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# U.S. Highway 51 Project



## Staff Change

In an effort to balance workloads within the Project Development Section of Transportation District 1, this project has been transferred from Janice Bennett, Project Manager and Rodney Taylor, Project Engineer to Michael Novey, Project Manager and Daniel Kluth, Project Engineer. During this transition, Janice and Rodney will work closely with Mike and Dan to make a smooth transfer.

## Project Schedule

To fund the increased construction cost of the project, the construction start date has been moved from 2008 to 2009. Construction may be phased over a two or three year period including 2009, 2010, and 2011. Construction of interchanges and the overpass would likely take place in 2010 and 2011. Right of way acquisitions are planned to occur in 2005-2007.



**Northbound US 51 traffic turning west on Holum Street**

## Project Website

The project website is officially up and running. The website address is [www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/d1/us51/index.htm](http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/d1/us51/index.htm). The website will be updated as needed throughout the project.

## Public Meetings

The first public information meeting was held on June 6, 2001. A second public information meeting is tentatively scheduled for fall 2003. The exact date, time, and location will be announced later this summer.

## Project Need

The purpose of the US 51 project is to address the safety and capacity deficiencies along the highly traveled segment of US 51 between Reardon Road and County V (Grinde Road). Growth in the area is increasing traffic congestion and crashes. Between 1990 and 2000 there were 300 crashes on this segment of US 51. Of this total, 98 resulted in non-fatal injuries and 3 involved fatalities. Sixty percent of the crashes occurred during daylight hours.

Additionally, the alignment and profile of US 51 will be improved to correct sight deficiencies along the entire route.



**Traffic turning southbound from Holum Street onto US 51**

## Project Overview

Preliminary design for the proposed US 51 reconstruction project from Reardon Road and County V (Grinde Road) continues.

The existing two lanes will be reconstructed and an additional two lanes added for a 4-lane divided highway. The new 4-lane divided highway will transition back to 2 lanes just north of County V (Grinde Road).

The additional lanes from Reardon Road to Vinburn Road will be constructed east of the existing US 51. From Vinburn Road to County V (Mueller Road) all 4 lanes will be built east of the existing US 51 to permit existing US 51 to be used as a frontage road. From County V (Mueller Road) to County V (Grinde Road) the 2 new lanes will be constructed west of the existing US 51.

### Funding has now been approved to include the following items:

- Adjustment of the US 51 profile to allow for the construction of a future underpass located south of Reardon Road for the future Cross Town Road.
- Construction of full diamond interchanges at the intersections of Windsor Road and County V (Mueller Road).
- Construction of an overpass at Gray Road with no access to US 51.
- Construction of a half diamond interchange at Vinburn Road serving DeForest-Madison traffic.

These additional improvements will increase the construction cost to \$24 million.