

Public Information Handout

**IH 39
Madison – Portage
USH 51 to 0.55 MI S of CTH V
Dane County**

Project ID: 1011-03-07



May 28, 2026

Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.

Purpose of handout

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is in the process of developing plans for proposed improvements on 5.17 miles of IH 39 in Dane County. The purpose of this handout is to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, describe the potential impacts it would have on the community, and offer an opportunity for public comment.

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-addressed mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below.

Project location

IH 39 from USH 51 in Windsor to 0.55 miles south of CTH V in DeForest in Dane County. Project includes six interstate bridges along IH 39 and STH 19 ramps (see map).

Project purpose and need

This continuously reinforced concrete pavement (CRCP) was placed in 1984 and was overlaid with asphalt in 2014. The pavement is deteriorating with cracking. Treatment is needed to extend the service life of the pavement until the next planned reconstruction.

Anticipated benefits

Provide motorists with a smoother riding surface resulting in less wear on vehicles. Improve safety for drivers with guardrail improvements. Extend life of pavement, decreasing maintenance costs and saving taxpayer dollars in the future.



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Earthstar Geographics, Sources:
Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO,

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Proposed improvements

Proposed improvements include:

- Mill and remove existing 3.5-inches of asphaltic pavement.
- Treat deteriorated areas with concrete repair as needed.
- Place 3.5 inches of new hot mix asphalt over the repaired concrete pavement.
- Bridge repairs at 5 interstate bridges within the project limits.
- Repair/replace guardrail, bringing guardrail up to current standards.

Traffic impacts

The project will be performed under traffic, utilizing lane shifts, shoulder closures, and temporary lane and ramp closures. Work will be completed at night during off-peak hours. The project will be built to allow traffic movement through IH 39 while the roadway is being upgraded.

Temporary, overnight ramp closures will occur at the IH 39 and STH 19 interchange. It is not anticipated that northbound and southbound ramp closures will occur simultaneously. Advance notice of the ramp closures as well as detour routes will be provided. Figure 1 shows the detour routes for the northbound ramp closures at STH 19. Figure 2 shows the detour routes for the southbound ramp closures at STH 19.

