



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**JULY 25, 2014**

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from the Office of the  
City Manager*

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### Special points of interest:

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### ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON FOR THE PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION AVAILABLE STARTING JULY 28, 2014

Please see [attached](#) for a press release from the City Clerk's office for information on casting an absentee ballot in person for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election. Late registration and absentee voting in person will be available from Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 8, 2014.

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

A [special meeting](#) of the City Council has been called for Monday, July 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider a resolution changing a polling place for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election only. If approved, the change in polling place will only affect those citizens in Wards 4, 5, and 6, who usually vote at Gaston School. More information is available with the City Council packet posted on the City's website.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK PARTIES SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 5:30—8:30 P.M.

The Beloit Area Crime Stoppers and the Beloit Police Department are again sponsoring National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 5:30—8:30 p.m. Police, Fire and City officials will all be out and about that evening, interacting with residents at a number of block parties scheduled around the city.

### WISDOT HOLDS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING INTERSTATE 39/90 WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE I-43/WI 81 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION

[Attached](#) is a copy of a notice regarding the WisDOT meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI. The meeting will generally be an open house with design consultants and Federal and State officials available to explain elements of the status of the planning to date and to answer questions. A brief formal presentation is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

### BUDGET PREPARATION

This was the week that the City's Budget Review Committee met with all Department and Division Directors to go through a detailed line item review of all of the Operating Budget submittals. The detailed line item analysis was helpful in clarifying submittals, finding posting errors, a couple of duplicate entries, and checking requests against expenditure history and current needs to ensure that

each line item accurately reflects only the allocations needed for the coming fiscal year. Most of the enterprise, special revenue and internal service fund budgets were balanced following this analysis and a few minor modifications.

The General Fund will require additional work as it does most years, and the City is awaiting additional information from the State's Department of Revenue before we make that final effort to balance not only the General Fund but the City's Capital Improvements Budget for 2015, as well. This review took most of four calendar days to complete, but is a very important element of management's due process each year when preparing the proposed Operating Budget, which will be submitted to Council to begin their review at the first regular City Council meeting in October, scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

### **FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The City of Beloit Water Resources Division will perform the annual fire hydrant flushing program from July 21—November 26, 2014. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information. The water is safe to drink during this time period but some discoloration may be noticed.

### **CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND URBAN ALLIANCE MEETING IN WISCONSIN RAPIDS**

I am traveling to Wisconsin Rapids today, Friday, July 25, 2014, for the quarterly meeting of the Urban Alliance, which is an affiliate organization of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, returning in the afternoon.

### **CITY MANAGER VACATION PLANS**

From Monday, July 28—Friday, August 1, 2014 I will be on vacation, remaining in the City and will be immediately available should the need arise. As always, I will monitor both my voice and e-mail throughout the week.

## **MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Please take a look at the vacancies currently available to determine whether or not you would have an opportunity to serve on any of these committees. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies currently exist on:

**Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee**—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

**Appointment Review Committee**—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

**Board of Appeals**—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Ethics**—Meets as needed

**Board of Review**—Meets annually in May and as scheduled in June

**Community Development Authority**—Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

**Equal Opportunities Commission**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 p.m.

**Municipal Golf Committee**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m.

**Plan Commission**—Meets on Wednesdays following City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Traffic Review Committee**—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on each committee, along with an application, please click [here](#), or call Pam in the City Manager's office at 364-6614.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JULY 28—AUGUST 1, 2014

Monday, July 28	Cancelled	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a>
Monday, July 28	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , Forum
Monday, July 28	6:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Special City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wednesday, July 30	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website:*

[www.visitbeloit.com](http://www.visitbeloit.com)

**Beloit Public Library** offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

**Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market** Saturday's at 8:00 a.m. from now through the end of October.

**Dancin' @ Harry's Place** Free Monday night dance lessons at Harry Moore Pavilion, Riverside Park. Lessons start at 7:00 p.m., followed by open dance at 8:00 p.m.

**Fridays in the Park** 11:30-1:30 p.m. **Free Summer Concert Series** with lunch available for purchase, downtown Beloit. Every Friday throughout summer!

Friday, July 25 7:00 p.m. **Music and More at Harry's Place**, Riverside Park. "Cash Box Kings" (blues) will perform. The album "Black Toppin'" was recently awarded the "Best Traditional Blues Album" of the year at the 2013 Blues Blast Music Awards. Food and beverages available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a summer evening in the park!

Friday, August 1 8:00-2:00 p.m. **Sidewalk Sales**, Downtown Beloit  
 5:30—7:30 p.m. **Street Dance on State Street**—Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys  
 8:00—11:00 p.m. **Street Dance**—The Eddie Butts Band



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100 State Street  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information, contact:  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk  
(608) 364-6680

**Absentee Voting In Person for the Partisan Primary Election**  
**Available Starting July 28, 2014**

**July 18, 2014 – Beloit, WI:** Beginning Monday, July 28, 2014, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will be available from **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall. Electors who would like an absentee ballot mailed to them must make the request in writing via email to [lemirer@beloitwi.gov](mailto:lemirer@beloitwi.gov); via mail to 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511; or in person at the City Clerk's office.

