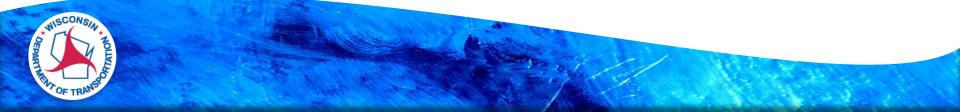


# Coulee Region Transportation Study Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL)

Public Involvement Meeting #4 November 10 and 12, 2015



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# **Meeting Goals**

- Visit Work Stations
- Why are we here
- Update Strategy Packages to move forward
- Where do we go from here?
- Visit website



#### Why is the Coulee Region being studied?

- High crash rates
- Bike/pedestrian accommodations needs
- Transit needs
- Motor vehicle congestion
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- No current transportation plan
- Community resolutions of support for study







# **Area Growth Summary**

Projected Change in Socio-economic and Traffic Statistics (2010-2040)

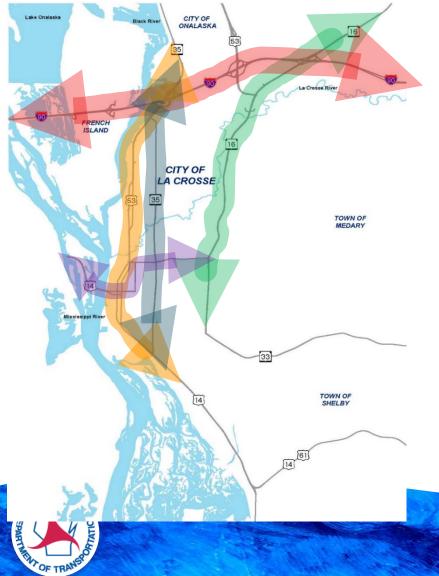
Statistic	% Change
Households*	18.3%
Population (La Crosse County)**	14.7%
Employment*	13.6%
Traffic Growth for Screenline (WIS16 + WIS35 + US53)*	11.9%

Source: \*Cambridge Systematics, Inc. \*\*US Census Bureau





#### **Geographically Challenging Travel**

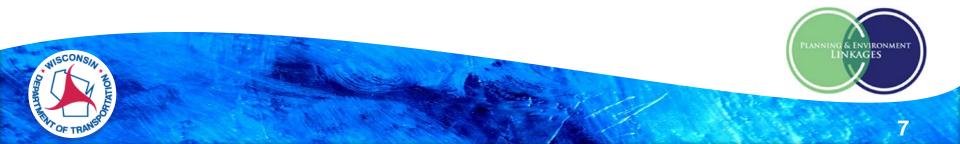


- Limited and converging north-south corridors
- Constricted by:
  - Bluffs to east
  - Mississippi/Black River to west
  - La Crosse River/Marsh through the middle

& ENVIRONMENT NKAGES

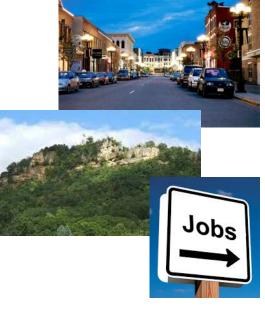
#### **Desired Outcomes of Coulee Region Study**

- Improve reliability and safety for all modes
- Overall plan to address infrastructure needs
- Minimize impact to Coulee Region's natural and cultural resources
- Compatible with other area plans and studies
- Broad spectrum of stakeholder support
- Limited number of strategies to move forward to next phase
  - Will not have a preferred alternative

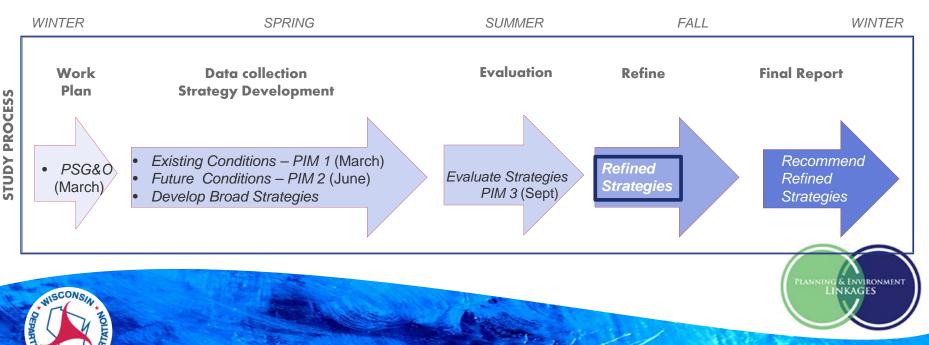


## Schedule

- PIM 4: November 2015
  - Focus: present strategy findings and eliminated options



