

# US 53 & US 14/61 Corridor Study

## Public Involvement Meeting

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April 22, 2026

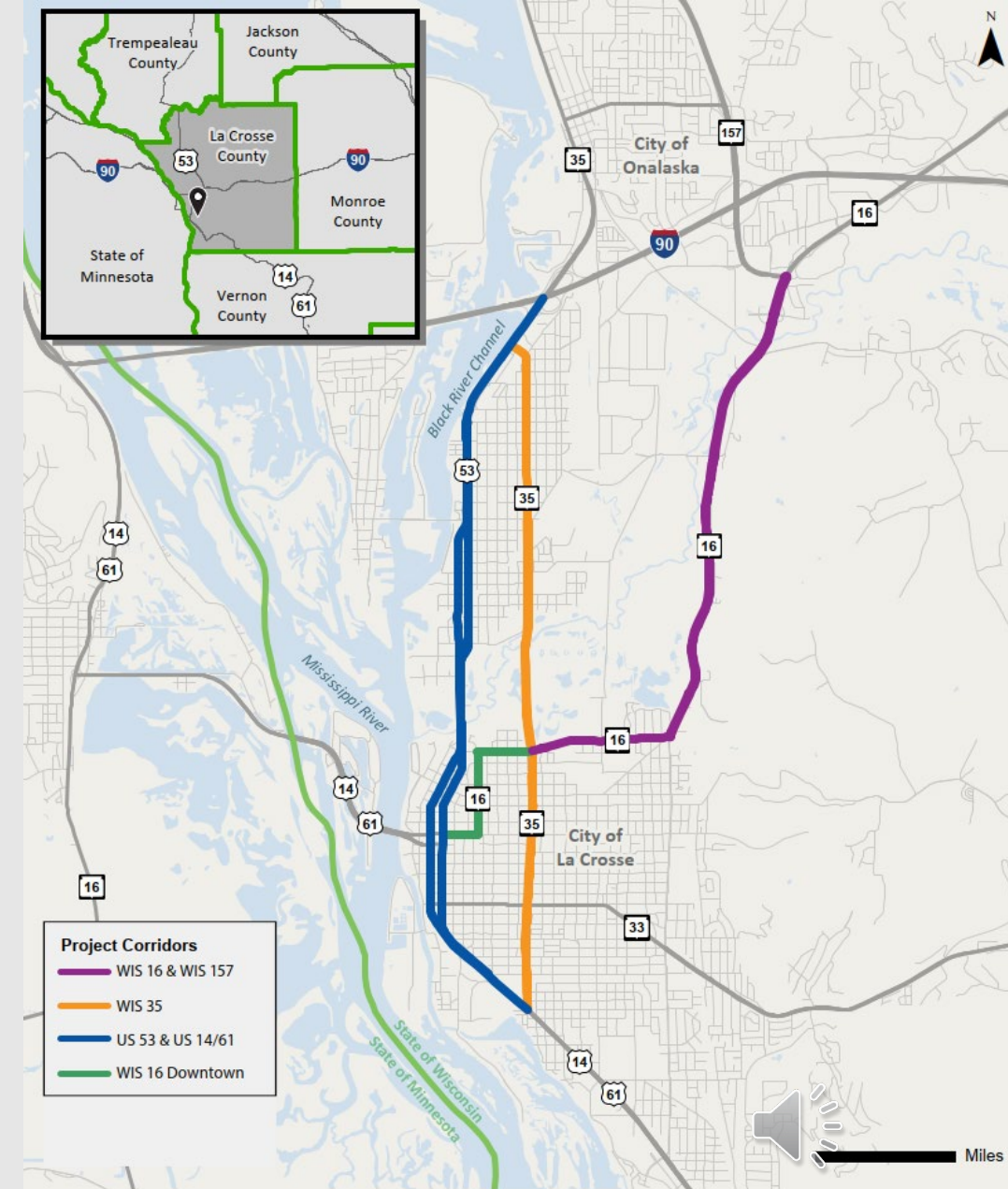




# Study Overview

## La Crosse Major Studies

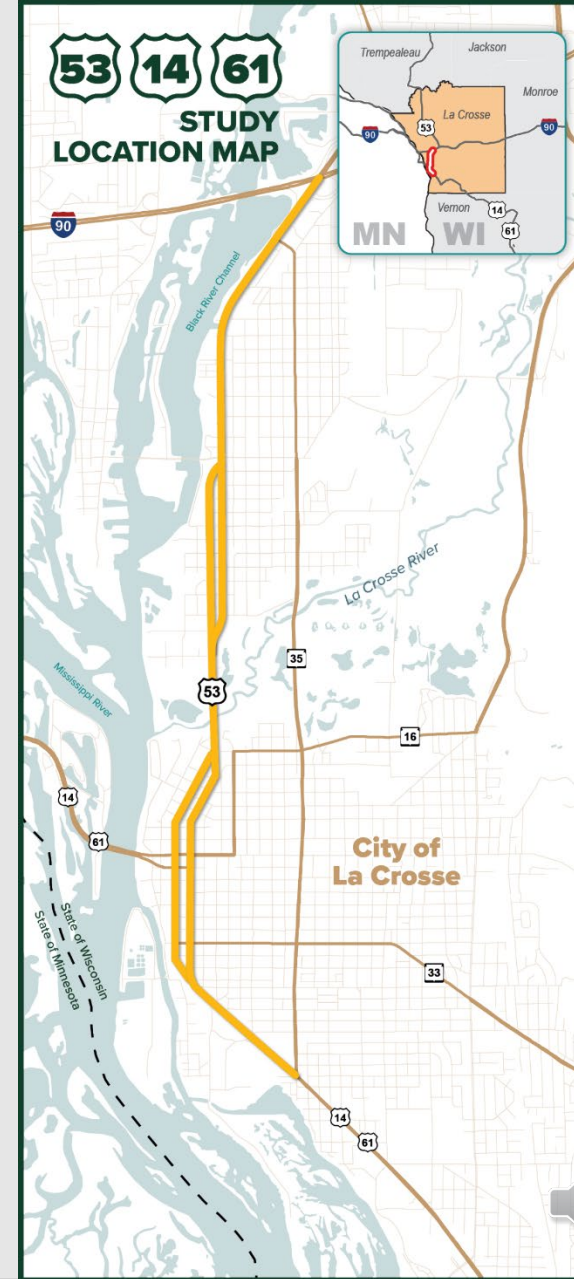
- Four separate corridors Identified
- Moving forward, corridors to be evaluated separately
  - WIS 35 Corridor (orange)
  - US 53 & US 14/61 Corridor (blue)
  - WIS 16 Corridor (purple)
  - WIS 16 Downtown Corridor (green)





# Study Overview

- Study Limits: WIS 35 to I-90
- Length: 4.3 miles
- Scope:
  - Safety Improvements
  - Traffic Operations Improvements
  - Multimodal Improvements
  - Pavement Replacement / Reconstruction