Photo identification or other proof of identity will **not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for this Election. Sample ballots are available in the Document Center on the City's website [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov) in the Voting and Election Documents folder.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at [lemirer@beloitwi.gov](mailto:lemirer@beloitwi.gov).

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

**NOTE:** all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Beloit City Council**

Special Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2014

6:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall Forum

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕLOIT COUNCIL  
CITY OF БЕLOIT, WISCONSIN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call
2. Resolution **changing a polling place** for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election (LeMire)
3. Adjournment

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

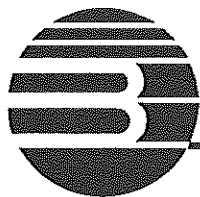
Dated: July 25, 2014

Rebecca Houseman LeMire

City Clerk

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\*\* Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511.



# *PRESS RELEASE*

## *For Immediate Release*

*Date: July 07, 2014*  
*Contact: Mike Tinder, Water Supervisor*  
*Phone: 608-364-5725*  
*Fax: 608-364-2879*

### **FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**

*The City of Beloit Water Resources Division will be performing their annual fire hydrant flushing program from July 21, 2014 through November 26, 2014.*

*This flushing program ensures that the fire hydrants are in good working condition in case of emergencies and to help flush sediment out of the distribution system.*

*You may experience discolored water, low water pressure or a disruption of service during this time period. Residents are urged to reduce water use and consumption during this time period and wait to do laundry until **AFTER** 6:00 p.m. during the flushing program.*

*During evening hours residents should open their cold water faucets until the water runs clear before using it.*

***THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.***

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*PressReleaseFireHydrant*



## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

**Date:** July 21, 2014

**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2014 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **August 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer  
City of Beloit

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, July 28, 2014 @ 5:00 PM  
City Hall / Public Forum  
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of May 27, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
  - A. Police Department  
Review Subject Death/Serious Injury Protocol – Police  
General Orders
  - B. Fire Department
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
  - A. Review the Purpose and Duties of the Commission listed under 1.88 (6) of COB Municipal Code
  - B. Approve amendments to Section 1.88 of the Code of General Ordinances of the COB pertaining to the PFC
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss approval for hiring of patrol officer candidate
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible vote to approve appointment of Patrol Officer
10. Adjourn.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**July 30, 2014 at 4:30 pm**  
**The Forum**  
**Beloit City Hall**  
**100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2014
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of June Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of June Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-17, Authorization to Write-Off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable 2014 Second Quarter Vacated Residents (Pollard)
5. CDBG, HOME and NSP Programs
  - a. Public Hearing on the Housing, Homeless, Public Housing and Community Development Needs for Inclusion in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Downing)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-16, Authorizing the Acquisition of 318 Moore Street with NSP3 Funds (Downing)
  - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-18, Recommending the Use of HOME Funds for 422 Bluff Street (Christensen)
6. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson
7. Appointment of CDA member to the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation (Christensen)
8. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: July 25, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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**DOWNTOWN  
BELOIT**

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Fundraiser  
of the Year!**

# STREET DANCE

**featuring The Eddie Butts Band**

**FRIDAY • AUGUST 1ST, 2014 | SHOP, EAT, & DANCE!**

**8am-2pm**

**Sidewalk Sale**

Locals shops, artisans, vendors, and great finds!

**11:30-1:30pm**

**Fridays in the Park**

Music by The Backroads Trio and a \$6 lunch from Café Fromage!

**5:30pm**

**Street Dance Opens!**

\$5 Admission

**5:30-7:30pm**

**Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin' Altar Boys**

All your Blues favorites!

**8-11pm**

**Headliner:**

**The Eddie Butts Band**

Playing sizzling Funk & R&B!

**Many food vendors on site!**

Spend all day in Downtown Beloit! Shops will spill out into the streets for the best shopping of the season and live music will light up the night!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND**

Rock, Paper, Kubb  
Tournament on the Big Lawn!  
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Beloit & Beyond Bike Tour  
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July 18, 2014

City of Beloit  
100 State Street  
Beloit WI 53511



**Subject: Public Involvement Meeting  
Project ID 1003-10-02  
Illinois state line to County O  
I-39/90 and I-43/WIS 81 Interchange  
Rock County**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has scheduled a public involvement meeting to present information and gather public comments for the reconstruction of the I-39/90 and I-43/WIS 81 Interchange in Rock County. **The meeting is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in the Community Room of the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511.** The meeting will be an open house format with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m.

