

Reimagining WIS 175

Public Involvement Meeting No.2



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Today's meeting is an open house format. You will find a short video explaining the study, exhibit boards, and representatives from the State, County and City available to answer your questions. Meeting materials will be posted to the study social pinpoint site after today for you to continue to review and provide comments.

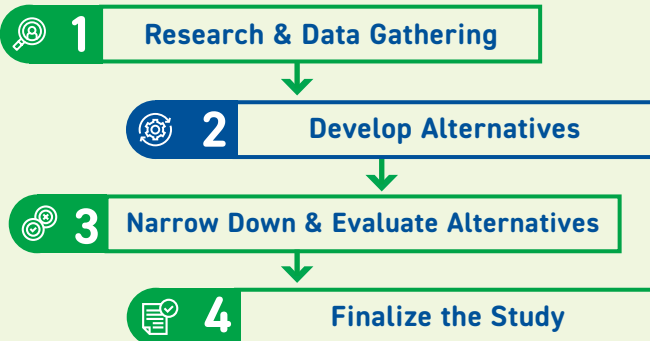
About the Study

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in partnership with Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee, is conducting a transportation study for the WIS 175 highway between the Stadium Interchange and Lisbon Avenue.

Through the Reimagining WIS 175 Study, a holistic and comprehensive analysis will be conducted to evaluate the various alternatives for the future WIS 175 corridor. All alternatives will be compatible with the proposed I-94 East-West diverging-diamond interchange, which will include a reduced speed urban roadway with traffic signals on WIS 175. The study will focus on creating a balanced approach to improve safety, mobility, and access for all modes of transportation, including vehicles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians while looking at social and economic opportunities.

WIS 175 is near the end of its useful life and will need reconstruction in the future, making now a good time to re-think WIS 175. This 6-lane urban highway was completed in 1962 and has impacted Washington Park and other properties within the corridor. This section of WIS 175 was part of a larger freeway network that was never built. Now, the resulting below grade highway creates a disconnect between neighborhoods with a lack of pedestrian, bike, and bus access.

The Reimagining WIS 175 Study will be completed in four stages.



The study is currently in the second stage – **Develop Alternatives**.

This study team has created a broad range of alternatives based on the input received from stakeholders during the research and data gathering stage.

What's Happened Since PIM #1



WHAT WE HEARD FROM PIM #1

180+
ATTENDEES



99 
SURVEY
PARTICIPANTS

200+
SOCIAL
PINPOINT
COMMENTS



160+
COMMENTS
AT MEETING

20K 
UNIQUE SOCIAL
PINPOINT VISITORS

STATE STREET TO VLIET STREET

Transportation and Circulation Themes

- Make WIS 175 at-grade boulevard
- Improve connectivity
- Implement traffic calming on Highland Blvd.
- Improve truck access and reduce Miller Valley truck traffic in neighborhoods
- Add more bike paths
- More transit/BRT on a north-south route to connect to stores to the south
- Reconnect Juneau Ave.
- Better access to Vliet St.
- No change/leave it alone/maintain existing roads

Neighborhood, Social, and Economic Conditions

- Incentivize business along Vliet St.
- Reconnect neighborhoods
- Create more greenspace or expand Wick Field Park

WISCONSIN AVENUE TO STATE STREET

Transportation and Circulation Themes

- Make WIS 175 at-grade boulevard
- Improve bike accessibility
- No change/leave it alone/maintain existing roads

Neighborhood, Social, and Economic Conditions

- Reactivate Doyne Park
- Better use of Menomonee River with access or a walking trail



LLOYD STREET TO NORTH AVENUE

Transportation and Circulation Themes

- Fix Lisbon Ave.
- Improve connectivity
- Eliminate dangerous intersections
- Add mixed-use development
- Create more housing
- Keep freeway its good access to I-94 East-West on the north and south side, and stores near National Ave.
- No change/leave it alone/maintain existing roads

Neighborhood, Social, and Economic Conditions

- Add mixed-use development at WIS 175 and Lisbon Ave.
- Reconnect neighborhoods

VLIET STREET TO LLOYD STREET

Transportation and Circulation Themes

- Make WIS 175 at-grade boulevard
- Implement traffic calming
- Improve connectivity
- Improve access to the Washington Park across Lloyd St.
- Improved transit
- Restore Washington Park land
- No change/leave it alone/maintain existing roads/good north-south route

