

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

Subject: From the Director, Department of Transportation, providing an informational report regarding Upcoming Road Construction and Long-Term Closures within Milwaukee County.

File Type: Informational Report

POLICY

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation, Highway Maintenance Division, is providing an update of both State and County Road construction projects during the 2025-2026 season.

BACKGROUND

Since early 2024, Milwaukee County has experienced a significant increase in major construction initiatives spearheaded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. While these projects are vital for the advancement and modernization of our transportation infrastructure, they have notably impacted travel times throughout the freeway system. The reduction in available lanes has also contributed to heightened congestion on local roadways, as motorists seek alternative routes to circumvent construction zones. This increased strain on both freeway and local networks underscores the extensive effects of concurrent construction activities.

Several factors have led to the simultaneous execution of these projects, including the availability of funding, the imperative need for improvements extending beyond routine maintenance, and the scheduling capacities of contracted firms. Although these construction efforts may temporarily impede freeway travel efficiency, they constitute a critical investment in the long-term modernization and fortification of our aging infrastructure.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered.
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions.
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

FISCAL EFFECT

This report is for informational purposes only.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

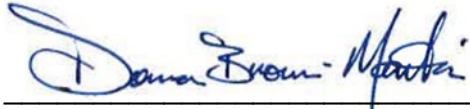
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South 13th Project Overview

76th Street Project Overview

Rawson Ave Project Overview

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