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Project cleared to begin final design

Federal Highway Administration confirms WisDOT's recommended preferred alternative

On May 30, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued its Record of Decision, which announced the agency's final decision and support to reconstruct the I-94 North-South Corridor to an eight-lane freeway with design and safety improvements.

FHWA oversaw the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) process in considering various alternatives for the I-94 North-South Corridor project and their impacts. The project spans three counties, starting at the Mitchell Interchange in Milwaukee County, going south through Racine and Kenosha counties, to the Wisconsin-Illinois state line.

FHWA's decision completes the study phase of the project, which began in January 2006. At that time, the purpose and need for reconstruction of the corridor were determined, as well as the environmental impacts such reconstruction would have on the surrounding area. Since then, the project has advanced through multiple steps including community workshops, data collection, public information



An example of final design in the Mitchell Interchange.

meetings, over 500 stakeholder meetings and community presentations, numerous freeway reconfiguration alternatives and the preparation, review, and finalization of the Environmental Impact Statement.

With FHWA's decision, the I-94 North-South Corridor project can now advance into final design and construction. Construction will commence along the corridor in 2009. For 2009 construction schedule information, turn to page 3.



The new look of I-94 in Milwaukee County

I-94 design plans incorporate community sensitive design

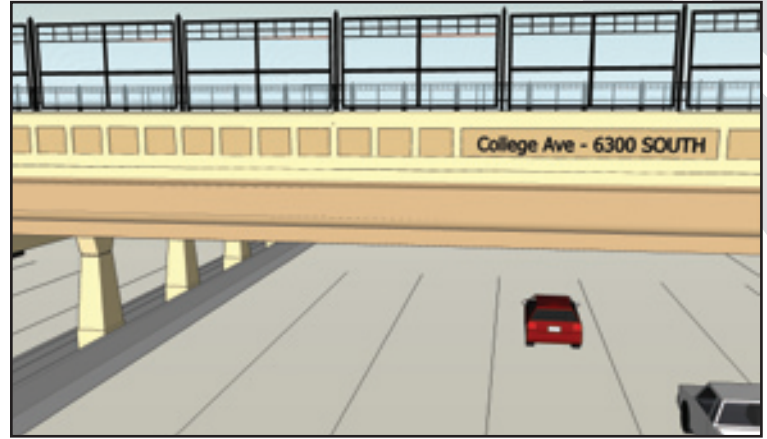
In mid-January, WisDOT began a series of workshops to determine the new look of I-94 in Milwaukee County. The Community Sensitive Design (CSD) committee consisted of residents and business owners in the area. Together, this group worked diligently to determine the final look and feel of the project in Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee County design elements were derived from bungalow and industrial buildings that produced elements that blend the Craftsman style and a tile patterning.

Similar to the Marquette Interchange, local street names will be cast into freeway overpasses. Decorative fencing will include a variety of inserts that are symbolic of various areas of the county. The fencing near the airport, for example, will include a decorative panel that resembles a plane leaving General Mitchell International Airport. The appearance of retaining walls and sound walls was also assessed, and a decision was made to cast patterns into their exposed surfaces that are consistent with the overall corridor design theme.

Airport Gateway

The committee also recommended that the Airport Spur and its freeway interchange be designed as a focal point and gateway to



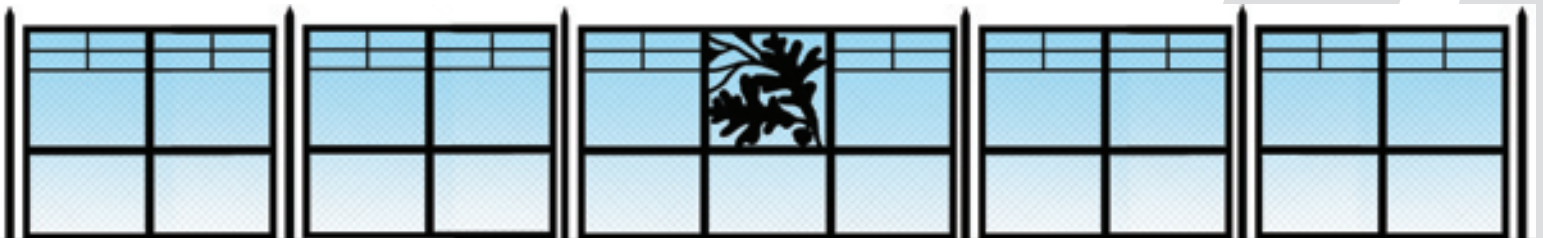
Example of the Craftsman style and tile patterning that will be used throughout Milwaukee County.