  - Bridge Maintenance
  - Utility Repair / Replacement





# Purpose & Need

*The purpose of the US 53 and US 14/61 project is to improve the utility of the corridor for all travelers by addressing safety and traffic operations concerns, multimodal connectivity, and infrastructure conditions.*





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- Safety

- 50%+ of corridor, 20+ intersections flagged for safety concerns
- Bicycle / pedestrian crashes concerns throughout corridor

- Infrastructure

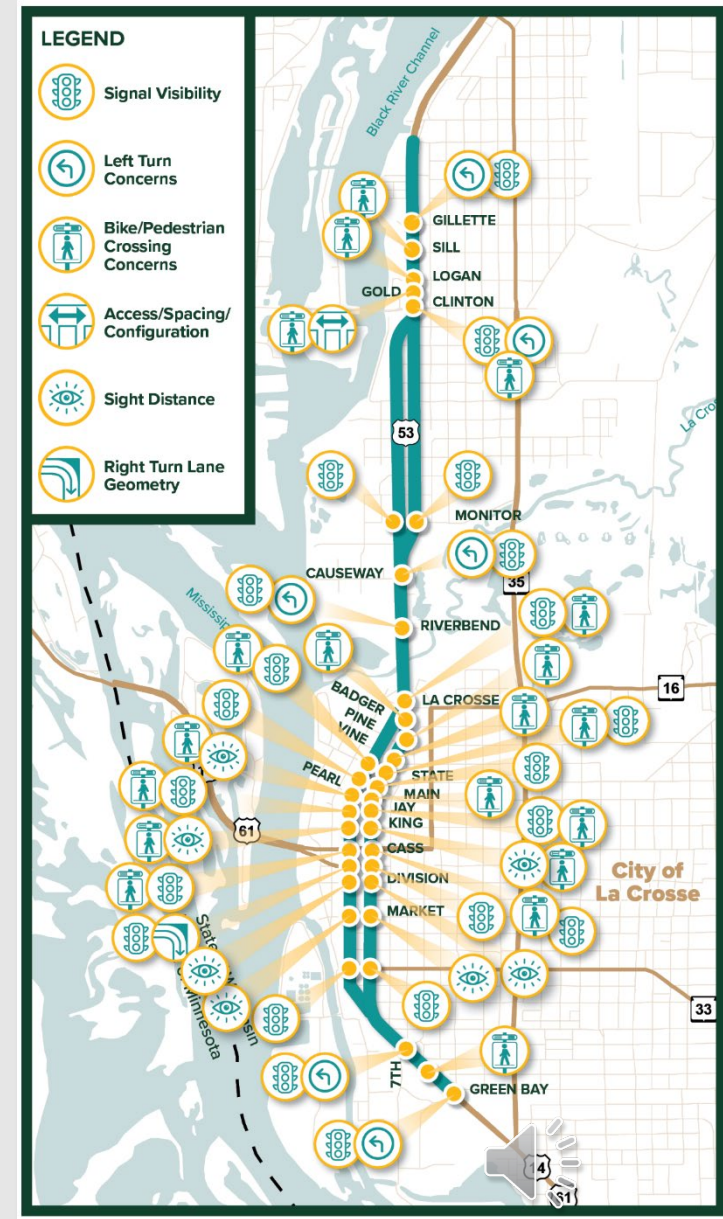
- 60% of the corridor needs pavement replacement
  - Remainder of Corridor needs resurfacing
- Three bridges need concrete overlays
- Utility Repair / Replacement

