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March 3, 2026

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Presentation Outline

- 1 Project team
- 2 Project improvements overview
- 3 New design items and refinements
- 4 Construction completed in 2025
- 5 Upcoming 2026 construction projects
- 6 Keeping you informed

Project Team



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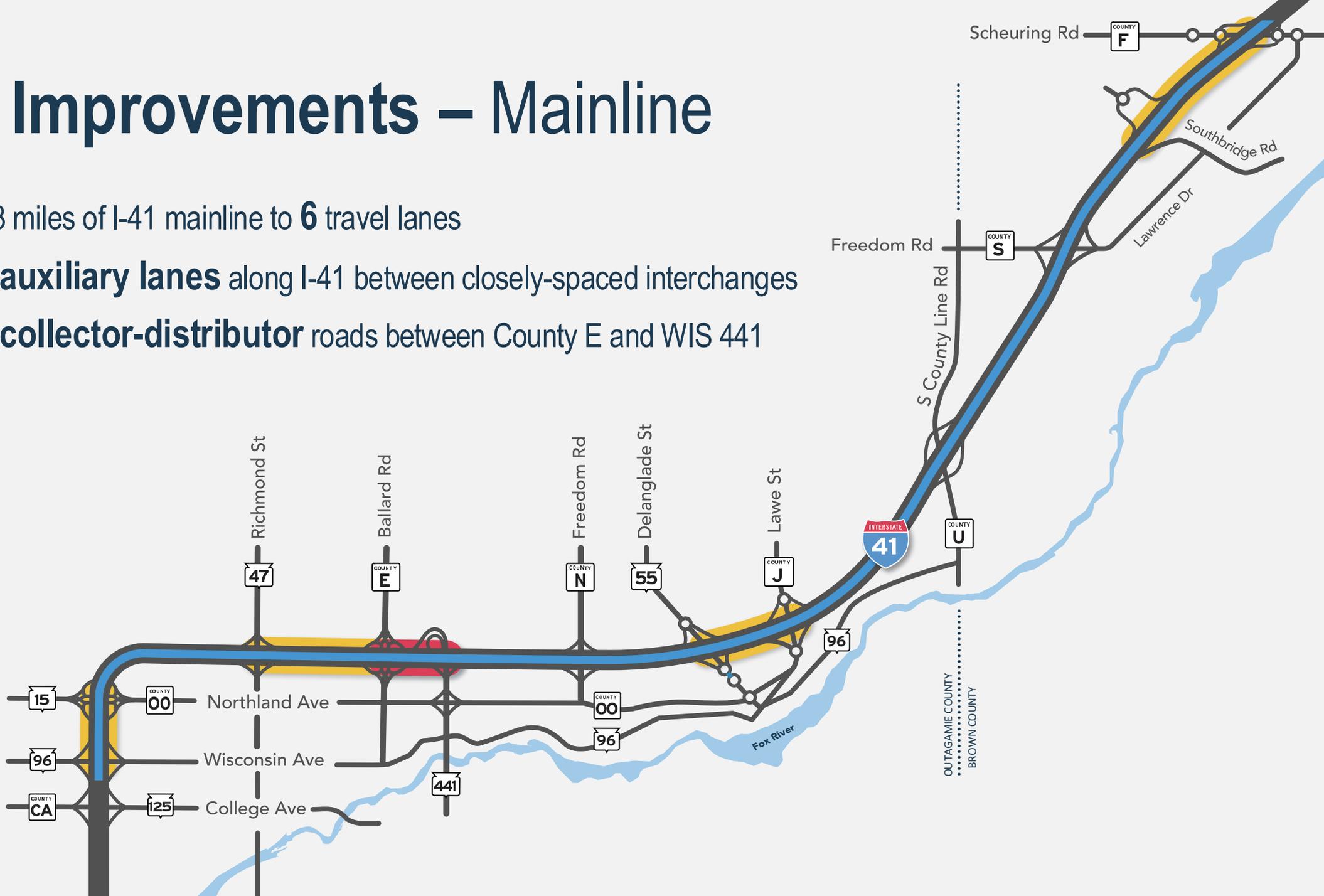
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Project Improvements – Mainline

