

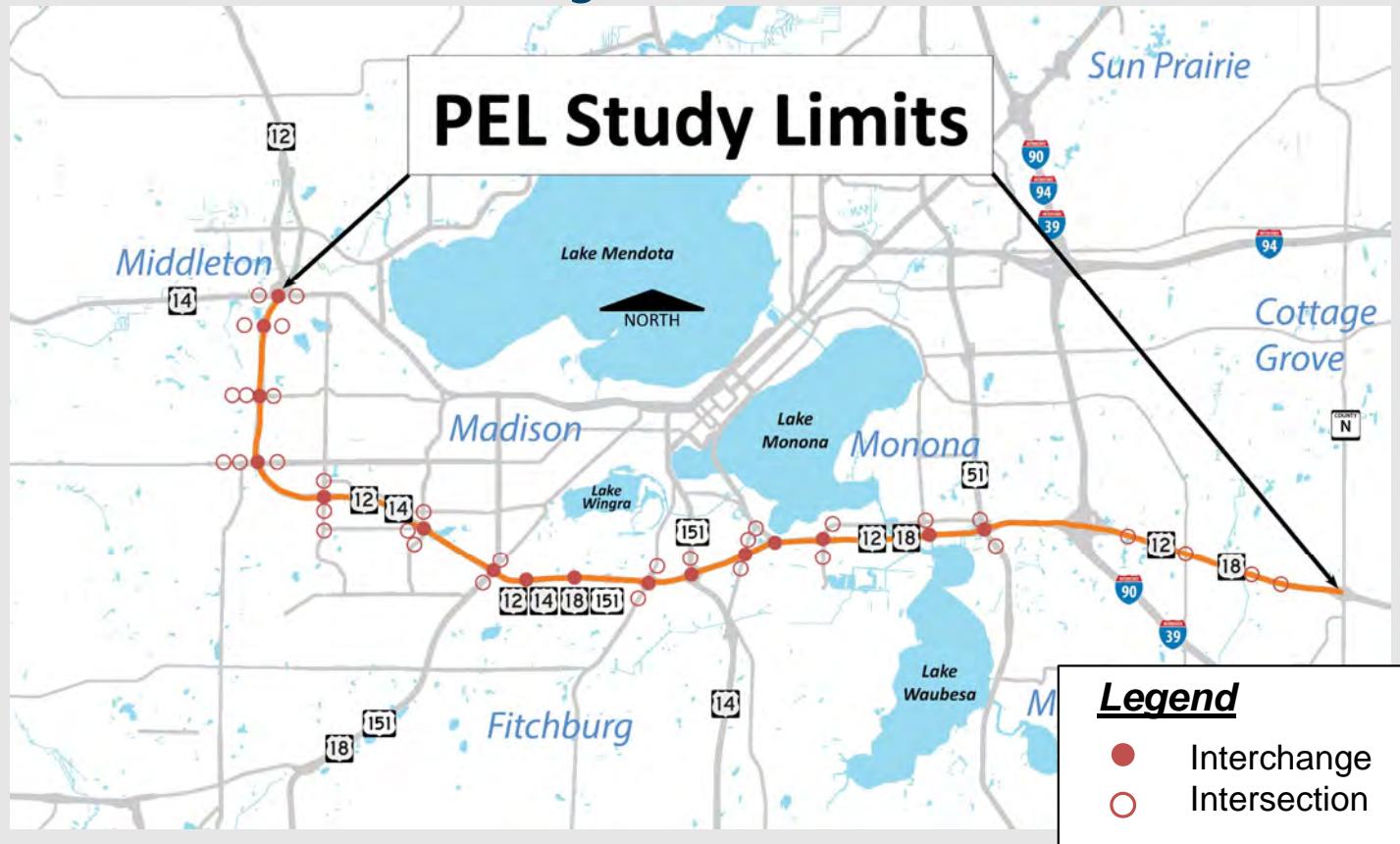
Beltline Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study

Public Involvement Meeting

December 4, 2025



Study Overview



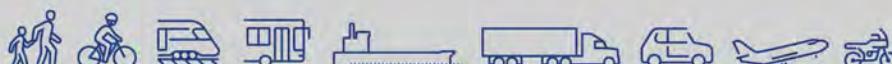
What is a PEL study?

