



Business Meeting July 30, 2013



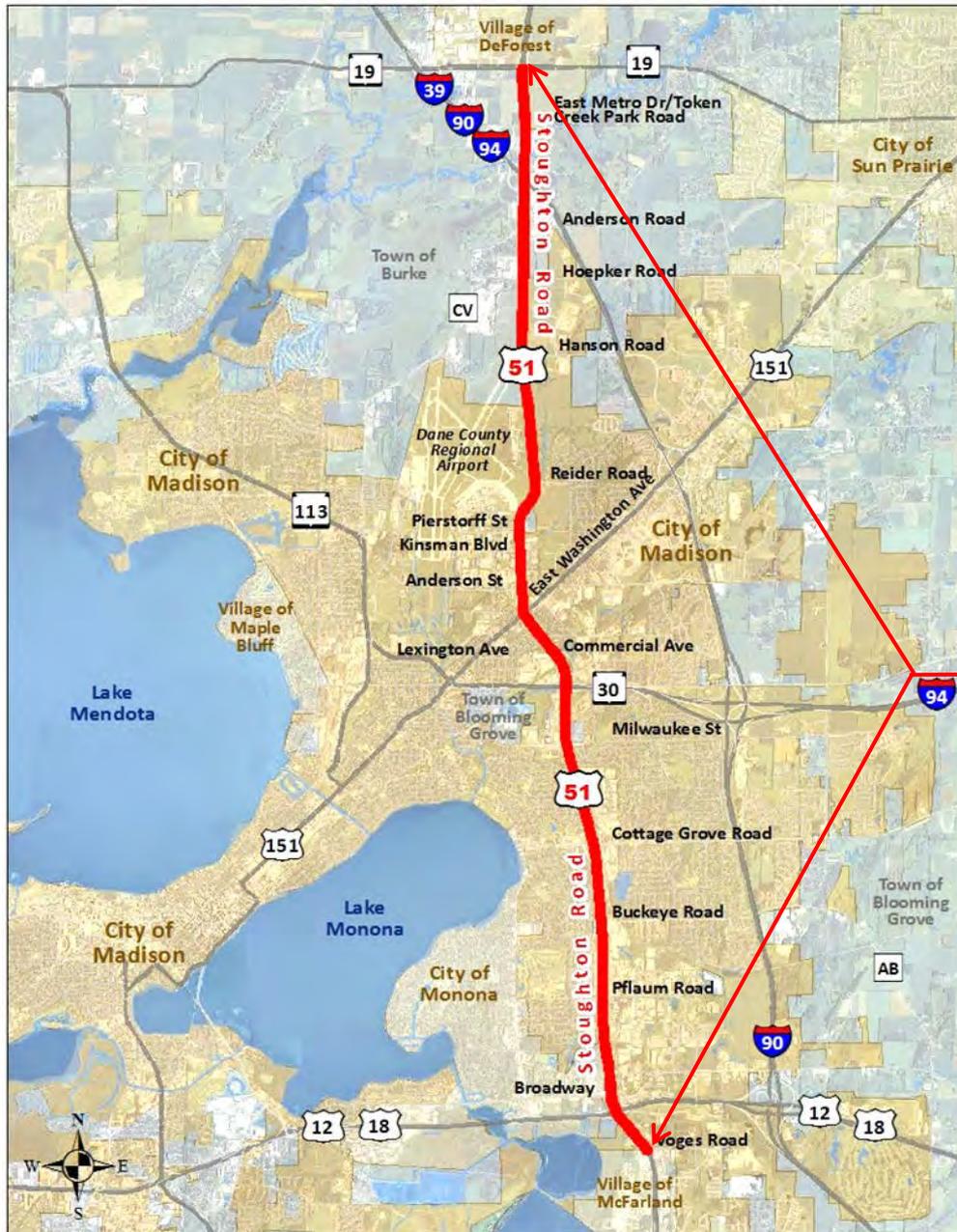
Today's presentation given by:
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Presentation Outline

- Provide Background Information on the Study
- Present WisDOT Recommended Alternative
- Discuss Effects on Businesses
- Update the Study Schedule
- Gather Comments





**US 51, Madison – DeForest,
Terminal Drive – WIS 19
Dane County
Project ID 5410-05-00**

STUDY LIMITS

Background of Study

- 2001 to 2003 - Needs Assessment Completed
 - Identified corridor deficiencies
 - Public meeting, public opinion surveys
 - Neighborhood, business, bicycle/pedestrian focus groups
- 2004 to 2012 – Traffic Safety Study Completed
 - Quantified corridor deficiencies
 - Identified range of potential solutions
 - Developed conceptual alternatives
 - Investigated potential impact areas
 - Public meetings, focus groups
- 2011 – Trans. Projects Commission (TPC) Study Approval
 - Corridor identified as a potential ‘major’