Neighborhood, Social, and Economic Conditions

- Reactivate Washington Park
- Reconnect neighborhoods via new business and housing

Goals of the Reimagining WIS 175 Study



Safe System Design

- Safe road users
- Safe speeds
- Safe roads



Neighborhood Design

- Urban form & character
- Public places
- Community meeting places
- Mitigate disconnections



Transportation Operations

- Vehicle diversion
- System travel time
- Intersection traffic operations



Social Equity

- Access to goods & services
- Improve quality of life
- New business opportunities



Multi-modal Mobility

- Local & regional connections
- Safe bike connections
- Safe pedestrian connections
- Connecting public places
- Improved accessibility



Economic Equity

- Accessible jobs & workforce training
- Equitable home-ownership
- Business development opportunities



Environmental

- Environmental corridors
- Sustainability
- Historical/Cultural resources

Broad Range of Alternatives

The Reimagining WIS 175 study team compiled all feedback received during Stage 1 of the study, the Research and Data Gathering phase.

Comments provided by the public were carefully considered and analyzed serving as an essential foundation for the creation of the alternatives presented.

The identified themes were categorized into two distinct sections: north and south. The north section captures feedback from Vliet Street to North Avenue.

The south section refers to feedback from Vliet Street to Wisconsin Avenue.

During the study, these themes will serve as principles as we continue to explore and refine our broad range of alternatives. The study goals and objectives will be used to evaluate and compare alternatives.

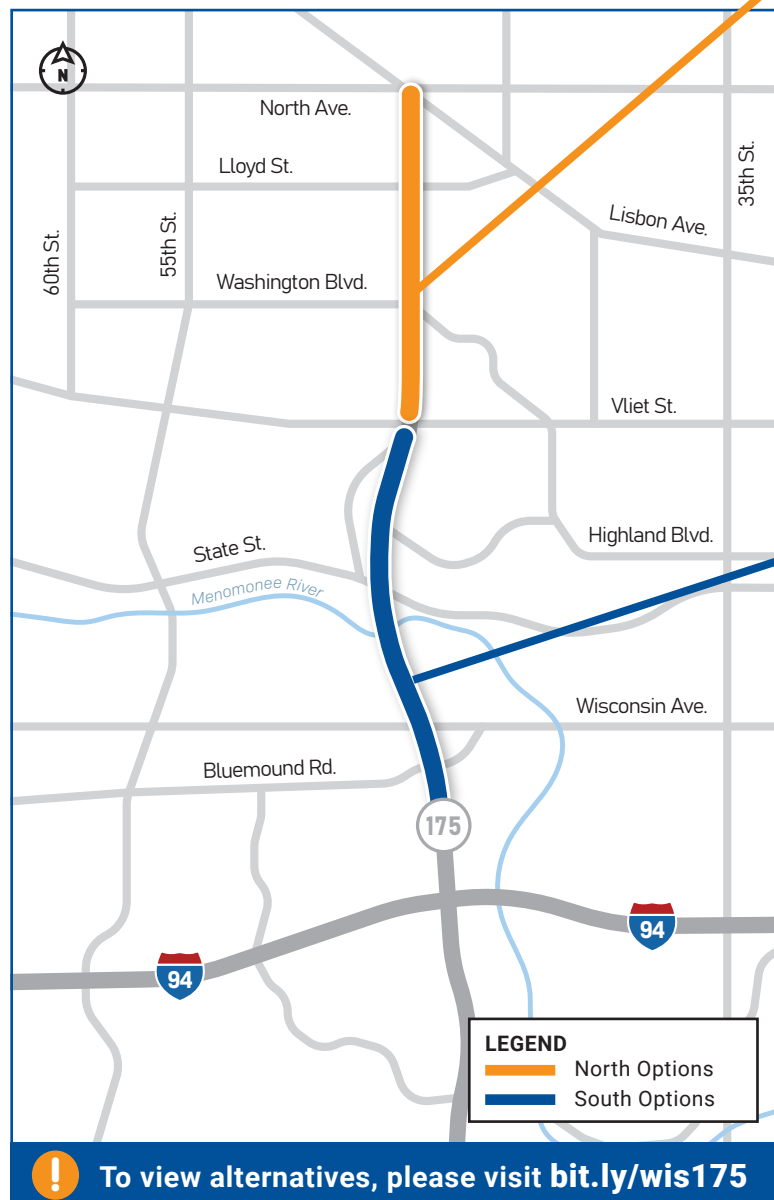


Scan the QR code on your smartphone to view and comment on the alternates.