- Multimodal Facilities

- A majority of pedestrian crossings are “high stress” crossings
- Lack of bicycle facility connectivity along the corridor and to/from downtown
- Several transit stops missing amenities

- Traffic Operations

- Four intersections have critical delay or back-up deficiencies

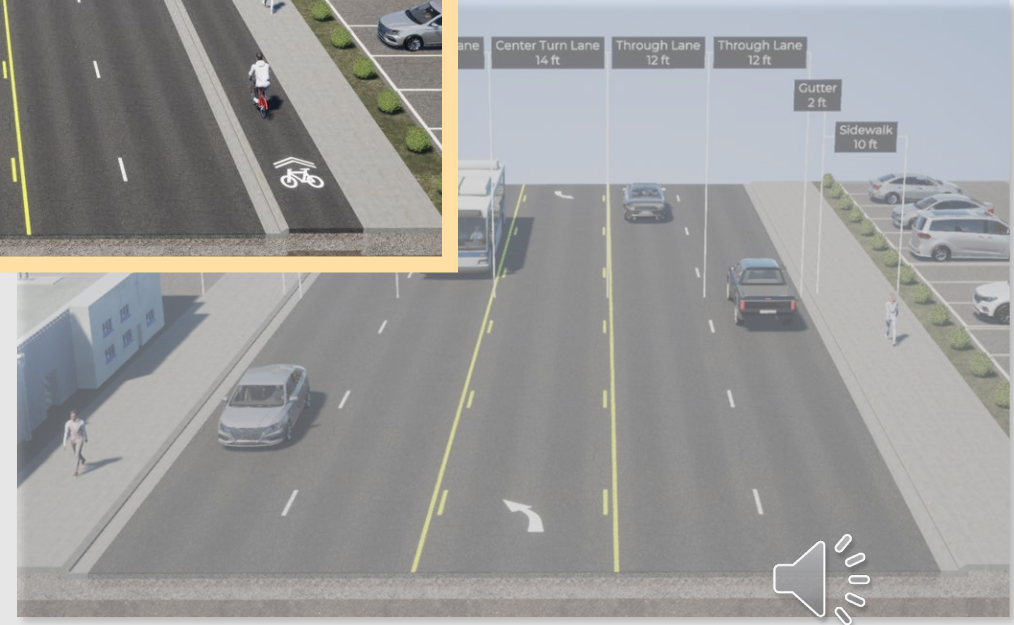
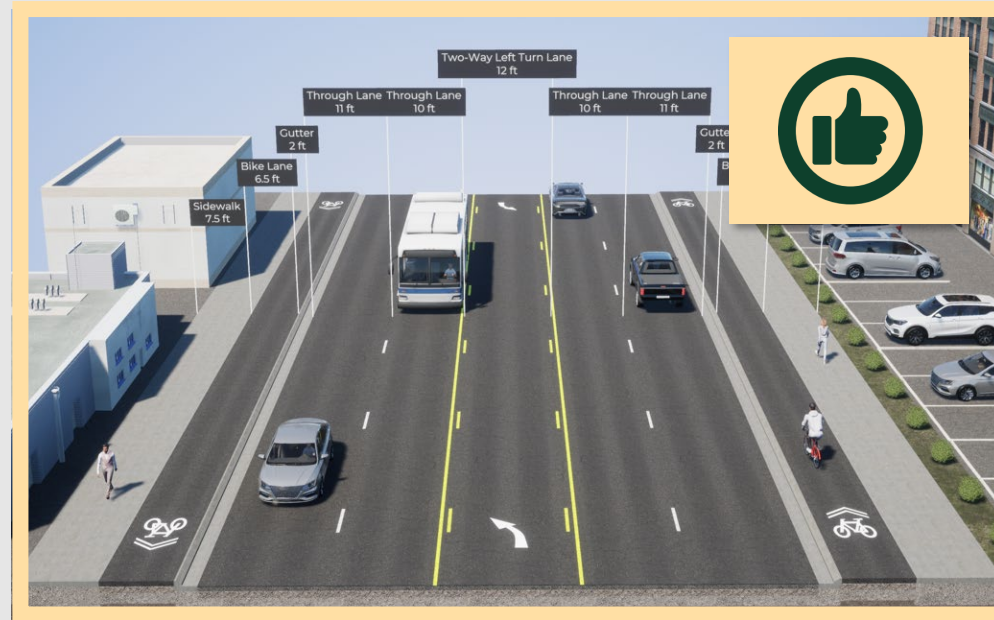




