

Dept. of Transportation: Thanksgiving holiday travelers asked to plan ahead, eliminate distractions

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Construction is wrapping up for the season on many Wisconsin highways, but motorists are advised to slow down, put their phone down and drive with caution in the remaining work zones. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is encouraging Thanksgiving holiday travelers to plan ahead for heavy traffic along key travel corridors. Peak travel periods are anticipated between noon and 8 p.m. on Wednesday (November 23) and again on Sunday (November 27).

“Whether you are traveling near or far this holiday weekend, please buckle up, drive sober, watch out for deer and follow posted speed limits,” WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. “Those responsible decisions can prevent crashes and help ensure a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving for everyone.”

Highway projects that may impact travelers include:

- **Columbia County:** Construction is underway at the I-39/90/94 and WIS 60 interchange near Arlington and Lodi. I-39/90/94 remains open to three lanes in each direction.
- **Juneau County:** I-90/94 is open to two lanes in each direction on temporary roadway and bridge structures at the WIS 82 interchange in Mauston.
- **Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties:** Work is ongoing on I-43 between Capitol Drive and WIS 60. Motorists can expect lane closures and speed limit reductions in certain segments. The ramps at Hampton Avenue and County Line Road remain closed.

- **Milwaukee County:** Motorists will encounter a traffic shift on I-41/US 45 (Zoo Interchange North Leg Project) between Watertown Plank Road and North Avenue. Exit ramps at North Avenue and Mayfair Road remain closed. Holiday shopping traffic is encouraged to access Mayfair Road from either Burleigh Street or Watertown Plank Road.
- **Portage County:** US 10/WIS 66 is reduced to a single lane in each direction at I-39. The I-39 northbound exit ramp to US 10 east is closed and detoured via I-39 and WIS 66/Stanley Street. The I-39 southbound to westbound WIS 66 turn lane is closed and detoured via I-39 and County HH. The westbound US 10 to I-39 southbound left turn lane is closed and detoured via I-39 and WIS 66/Stanley Street. The eastbound US 10/WIS 66 to I-39 northbound left turn lane is closed and detoured via I-39 and County HH.

Know before you go and get updated information on travel conditions, work zones and incidents across Wisconsin:

- Download the free 511 Wisconsin smartphone app
- Visit 511wi.gov
- Follow [@511WI on Twitter](https://twitter.com/511WI)
- Dial 511

Accessible online at 511wi.gov or via the 511 Wisconsin smartphone app, motorists can view live video feeds of travel conditions via traffic cameras throughout Wisconsin.

Alerts and updates provided via these sites are not intended for use while driving. When driving, your focus should always be on driving.

Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customer service centers will be closed from Thursday, November 24 to Saturday, November 26. Citizens can conduct DMV business online 24/7 at wisconsindmv.gov.