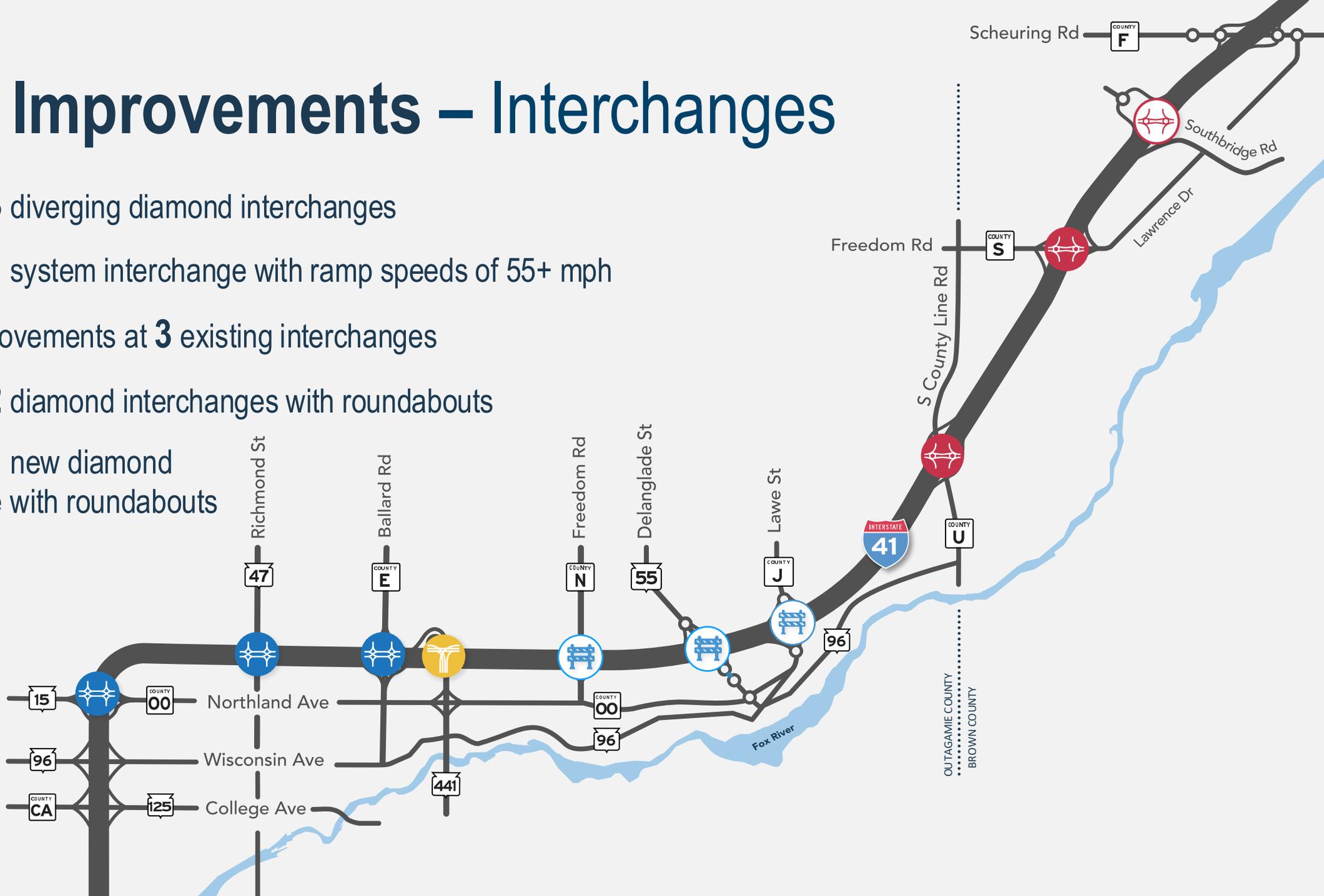
-  Expand 23 miles of I-41 mainline to **6** travel lanes
-  Construct **auxiliary lanes** along I-41 between closely-spaced interchanges
-  Construct **collector-distributor** roads between County E and WIS 441



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Project Improvements – Interchanges

-  Construct **3** diverging diamond interchanges
-  Construct **1** system interchange with ramp speeds of 55+ mph
-  Select improvements at **3** existing interchanges
-  Construct **2** diamond interchanges with roundabouts
-  Construct **1** new diamond interchange with roundabouts