Named a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study, it will allow the study results to flow directly into National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) activities



Beltline PEL Goal

- Improve safety and multimodal travel along and across the Madison Beltline corridor in a way that:
 - Supports economic development
 - Acknowledges community plans
 - Contributes positively to the area's quality of life
 - Limits adverse environmental and social effects to the extent practicable



12 Beltline PEL Objectives

Improve safety for all travel modes

Address infrastructure conditions and deficiencies

Address system mobility (congestion) for all travel modes

Limit adverse social, cultural and environmental effects to the extent practicable

Increase system travel time reliability

Improve connections across/adjacent to the Beltline

Enhance efficient regional multimodal access

Decrease Beltline traffic diversion impacts

Enhance transit ridership and routing

Improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations

Complement other major transportation initiatives/studies

Support infrastructure and other measures encouraging alternatives to Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) travel



Beltline PEL Process

Engage Agencies and Stakeholders

Develop goals and objectives

Develop Screening Criteria

Develop and Screen
Strategy Packages

Identify Draft Preferred Strategy
Package and Potential NEPA Staging

We are
here

Identify Preferred Strategy Package
and Document Findings



Strategy Package Development Process



Travel Lanes Interchanges Weaves

Mainline and
interchange
improvements



Source: Mobility 35, Texas Department of Transportation

New street
crossings and
connections

Roadway Crossings and Connections



Example: High Point Rd. over Beltline, Source: Google 2022



Components

Transit

Improved
transit



Example: Transit Signal Priority, Source: Madison Metro Transit



Example: Cannonball Trail over Beltline, Source: Strand Associates, Inc.

Pedestrian & Bicycle

Pedestrian
and bicycle
connections

Park
and ride
options



Source: City of Sun Prairie, WI

Park & Ride



Mainline and Interchange Improvements

Travel Lanes



Weaves



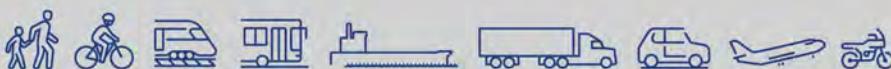
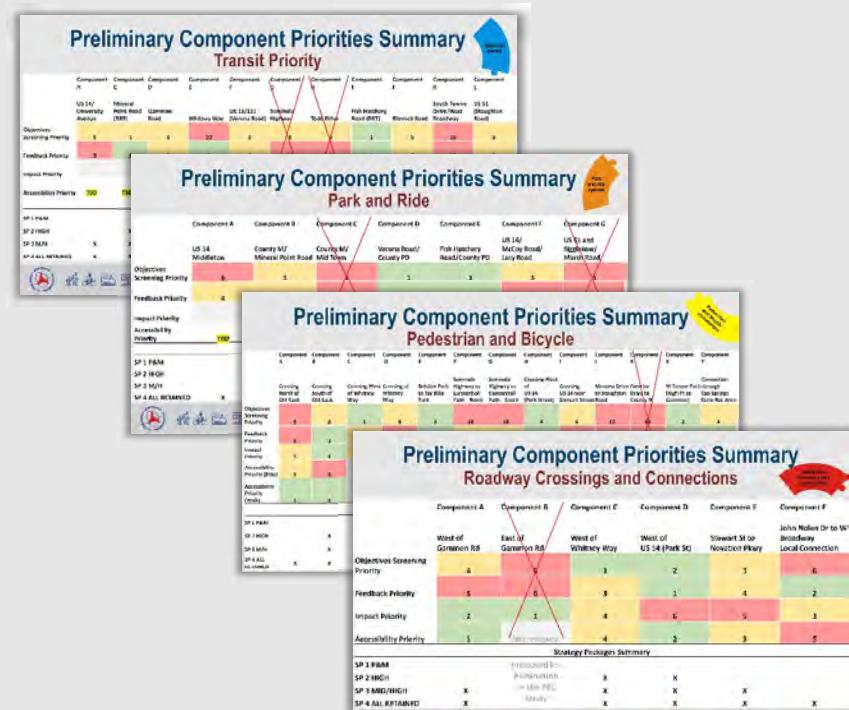
Source: Mobility 35, Texas Department of Transportation

