

I-94 East-West Freeway Corridor Study

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Study update

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STUDY BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is studying the I-94 corridor from 16th Street to 70th Street. This portion of the interstate first opened to traffic in the early 1960s. The completed reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange and the ongoing reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange leaves this segment of I-94 as a connection between these two improvements. ***WisDOT remains committed to selecting an alternative that does not result in the relocation of any graves.***

Transportation issues creating a need for the project and thus driving the development of alternatives for this study (referred to as purpose and need factors) can be summarized as follows:

- Safety concerns
- Freeway and interchange operations (congestion and delay)
- Consistency with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and WisDOT design standards
- Balancing access and economic development needs and desires with impacts to adjacent residential, business, cultural, and recreational resources
- Roadway capacity (accommodating increased through traffic and interchange ramp traffic)

STATUS

Since the public meeting in July 2013, WisDOT is performing additional traffic analysis and more detailed engineering work on the remaining alternatives. More study of the remaining alternatives and analyses specific to traffic considerations at Miller Park and in the Menomonee Valley is on-going. Traffic analysis of interchanges impacting West Allis and Wauwatosa are complete.

WisDOT is continuing coordination with representatives of federal, state and local agencies charged with the preservation of historic properties.

The rigorous examination of the alternatives near historic properties has centered around the potential for visual impacts, particularly in the area adjacent to the cemeteries.



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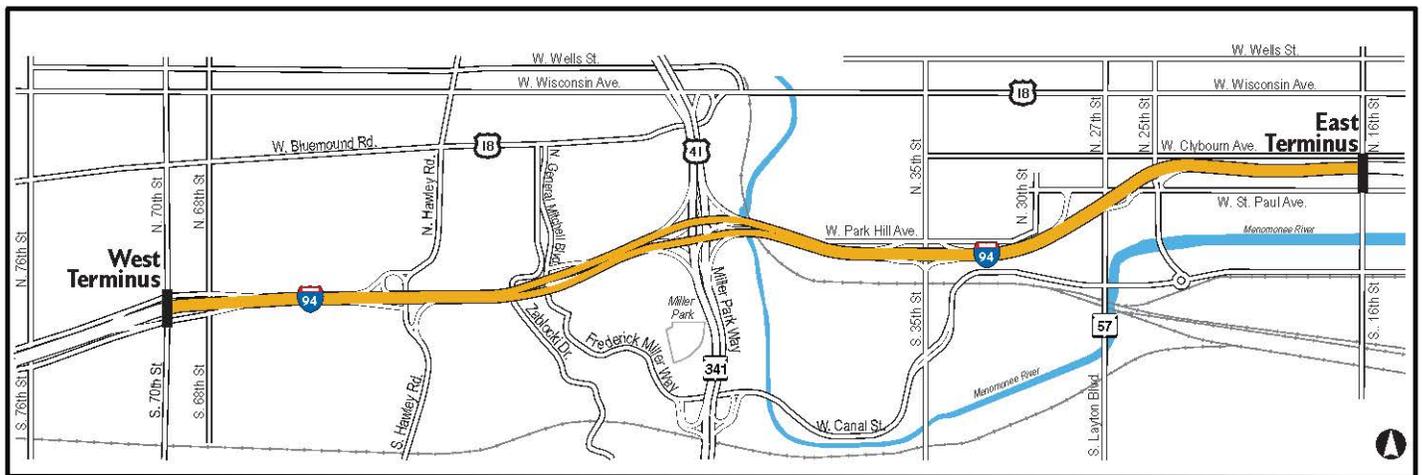
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PROJECT LOCATION



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Since 2012 kickoff

- Development and refinement of design alternatives.
- Establishment of project purpose and need; examination of potential impacts to the surrounding area.
- Four public information meetings with hundreds of attendees at each; thousands of visitors at State Fair booth; newsletters, media reports, neighborhood meetings, one-on-one stakeholder outreach.
- Coordination with local, state and federal agencies.

2014 and later

- Draft environmental impact statement will be complete and will be made available for public review. Watch your mailbox and local newspaper for document availability and comment time period.
- A public hearing will be planned.
- Final EIS will be prepared and made available for review.
- Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued by FHWA.