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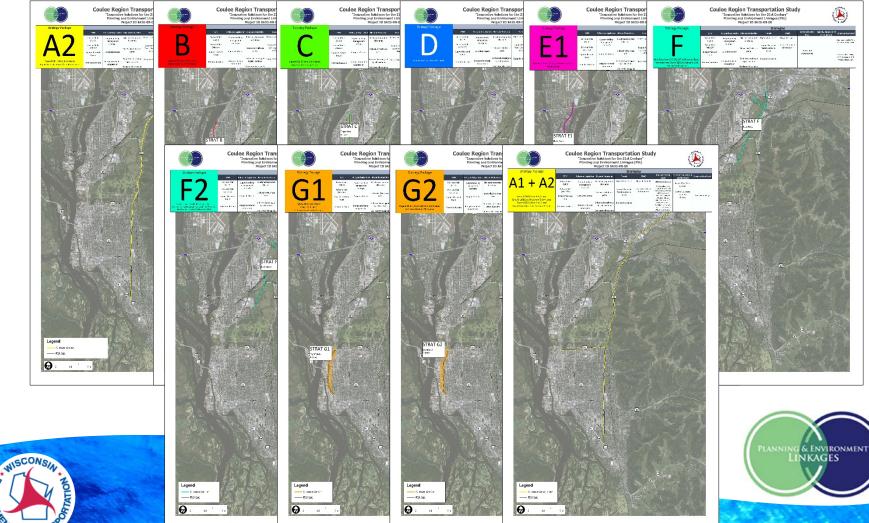
# **Strategies**

- Strategies are solutions or concepts and were grouped together to create strategy packages
- Strategies were developed from public comments
- Strategy Packages have been evaluated against objectives
- Used the advisory groups to recommend which strategies move forward



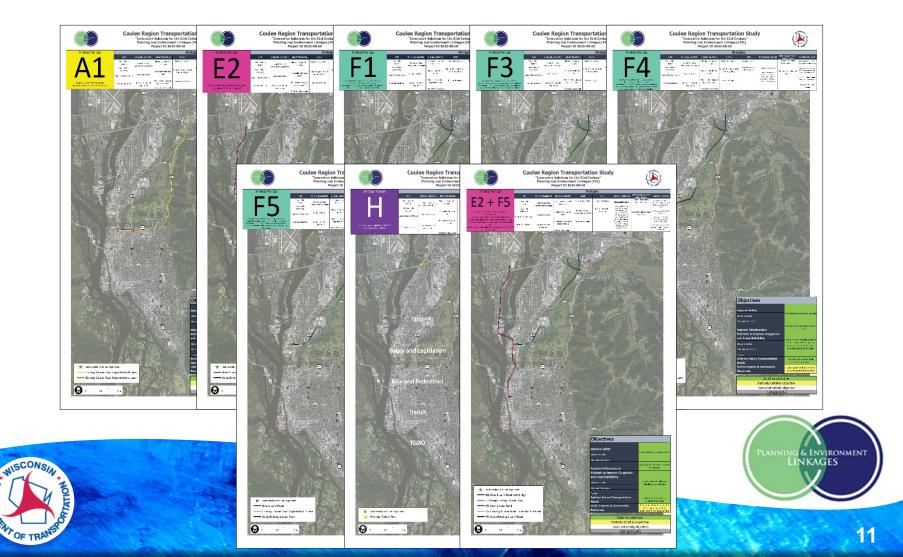


#### **Dismissed Strategy Packages**



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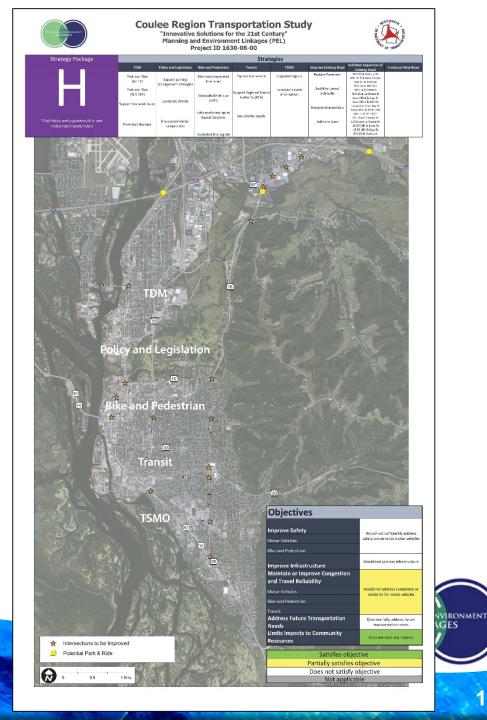
#### **Retained for Further Consideration Strategy Packages**