Interchanges



Remaining Component Priorities

- Beltline PEL objectives screening
- Composite feedback
 - Federal and State agencies
 - Local municipalities and organizations
 - Public
- Preliminary estimated impacts
- Accessibility analysis

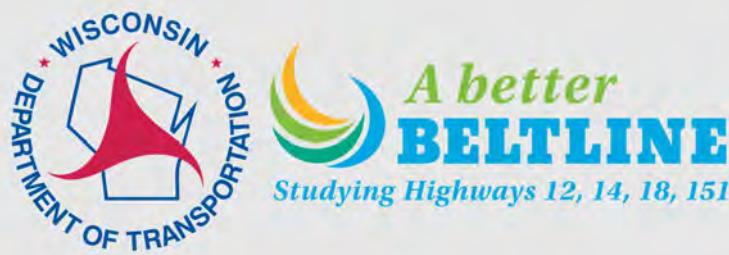


Beltline PEL Draft Strategy Packages

- SP1 Preserve and Maintain
- SP2 Higher Priority Components
- SP3 Mid-to-High Priority Components
- SP4 All Retained Components



Draft Preferred Strategy Package



Factors Guiding Draft Preferred Strategy Package

- Public and Stakeholder Input
 - Focus on multimodal components
 - Not in favor of added mainline General Purpose (GP) lane
 - Can accept extending Flex Lane west
 - Majority of feedback supported component priorities
- How well packages address corridor needs
 - Include additional GP lane east of Verona Road – not favored, yet provides most operational benefits
- Use SP4 as a basis, includes all viable components
 - Modifications made based on above factors