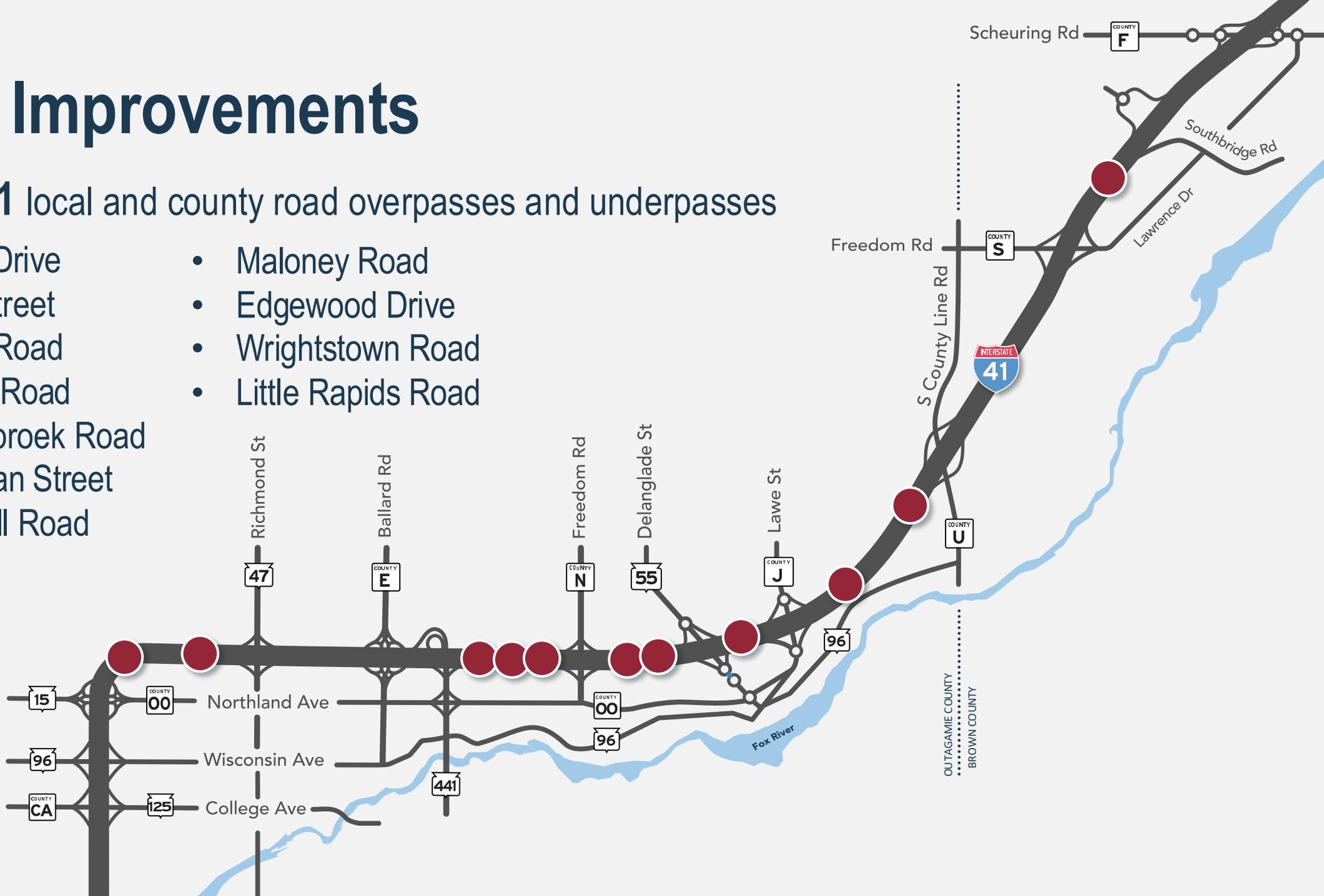


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Project Improvements

● Replace **11** local and county road overpasses and underpasses

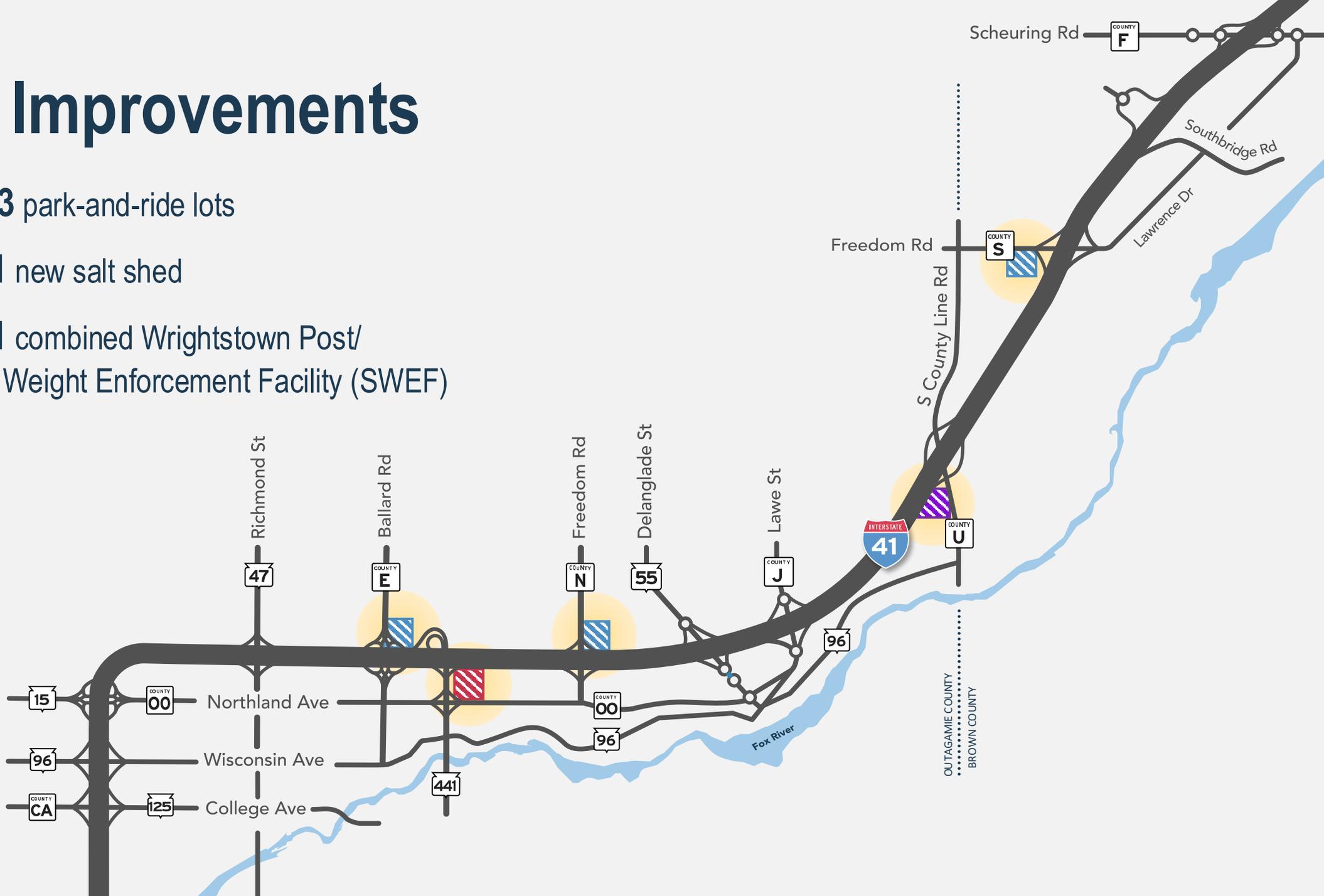
- Capitol Drive
- Gillett Street
- French Road
- Holland Road
- Vandebroek Road
- Buchanan Street
- Rose Hill Road
- Maloney Road
- Edgewood Drive
- Wrightstown Road
- Little Rapids Road