#### Strategy Package H

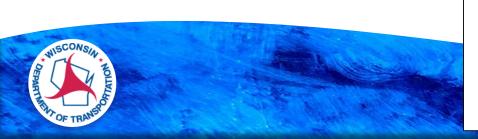
#### No changes to roadways

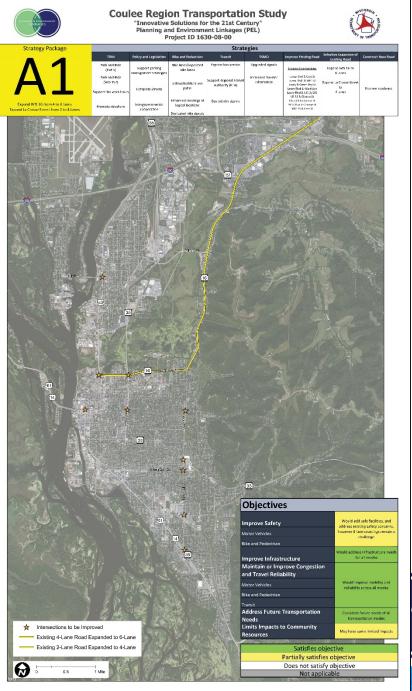
- Triple transit use
- Significantly increase biking, walking, carpooling etc.
- Does not meet overall objectives by itself
- Package has the ability to reduce future traffic demand by 4% but this is not enough to meet future needs
- Strategy package will be included in all packages



Strategy Package A1 WIS 16 Expansion

- 6-lane IH 90 to La Crosse street
- 4-Lane La Crosse St.
- 25/45 mph roadways
- Improves 16
- Some improvements to 35 & 53
- Some added pressure to Losey Blvd





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STRATEGY A1 (LA CROSSE STREET) EXISTING CONDITIONS







STRATEGY A1 (LA CROSSE STREET) PROPOSED CONDITIONS

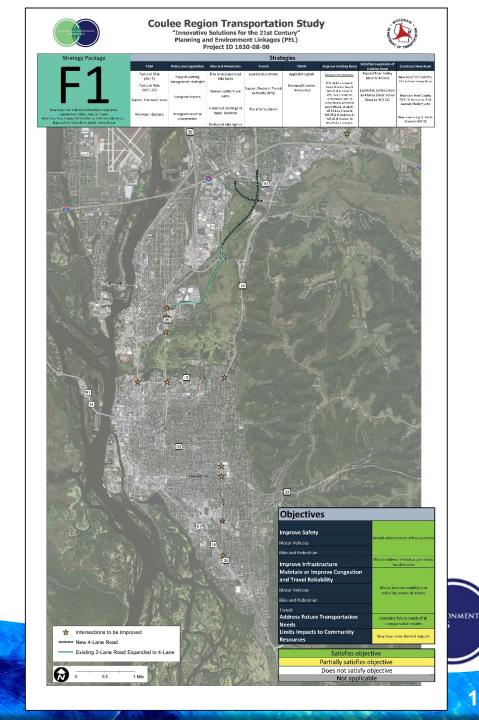




# Strategy Package

#### Central Corridor

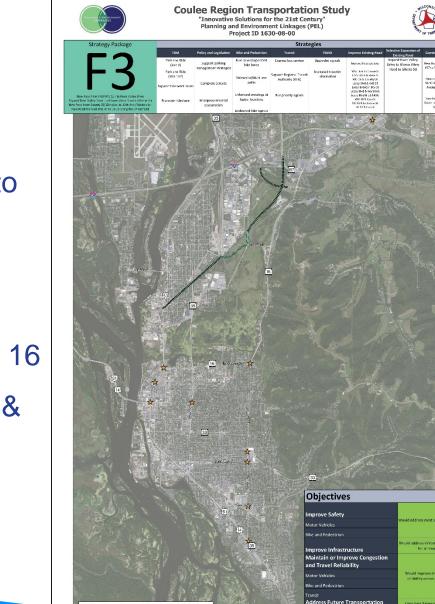
- Extend 53 south connect to 35(Lang) at St Cloud
- 4 lane roadway
- 25 45 mph roadways
- Significant improvement to 16
- Removes bottleneck at 16 & 157
- Some improvements to 53
- Some added pressure on 35