# Alternatives Development & Screening

## Screening Criteria:

- Safety
- Multimodal Connectivity
- Mobility
- Community Input
- Impacts
- Cost





# Previous Public Involvement

## Public Involvement Meeting #1

- June 26, 2024
- Purpose & Need
- Preliminary Alternatives

## Public Involvement Meeting #2

- July 16, 2025
- Detailed Alternatives
- Alternative Screening
- Recommended Alternative





# Public Involvement

## Public Involvement Meeting #3:

- Updated Recommended Alternative
- What has changed from the Recommended Alternative presented at Public Involvement Meeting #2

**WELCOME**  
To the Public Involvement Meeting for the US 53 & US 14/61 Corridor Study

**STUDY LOCATION MAP**

**STUDY PURPOSE**  
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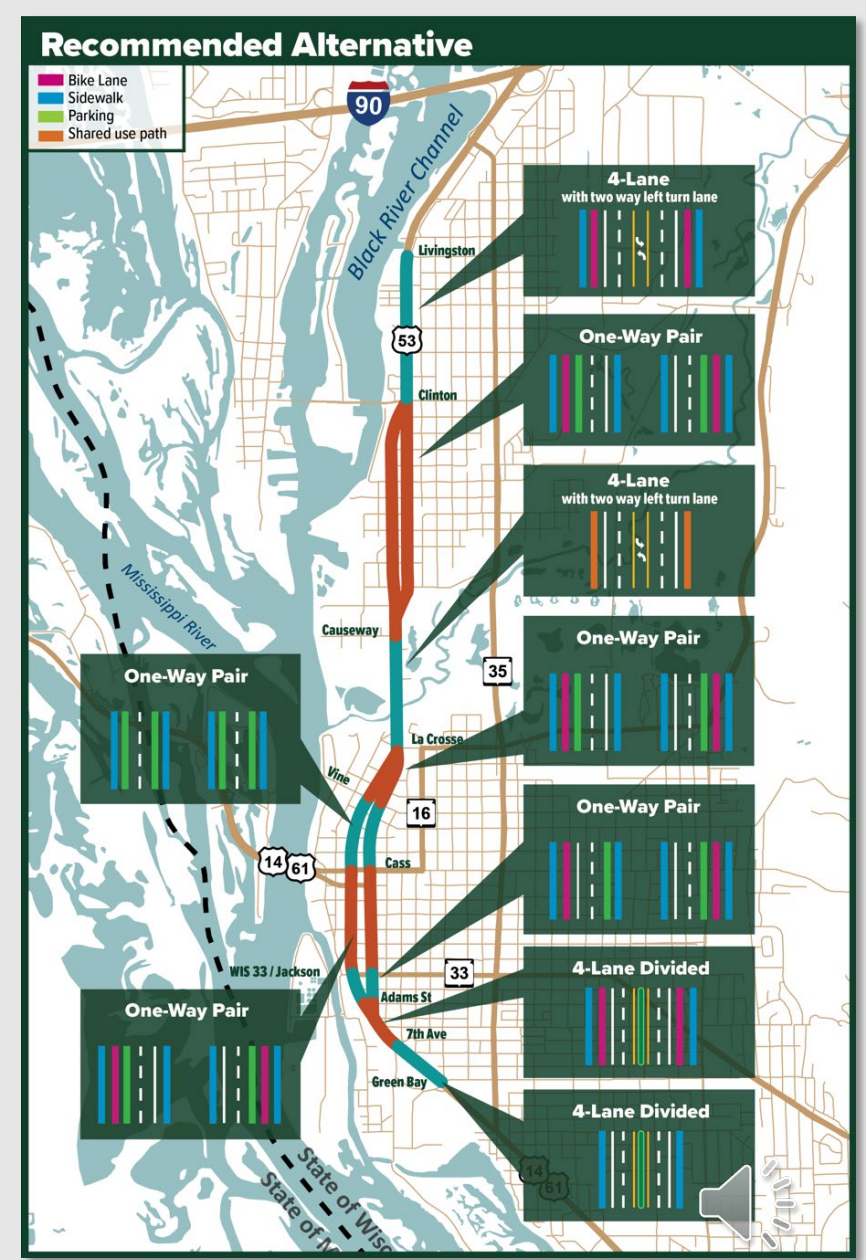




# Recommended Alternative Overview

## Highlights:

- **Reconstruction: Jackson St – Clinton St**
  - Replace Pavement and Sidewalks
  - Utility Replacement
  - Roundabout at La Crosse St Intersection
- Pavement Rehabilitation: N of Clinton, S of Jackson
- Spot Safety Improvements Throughout Corridor
- Add Bike Facilities, Most of Corridor
- Bridge Rehabilitation
- Improved Flood Resiliency, La Crosse River to River Bend Rd