FLIP TO VIEW ALTERNATIVES

Broad Range of Alternatives

There are 6 alternatives to consider, however, elements within each alternative may be able to be interchanged with other alternatives. The Study Team wants to hear what alternatives and elements within the alternatives you like and dislike.



NORTH OPTIONS



N1 – Existing
(Existing speed limit = 50 mph)



N2 – End highway at Lloyd St.
N3 – Improved highway with tunnel from Vliet St. to Washington Blvd.
(Speeds could range from 35-45 mph)



N4 – Shift east
N5 – Shift west
N6 – One-way pair
(Speeds could range from 25-35 mph)

SOUTH OPTIONS



S1 – Existing
(Existing speed limit = 50 mph)



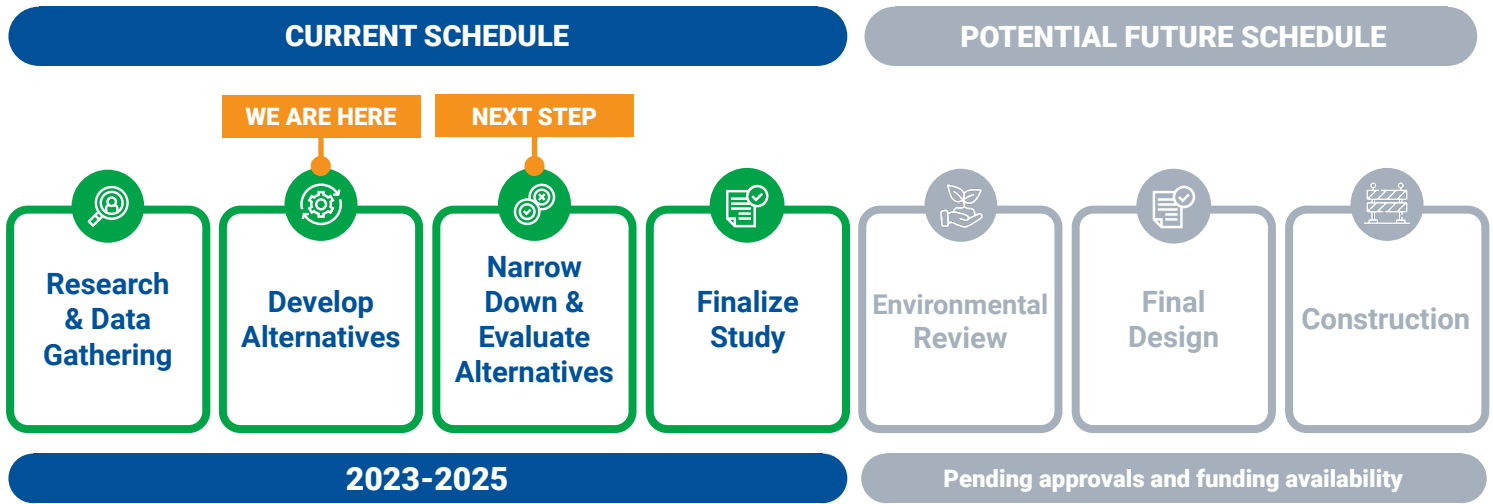
S2 – Improved highway interchanges at Wisconsin Ave. and State St./Martin Dr.
S3 – Improved highway with tunnel from Vliet St. to Washington Blvd.
S4 – Improved highway interchanges at Wisconsin Ave. and Vliet St.
(Speeds could range from 35-45 mph)



S5 – End highway at State St.
S6 – Well St. and Martin Dr. at-grade
(Speeds could range from 25-35 mph)

**No decisions have been made. This is your opportunity to provide feedback and assist in the narrowing down of alternatives.*

Reimagining WIS 175 Progress Schedule



Contact the Study Team

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the study team members below.

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Get Involved!

The study team is looking for community input and engagement from local neighborhoods, residents, businesses, and the traveling public to help provide input on the WIS 175 corridor and what's important to you.

SHARE COMMENTS VIA:

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Comment Form

- Available at tonight's meeting. Return to a study team member or mail to address printed on the form.
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Online

- Visit bit.ly/wis175
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Phone

- Call project manager Doug Cain at (262) 548-5603
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Email

- Contact the study team at reimagining175@gmail.com



Scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone to view the materials provided tonight, see study information, submit comments, and sign up for email updates.

SIGN UP FOR PROJECT EMAILS!

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