

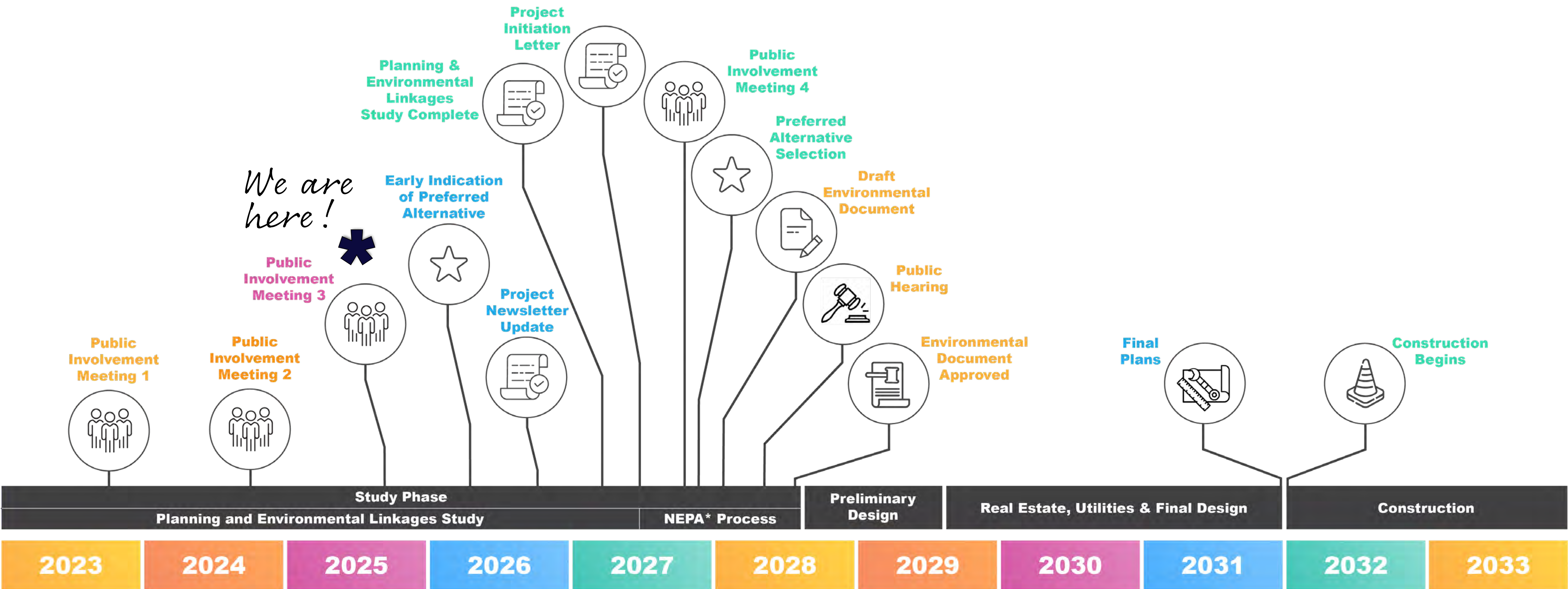
STUDY BACKGROUND & SCHEDULE

Donald A. Tilleman Bridge
(WIS 54/Mason Street)
Reconstruction or Replacement Study
PEL (2023-2027)
NEPA (2027-2028)

The study limits include approximately 1.5 miles of Mason Street from 12th Avenue on the west side of the Fox River to Webster Avenue on the east side of the Fox River. It also includes the ramps at S. Broadway, S. Jefferson Street, S. Madison Street, and S. Quincy Street that carry traffic between the elevated portion of Mason Street and the at-grade downtown street network.

This study will consider a wide range of alternatives to address the short-term and long-term needs for the Donald A. Tilleman Bridge and approach infrastructure. The study began in 2023 within the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) framework. Due to the duration of the study and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) updated guidance, WisDOT has elected to evaluate alternatives as part of a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. This FHWA framework will allow WisDOT to analyze alternatives for community and environmental impacts ahead of the project inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Work done within the PEL study will streamline the NEPA process planned to begin in 2027.

This process allows for a broad range of funding options for construction of the preferred alternative. The study includes a comprehensive review of alternatives that would address the condition of the infrastructure, review mobility for all users of the corridor, and identify any areas of concern for project improvements.



*NEPA is the National Environmental Policy Act. The NEPA process begins when a federal agency develops a proposal to take a major federal action.

