



# US 53 & US 14/61 CORRIDOR STUDY

PROJECT LIMITS: WIS 35 (WEST AVE.) TO I-90  
CITY: LA CROSSE | COUNTY: LA CROSSE

## STUDY LOCATION MAP



### STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the US 53 and US 14/61 study is to develop alternatives that improve safety, address traffic operations concerns where practicable, and address existing and projected infrastructure needs through the design year (2050).

### ROUTE OF IMPORTANCE



#### ACCESS:

- ▶ To several commercial, residential, institutional, and industrial areas



#### PRIMARY CONNECTION:

- ▶ US 53 is the primary connection between I-90 and downtown La Crosse, while US 14/61 connects downtown La Crosse to areas to the south.
- ▶ One of only three north-south routes with a crossing of the La Crosse River.
- ▶ US 53 & US 14/61 are freight routes, long truck routes, NHS routes, and OSOW high clearance routes.
- ▶ Several Municipal Transit Utility (MTU) bus routes utilize US 53, including one of only two routes that provide connectivity between north and south La Crosse.
- ▶ The downtown La Crosse transit center, which is the starting point for 6 of 9 MTU routes, is on the corridor.



#### BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN:

- ▶ The Vietnam Veterans Trail and Jim Asfoor Trail pass beneath US 53 near the La Crosse River, and the Copeland Park Trail runs adjacent to US 53.
- ▶ US 53 & US 14/61 are also adjacent to several bicyclist and pedestrian generators in the downtown area. Outside of the downtown area, bicyclist and pedestrian generators include



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| Gunderson Hospital         | Loggers Baseball                               |
| Hamilton Elementary School | Logan Middle School                            |
| Copeland Park              | Riverfront Trails and Recreation Opportunities |



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## NEEDS FOR US 53 & US 14/61 CORRIDOR: SAFETY 2015–2019



# 54%

of the 4.2-mile corridor is flagged for safety issues

# 29

intersections within the corridor have been flagged for safety issues

# 79

Total pedestrian related crashes (12 intersections with two or more crashes) 46 of which were vehicle crashes influenced by a pedestrian

# 22

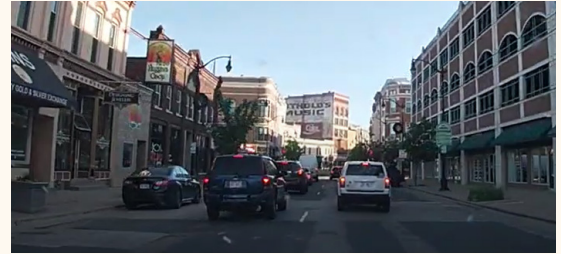
Total bicycle related crashes (4 intersections with two or more crashes)

### MOST COMMON CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN CRASH TRENDS:



#### SIGHT DISTANCE:

Several intersections and driveways have sight distance concerns, many due to parked vehicles.



#### WEAVING AND IMPROPER TURNS:

Weaving and turning movements from incorrect lanes are prevalent in the one-way pair sections of the corridor.



#### HIGH CRASH PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Pedestrian safety concerns near the Gunderson Hospital and in the downtown area.



#### SIGNAL VISIBILITY:

Most signalized intersections along US 53 & US 14/61 have no overhead indications or a single signal indication over the outside lane which can lead to signal visibility issues.

## OTHER NEEDS FOR US 53 & US 14/61 CORRIDOR



#### TRAFFIC OPERATIONS:

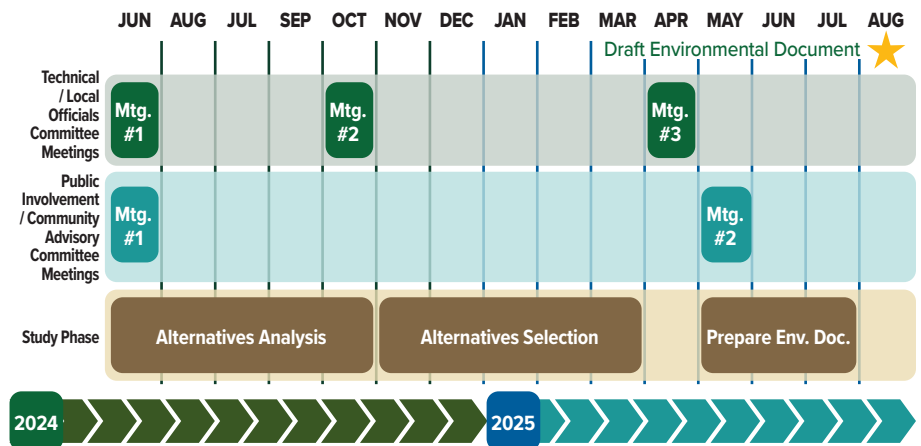
► Delay and queueing deficiencies are present at several intersections in the downtown area.



#### PAVEMENT CONDITION:

► 62% of the US 53 & US 14/61 corridor is scheduled for pavement replacement by 2050.

## US 53 & US 14/61 PROJECT SCHEDULE



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