



# The WisDOT Connector *Express*

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## **WisDOT asks local governments to help identify potential transportation projects**

With Congress debating a comprehensive stimulus package that will likely include funding for transportation-related improvements, WisDOT has established a Web site ([www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/localstimulus.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/localstimulus.htm)) to help local governments submit potential projects. The site includes a letter sent to local elected officials, county highway commissioners and transportation planning groups across Wisconsin that provides more information about project eligibility, the application process and upcoming deadlines.

## **January relatively safe on Wisconsin roadways**

In terms of traffic fatalities, Wisconsin is off to a safe start in 2009. Preliminary data shows January traffic crashes claimed 36 lives - among the safest Januaries on record - and down 13 from January of last year. Traffic deaths in Wisconsin have been on a general decline since the fall of 2007.

## **Network of traffic cameras continues to grow**

Travelers can get an up-to-date, bird's-eye view of traffic volumes thanks to a growing number of traffic cameras at key locations around the state. Five newly-added cameras are now monitoring traffic along WIS 172 in Green Bay where a construction project recently got underway along a 5.5-mile section of roadway. The Statewide Traffic Operations Center in Milwaukee monitors traffic cameras as part of efforts to provide timely and appropriate response to traffic incidents. Motorists can get the latest on driving conditions by visiting the WisDOT Web site at: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/driving-cond.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/driving-cond.htm).

## **DMV offices closed on Presidents' Day – February 16**

Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customer service centers and phone centers throughout Wisconsin will be closed on Presidents' Day (Monday, February 16) to allow for training of DMV customer service representatives. The DMV's automated phone system will remain available to allow motorists to make road test appointments and access other recorded information. Many other DMV services are available online at: [www.wisconsin.dmv.gov](http://www.wisconsin.dmv.gov). The federal Presidents' Day holiday was chosen for staff training since customer visits to DMV centers are traditionally lower that day. The staff training helps keep DMV workers up to date with changes in technologies and procedures.

## **Upcoming events**

Public meetings on *Connections 2030* plan: Feb. 12 in Eau Claire; Feb. 18 in Rhinelander and Feb. 19 in Wausau. [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/2030-draft-meetings.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/2030-draft-meetings.htm)  
Partnering for Employment workshops, Feb. 12 in Crandon; Feb. 19 in Waukesha.

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