

**Tri-County Freeway Expansion  
US 10/WIS 441  
(County CB to Oneida Street)  
Winnebago County**

**Project I.D. 1517-07-00**



**Public Information Meeting**

**November 18, 2009  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Menasha Public Library**

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## Purpose of the meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Regional office is redesigning the Tayco Street to WIS 47 section of the US 10/WIS 441 Tri-County freeway to further improve safety. The purpose of today's meeting is to present the latest plan, answer questions and listen to your comments, concerns or suggestions. The meeting is an open house format with a brief presentation.

## Project information

The six mile Tri-County freeway project area extends from County CB west of US 41 to Oneida Street east of US 41. It also includes the portion of US 41 from County II (Winchester Road) to County BB (Prospect Avenue). See map on page 2.

A long range plan improving the Tri-County freeway was originally completed in 2004. The plan included modernizing the interchanges, widening the freeway from four to six lanes between US 41 and Oneida Street, and constructing a second parallel bridge over Little Lake Butte des Morts. It also included an auxiliary lane along northbound US 41 between County II and the Tri-County freeway.

WisDOT has re-evaluated safety concerns in the Tri-County Freeway corridor in response to a Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) report that was part of the 2005 federal transportation bill. The HSIP report identifies highways having a combination of high crash rates and severe crashes. The County P to County AP section of the Tri-County freeway has been on the HSIP list since 2006.

The proposed redesign presented at today's meeting is to further improve safety by flattening the curves through the County P and County AP interchanges. The revised alignment requires shifting the freeway mainline to the north in the vicinity of the County P interchange and to the southeast in the vicinity of the County AP interchange.

Roundabouts rather than signalized intersections are also being proposed at the following seven locations.

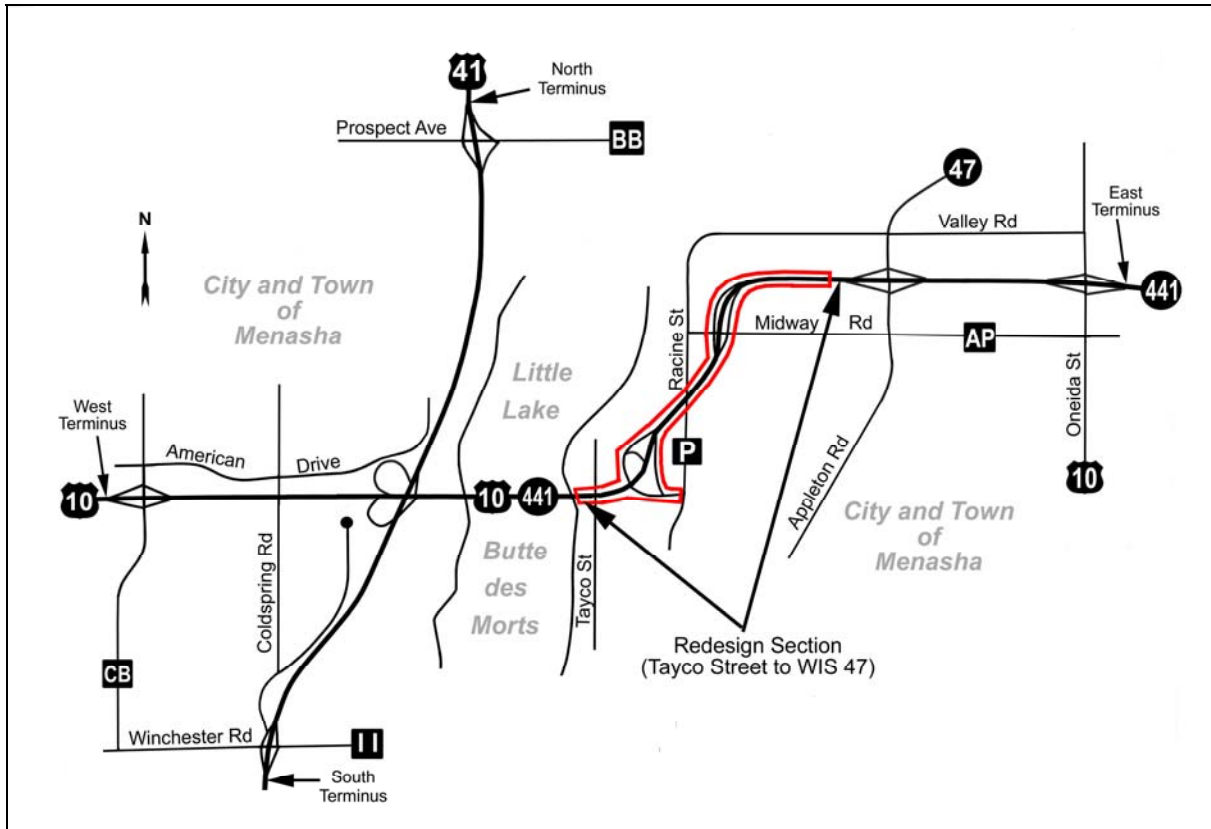
- County P interchange—westbound off ramp/eastbound on ramp (1)
- Racine Street intersection—eastbound on and off ramps (1)
- County AP interchange—westbound on and off ramps (1)
- WIS 47 interchange—eastbound and westbound on and off ramps (2)
- Oneida Street interchange—eastbound and westbound on and off ramps (2)

