

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be reconstructing 2.4-miles on WIS 13 in the city of Medford in Taylor County this year.

The \$9.5 million project contains three segments: a northern segment between WIS 64 to just north of Ann's Way, a southern segment, which begins just north of County O extending to Perkins Street, and a middle segment between Perkins Street and WIS 64.

## Project Details

The northern and southern segments include new concrete curb and gutter, pavement replacement, new storm, sanitary sewer and water lines. The northern segment will be expanded to a five lane roadway with the middle lane used for left turns. The southern segment will remain a three lane roadway with the middle lane used for left turns. In the middle segment, city utilities will be installed and repaired. Roundabouts will replace traffic signals at Allman Street and Ann's Way.

New sidewalk will also be installed on both sides of WIS 13 from WIS 64 to Ann's Way and new street lighting will be located on both sides of WIS 13 throughout the northern segment

## Traffic Impact and Schedule

- **End of March-Early April:** Temporary signals at County O/Q and County Q WIS 64. Pavement repairs on County O with a five day detour.
- **Mid-April-June 30:** Work from County O to WIS 64 with a detour of County O to County Q to WIS 64
- **Mid-June:** WIS 13/64 intersection improvement will cause a 12 day detour (County C to County O to County Q to County M)
- **July 5:** North of WIS 64 construction of roundabouts to begin with a detour of WIS 64 to County Q to County M. Construction completed end of October.

## Project schedule:

Spring 2011-Construction begins

October 2011-Construction completed

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To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*



## ROUNDABOUT FAQ's

### **Why are other jurisdictions installing roundabouts?**

Roundabouts can offer a good solution to safety and capacity problems at intersections. Roundabouts can also offer high capacity at intersections without requiring the expense of constructing and maintaining a traffic signal.

### **Aren't traffic signals safer than roundabouts for pedestrians?**

In many cases a roundabout can offer a safer environment for pedestrians than a traffic signal because the pedestrian crossing at a roundabout is reduced to two simple crossings of one-way traffic moving at slow speeds. A pedestrian crossing at a traffic signal still needs to contend with vehicles turning right or left on green, vehicles turning right on red, and vehicles running the red light.

### **Are roundabouts appropriate everywhere?**

No. The choice of using a roundabout versus a traffic signal or unsignalized control is a case-by-case decision. Many jurisdictions installing roundabouts evaluate each candidate intersection individually to determine whether a roundabout or a traffic signal, two-way stop or all way stop control is more effective.

### **Some roundabouts look awfully tight for trucks. Will they fit?**

Roundabouts are designed specifically to accommodate large vehicles.

### **What should I do when I'm in a roundabout when an emergency vehicle arrives?**

The roadway in the roundabout is usually wide enough for you to pull as far to the right as possible; however, it is generally better to completely clear the intersection and pull off to the side past the roundabout.

### **How about riding a bicycle through a roundabout?**

A bicyclist has a number of options at a roundabout, and your choice will depend on your degree of comfort and experience level with riding in traffic. You can choose to circulate as a vehicle or use the sidewalk.