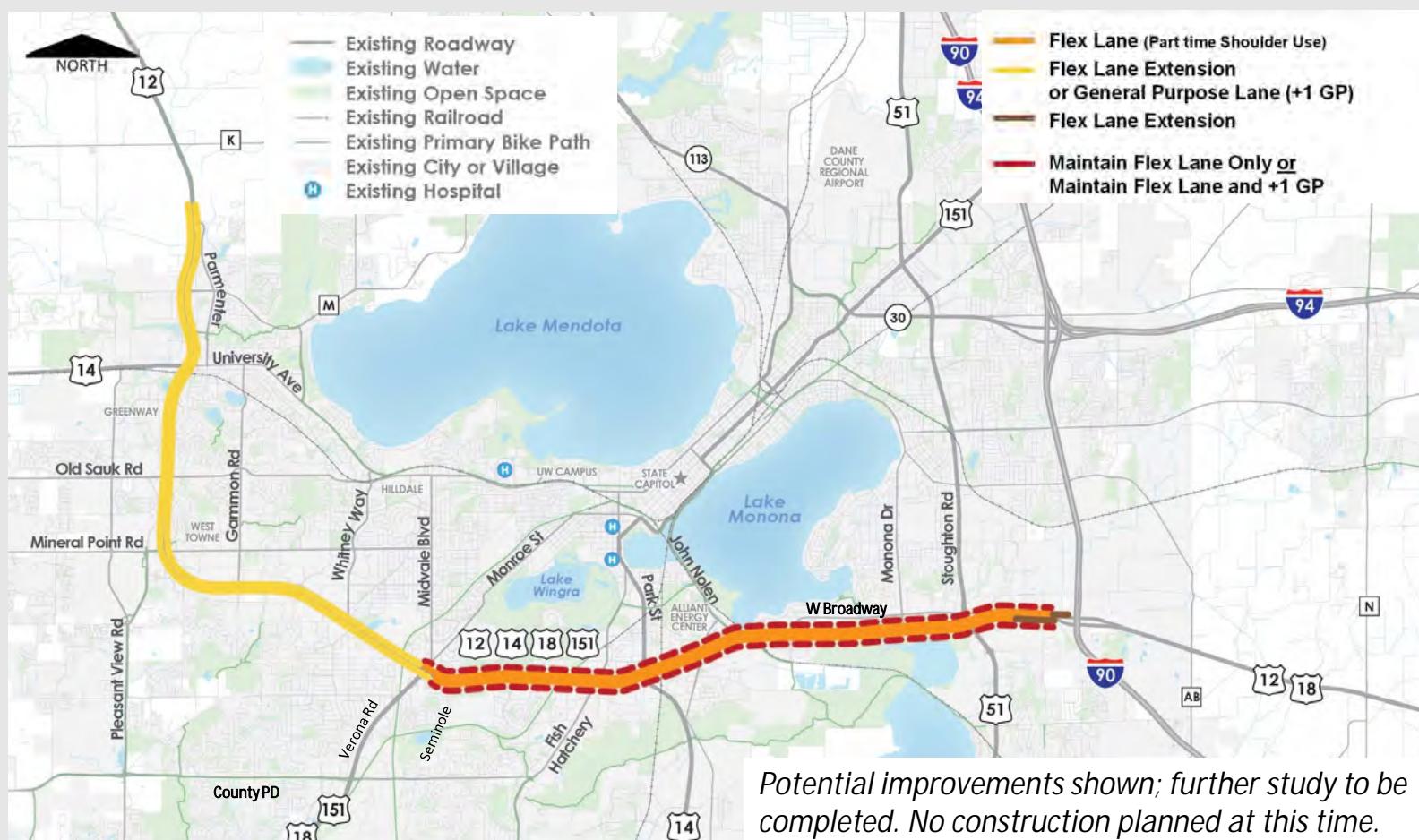


Preferred Strategy Package



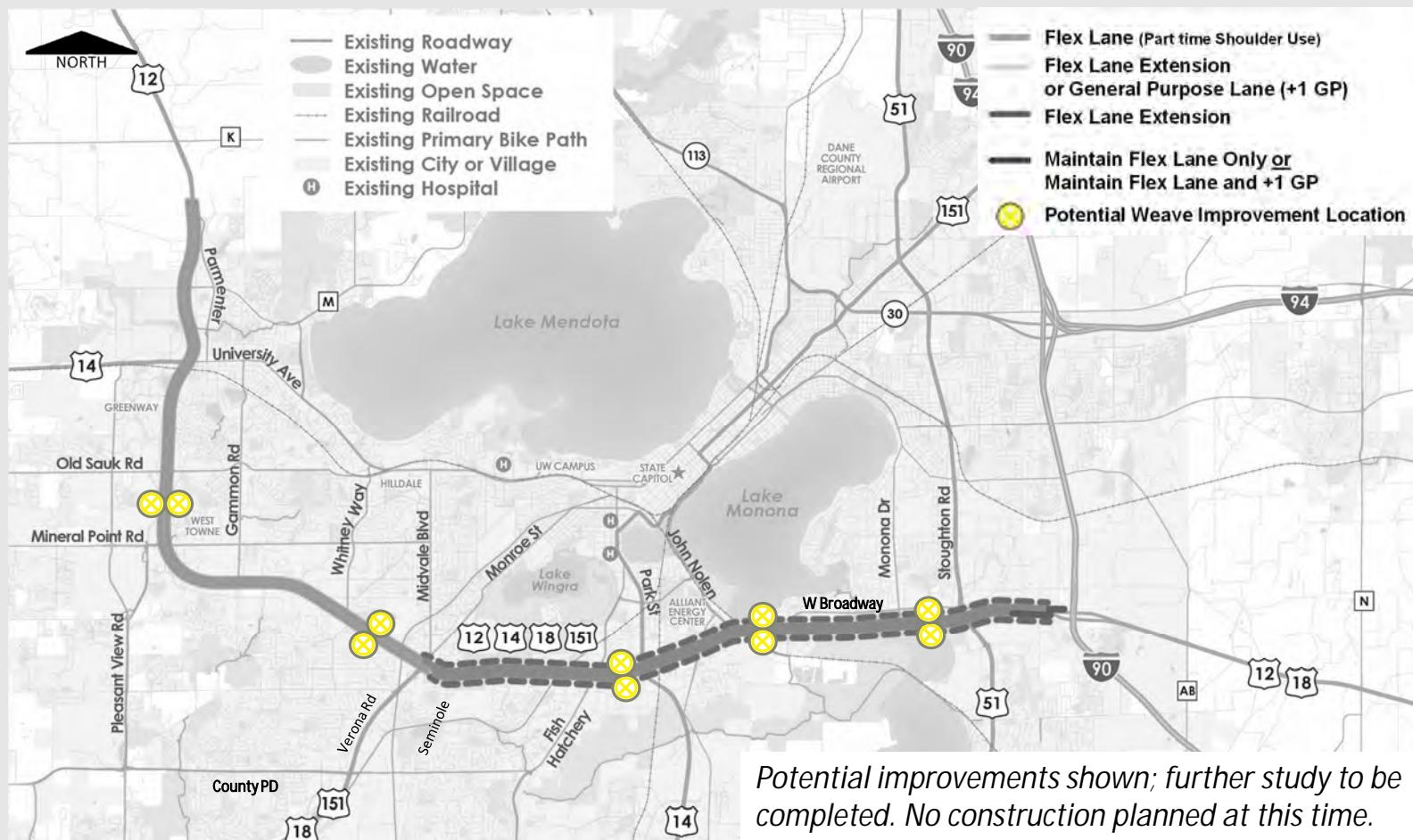
