# US 12 Freeway Conversion Study

#### **Public Involvement Meeting**

WisDOT Project ID: 5300-05-00 (WIS 19 West – Parmenter Street)

June 4, 2015



## **Meeting Agenda**

- Introduce project team and study limits
- Review purpose and need of study
- Discuss official "mapping" process
- Summarize coordination efforts
- Describe current and preferred alternatives
- Review study schedule
- Gather input
  - ■General Q & A session
  - Open House Format until 9pm
  - Submit written comments tonight/e-mail/mail

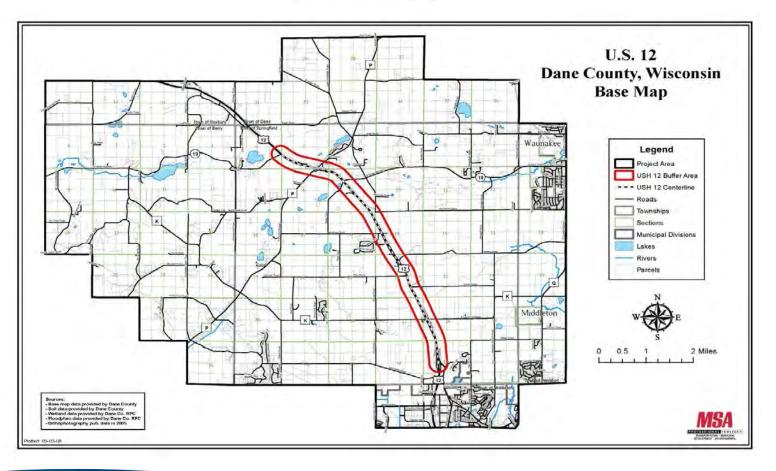


## **Project Team**

- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
  - Tom Koprowski Project Manager
  - Dale Oestreich
     — Planning Supervisor
  - Mark Westerveld Study Engineer
- MSA Professional Services, Inc.
  - Mike Statz Project Manager
  - Kevin Ruhland Traffic Engineer
  - Loren Kugler Highway Engineer
  - Andrew Bremer Project Planner



# Study Limits (WIS 19 West to Parmenter Street) 6.1 miles





#### WisDOT studies vs. projects-Comparison

#### Study

- No design/construction \$'s allocated, unknown number of years before design/const. begin
- Types of studies:
  - expansion
  - safety/operations
  - freeway conversion
  - access management

#### > Project

- Design and construction \$'s allocated
- Detailed plans and specs of changes required
- Types of Projects:
  - Repave/rehab
  - Reconstruct
  - Expansion
  - Bridge rehab/replace
  - Etc.



### Purpose of this Study

Purpose:

 To identify and preserve the right of way for future designation and conversion of this section of US 12 from expressway to freeway



#### **Expressway Example**

(4-lane divided roadway with at-grade intersections)-Town Roads, State Highways, County Highway, Driveways, Field Entrances)





#### Freeway Example

(4-lane divided roadway with grade separated interchanges for access to mainline exclusively)





#### **Needs of this Study**

#### Needs:

- Long-term highway corridor preservation through official mapping
  - WIS State Statute 84.295(10) provided DOT with authority to designate existing property as future right of way
- Coordinated land use planning
  - (State, Cities, Villages, Townships, County)
- Manage growing traffic volumes
  - Traffic projected to increase by over 30% from 2012-2040 for entire corridor
  - 18,565 to 27,325-four locations averaged
- Improve safety
  - Classified as rural Principal Arterial:
    - From rural and small urban Expressway to Freeway
       Total crashes on average are reduced by over 30%

       Fatal crashes are cut in half

Total injury crashes are reduced by over 40%

- Important regional connection in statewide
  - Corridors 2030 statewide plan calls for Freeway in this section of US 12
  - Connects Wis. Dells to Madison and backs up Interstate



