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Marquette Interchange project receives recognition

The Marquette Interchange project is the winner of an "America's Transportation Award" sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Automobile Association (AAA) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Marquette project won the "Large Project – On Time" category and is one of four projects recognized in the Mississippi Valley region that will compete for a national award during this fall's annual AASHTO meeting. Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi recently announced that all freeway lanes and ramps on the Marquette Interchange will open by the end of August - months earlier than scheduled - and total project costs will stay under the \$810 million budget.

WisDOT State Fair exhibits will highlight southeast freeway projects

Visitors to WisDOT's booth at the Wisconsin State Fair (July 31 – August 10) in West Allis will be able to learn more about southeast freeway projects:

- A scale model of the new Marquette Interchange will be on display for one final time before the interchange opens to traffic at the end of August. Staff will be on-hand to help fairgoers navigate the new configuration;
- Representatives from the I-94 North-South Corridor project will answer questions and show visitors a scale model of the new design for the Mitchell Interchange;
- Staff from the Zoo Interchange study will provide information about Wisconsin's busiest freeway interchange. The study area includes State Fair Park;
- Members of the Wisconsin State Patrol will handle questions about highway safety and demonstrate proper installation and use of child safety seats. The WisDOT displays will be in aisle 1700 of the Wisconsin Exposition Center.

New state aeronautical chart available

Pilots and aviation enthusiasts may be interested in a copy of the new 2008-2009 Wisconsin Aeronautical Chart. The newly-redesigned chart highlights public-use airports throughout Wisconsin, airport facilities and radio frequencies, military operations areas and key landmarks. The chart's primary purpose is as a pre-flight planning tool and is not meant for in-flight use. The chart's cover depicts winning entries from this year's Wisconsin Aviation Art contest involving students ages 6 - 17. For a copy of the new chart, contact Judy Egnor in WisDOT's Bureau of Aeronautics at:

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Upcoming events

August 13 - 14, State Pedestrian and Bicycle Conference, Ramada Convention Center in Eau Claire, www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/bikeped08-welcome.htm

August 17 - 20, Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT) Conference, Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/scort-index.htm

August 20 - 21, Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, Ho-Chunk Casino Convention Center, Baraboo, www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/safety/index.htm

September 8 - 10, Wisconsin Transit Conference, Country Springs Hotel, Waukesha. For more info, contact: Dave Mumma at: mummad@ci.janesville.wi.us

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