Preferred Strategy Package

Travel Lanes



Preferred Strategy Package

Weaves



Preferred Strategy Package

Interchanges



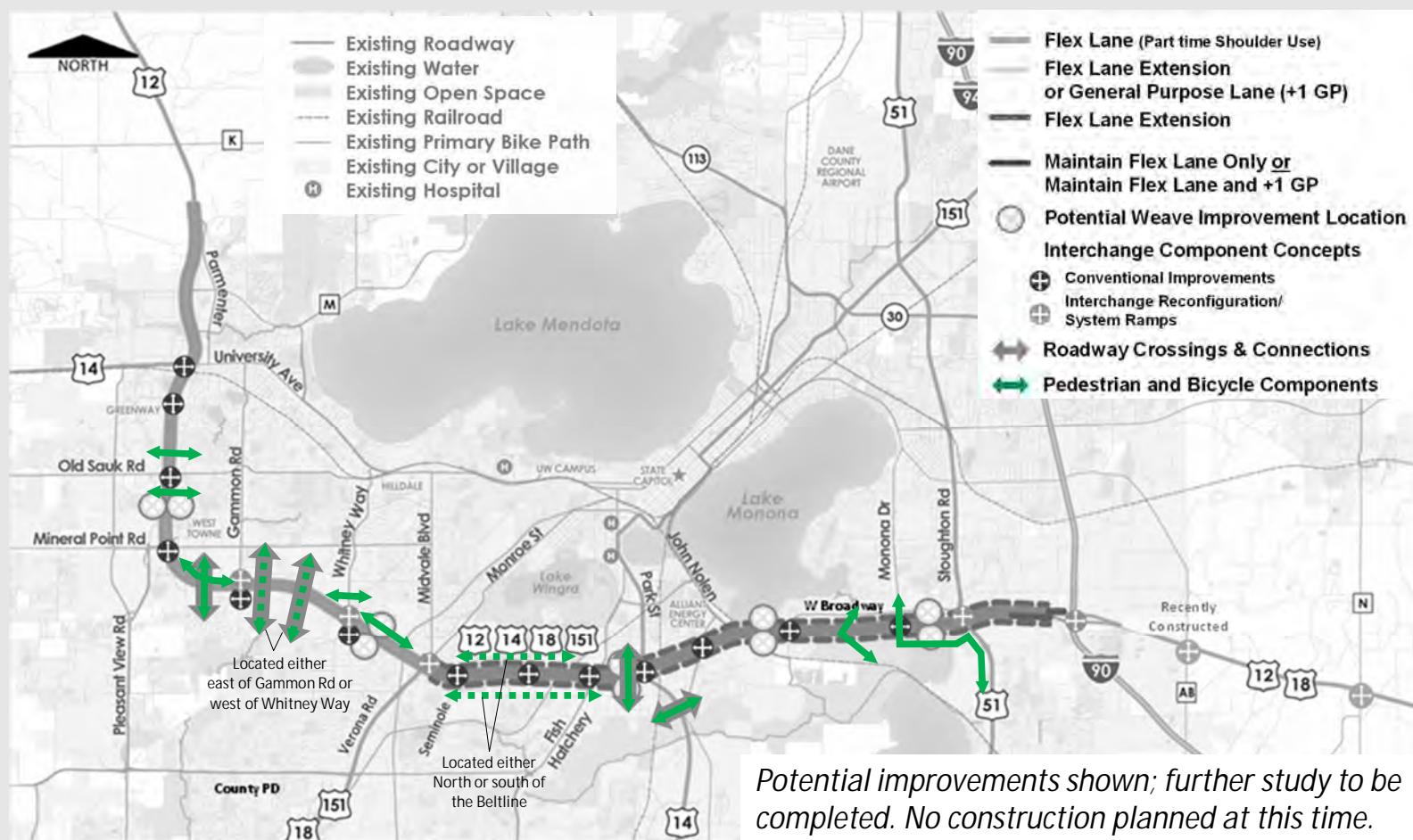
Preferred Strategy Package

Road Crossings