Project Purpose and Need

- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion
- Improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities
- Reduce diversion to neighborhood streets
- Support economic development



Traffic Safety and Operations

- Crashes from 2007 to 2011
 - 1,859 crashes (over 7 per week)
 - 606 crashes with injuries (over 2 per week)
 - 10 fatalities
- Current Traffic Operations Conditions
 - Peak hour delays increasing
 - Long backups at signalized intersections
- Operations by 2040
 - Failing throughout corridor



Improvement Alternatives

- No Build
 - Maintenance of existing roadway without expansion or reconfiguration
- Alt A – Lower Build with Capacity Expansion
 - Keeps most existing intersections at grade
- Alt B – Enhanced Expressway
 - Adds interchanges at intersections with high crash rates and major traffic delay
- Alt C – Freeway Conversion
 - Provides a free flow movement for traffic through the corridor

***Preferred alternative could be a
Combination of alternatives***

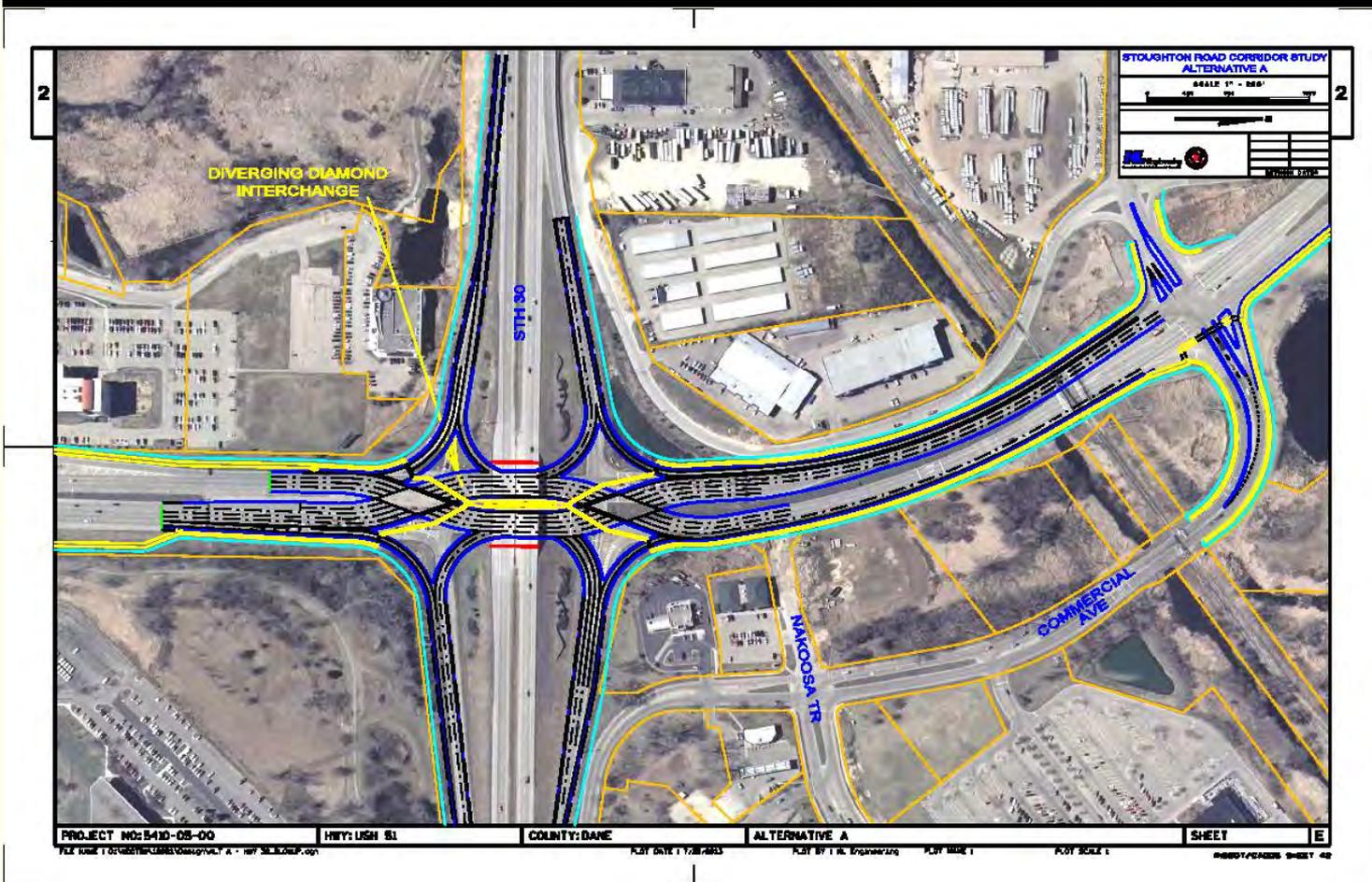


Proposed Recommended Alt

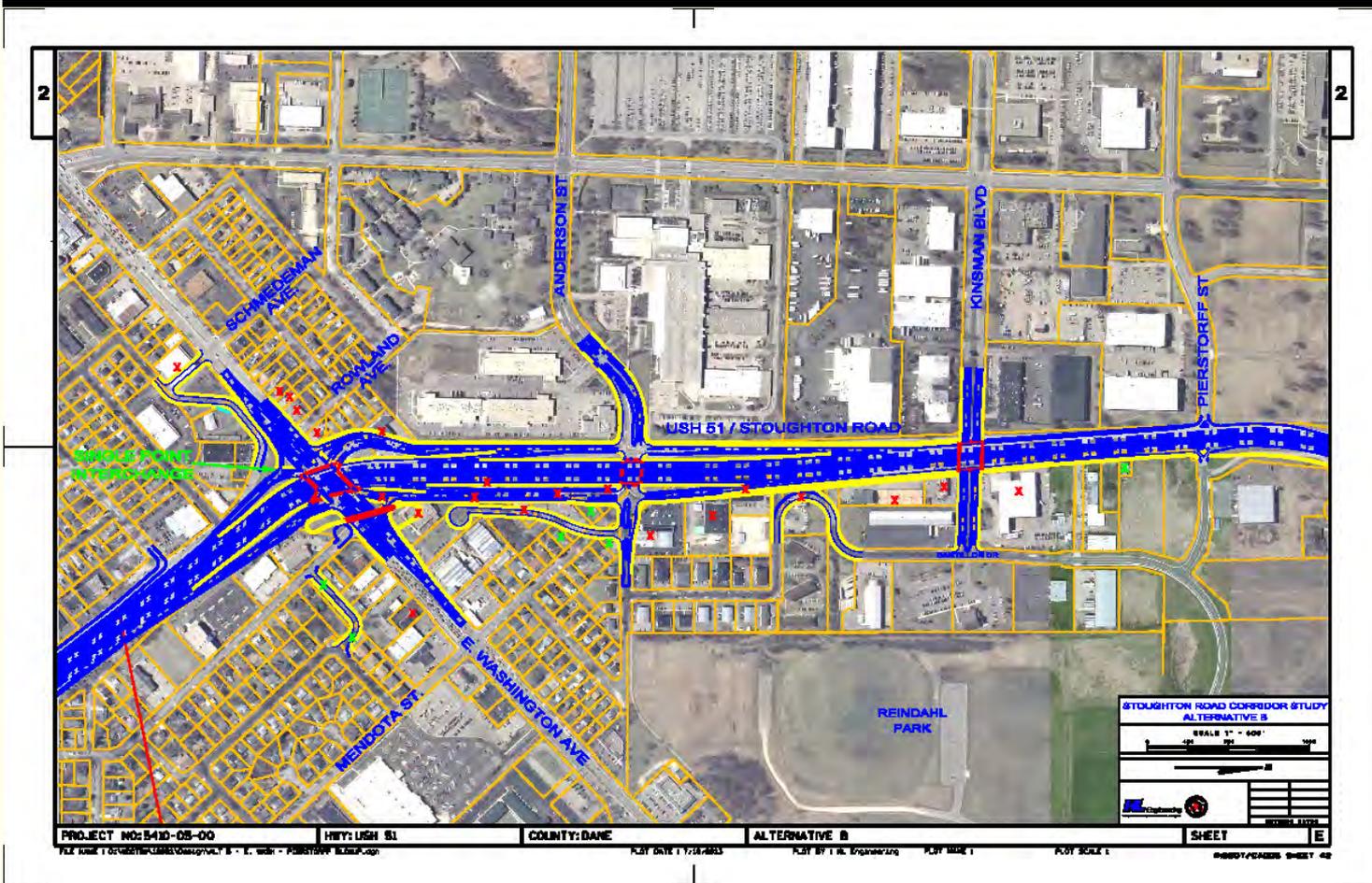
- Combination of Alternatives A, B, & C
- Best addresses safety and congestion issues taking into accounts environmental impacts and projected cost
- May change based on input from the public, municipalities, and resource agencies