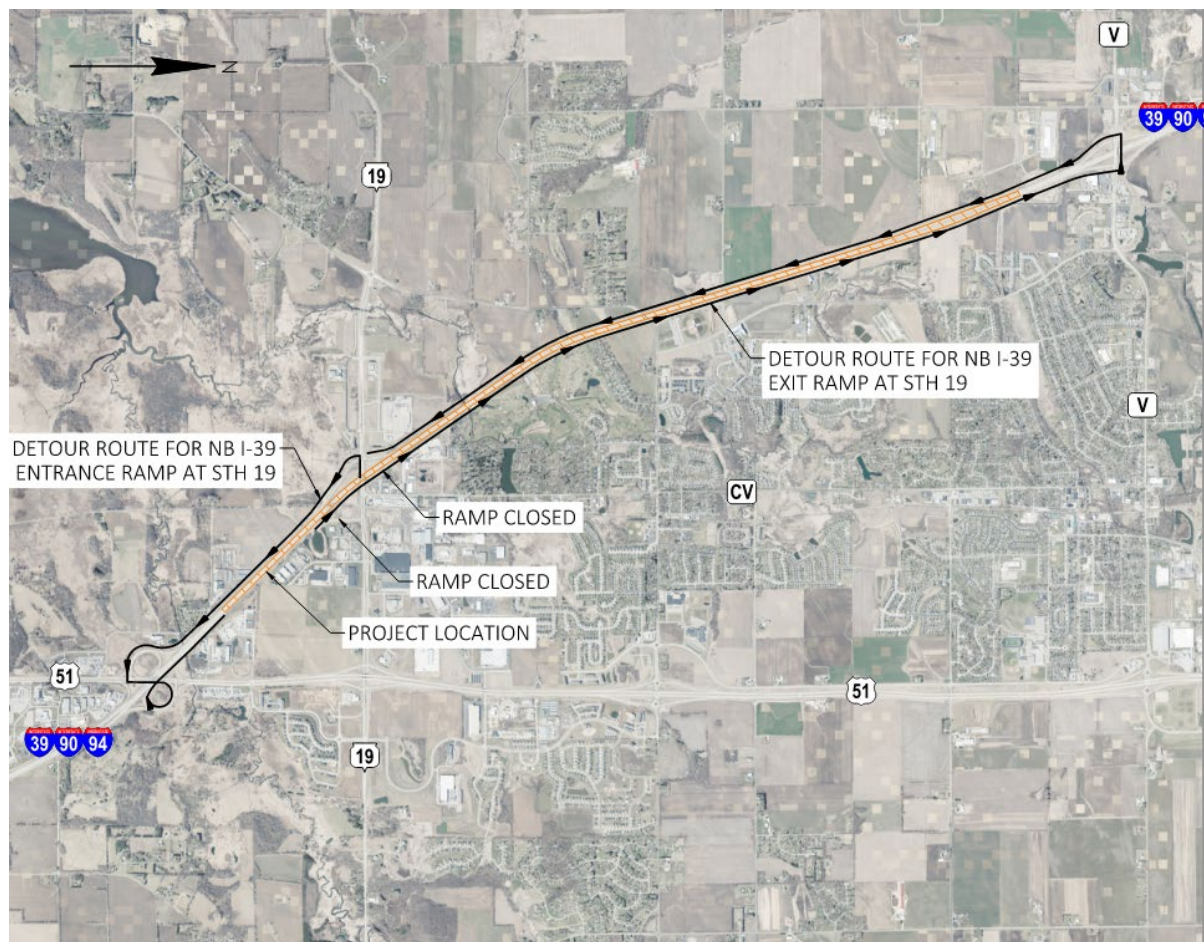


Figure 1: Detour Routes for Northbound I-39 Ramp Closures at STH 19

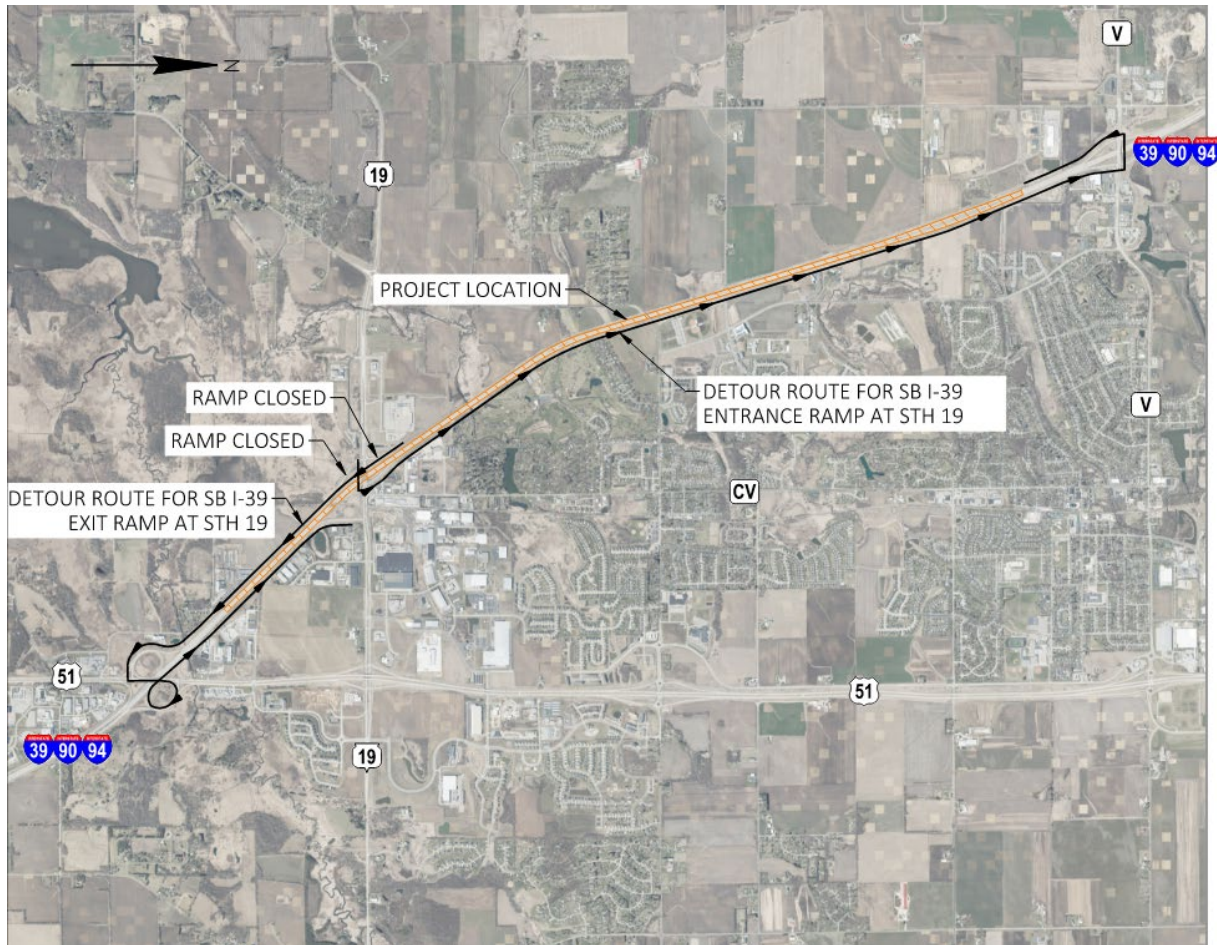


Figure 2: Detour Routes for Southbound I-39 Ramp Closures at STH 19

Schedule

- Environmental document: June 2026
- Final Design: 2026 – 2028
- Construction currently scheduled in 2029

Real estate

There are no anticipated real estate and right-of-way needs for the construction of the project.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide.

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsindot.gov/Together.

Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by June 28, 2026 to be considered during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this project handout and mail to WisDOT using the mailer or place in the basket at the meeting.
2. Email comments or questions to any of the contacts listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

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