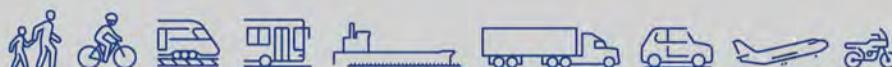
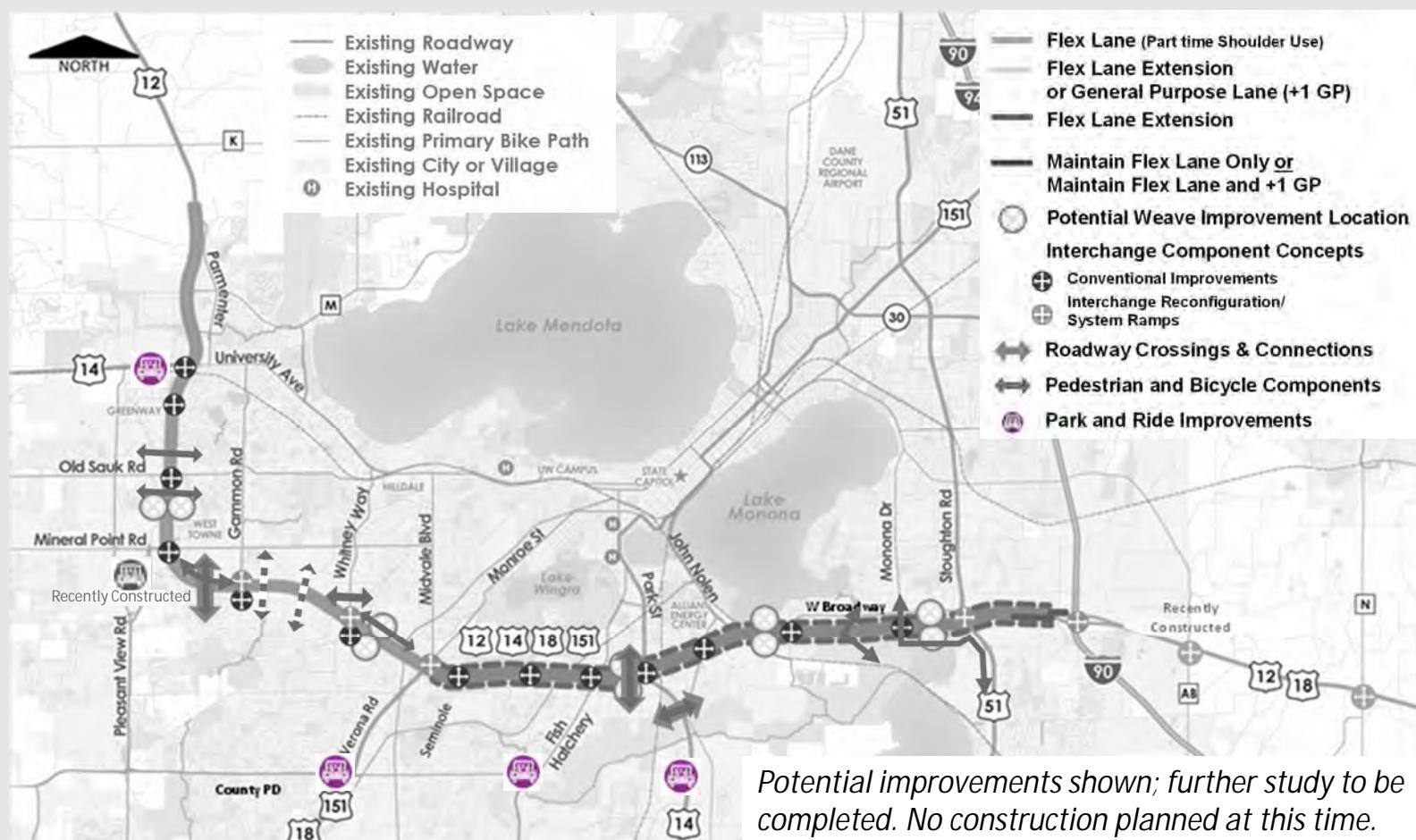
Preferred Strategy Package