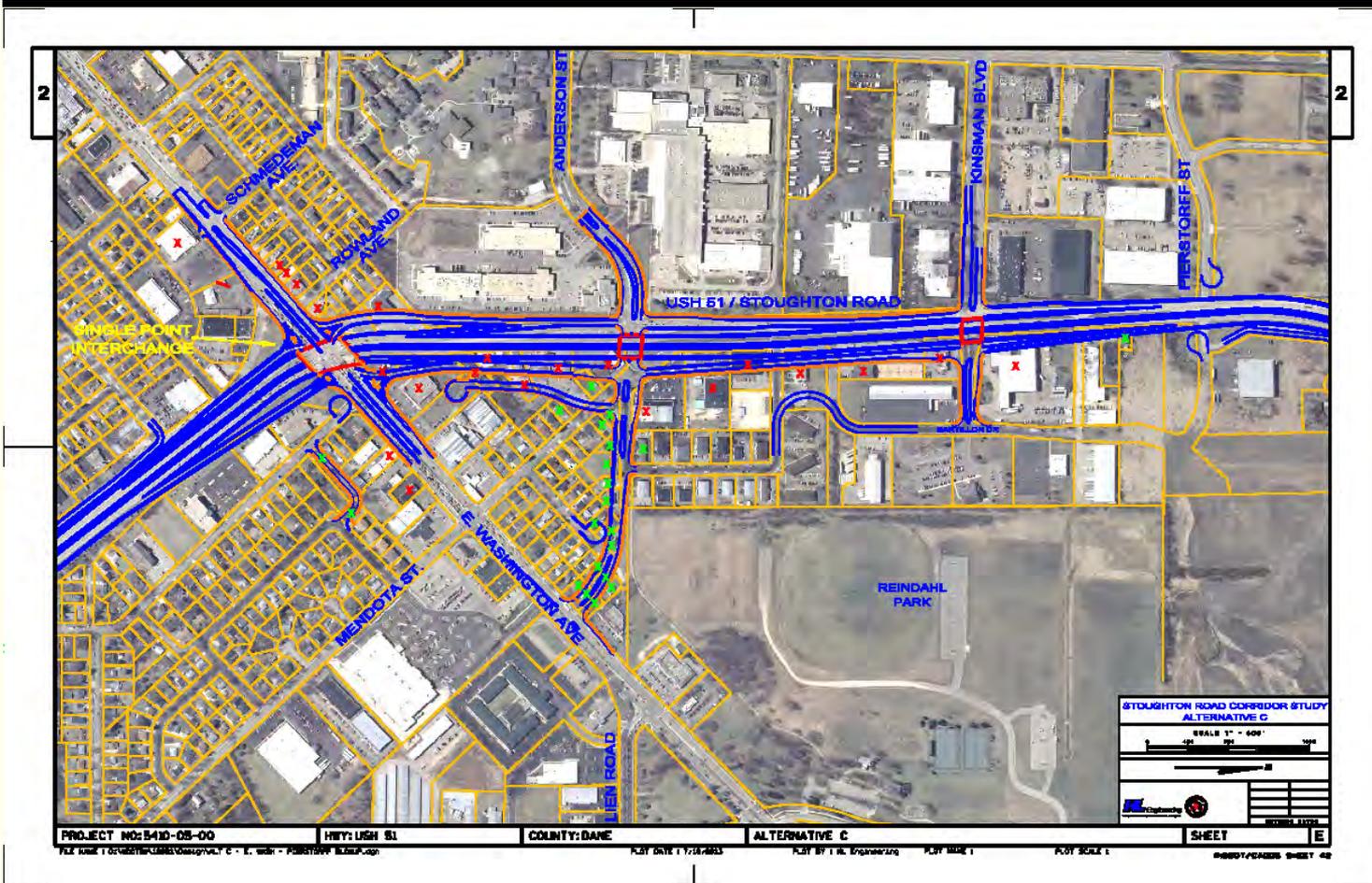
WIS 30 to Lex/Commercial – Alt A



East Wash to Pierstorff – Alt B



East Wash to Pierstorff – Alt C



Bicycle / Pedestrian Facilities

- On-road as appropriate
- Upgrade crossings and parallel roadways
- Off road paths
- Overpass/Underpass
 - Marsh Road (over WIS 30)
 - Larson Court
 - East Washington Avenue
 - Anderson Street
 - Kinsman Boulevard



Funding and Scheduling

- Currently no funding allocated for final design or construction
- Funding would be from Majors Program (administered by TPC)
 - Statewide program
 - WisDOT prioritizes and submits to TPC
 - TPC recommends to Legislature and Governor
- If funding is approved, WisDOT can:
 - Begin final design
 - Prioritize phases or sections for most effective order of construction
 - Schedule project as appropriate



Next Steps ...

- Refining All Alternatives
- Business/Neighborhood Meetings
- Publish Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – September/October 2013
- Public Hearing – October/November 2013
- Select Preferred Alternative - December 2013
- Public Meeting #3 - January 2014
- Final EIS - June 2014
- Record of Decision - September 2014



Opportunities to Provide Input

- Comment Form
 - Fill Out Here and Put in Comment Box
 - Take With and Mail
- Send Comments Via Email or Call -
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- Future Public Hearing and Public Meeting
- Request a presentation or meeting
- Website –



<http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/51/default.aspx>





QUESTIONS?