WisDOT is committed to using roundabouts where possible because they provide more intersection capacity than signalized intersections, and because they improve safety due to slower speeds and fewer traffic conflict points. The center island can also be landscaped to improve the visual quality of the highway.

Based on current funding levels for the state's major highway projects, the long range Tri-County freeway improvements would not likely be constructed for several years. In response to safety concerns raised in the HSIP report, the following short term improvements in the County P to County AP freeway section are scheduled for construction in 2010:

- Add auxiliary lanes along both sides of the freeway between County P and County AP
- Improve the westbound on ramp at the County P interchange
- Flatten the steep roadside slopes near the County P interchange
- Improve overhead directional signs
- Upgrade crash cushions

## Tri-County freeway corridor location map



### Project update/schedule

Since the last public meeting in April 2009, WisDOT met with local officials on October 26, 2009, and has continued to refine the concept plans for the Tayco Street to WIS 47 redesign section. Updated environmental studies have also been conducted. These include archaeological and historic structure surveys, wetland delineations and an updated traffic noise analysis. Upcoming activities include coordination with state and federal review agencies and preparation of an updated environmental document.

The current schedule is to complete the Tayco Street to WIS 47 redesign and the bulk of the updated environmental study in late fall 2009 with final approvals in early spring 2010.

### Other ongoing projects

There are two ongoing US 41 projects in the Tri-County freeway corridor that may also be of interest to area residents.

#### County II (Winchester Road) to US 10/WIS 441 safety improvement

There are two horizontal curves in this US 41 section that do not meet 70 mph design standards and the close spacing between the County II and US10 interchanges contributes to crashes caused by conflicts between merge and diverge traffic. The proposed improvement is to add an auxiliary lane along USH 41 northbound between the County II on-ramp and the US 10/WIS 441 off ramp. This improvement is scheduled for construction in 2012.

#### US 41 Interstate conversion study

The 2005 SAFETEA-LU federal transportation bill included converting US 41 to an Interstate facility between Milwaukee and I-43 in Green Bay. A preliminary needs assessment has been completed and is being reviewed. WisDOT contact persons for the Interstate conversion study are Tammy Rabe (920) 492-5661 and Colleen Harris (920) 492-5678.

## Public comments

We encourage you to review the displays, visit with the project representatives and ask any questions you might have. A comment form is attached to this handout for providing written comments. You may leave your comment form at today's meeting or mail it on or before November 30, 2009. If you have questions during the Tri-County freeway redesign project or would like more information as the project progresses, contact the WisDOT project manager listed below or visit the project website.

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### **Tri-County freeway website**

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d3/wis441/index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d3/wis441/index.htm)



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