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LONG-OVERDUE HIGHWAY 23 EXPANSION PROJECT CLEAR TO PROCEED

(MADISON, Wis.) – The critical need to move forward on the State Highway 23 expansion project in Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties brought many diverse voices together in support of the project. The project recently cleared a critical legal hurdle, and now the four-lane expansion, which was tentatively slated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to begin this summer, can proceed.

“No more delays and legal wrangling. We are finally ready to begin work on a project that is needed to improve the safety of one of the most dangerous stretches of highway in the State,” said Wisconsin Infrastructure Investment Now, Inc. (WIIN) executive director Robb Kahl. “This project has brought elected officials, labor organizations, industry groups, employers, and residents of Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties together. We all want to save lives, put people to work and improve the free-flow of our state’s economy.”

The \$133 million project will expand Highway 23 to four lanes, a 19-mile section from US Highway 151 in Fond du Lac east to Plymouth. Several intersections along the way will also be improved for safety.

Residents in the region had complained for years about the hazardous stretch of the two-lane highway with some reason. Between 2012 and 2016, there were 42 reported crashes with injuries and six deaths on the highway, according to the WDOT.

WIIN has been a long-time supporter of the Highway 23 expansion project. “WIIN most recently [submitted comments to WisDOT](#) in July 2018 supporting the project,” said Kahl. “However, this project has been approved by the legislature since 1999. Twenty years is a long time, and WIIN is optimistic that residents of Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties don’t have to wait any longer for this important project to be built.”

The project faced some legal challenges and related delays starting in 2015 and lasting until March 2019 when a Madison-based opposition group failed to file a final legal challenge by the

March deadline. The project is now cleared to move from design phase into construction phase, with construction scheduled to begin this summer in Sheboygan County.

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