As part of the environmental process, the presentation will show the preferred interchange alternative. Exhibit details will include:

- An overview of the interchange depicting free flow Interstate to Interstate movements along with an extension of WIS 81 to the east;
- Intersection alternatives including stop signs, traffic signals, and roundabouts;
- Anticipated right of way needs for properties within the interchange footprint.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting, provide input, and ask questions regarding this project. WisDOT and design representatives from AECOM will be available to discuss the project.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like more information, contact project manager Steve Marshall at (608) 884-7134. Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Steve Marshall, WisDOT Project Manager, 111 Interstate Blvd, Edgerton, WI 53534, or by email at [steve.marshall@dot.wi.gov](mailto:steve.marshall@dot.wi.gov). Citizens who are hearing-impaired and require an interpreter may request one by contacting Steve Marshall at least three working days prior to the meeting via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

Visit us online at [www.i39-90.wi.gov](http://www.i39-90.wi.gov) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WisconsinI3990Project](http://www.facebook.com/WisconsinI3990Project).

Yours sincerely,

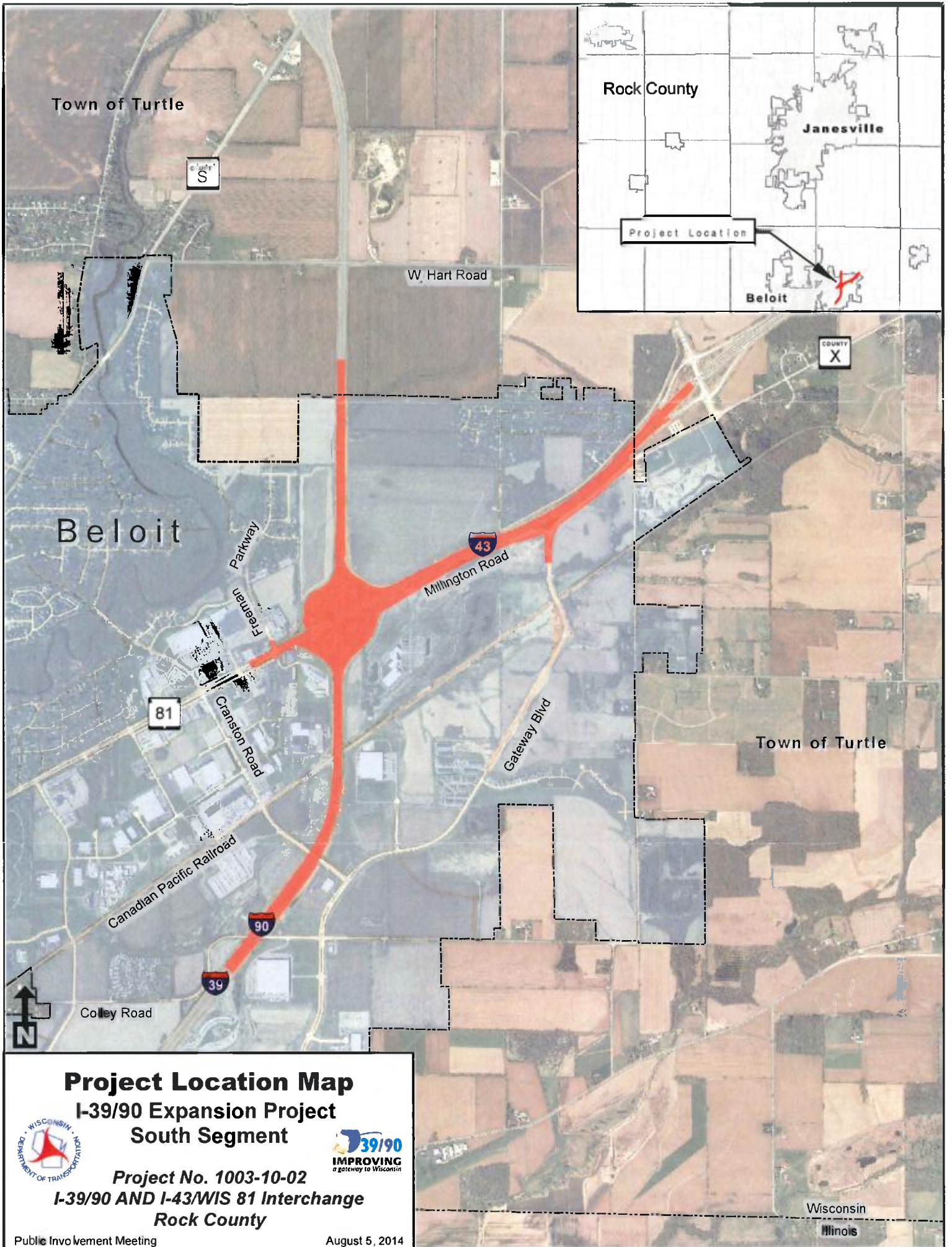
*Steve Marshall*

Steve Marshall, P.E.  
I-39/90 WisDOT South Segment Project Manager

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Enclosures: Project Location Map

c/enc: Mike Preboske, P.E., I-39/90 AECOM South Segment Project Manager



**Project Location Map**

**I-39/90 Expansion Project  
South Segment**

**Project No. 1003-10-02  
I-39/90 AND I-43/WIS 81 Interchange  
Rock County**