#### Strategy Package F3

#### **Central Corridor**

- Extend 53 south, connect to 35 and 53 along railroad corridor
- 4 lane roadway
- Significant improvement to 16
- Removes bottleneck at 16 & 157
- Improvements to 35 & 53



Intersections to be Improved New 4-Lane Road Keep Existing 4-Lane Road Existing 2-Lane Road Expanded to 4-Lan



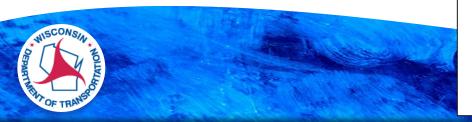
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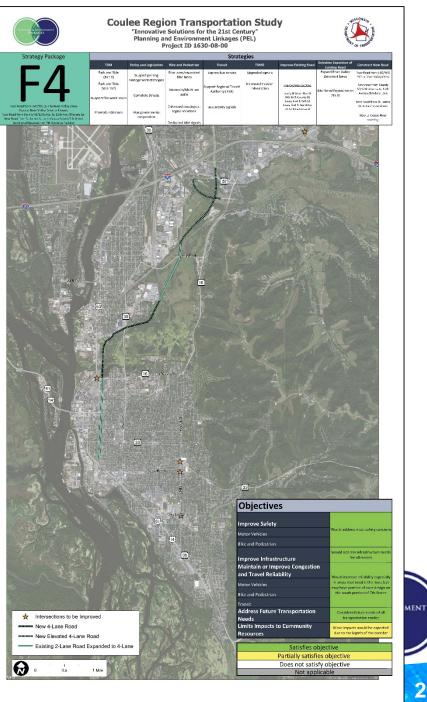
Partially satisfies objective Does not satisfy objective

# Strategy Package

#### **Central Corridor**

- Extend 53 south cross 35 continue south to 14
- 4 lane roadway
- 25 45 mph roadways
- Significant improvement to 16
- Removes bottleneck at 16 & 157
- Significant Improvements to 35 & 53
- Additional crossing of La Crosse River



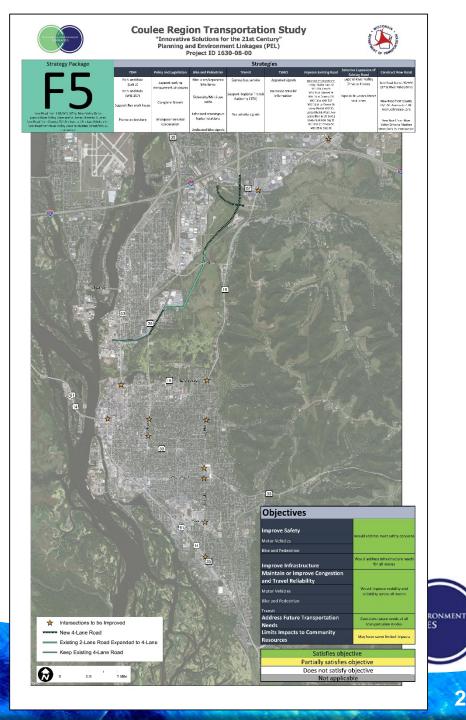


#### Strategy Package **F5**

#### Central Corridor

- Extend 53 south connect to 35 (Lang) at Monitor
- 4 lane roadway
- 25 45 mph roadways
- Significant improvement to 16
- Removes bottleneck at 16 & 157
- Some improvements to 53
- Some added pressure on 35







