



# The WisDOT Connector *Express*

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## **I-94 Freeway construction officially kicked-off**

Governor Jim Doyle and WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi were in Milwaukee March 23<sup>rd</sup> to officially kick-off the \$1.9 billion project to reconstruct the I-94 corridor between Milwaukee and the Illinois state line. Constructed in the 1960's, the 35-mile corridor is the most widely used freeway in the state and accommodates some 150,000 vehicles every day. With state and federal investments, 2009 is shaping up to be a banner year for road construction in Wisconsin. This year, WisDOT expects to let highway-related construction contracts totaling about \$1.2 billion. More information on the I-94 project is available at: [www.plan94.org](http://www.plan94.org).

## **State Rideshare program goes statewide**

A state-coordinated effort that matches commuters with car, van pools, and bike buddies as well as other transportation options is now available statewide. WisDOT oversees the Rideshare program that originated several years ago aimed primarily at residents in the more heavily-populated southeast region of the state. Now, commuters throughout the state looking for someone to share the ride to work can utilize the interactive ride matching service at: [www.rideshare.wi.gov](http://www.rideshare.wi.gov).

## **Merrimac Ferry opens for season**

Here's another sure sign of spring: the Merrimac Ferry has resumed operations. Wisconsin's only free ferry shuttles WIS 113 traffic across the Wisconsin River between Okee and Merrimac in Columbia and Sauk counties. The Colsac III operates 24-hours a day, can hold up 15 vehicles at a time, along with bicycles and pedestrians. A one-way crossing takes about seven minutes. More information can be found at: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/water/merrimac.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/water/merrimac.htm).

## **Things to keep in mind when selling a vehicle**

Selling a vehicle can be easy, but it can also result in some headaches if sellers and buyers don't follow some simple rules. For example, sellers must have the vehicle title in their name, pay for any remaining lien on the vehicle, and should remove the vehicle's license plates prior to the sale. Additional tips for selling a vehicle in Wisconsin can be found on the WisDOT Web site at: [www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/consumer/car/sellrite.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/safety/consumer/car/sellrite.htm).

## **Upcoming events**

May 21, Wisconsin Transpo Expo Conference for middle school students, Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, [www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/expo.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/expo.htm).

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