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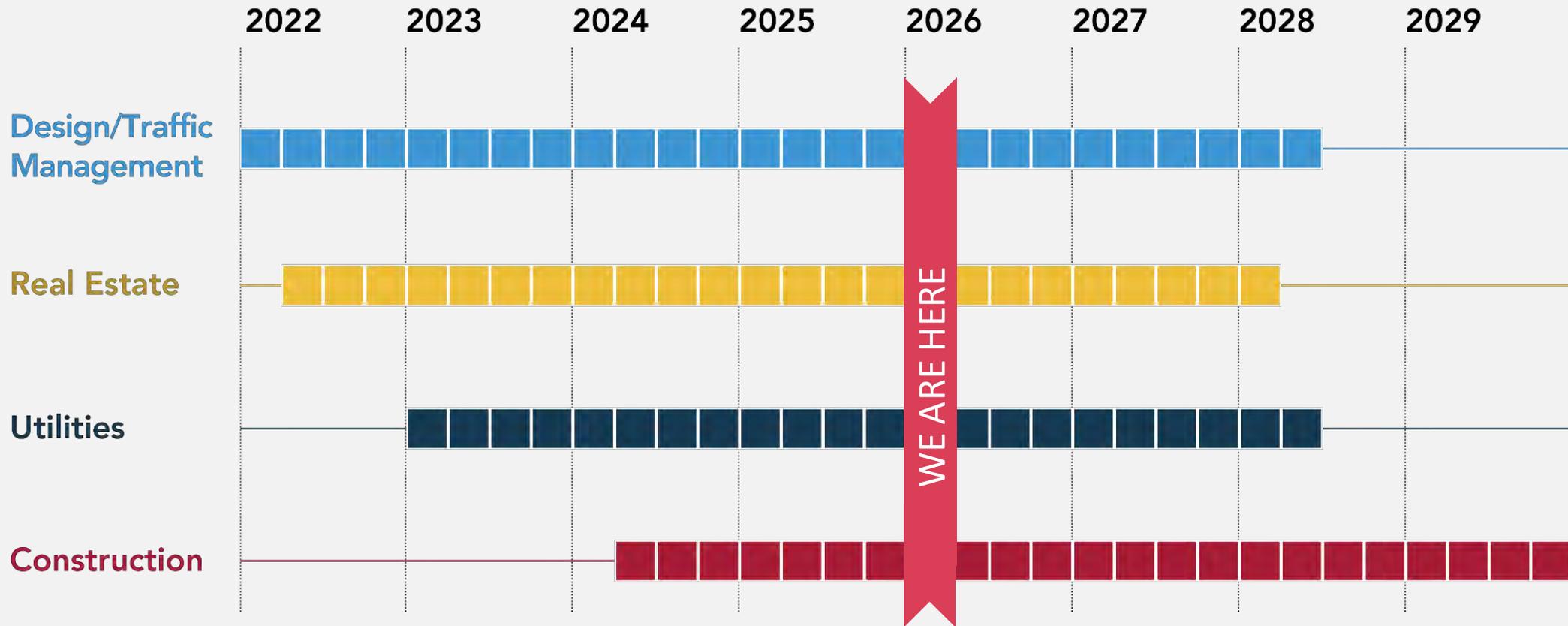
Project Improvements

-  Resurface **3** park-and-ride lots
-  Construct **1** new salt shed
-  Construct **1** combined Wrightstown Post/
Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF)