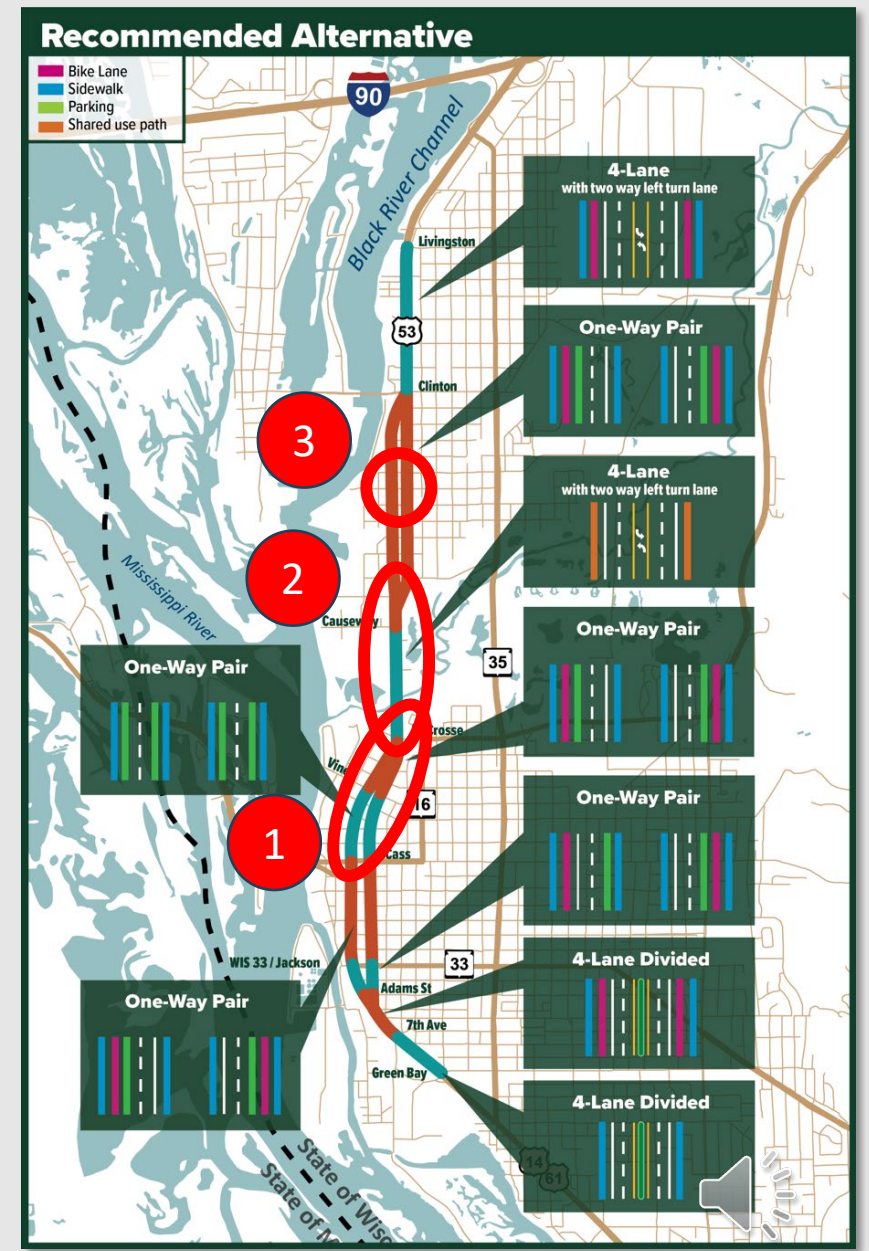


# Recommended Alternative Overview

## Changes Since Last Public Meeting:

- 1 Downtown: Hybrid Alternative
- 2 Change Bicycle Facility Type: La Crosse St – Monitor St
- 3 Maintain Parking: Hagar St – St James St

