



Built in the 1960s, the East-West Corridor links the state's \$800 million investment in the Marquette Interchange and ongoing \$1.6 billion investment in the Zoo Interchange.

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### Why can't Wisconsin just resurface the road?

WisDOT looked closely at the resurfacing option and had this to say:

**“In general, each highway resurfacing has a shorter life span than the previous resurfacing because the original pavement, still in place after 50 years, provides a less effective base as the concrete continues to crack and deteriorate...Based on WisDOT's experience with other highways, resurfacing the study area freeway system again would not be cost effective.”**

The East-West Corridor has been resurfaced numerous times over its almost 60-year life, most recently in 2011-12. But at this point, another resurfacing would be a Band-Aid restoring the road's smooth riding surface for a few years while doing nothing to solve the underlying safety, capacity, and traffic-handling problems.



36 of the 38 bridges (overpasses) in the corridor are original to the Interstate, dating back to the 1960s.

*“The age of these bridges is concerning and can lead to load postings, safety issues and operational issues.”*

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