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Project Schedule



Note: Timelines are subject to change

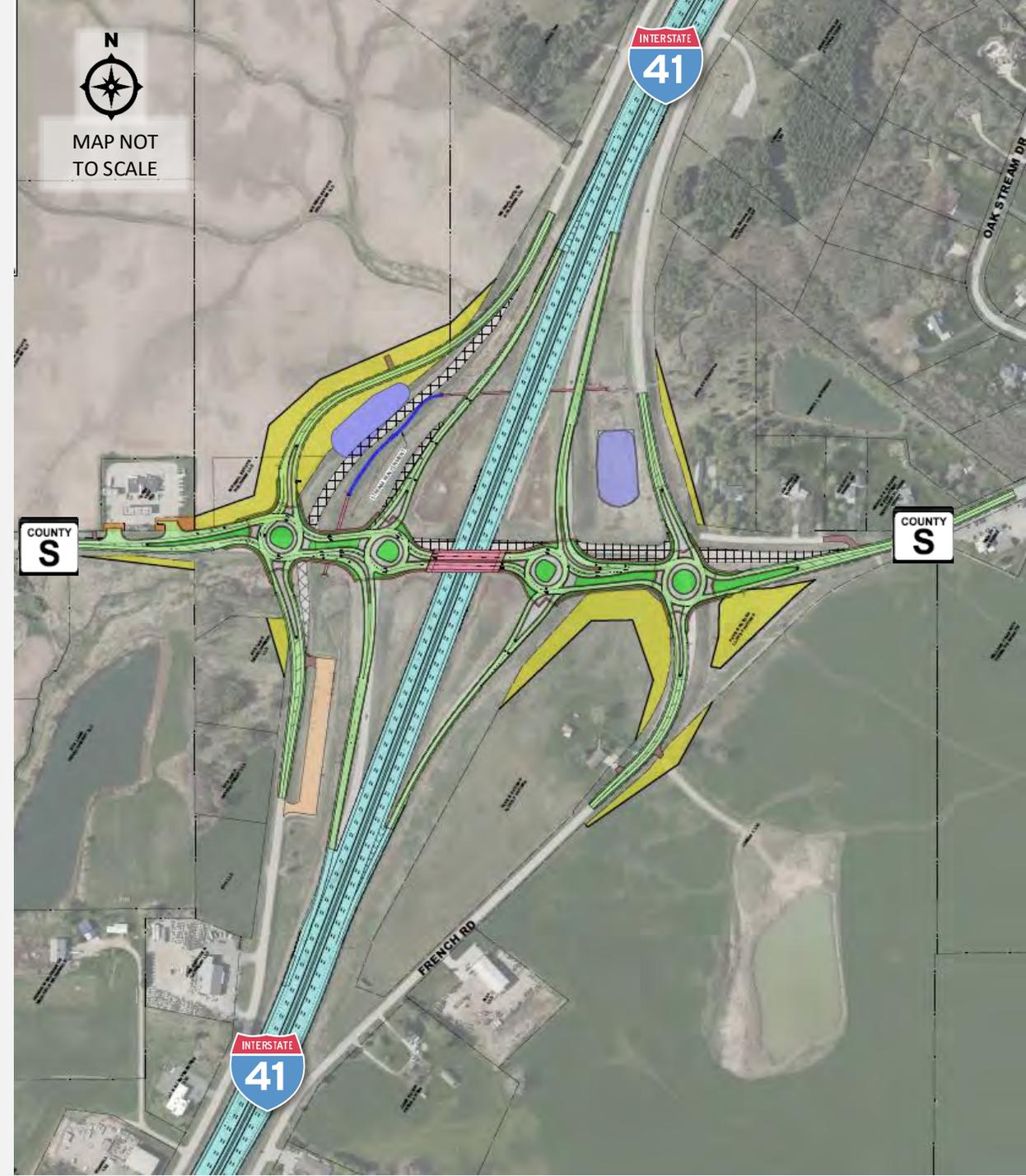
Project Improvements: 2026 Design

- Finalization of design and construction staging plans
- Utility relocations ahead of future construction
- Real estate acquisition
- Stormwater coordination



County S Interchange Updates

- Construct multi-lane roundabouts at County S/Mid Valley Drive and I-41 ramp intersections
- Replace County S bridge over I-41
- Modified roadway alignments



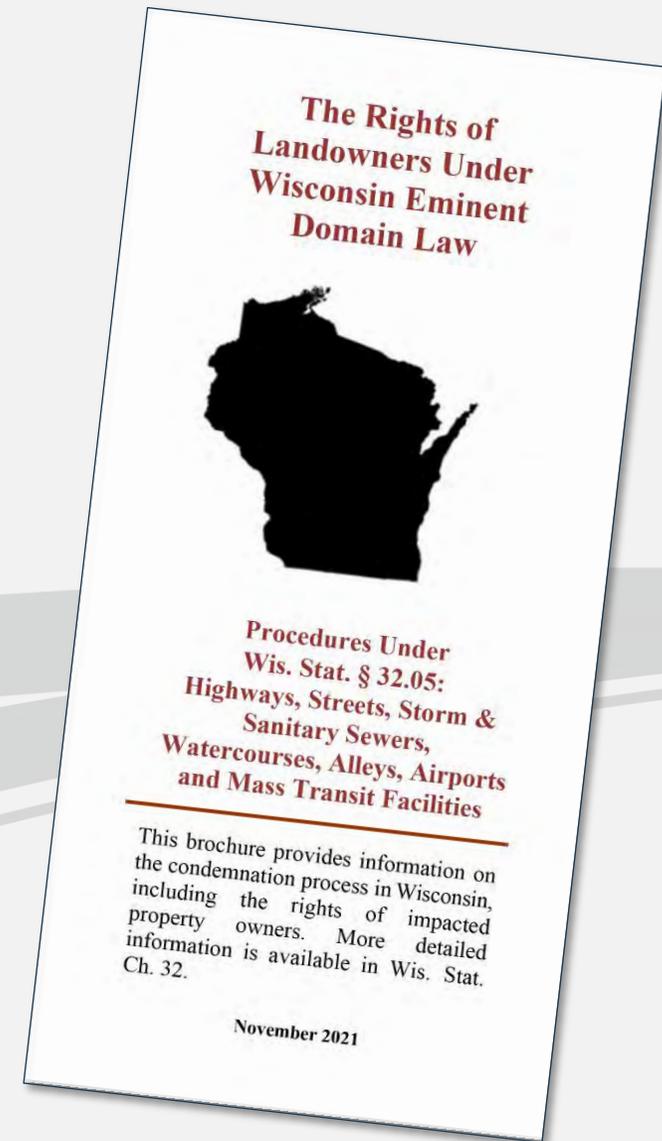
Utility Work Prior to Construction

- Some utility relocations are needed before project work can begin in future years
- Short term closures or temporary property impacts may occur as municipalities perform this work



