

# WIS 29 freeway designation and conversion study

Summer 2008



## Goal of WIS 29 freeway designation and conversion study

The goal of the WIS 29 freeway designation and conversion plan is to develop a facility plan consistent with WIS 29 classification in the Corridors 2020/Connections 2030 plan. This consistency includes ultimate freeway conversion, which will increase mobility and traveler safety. Freeway conversion consists of:

- Elimination of all at-grade intersections and driveways.
- Installation of grade separations/service interchanges to serve local transportation needs.
- Construction of service roads where necessary.

A second goal is to provide an ultimate facility that meets the transportation needs of the area. These transportation needs include:

- Providing reasonable access to business and industry areas.
- Providing reasonable routes for emergency response.

## Factors used to select preferred alternative

Freeway conversion entails removing all at-grade intersections from a roadway and replacing them with either overpasses, or cul-de-sac. Many factors are considered when deciding which treatment should be used at each intersection:

- Service interchanges every 5 to 8 miles provide reasonable access to local communities. (For this portion of WIS 29, sufficient interchanges exist to serve the communities.)
- Grade separations (overpasses) every 3 to 5 miles provide reasonable access across a freeway facility.
- Grade separations are placed to minimize indirection, for both motorized and non-motorized travel.
- Consideration is given to providing or maintaining reasonable access to existing businesses and community facilities.
- Consideration is given to minimizing emergency response times.
- Physical and built features such as wetlands, grade differences, and buildings affect grade separation placement.

## Public Information Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008

**Time:** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
(Presentation to begin at 6:30 p.m.)

**Where:** Owen-Withee High School  
832 W. 3rd Street  
Owen, Wis.

**Agenda:** Discuss study purpose and preferred alternative for WIS 29 freeway conversion

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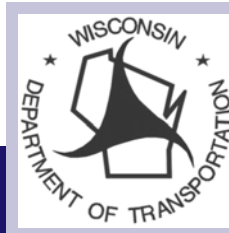
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### *Mission statement:*

*To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*





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# WIS 29 study sections

