



# US 18/151 Freeway Conversion Study

Dodgeville to Verona—Iowa and Dane Counties



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*To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*



## Freeway Conversion Plan To Be Presented

In 2004, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began studying options for converting US 18/151 between Dodgeville and Verona to a freeway. Freeway conversion involves the removal of all direct access by existing roads and driveways and the redirection of traffic to new and existing interchanges. This improves safety by eliminating potentially dangerous turning and crossing movements on and off the highway.

Phase 1 of the study was completed in 2006 with recommendations for changes at some locations and the recognition that further study was needed to resolve other issues. Phase 2 of the study will conclude with the development of a “Preferred Alternative” for freeway conversion and completion of an Environmental Assessment documenting the impacts, costs and schedule.

The freeway conversion plan provides for the construction of new highway interchanges, overpasses and underpasses, and frontage roads. Portions of the Military Ridge Trail would be relocated. Numerous meetings have been held since 2004, including public meetings, meetings with state and local officials and meetings with property owners. The Preferred Alternative is shown on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

### Public Information Meetings July 2012

You are invited to attend a Public Information Meeting regarding the US 18/151 Freeway Conversion Study. Two meetings will be held in an open house format. Exhibits and materials displaying project information will be available for review. The same information will be presented at both meetings.

#### Meeting Information

Tuesday July 17, 2012  
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

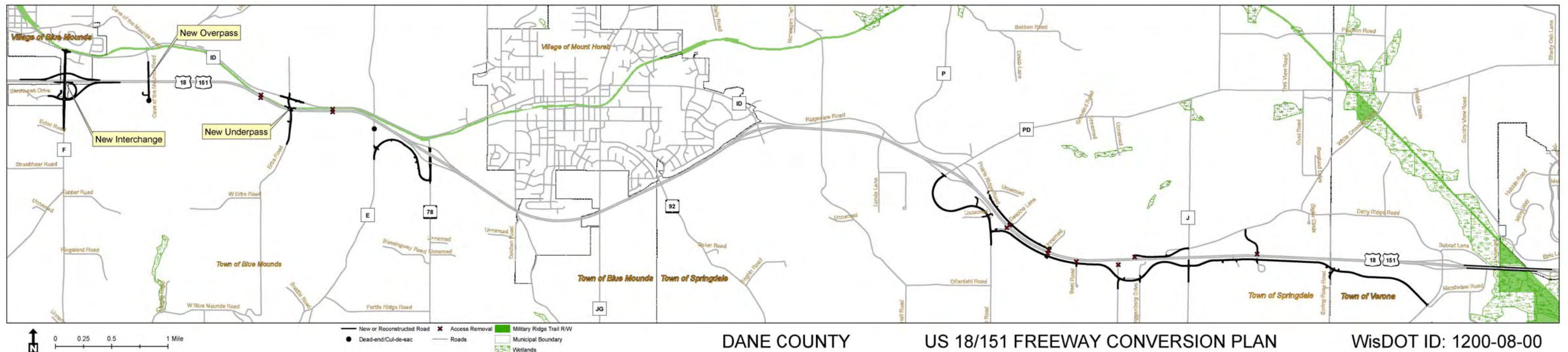
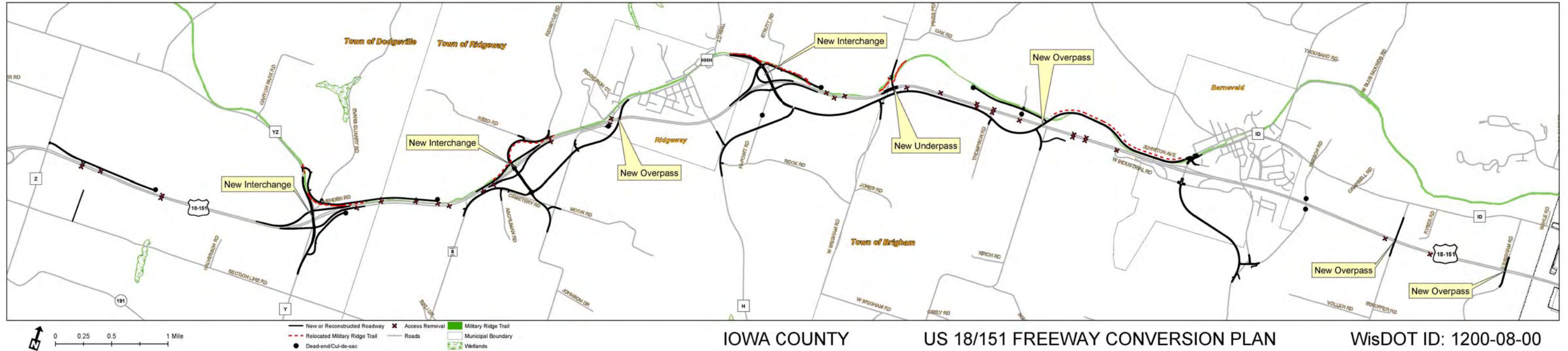
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Mount Horeb Community Center  
107 North Grove Street,  
Mount Horeb , WI

And

Thursday, July 26, 2012  
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Short presentation at 6:00 p.m.  
Dodgeville Middle School Gym  
951 West Chapel Street  
Dodgeville, WI

# These maps illustrate the Preferred Alternative



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### Why a freeway conversion plan for US 18/151?

Experience around the state has demonstrated that highway operations and safety deteriorate as traffic increases. At-grade intersections along four-lane expressways like US 18/151 are especially of concern, as it becomes increasingly difficult to turn on, off and/or cross the highway in a safe manner, and the potential for crashes rises.

This WisDOT Freeway Conversion Study will create a long-term plan to convert a portion of the US 18/151 expressway in Dane and Iowa counties to a freeway. The land needed to construct the plan will be identified and preserved. All direct connections to US 18/151 by local roads and driveways will be eliminated. Access will be restricted to existing and new highway interchanges. New overpasses and underpasses, along with new and rebuilt local roads, will help reduce the overall travel impact to area residents and visitors. Construction will take place over a period of many years.

***Please join us on July 17th or 26th to view the Preferred Alternative and learn more about the study.***

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