Additional access changes are also being proposed



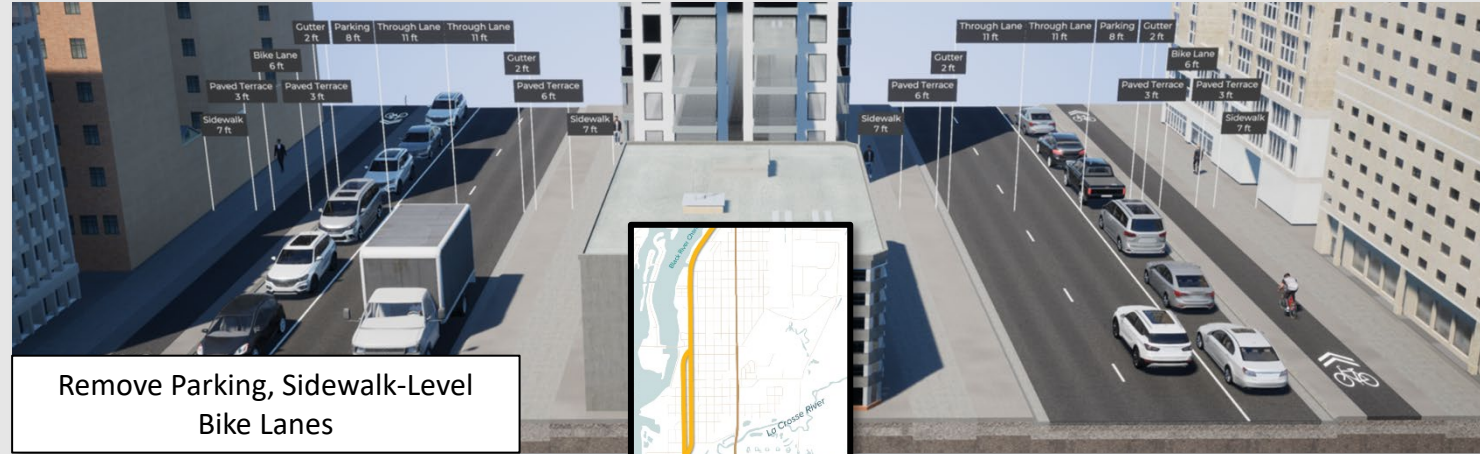


# Downtown Area (King St – La Crosse St)

## Hybrid Alternative

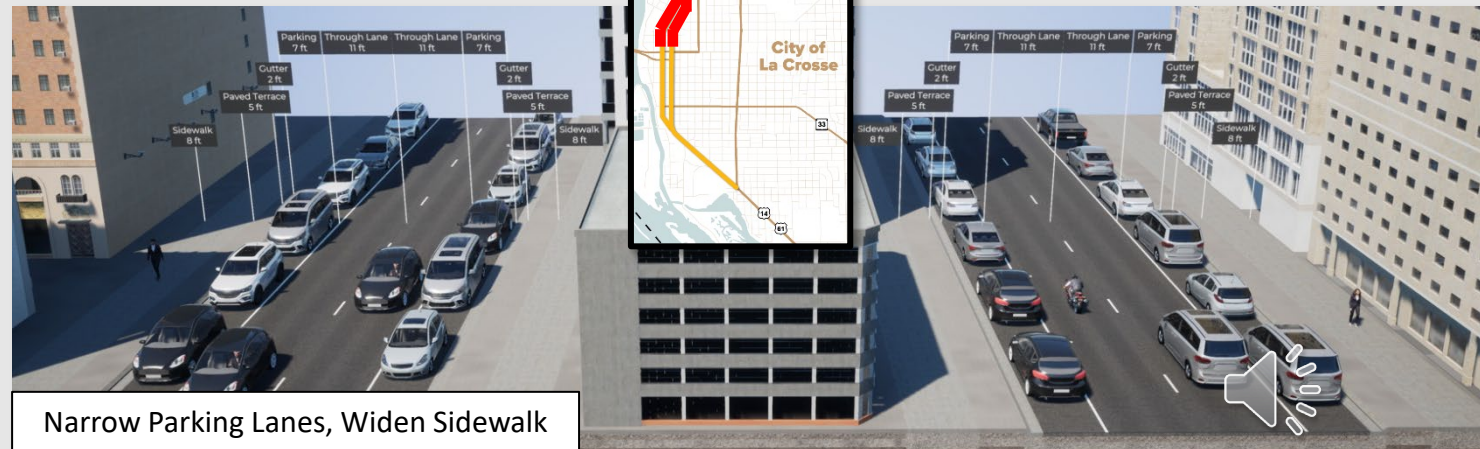
### Vine Street – La Crosse Street

- Add sidewalk-level bike lanes
- Remove parking from one side of the street



### King Street – Vine Street

- Maintain parking on both sides of the street
- Widen sidewalk and terrace
- No bicycle facilities