Real Estate

- Early buyouts complete
- Right of way plats are being completed
- Approximately 300 parcels impacted
- Acquisitions are ongoing with 254 acquisitions complete as of February 2026



Aesthetics: Structures

Outagamie County Overpass Bridge



Southbridge Overpass Bridge



Final design is subject to change

Aesthetics: Noise Barriers

Basket Weave Noise Barrier



Highway Side

Ashlar Stone Noise Barrier



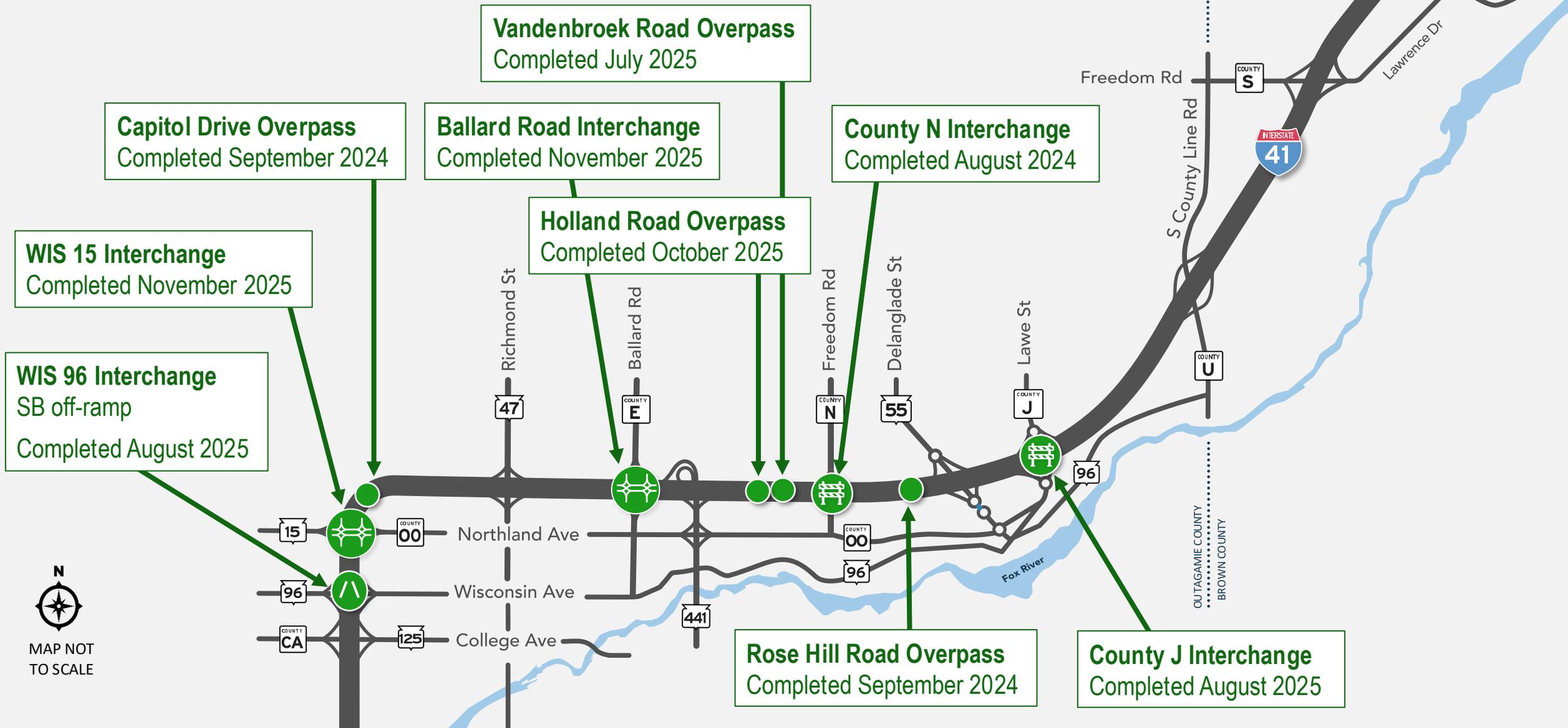
Residential Side

Aesthetics: Structures

I-41/WIS 441 System Interchange



Project Schedule: Completed Work



WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue)

- Reconstructed southbound off-ramp at WIS 96

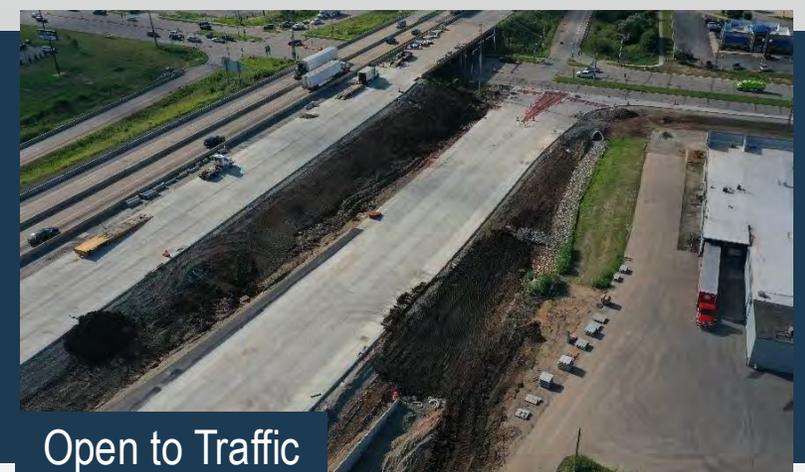
Open to traffic August 2025



April



August



Open to Traffic

WIS 15 Interchange (County OO/ Northland Avenue)