#### OFFICIAL MAP PROCESS







## WIS. STATUTES 84.295 & OFFICIAL MAPPING

- State Statute (Wis. Stat. 84.295) authorizes WisDOT to create and update an official map for future freeways and expressways
- An official map allows WisDOT to preserve, protect, and set aside future right-of-way for US 12 where freeway design is being planned
- An official map also informs and enables landowners, the public, and local agencies to plan their future in ways that won't conflict with the future highway improvements





## WIS. STATUTES 84.295 & OFFICIAL MAPPING, cont.

- WisDOT will map and preserve land required to convert US 12 to a freeway under Wis. Statutes 84.295 including:
  - Interchanges
  - Grade separations (overpass/underpass)
  - Alterations to existing public and private access points, including driveways & field entrances
  - Alterations, removals, or additions to the local road system

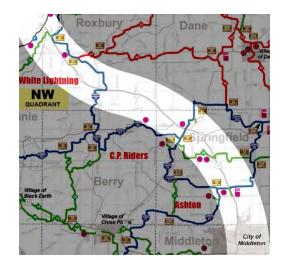




## **Past Meetings**

- City of Middleton Planning Dept. (Nov. 2007)
- Dane County Planning Division (Jan. 2008)
- ▶ Town of Springfield Meeting (Jan. 2008)
- Middleton Emergency Response & School Meeting (Feb. 2008)
- Snowmobile Club Meeting (June 2008)
- Local Officials Meeting (Sept. 2008)
- Public Involvement Meeting (Oct. 2008)
- Phase 2 Kick-Off Meeting (Dec. 2009)
- Value Engineering Study (Oct. 2010)
- Agency Bus Tour (Oct. 2012)
- Emergency Responders (Jan/Feb 2013)
- ▶ Town of Springfield Meeting (Oct. 2013 & Feb. 2015)
- Dane County Highway Department Meeting (Feb. 2015)
- Local Officials Meeting (April 2015)



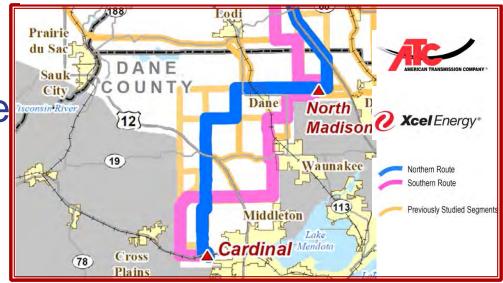




## **Coordination Progress**

- Utility Coordination
- Trans 75 (Bike/Ped)
- Archaeological/ Historical Surveys
- Over Size / Over
  Weight Truck Route
- EnvironmentalDocumentation







### **Summary of Comments Received**

- Safety
- Traffic flow and volume
- Maintain existing bicycle and snowmobile trails
- Access to agricultural fields
- School bus and emergency responder access
- Connection with the proposed North Mendota Parkway
- Access to County Garage
- Maintain proper spacing between interchanges
- Minimize or avoid impact to environmentally sensitive areas
- Keep improvements close to the existing US 12 corridor
- Consideration of local comprehensive plans