The Milwaukee County mural, showcasing the downtown skyline and featuring notable attractions in the area, will be cast into walls around the Airport Spur.

Milwaukee, the airport, and the state. Features in that area may include enhanced landscaping, decorative lighting and unique signage.

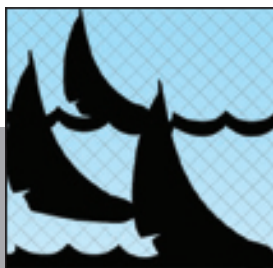
The CSD plans in Racine and Kenosha counties were finalized in 2007. The design treatments in all three counties reflect the area's rich history and bright future.



Decorative Fence: Panel inserts (below) will be used in select locations.



27th Street and Ryan Road



20th Street, Rawson Road and Puetz Road



Layton Avenue and Drexel Avenue



Grange Avenue and College Avenue



Elm Road

2009 construction: When and where will it happen?

The first year of construction on the I-94 North-South Corridor is expected in the following areas:

Kenosha County



County E Frontage Roads

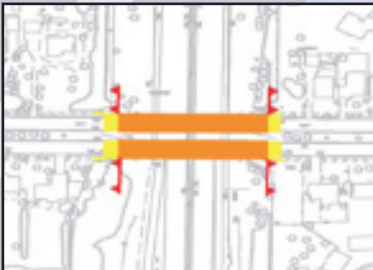


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Milwaukee County



Grange Avenue over I-94



27th Street and Layton Avenue Intersection improvements



College Avenue



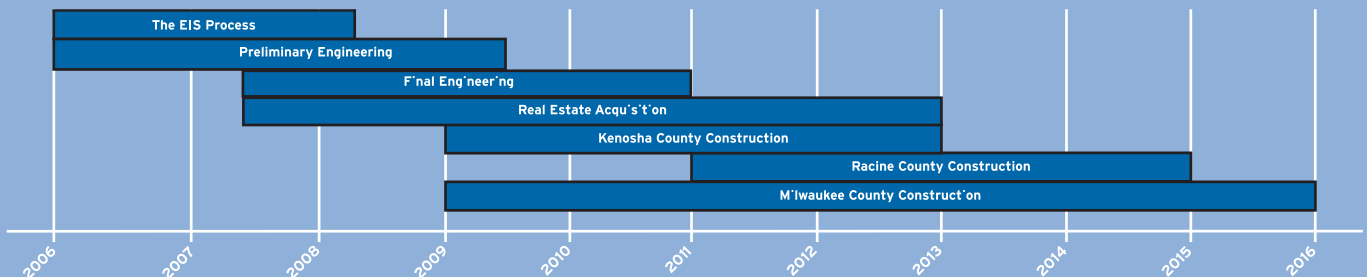
Westbound Airport Spur west of 14th Street

Key

- Roadway to be reconstructed
- Bridges to be reconstructed
- Walls to be reconstructed
- Temporary pavement
- Grass

Stay tuned later this summer for more detailed information on traffic impacts.

Reconstruction Timeline



Business and labor opportunities

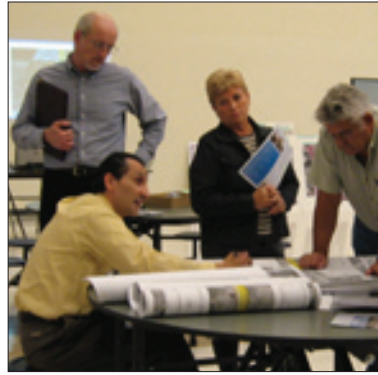
There are various business and labor opportunities on the project, including those for certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms. Opportunities include:

- Construction administration
- Earthwork
- Traffic control and safety
- Pavement
- Structures- bridges, culverts & walls
- Landscaping
- Trucking
- Demolition

To request a DBE application or learn more about business and labor opportunities, call (414)438-4583 or visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business.

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