- Reconstructed as a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

Open to traffic November 2025



Ballard Road Interchange

- Reconstructed as a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
- Reconstructed Capitol Drive between Juanita Lane and Ballard Road
- Pavement markings and staining will be completed in spring 2026

Open to traffic November 2025



Ballard Road Interchange



Capitol Drive and Ballard Road

Holland and Vandenbroek Road Overpasses

Holland Road Overpass:
Open to traffic October 2025



Vandenbroek Overpass:
Open to traffic July 2025



County J Interchange

- Reconstructed County J bridge over I-41
- Improved roundabouts to accommodate oversize and overweight vehicles
- Replaced pavement

Open to traffic August 2025



Wrightstown Post/SWEF

- Construction began on the State Patrol's new Northeast Region Headquarters two-story building in October 2024
- Constructed a 400-foot communications tower and a 70-foot auxiliary tower
- Site work will continue through fall 2026



September 2024



August 2025



September 2025

Southbridge Road Interchange

East Frontage Roads



West Frontage Roads

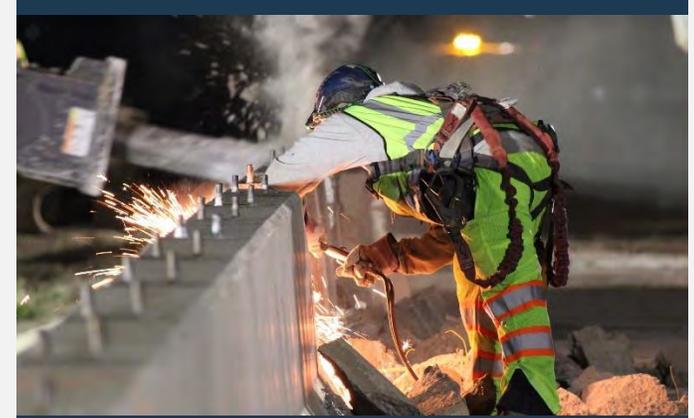


New Roundabout at Mid Valley Dr.



Continued Highway Construction

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction will continue to be maintained on I-41 during peak travel times
- Overnight work will result in temporary traffic impacts, detours and construction noise
- Site documentation and progress will be captured through drone imagery
- Tree clearing occurs from November through March ahead of each year's construction work