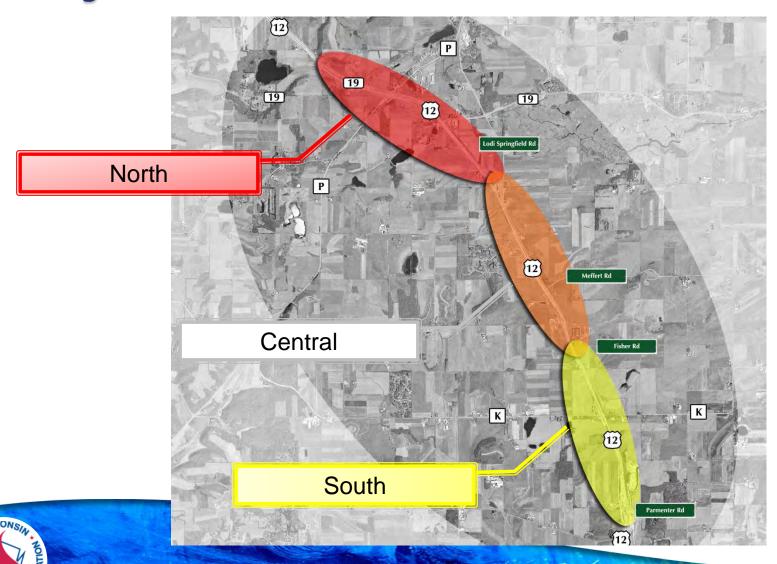
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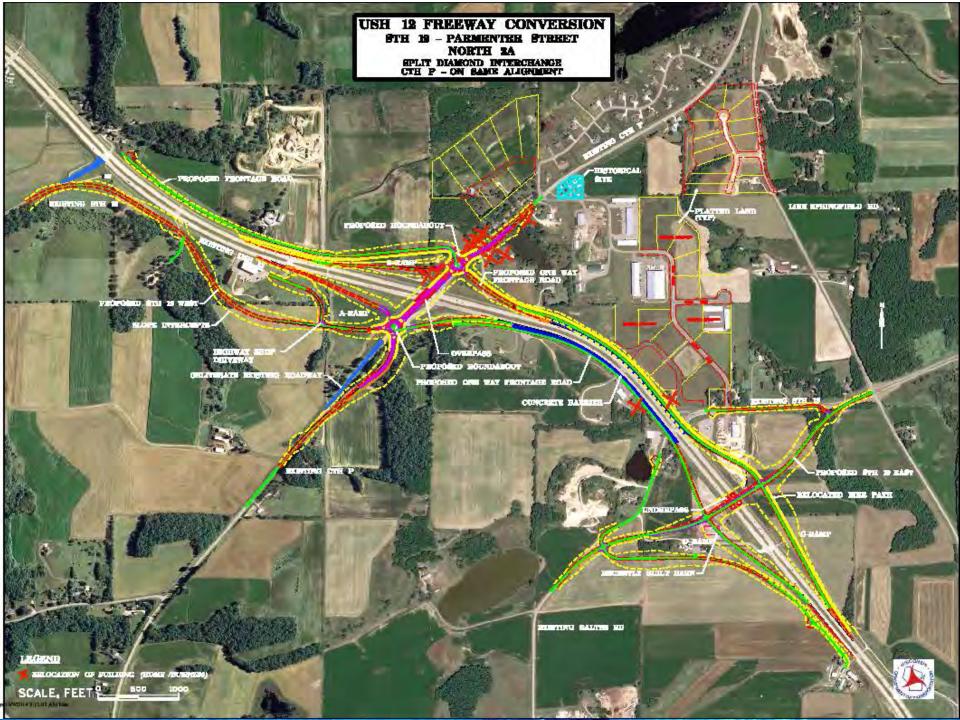
- North Mendota Parkway (NMP)
- Dane County Planning Study
   Madison Beltline Study
  - WisDOT Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)
     Study
- WIS 19 Corridor Study
  - US 12 to WIS 89