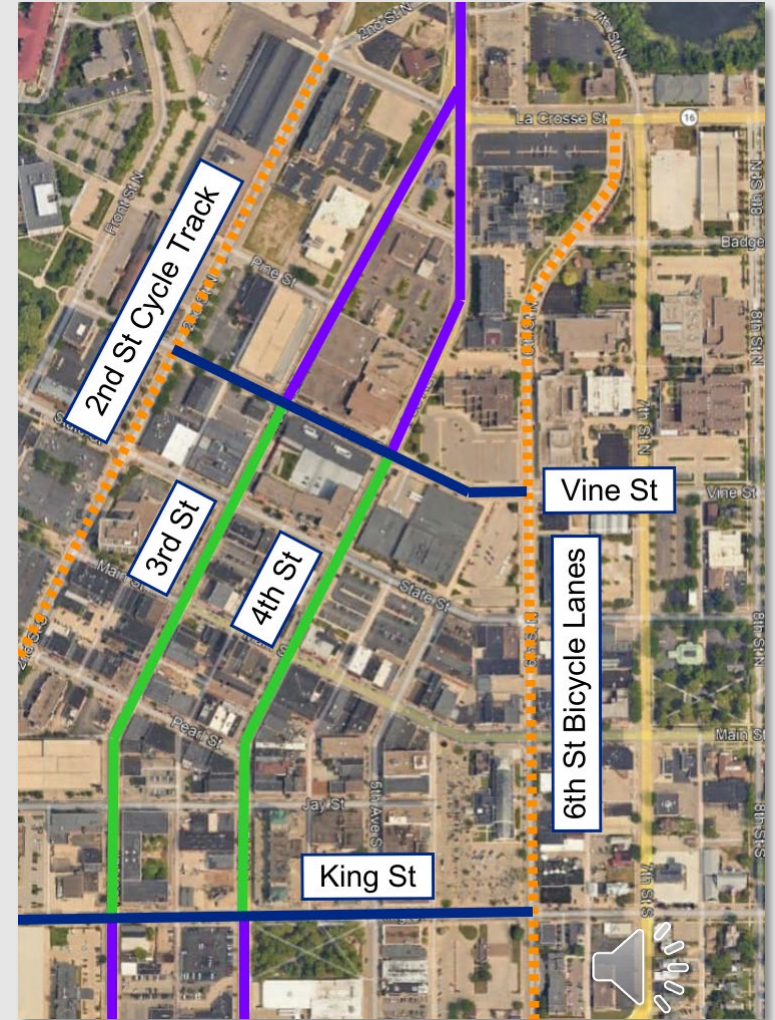




# Downtown Area (King St – La Crosse St)

## Hybrid Alternative

- Maintain Parking - King St to Vine St
  - Green lines
- Sidewalk-Level Bike Lanes - Vine St to La Crosse St
  - Purple lines
- Parallel Bicycle Facilities – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Dashed Orange Lines
- Connections to parallel bicycle facilities
  - Blue lines



*Hybrid Alternative supported by La Crosse Common Council*

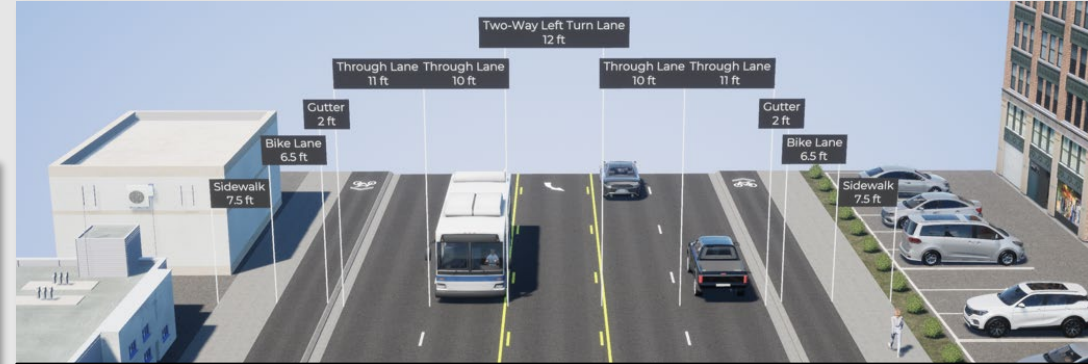
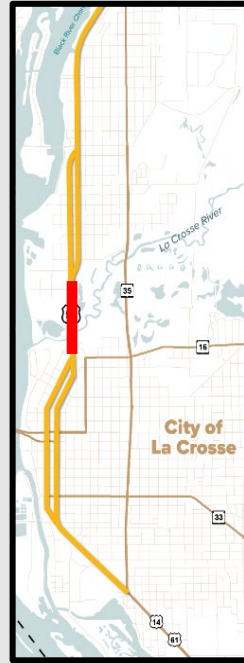




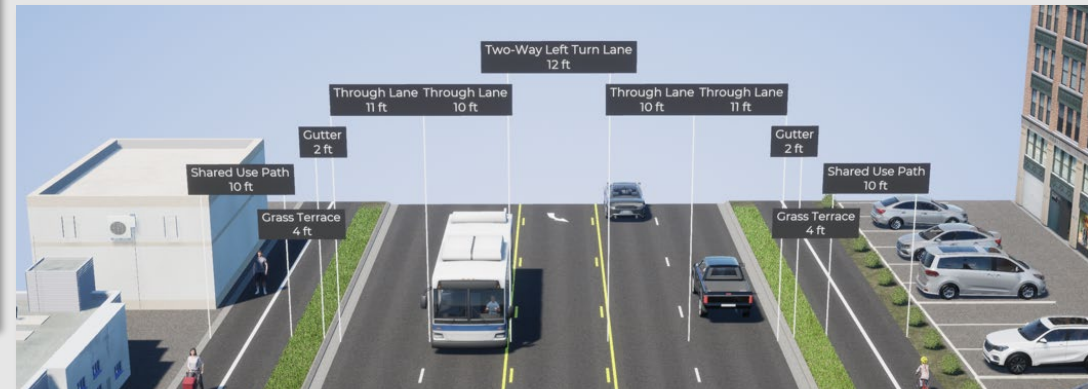
# La Crosse Street – Monitor Street

## Recommended Alternative Update

- Replace sidewalk-level bike lanes with shared use paths
  - Better bicycle access for origins and destinations on the same side of US 53
  - More flexibility to reduce property impacts
  - More grass terraces
  - Sign / light pole placement