Pedestrian & Bicycle



Preferred Strategy Package

Park & Ride



Preferred Strategy Package

Transit



Preferred Strategy Package

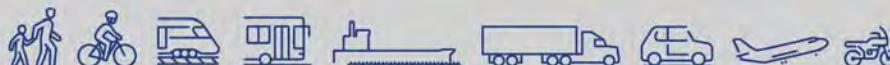
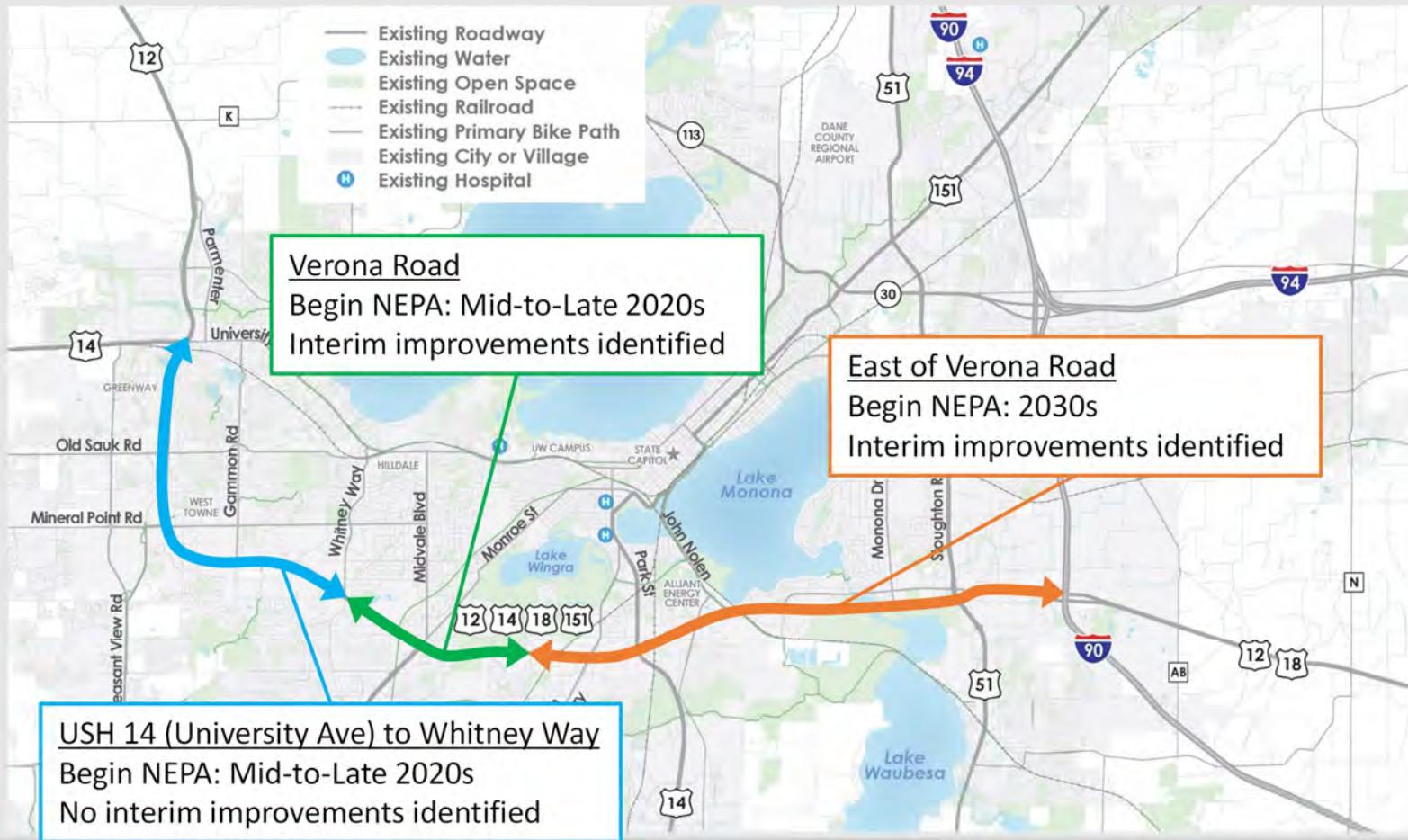
Overall



Proposed Environmental Studies (NEPA)



Potential NEPA Study Sections and Timing



Next Steps



Next Steps

- Review the information presented during the meeting and provide feedback* on:
 - Preferred Strategy Package
 - Draft Beltline PEL Summary Report
 - Any other pertinent information
- Final Beltline PEL Summary Report
 - Finalize/publish on study website – Early 2026
- Completion of Beltline PEL Study
 - Anticipated - Early 2026



*Opportunities to provide feedback regarding potential long-term improvements for the Beltline corridor will continue during future NEPA studies.



Opportunities to Provide Input

- Public Involvement Page of the study website has links to:

- Public meeting materials
- Online comment form
- Draft Beltline PEL Summary Report



For more info or to provide feedback,
scan QR code or visit
the study website at
www.bit.ly/BeltlinePEL

Please submit comments by January 15, 2026

WISDOT PROJECT MANAGER

Jeff Berens, P.E.
jeff.berens@dot.wi.gov
(608) 245-2656

MAIL WRITTEN COMMENTS TO

Jeff Berens
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704



Beltline Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study

Thank you!

