

INTERSTATE 94 EAST-WEST CORRIDOR

70TH STREET TO 16TH STREET, MILWAUKEE COUNTY



I-94 EAST-WEST FREEWAY PROJECT UPDATE

PROJECT PURPOSE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is continuing the environmental document and preliminary design phases of the I-94 East-West Corridor project. At its foundation, the project must address the problems of deteriorating infrastructure, outdated design, and congestion which contributes to unsafe conditions.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The preferred alternative, as identified in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), includes expanding the number of lanes on I-94 to eight through lanes (four in each direction). This project will more safely connect and match existing lane configurations between the Marquette Interchange and Zoo Interchange.

The preferred alternative also includes a reconfigured stadium interchange built as a diverging diamond interchange. Watch the drive through video here: WISCONSINDOT.GOV/94EASTWEST

PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Listening to people who live in the community is a vital part of creating safe roads.- In December 2022, public hearings were conducted and WisDOT received nearly 2,300 comments during the comment period. Thank you to those who took the time to offer their thoughts.

Most of the written comments and hearing testimony included statements on capacity expansion. The commenters were divided in their support for maintaining or increasing capacity on I-94.

While our examination of comments is never a vote, we do take public input into consideration. The numbers below are approximate to give an order of magnitude of the sentiment in the comments received.

- 55% of comments were in favor of expansion.
- 40% of comments were against expansion.
- 5% of comments did not reference the number of lanes on I-94 (other topics: cemeteries, noise barriers, bicycle/pedestrian, design, construction, other modes of transportation, cost).

WisDOT and the Federal Highway Administration are evaluating the input received. It is expected that the combined Supplemental Final EIS and Record of Decision will be available later in 2023. A public meeting will follow the release of that document.



Deteriorating infrastructure (photo shows Stadium Interchange bridge)



Congestion in the corridor leads to unsafe driving conditions



I-94 EAST-WEST PROJECT LOOK AHEAD:

- Design refinements will continue throughout the Supplemental Final EIS process, and preliminary and final design.
- Public involvement opportunities are ongoing. A formal public meeting, and targeted meetings for qualifying noise barriers, will likely take place late 2023/early 2024.
- WisDOT is partnering with local communities and other local stakeholders to make streets safer for all users, no matter how they move - car, bus, truck, walk, or bike.
- WisDOT will provide funding towards transit as a mitigation strategy during construction of the I-94 East-West project.
- WisDOT is actively working with utilities impacted by the project.
- A greenhouse gas analysis is being completed following the January 2023 Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidance.
- Pending funding availability and other approvals, utility and interstate highway construction is currently anticipated to start in 2025 and continue for approximately six years.

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