Previous Recommended Alternative: Narrow Lanes, Add Sidewalk-level Bike Lanes



New Recommended Alternative: Narrow Lanes, Add Shared Use Paths





# Hagar St – St James St

## Maintain Parking on Both Sides of Street (2 blocks)

- Heard from the public that parking is highly utilized in this area.
- Several restaurants and bars in this area
- Near Copeland Park / Loggers Stadium





# Access Management Updates

## Original Recommended Alternative

- Access modifications due to safety concerns
  - 16 Driveway Closures
  - 8 Driveways with reduced access

## Corridor-wide access review:

- Additional access modifications
  - Unused driveways
  - “Driveways to nowhere”
  - Access consolidation
- 43 additional potential driveway closures.



***WisDOT will work with property owners to provide reasonable access for all properties***





# Comments

We value your feedback!

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Comments can also be sent to Michael Richardson:

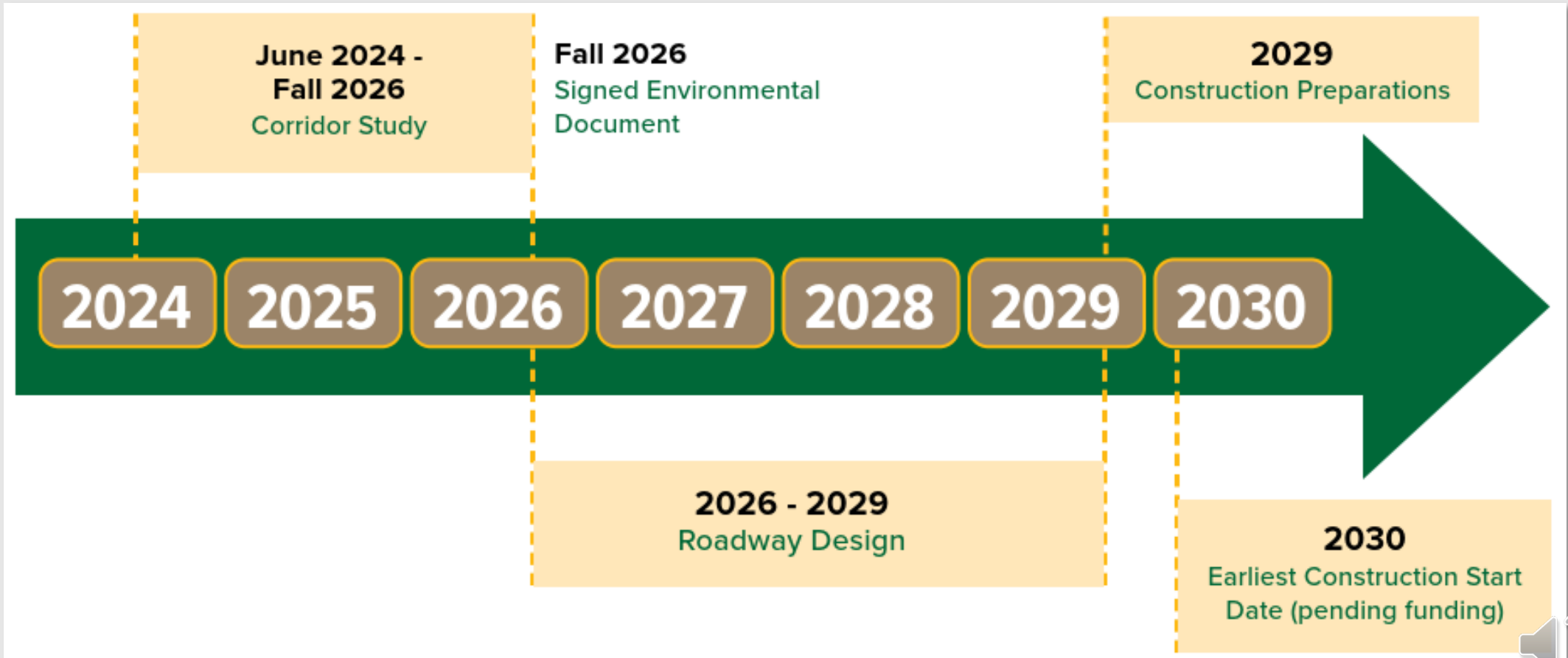
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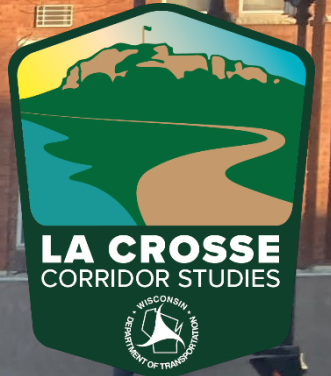
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# Project Schedule





**Thank You!**

