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I-94 North-South corridor Web site enhanced

To help keep travelers and the general public informed about progress on the I-94 North-South corridor project in southeast Wisconsin, WisDOT has implemented the second phase of the plan94.org Web site. The enhanced site provides a variety of information and services including trip-planning resources to aid travel during construction. Web site enhancements include:

- Driving directions around construction for current or future travel;
- Current traffic conditions such as speeds, travel times and alerts;
- Current and upcoming road closure information, and the ability to search for planned future closures;
- The ability to subscribe to customized travel alerts delivered via e-mail;
- A gallery section with 3D animation that allow visitors to digitally drive through the new design of the Mitchell Interchange.

The 35-mile I-94 North-South corridor safety reconstruction project runs from the Illinois state line to the Mitchell Interchange. Construction is scheduled to continue through 2016.

Overall traffic fatalities down

While May was another relatively safe month on Wisconsin roadways, state safety officials report an increase in motorcycle fatalities. Preliminary data shows 48 people lost their lives in Wisconsin traffic crashes last month - a tie with May of 1993 for the second safest month of May since World War II. Meanwhile, through May of this year, 28 motorcyclists have died in Wisconsin traffic crashes - nearly double the 15 who died over the same period last year. As motorcycles become an increasingly common sight on roadways this time of year, motorists and motorcyclists are asked to be alert for each other, especially at intersections.

Seasonal waysides opening

Another sure sign of spring is the opening of seasonal waysides across the state. Wisconsin's approximately 70 seasonal waysides are typically located along two-lane highways with some offering picnic tables and scenic features. County highway departments maintain many of the waysides, with others maintained by local community rehabilitation programs. WisDOT also oversees 30 rest areas open year-round that are generally located along major highway corridors. More information can be found at: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/restareas/.

WisDOT Web site a helpful link for contractors/other partners

WisDOT's Highway Construction Contract Information site (<http://roadwaystandards.dot.wi.gov/hcci/>) provides a variety of information for contractors and other WisDOT partners. The site has the latest in bid-letting advertisements and pre-bid meetings, and guidelines related to labor, wages and civil rights compliance.

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