

I-94 East-West Freeway Corridor Study

Wisconsin Department of Transportation



Fall 2012

YOU'RE INVITED! PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

WisDOT will conduct open-house style meetings to share information on initial alternatives for the I-94 East-West Freeway corridor.

WisDOT representatives will be on hand to share information on concepts under development and listen to your thoughts about the freeway and possible solutions.

Please plan to attend either of these meetings; both will cover the same information. This is an important step in the process and your input is appreciated.

Watch for more opportunities in the months and years ahead:
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/se.htm

OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

Same information both nights - come when it is most convenient for you!

December 5, 2012, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

State Fair Park

Tommy Thompson Youth Center, Gate #5
640 S. 84th St., Milwaukee

MCTS Route 67

December 6, 2012, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Marquette University High School*
3401 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

* use Henke Center entrance in parking lot on Michigan Street

MCTS Routes 10, 35, 30

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (WisDOT) I-94 EAST-WEST FREEWAY CORRIDOR STUDY MAKES PROGRESS ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

WisDOT is making progress on the development of initial alternatives for the future of the I-94 East-West Corridor.

No decisions have been made regarding improvements or changes to access in the corridor.

WisDOT is involving the community in all phases of planning and design and will continue to communicate project information with you and seek input.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT THE NEXT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The study team is finalizing the purpose and need for the study and developing alternatives to improve the corridor.

Alternatives are being developed that begin to address the purpose of the study (relieving congestion, improving safety). Developing alternatives is an iterative process that involves meetings with the general public, business and neighborhood groups, impacted stakeholders and elected officials who represent the region.

A number of design concepts were developed over the past three months. Each has positive and challenging aspects.

WisDOT is seeking your opinion on options that should be retained for further study and options that should be dropped from further consideration.

Further study of the traffic patterns in the area is ongoing and data will be available for review and discussion.

WisDOT IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE I-94 EAST-WEST FREEWAY CORRIDOR FROM 70TH STREET TO 25TH STREET.

THE STUDY INCLUDES THE STADIUM INTERCHANGE.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The completed reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange, and the planned reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange between 2013 and 2018, leaves this 3-mile segment of I-94 between 70th Street and 25th Street as a gap between these two improvements. I-94 in this segment first opened to traffic in the early 1960s – now, 50 years later, the design is outdated, crashes are a serious problem, and the roadway pavement and bridges need to be replaced.



TRANSIT

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's 2035 regional transportation plan documents that recommended transit improvements in the corridor, including light rail and commuter rail, will not eliminate the need to add capacity to the study-area freeway system. Both highways and transit are needed to provide an efficient transportation network.

WisDOT's involvement in transit and the level of funding it devotes to transit is guided by state statute rather than at the discretion of WisDOT.

Management of:	FHWA	WisDOT	County Gov.'t	Local Gov.'t
Freeways	✓	✓		
State highways		✓		
County highways			✓	
Local roads				✓
Transit			✓	✓

WHAT'S NEXT

SPRING 2013 - PUBLIC MEETING

- Narrowed range of alternatives (and potentially, a recommended alternative)
- Approximate real estate impacts
- Impacts comparison, conceptual costs, environmental impacts

FALL 2013 - PUBLIC HEARING

- Recommended alternative, if identified
- More detailed cost, acquisition, and environmental impacts information
- Conceptual noise analysis

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CORRIDOR

- Five cemeteries in study corridor
- Traffic far exceeds 1950's projections
- Vibrant neighborhoods directly adjacent to freeway
- Major business and tourism destinations
- American Transmission Company power line corridor



DESIGN CONCEPTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Planners and designers are analyzing the freeway corridor and its constraints. Using examples from around the country, the designers are considering a wide range of options for solving the complex problems. They include:

- Use of braided ramps - an elevated ramp to separate merging traffic
- Select locations for double decking - adding lanes over the freeway
- Use of:
 - Collector-distributor roads - parallel lanes or ramps within the freeway right-of-way
 - Arterials - higher functioning local road parallel to the freeway with limited access
 - Frontage roads - one-way pairs which run in parallel to the freeway



Braided ramps in the Marquette Interchange



Double deck in Omaha, NE



Collector-distributor road I-43/I-94 at Becher St.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Conduct environmental and engineering study									
Conduct final design; address real estate and utility issues			☆						
Reconstruct the corridor							☆	→	

☆ Based on funding availability and legislative approvals



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FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC IS CRITICAL TO PROJECT SUCCESS

Nearly 250 people attended the first round of public information meetings held in August 2012. Input received helped the project staff in identifying the critical concerns of the stakeholders in the corridor.

The most common issues raised:

- Don't eliminate access to/ from freeway
- Minimize impacts to adjacent properties (cemeteries, homes)
- Improve traffic flow and safety
- Consider transit as an alternative to freeway improvements



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