## **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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## County announces Highway K is now open

Kenosha County announces the opening of County Trunk Highway "K" (60<sup>th</sup> Street) west of STH 31. CTH "K" has been closed to traffic since June 25, 2012 while a complete reconstruction project has taken place. The old road, a two lane rural highway, has been converted to a four lane urban street. The new street includes four travel lanes, bike lanes on both sides, curb & gutter, storm sewer, streetlights, improved railroad crossing and a multi-use path along the north side of the roadway.

Indian Trail High School and Mahone Middle School located adjacent to the new street have new and improved access to CTH "K". Additionally, the multi-use path located on the north side of the roadway has been extended to STH 31 (Green Bay Road) to serve the needs of pedestrians and cyclists east of STH 31 whose destination is the High School or Middle School. Cyclists may also choose to use the dedicated bike lanes located on both sides of the new street.

The reconstruction project, completed by contractor James Peterson & Sons cost approximately \$2.3 million and was funded by a combination of 80% Federal Funds and 20% County Funds. The roadway construction was substantially completed prior to the anticipated completion date of October 31, 2012.

The railroad crossing reconstruction, performed by the Union Pacific Railroad, took substantially longer than expected, delaying the opening of the road to the public. Although the railroad work extended the road closure, the resulting crossing is a dramatic improvement over the previous conditions. The new railroad crossing consist of a concrete pad surface, new LED flashing lights, including overhead lights for added visibility, and new gates. The approach to the crossing includes a median that will improve safety by deterring drivers from attempting to illegally bypass the crossing gates.

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