STRATEGY F (RIVER VALLEY DRIVE) EXISTING CONDITIONS





STRATEGY F (RIVER VALLEY DRIVE) PROPOSED CONDITIONS

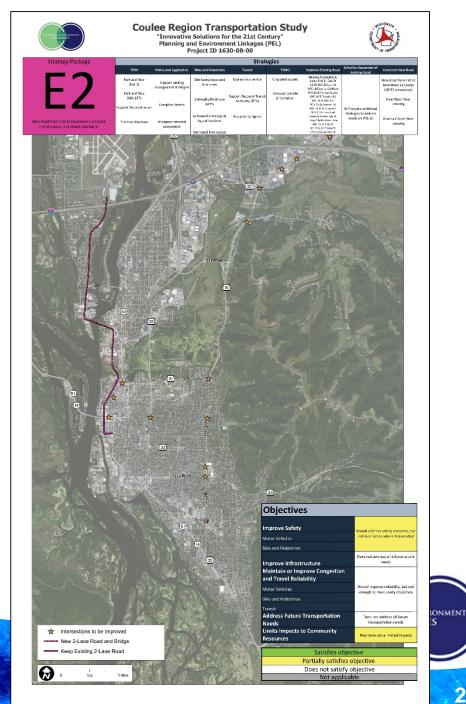




#### Strategy Package **E2**

#### West Corridor

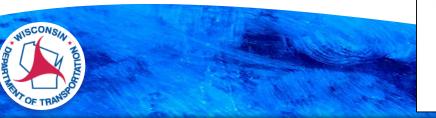
- Connect 90 to downtown via Bainbridge St. and bridges over Black River and La **Crosse River**
- 2 lane roadway
- Improvements to 35 & 53
- Improved connection to Downtown
- Little improvement to 16

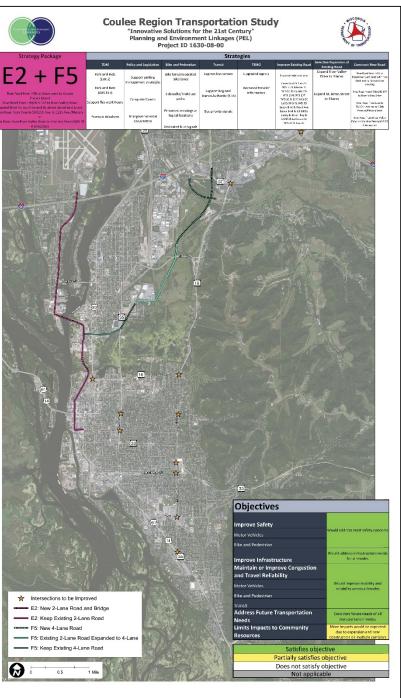


#### Strategy Package E2+F5

#### Central + West Corridor

- Significant improvement to 16
- Removes bottleneck at 16 & 157
- Significant improvements to 35 & 53
- Improves connection to Downtown
- Adds additional crossing of La Crosse River





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STRATEGY E2 (CTH B - FRENCH ISLAND) EXISTING CONDITIONS







STRATEGY E2 (CTH B - FRENCH ISLAND) PROPOSED CONDITIONS



# Do the Strategy Packages Address the Coulee Regions transportation needs?

- High crash rates
- Bike/pedestrian accommodations and needs
- Transit needs
- Motor vehicle congestion
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- Create a transportation plan for the future







#### **Benefits of future planning in the Coulee Region**



## **Past Projects**

#### STH 33 - Shelby

- Reduced lanes
- Lowered speed limit
- Added bike lanes
- Safer crossings







# **Past Projects** STH 35 – Onalaska

- Added bike lanes
- Safer crossings
- Street scaping



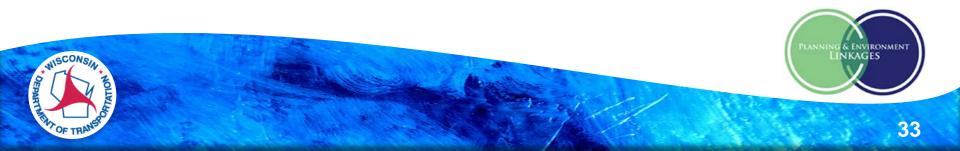
# **Past Projects**

- Reduced lane width
- Safer crossings
- Street scaping
- STH 35 West Ave. La Crosse Street lighting



# Where do we go from here?

- Need feed back from public & stakeholders
- Schedule
- Finalize report



### Feedback



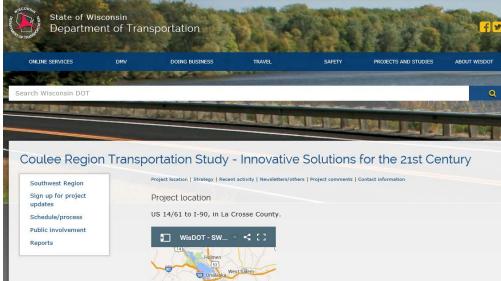
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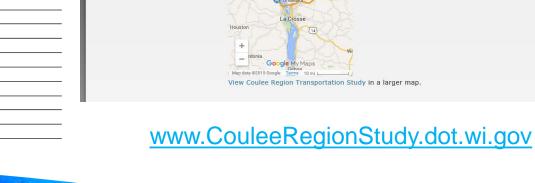
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1) Are there any comments you would like to share regarding the final strategy packages?

2) Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding the study in general.





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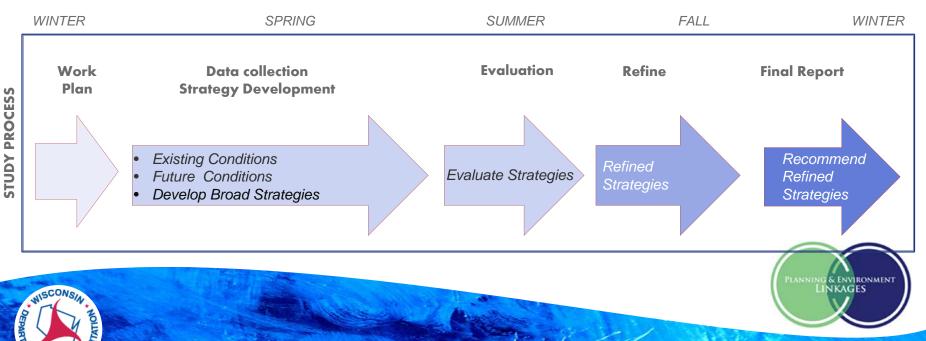
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# Schedule

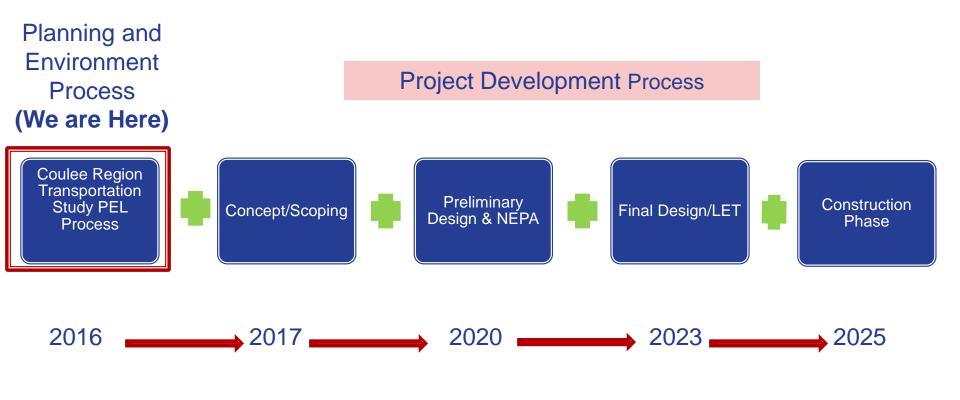
- PIM 5: January 2016
  - Focus: Final Recommendation

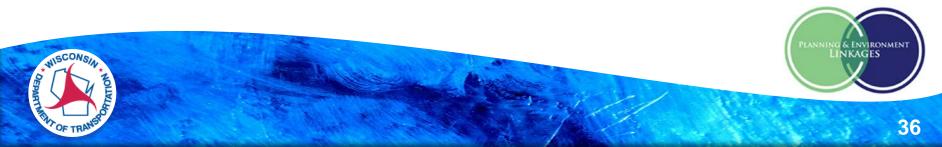


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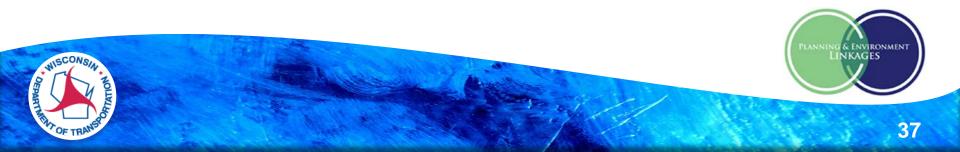
### **Overall Project Development Timeline**





# **Thank you for Participating**

- Investigate the work stations
- Fill out a comment form
- Visit <u>www.CouleeRegionStudy.dot.wi.gov</u>



# Questions

