



WIS 11 Janesville Bypass Project report

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Map

Project overview

Currently WIS 11 passes through downtown Janesville. The high traffic volumes, which include heavy truck use, affect travel efficiency and safety. Numerous signalized intersections, driveways, and insufficient roadway capacity also contribute to problems.

A multi-year study reviewed many route alternatives. The preferred alternative uses the existing WIS 11 to Hayner Road. It then heads south along property lines east of Hayner Road. East of O'Leary Road, the new roadway heads east to cross the Rock River just north of the Janesville sewage treatment plant. The highway joins into Avalon Road near the intersection at US 51.

Key features of the chosen route are:

- There will be an at-grade connection between the new bypass and existing WIS 11.
- An overpass will carry the bypass traffic over Rockport Road.
- An at-grade connection will be made between the bypass and Janesville-Hanover Road. A median with left turn lanes will also be provided.
- An overpass will carry County D (Afton Road) traffic over the bypass; a connector road will be provided between the bypass and Afton Road.

Key features of the chosen route, continued

- A paved bicycle trail will be created starting at County D, traveling over the Rock River and ending at Oakhill Avenue. A connection between the bike trail and River Road will be constructed. A box culvert under the bypass will connect the main bike trail to the new Keenland Subdivision and Avalon Road.
- Two new bridges will carry the bypass traffic over the Rock River and River Road and also over Oakhill Road; a connector road will be provided between the bypass and River Road.
- An overpass will carry the bypass traffic over Oakhill Avenue; connector roads will be provided between the bypass and Oakhill Avenue and Avalon Road.
- An improved signalized intersection of the bypass and US 51 will be provided.
- At the completion of the project, the existing WIS 351 designation will be changed to WIS 11.

The new roadway begins west of Janesville at Hayner Road as a two-lane roadway. Just west of County D, the roadway turns into a four-lane, divided highway, ending west of US 51. No access will be allowed except at intersections. The project provides under/overpasses at Rockport, County D, River Road and Oakhill Avenue.

Construction schedule

The grading of a new roadway and construction of eight structures that allows WIS 11 to bypass the city of Janesville began in May of 2001.

The contractor, Mann Brothers, Inc., of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, will perform grading, laying base and building structures. Due to the great weather conditions, the contractor has been working all winter decking the two bridges over the Rock River and the one bridge over Rockport Road. This will allow crews to pour the decks and complete laying the base east of the river by early June 2002.

At that time we will start the second year contract, which involves redoing the US 51 intersection and paving the bypass. This portion of the project will be completed in the fall of 2002.

Construction in 2001, took place on the new alignment, creating little need for traffic control or diversion. However, County D and Oakhill Avenue will be closed and detoured. Both roadways reopened in November of 2001.

The construction project has been divided into four distinct segments.

Segment 1

A two-lane roadway will be constructed from existing WIS 11 near Hayner Road to County D. A four-lane divided roadway will be constructed from County D to just west of US 51.

Begin construction - May 2001
End construction - fall 2001

Segment 2

Bypass connections will be constructed to existing WIS 11 at Hayner Road and at the completion of a four-lane divided facility on WIS 351 from US 51 to DuPont Drive. Also included is the reconstruction of the intersection at US 51.

Begin construction - May 2002
End construction - fall 2002

Segment 3

A new asphalt surface will be placed under traffic on existing WIS 11 from Sunset Drive west to the bypass. This section of roadway will be transferred to the jurisdiction of the county at the completion of the 2002 project.

Begin construction - May 2002
End construction - fall 2002

Segment 4

The segment from DuPont Drive to I-90 is currently being designed as a four-lane divided roadway.

Begin construction - May 2004
End construction - fall 2004

Detour information

The County D detour route will include County D to Rockport Road to US 51. South Oakhill Avenue will be closed to through traffic yet it will be maintained to allow access for emergency vehicles and local property owners.

Traffic on Rockport and River Roads may be stopped for up to 15 minutes at a time for placement of bridge girders over the roads except between the hours of 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Hanover Road will remain open to through traffic. The contractor may need to add a stop condition to allow the heavy

construction equipment access north and south of Hanover Road.

During the 2001 construction of US 51, WIS 351 and Avalon Road will remain open to traffic.

For the 2002 construction, County D and Oakhill Avenue will be complete and remain open to traffic. Impacts to the traveling public can be expected at Hanover Road, Avalon Road and US 51.

Everyone involved with this project would like to thank local residence for their patience. This project will provide the community with a safer and more efficient road.



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