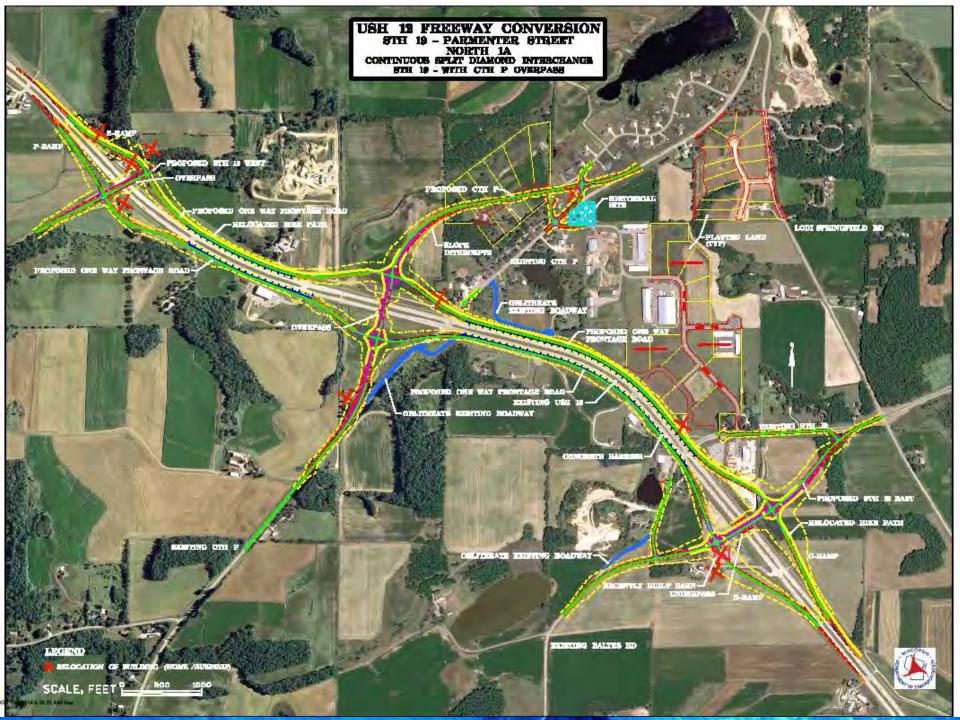


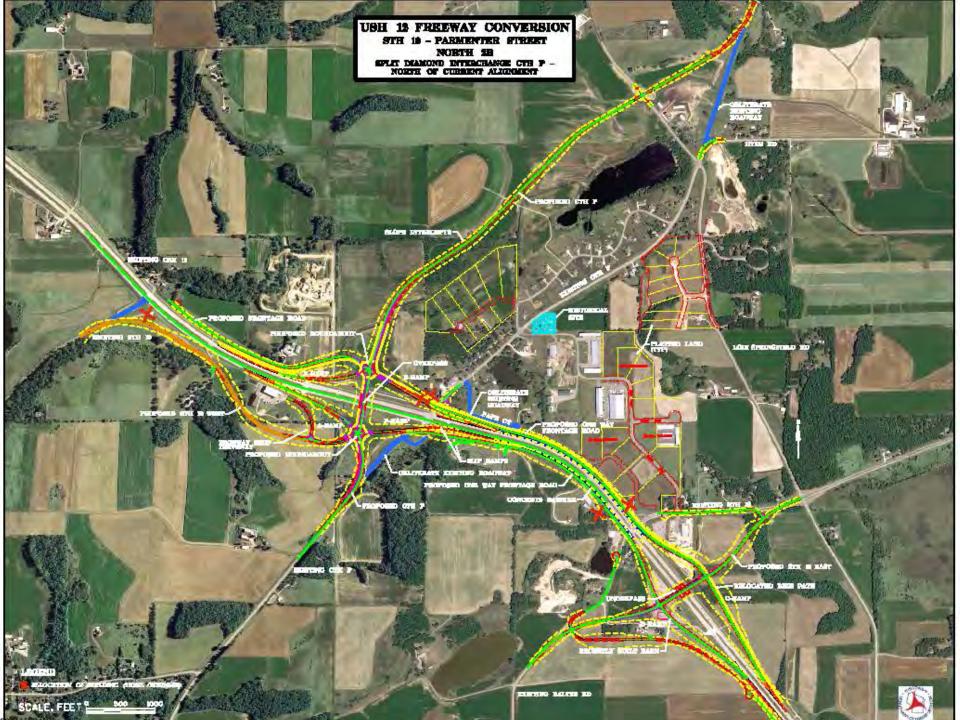


## **Project Area**







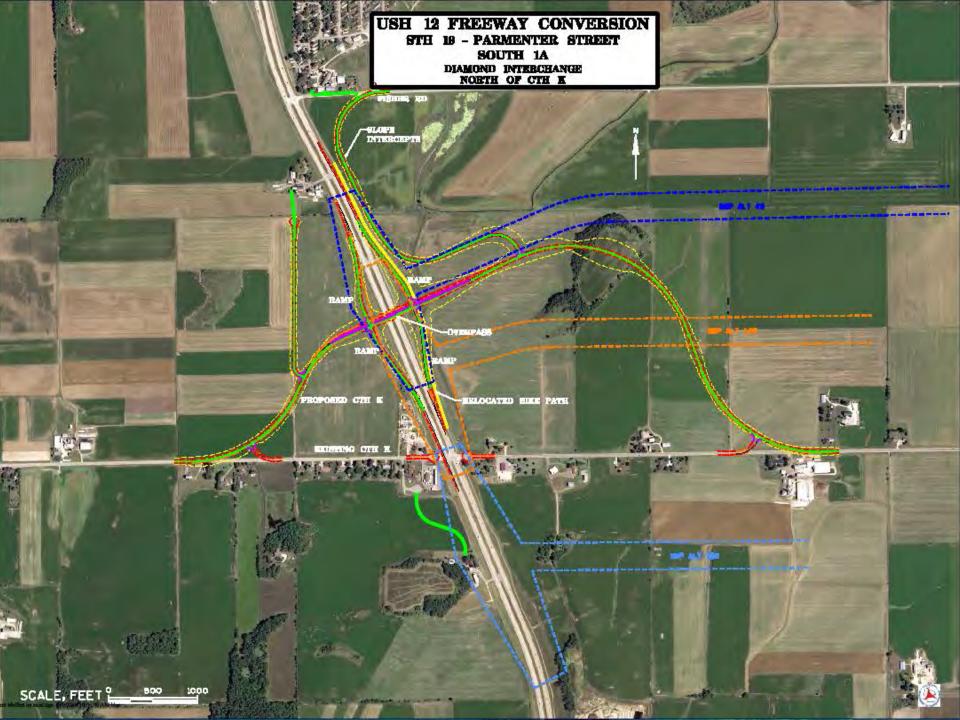


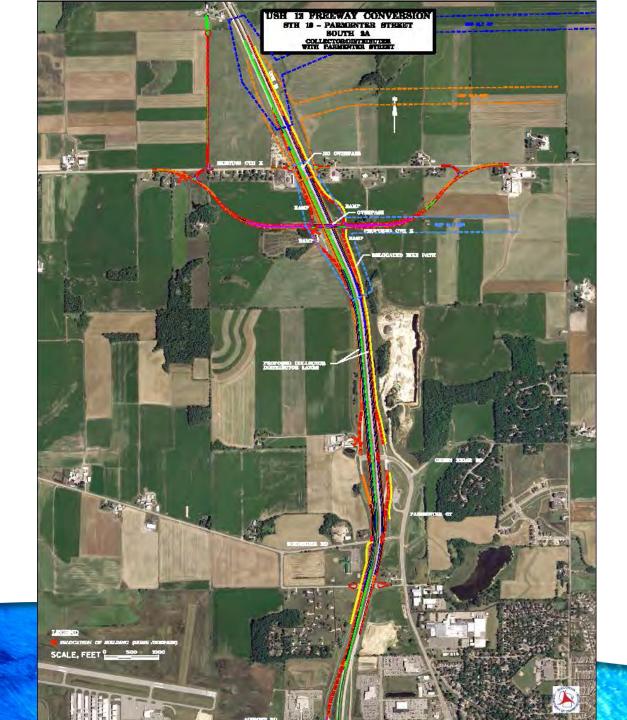
















#### What's Next?

- Property Owner Meetings-ongoing
- Finalize Alternatives
- Finalize Environmental Report
- Map Proposed Right-of-Way (2016-2017)
- Wis SS 84.295 Plat Map-Phase III, could begin in 2017



## Thank you for coming!

- General Q&A
- Open House until 9 pm
- Submit written comments tonight/email/mail

