

WisDOT: Issues Packer gameday travel advisory

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Green Bay, Wisconsin — The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region reminds motorists heading to Lambeau Field on Thursday, Sept. 28, for the Green Bay Packers/Chicago Bears football game that Thursday night's game will have a significant impact on traffic operations. A 7:25 p.m. kickoff will put gameday traffic and commuter traffic on highways near Lambeau Field at roughly the same time, which could result in slow travel and backups on the local system.

WisDOT will open as many lanes as possible on construction projects in northeast Wisconsin to move the increased traffic as effectively as possible, but some work zones will still have traffic control devices, soft shoulders, narrow lanes and barrier wall present. Construction project areas in northeast Wisconsin with traffic control devices include I-43 in Brown, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties, I-41 in Brown and Outagamie counties, and the WIS 441 Tri-County expansion project in the Fox Valley. While most lanes will open for Packer traffic, slowdowns are still possible in the projects' work zones.

Closer to the stadium, all lanes of travel in construction zones will be open in Brown County, although I-41, WIS 172 and I-43 could experience backups as fans head to and from Lambeau Field. I-41 interchanges at Oneida Street, Lombardi Avenue, WIS 172 and I-43 are also potential areas where delays may occur due to higher volumes of traffic.

WisDOT encourages those traveling to the game to pre-plan their trip. Other tips include using alternate routes, adjusting your leave to ensure you reach the destination on time, and following the traveler information on the message boards. Commuter traffic not heading to the game is encouraged to find alternate routes off the main interstate and highway system, if possible. Never drive distracted, as slowdowns and back-ups can occur suddenly.

Those heading to the game can consider using alternate highway interchanges further from Lambeau Field in Brown County to avoid back-ups or slowdowns. Please note, alternate routes require knowledge of local roads to navigate to the stadium. Alternate interchanges include:

- I-43/Mason St. or I-43/Manitowoc Road on Green Bay's east side
- [WIS 172/Webster Ave.](#) or WIS 172/County GV on Green Bay's east side
- I-41/Main Avenue or I-41/Scheuring Road south of Lambeau Field
- I-41/Mason St. or I-41/Shawano Ave. to the north of Lambeau Field

Here is a list of the major highways in northeast Wisconsin most Packer fans will be traveling as they head for Lambeau Field, and the road conditions they should anticipate.

I-41 Resurfacing Project - Brown and Outagamie Counties

I-41 from Kaukauna to De Pere is under construction, but both lanes are open to traffic before and after the game. However, the lanes are configured to split traffic (three on one side, one on the other) for bridge work near Wrightstown. This area experienced backups during the previous Packer home games. Motorists are reminded they can use both lanes of northbound and southbound I-41.

- Uneven lanes, traffic control devices in the project work zone could still slow travel on I-41 in Brown and Outagamie counties.
- I-41 near Wrightstown will continue in its current configuration with split traffic in one direction, but two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction for gameday.

WIS 441 Tri-County Expansion Project - Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties

I-41 Mainline

Barrier wall, narrow lanes, short merge distances and orange barrels will be present at various locations due to the WIS 441 Tri-County Expansion Project.

- Drivers will encounter reduced speed limits on I-41 near the US 10/WIS 441/I-41 interchange.
- Drivers should also watch for reduced lane widths and reduced shoulder widths on northbound and southbound I-41.

[WIS 441, US 10](#) and Roland Kampo Bridge

- Drivers should be aware of orange barrels, narrow lanes, barrier walls and reduced speed limits due to

the WIS 441 Tri-County Expansion Project.

- US 10 eastbound between County CB and I-41 northbound is reduced to a single lane.
- Westbound US 10/southbound WIS 441 to northbound I-41 ramp is closed until spring of 2018.
- Detour: Continue on westbound US 10 to WIS 76, follow WIS 76 north to WIS 96, take WIS 96 east to I-41.

I-43 Resurfacing Project - Brown, Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties

All lanes of travel will open in the construction work zones five hours before and five hours after the game.

- Traffic control devices in the project work zones could still slow travel.

Wisconsin DOT State Farm Safety Patrol (formerly known as Freeway Service Teams)

The Wisconsin DOT State Farm Safety Patrol will be working in the WIS 441 Tri-County Expansion Project in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on gameday. The safety patrol, formerly known as Freeway Service Teams, will assist motorists - free of charge - who are involved in minor crashes or are experiencing a breakdown. If necessary, the safety patrol quickly relocates disabled vehicles from the highway's travel lanes and/or shoulders to safe, pre-designated locations away from traffic.

Services the safety patrol provides include:

- Relocating disabled vehicles
- Providing small amounts of fuel
- Handling minor repairs (changing flat tires, battery jump starts)
- Removing small non-hazardous debris from the roadway
- Assisting with traffic control and crash scene clearance

Please note if you are involved in a crash:

The WisDOT's Division of State Patrol advises you to immediately call 911 if you are involved in a crash. If there are no injuries and the vehicles can be moved, report the other vehicle's license plate numbers as you may then be advised to move off the main portion of the roadway to a crash investigation site or to a ramp out of traffic. This will assist first responders in reaching you while helping to clear traffic delays during the

critical travel times before and following the Packer game.

Additionally, if your vehicle becomes disabled in WIS 441 Tri-County Project work zones in the Fox Valley, notify authorities immediately, and WisDOT will send the safety patrol vehicle to your location. Motorists can then contact their motor club or towing preference after WisDOT has relocated your vehicle to a more accessible and safe location.

Travelers should allow extra time and can check online for real-time traffic information, including travel times, lane closures and incidents, at 511 Wisconsin online at www.511wi.gov or by calling 511.