconsin

Please call ahead for WisDOT staff availability: (920) 492-7733

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Share your questions and concerns with the team
- Get the latest design and construction updates
- To meet with specific project staff, please call ahead to make an appointment

FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPLORE I-41 PROJECT



In late 2025, students from Fox Valley Technical College's Site Layout and Construction class visited the I-41 mainline project between WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue) and Lynndale Drive. As part of the Construction Management Technology Program, the group had the opportunity to explore several key project features:

- Retaining wall construction at WIS 96
- Bridge construction over the Fox Valley & Lake Superior Railroad, between WIS 96 and WIS 15
- Mainline paving operations at Capitol Drive
- The retention pond at the I-41 southbound off-ramp to WIS 15

The students were highly engaged throughout the visit, asked numerous questions, and got a close-up look at the work underway. We're excited to welcome another class in spring 2026!





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