

Gov. Walker: Announces major projects to be completed one year ahead of scheduled completion

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MADISON - Last week, Governor Scott Walker announced that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be completing the I-39/90 mainline project one-year early from 2021 to 2020. In his annual State of the State address, the Governor cited that by utilizing the current budget and savings, WisDOT will be advancing \$32.7 million of the I-39/90 major project work into state fiscal year 2018. This includes the entire project of the I-39/90 with the exception of the Beltline Interchange (BIC) which is currently undergoing environmental analysis.

“We are focused on creating a more efficient government that is accountable to our taxpayers. Because of our efforts, the Department of Transportation is able to meet the needs of Wisconsinites every day and advance economic development across the state.” said Governor Scott Walker. “Opening I-39/90 early ensures that the citizens of Wisconsin will have the infrastructure needed to accommodate job growth and tourism throughout the state.”

In December, the Governor announced the advancement of a number of projects in the WIS 441 expansion, creating the opportunity to complete the project one-year early and minimize traffic impacts for travelers, residents, and businesses.

Both projects are highlighted in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s [report](#) to the Transportation Projects Commission providing statuses of Major Highway Projects and Southeast Wisconsin Freeway Megaprojects.

“The department remains committed to delivering major highway projects in a cost-effective and responsible manner that ensures a safe and efficient transportation system for the entire state,” stated Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Dave Ross.

Lower fuel prices and more competitive bids on projects have resulted in increased savings on road projects. Using these savings now means WisDOT will take advantage of the savings to preserve our assets, maintain infrastructure, and increase safety on Wisconsin roadways.