

# Newville park and ride opens

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) recently opened the newest park and ride lot near the I-39/90 and WIS 59 interchange in Newville.

## **What is a park and ride lot?**

Park and ride lots operate to encourage ridesharing, reduce congestion and promote energy conservation. By definition, a park and ride is a municipal parking lot dedicated to providing commuters the opportunity to park vehicles or bicycles and ride public transportation to their destination. A park and ride also provides commuters a place to park and join together with other individuals to car-pool or vanpool to a common destination(s).

## **What is the status of the Newville park and ride lot?**

As part of the I-39/90 and WIS 59 interchange reconstruction this year, a park and ride lot was built in the southeast quadrant of the interchange. The new lot is now open to the public, and landscaping and restoration work in this area will resume in spring 2017.

The Newville lot, with 122 parking stalls, will be used by commuters to share rides to common destinations in sur-



I-39/90 and WIS 59 interchange, Newville park and ride lot.

rounding cities and counties. While this lot is set up for transit access, no transit is currently planning to stop at the Newville lot. Public transportation services can be added in the future. The lot will be well-fit with gas stations, restaurants and lodging nearby.

## **What should motorists keep in mind when using a park and ride lot?**

The Newville park and ride lot is owned by WisDOT, and will be maintained by the Rock County Highway Department. The Rock County Sheriff's Office will handle enforcement duties at the lot and routinely patrol this area. Please remember to lock your vehicles and take valuables with you, if pos-

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sible. Otherwise, you are encouraged to store valuables where they are not visible.

Most of the Newville lot will be signed for 48-hour parking only, but one section of the lot will allow 7-day parking. Vehicles parked in designated areas longer than the time allowed will be ticketed and towed. The lot is not intended to be used by large trucks over four tons, and no detached trailers or vehicles for sale can be left in the lot. Offending vehicles or trailers will be ticketed and towed.

Information on park and ride lots, including the Newville lot, can be found at [www.wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/travel/road/parknride/default.aspx](http://www.wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/travel/road/parknride/default.aspx). Safe travels!