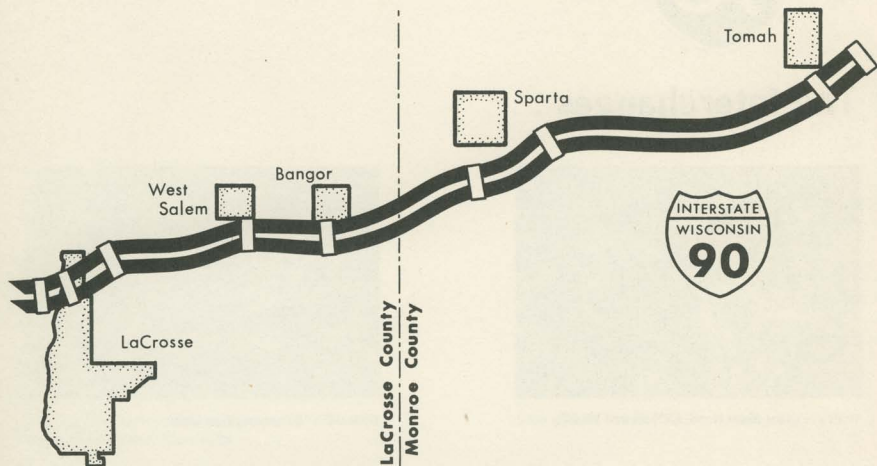


COMPLETING INTERSTATE 90 IN WISCONSIN



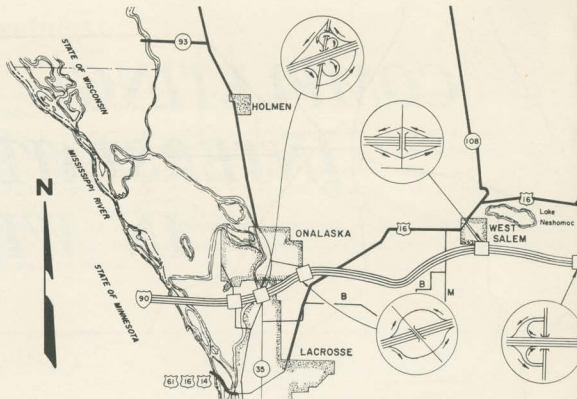
**OFFICIAL DEDICATION PROGRAM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1969**

Highlights

This section of I-90 represents culmination of over ten years of work beginning with engineering studies prior to 1960.

The I-90-94 junction east of Tomah was completed in 1964. The connection to Minnesota was completed in 1967.

Today, thanks to bonding for accelerated construction, all of Wisconsin's original allocation of rural interstate is in use four years ahead of schedule.



The Interchanges . . .



With the Great River Road, STH 35 and US 53



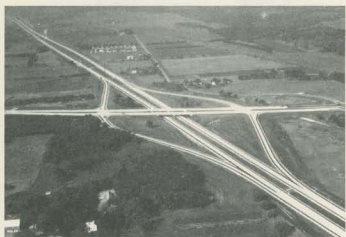
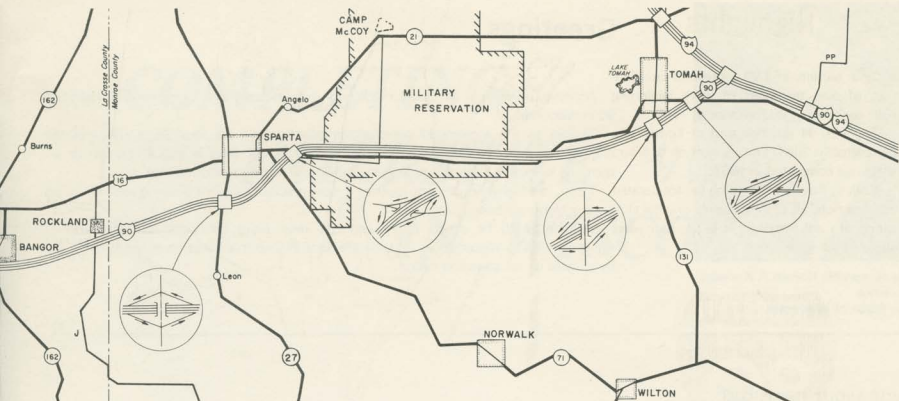
With CTH "B" serving West Salem



With STH 157 and US 16 serving La Crosse and Onalaska



With STH 162 serving Bangor



With STH 27 serving Sparta and connecting with I-94 to the north at Black River Falls



With STH 131 serving Tomah and Camp McCoy



With US 16 serving Sparta and Camp McCoy via STH 21



With US 12 and 16 serving Tomah and connecting with I-94

Greetings . . .

As your Governor, I am pleased today, as you dedicate this final segment of Interstate 90 in Wisconsin.

Thanks to the accelerated construction program, we are four years ahead of the original schedule. The economic and social life of our state is sure to benefit as we continue to make progress in developing a balanced transportation system.

Truly, this highway will contribute to a more gracious standard of living and well being for our highly mobile society.

We should all be proud today and feel even more confident in the future of transportation in Wisconsin as we dedicate another important section of highway for use by citizens of our state and nation.



The Honorable Warren P. Knowles
Governor
The State of Wisconsin

FACTS ABOUT THIS PROJECT. . .

This 37.60 mile section of I-90 that we are dedicating today signals completion of 99.4 per cent of Wisconsin's original interstate mileage.

The La Crosse to Tomah link-up completes the 187.17 miles of I-90 that lies within the state's borders and is the culmination of more than ten years of work on this modern transportation facility.

Because of the forward vision of Governor Knowles, the Wisconsin legislature and transportation leaders of our state, the accelerated program has made a dream become a reality. . . and I-90 is being opened today, a full four years ahead of the original schedule.

The construction cost of the section currently being opened is \$24.5 million, which is approximately \$650 thousand per mile. The total cost of the nation's Interstate System is presently estimated at \$51 billion for the 42,500 mile network of highways from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

It should be noted that the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways is the largest single public works project ever undertaken by man. Completion is now contemplated in the mid 1970's.

When completed the Interstate system will provide service to most state capitals and cities of more than 50,000 population, plus many other smaller cities. It will comprise about one per cent of the nation's total road mileage, yet will carry 20 per cent of all traffic.

Savings in life, equipment, fuel and time are readily accepted facts reported daily as the Interstate permits goods and services, and people to take to the "open road".

W. R. REDMOND, Chairman
B. O. BINNEY, Vice Chairman
B. E. GEHRMANN, Secretary
WISCONSIN STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION



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