County J bridge demolition



WIS 15 girder setting

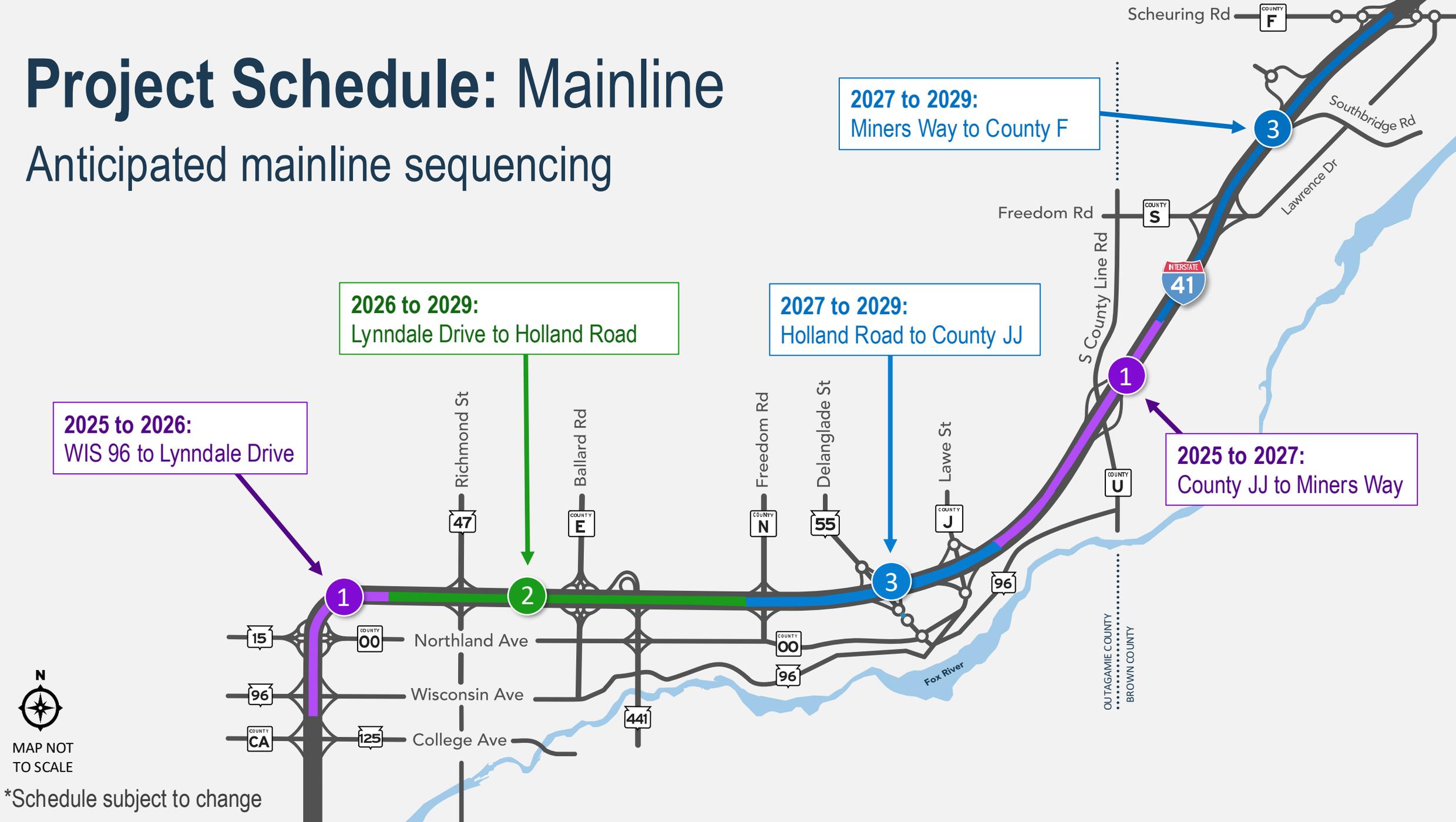


WIS 15 bridge deck pour



Project Schedule: Mainline

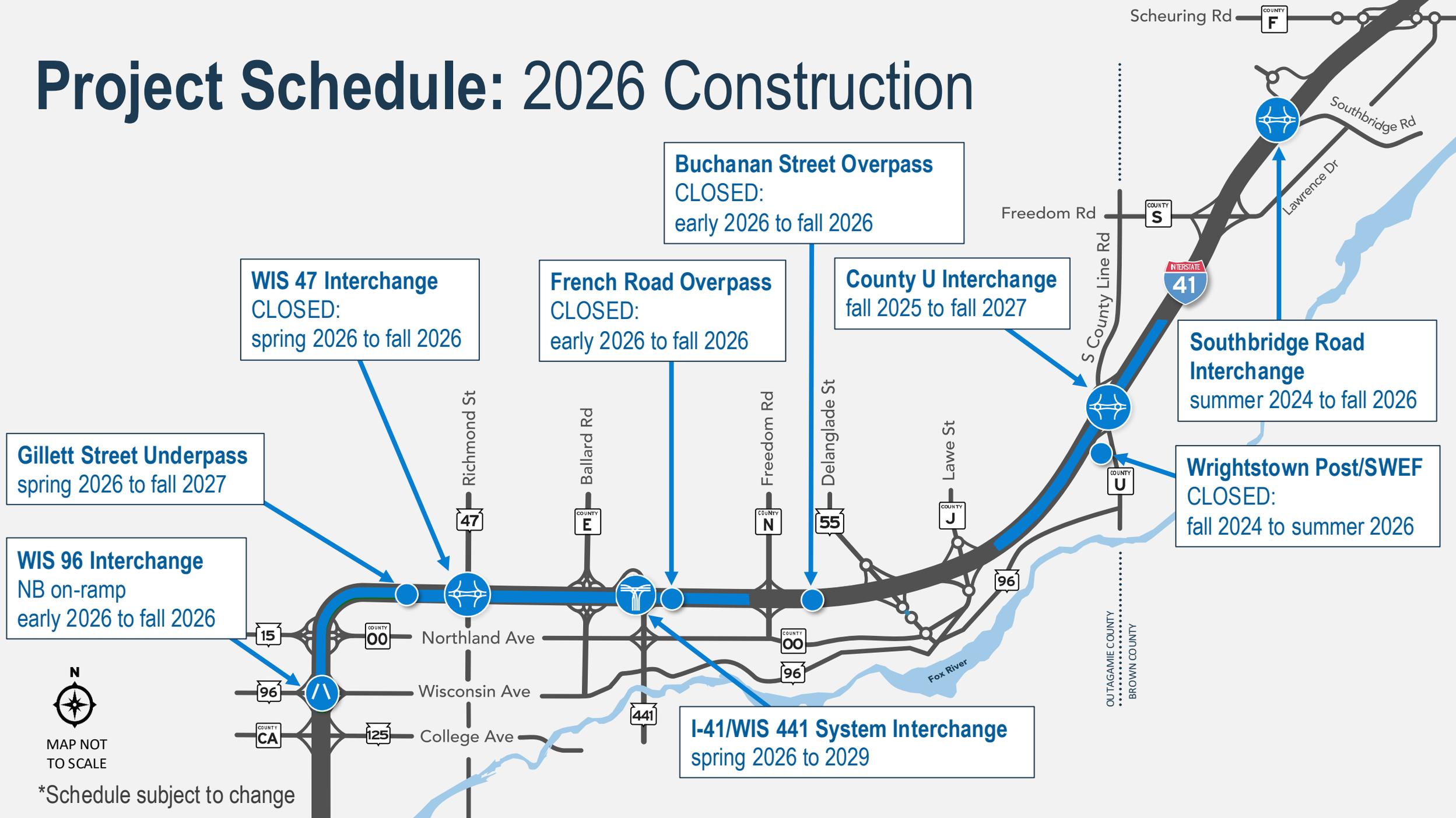
Anticipated mainline sequencing



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Project Schedule: 2026 Construction

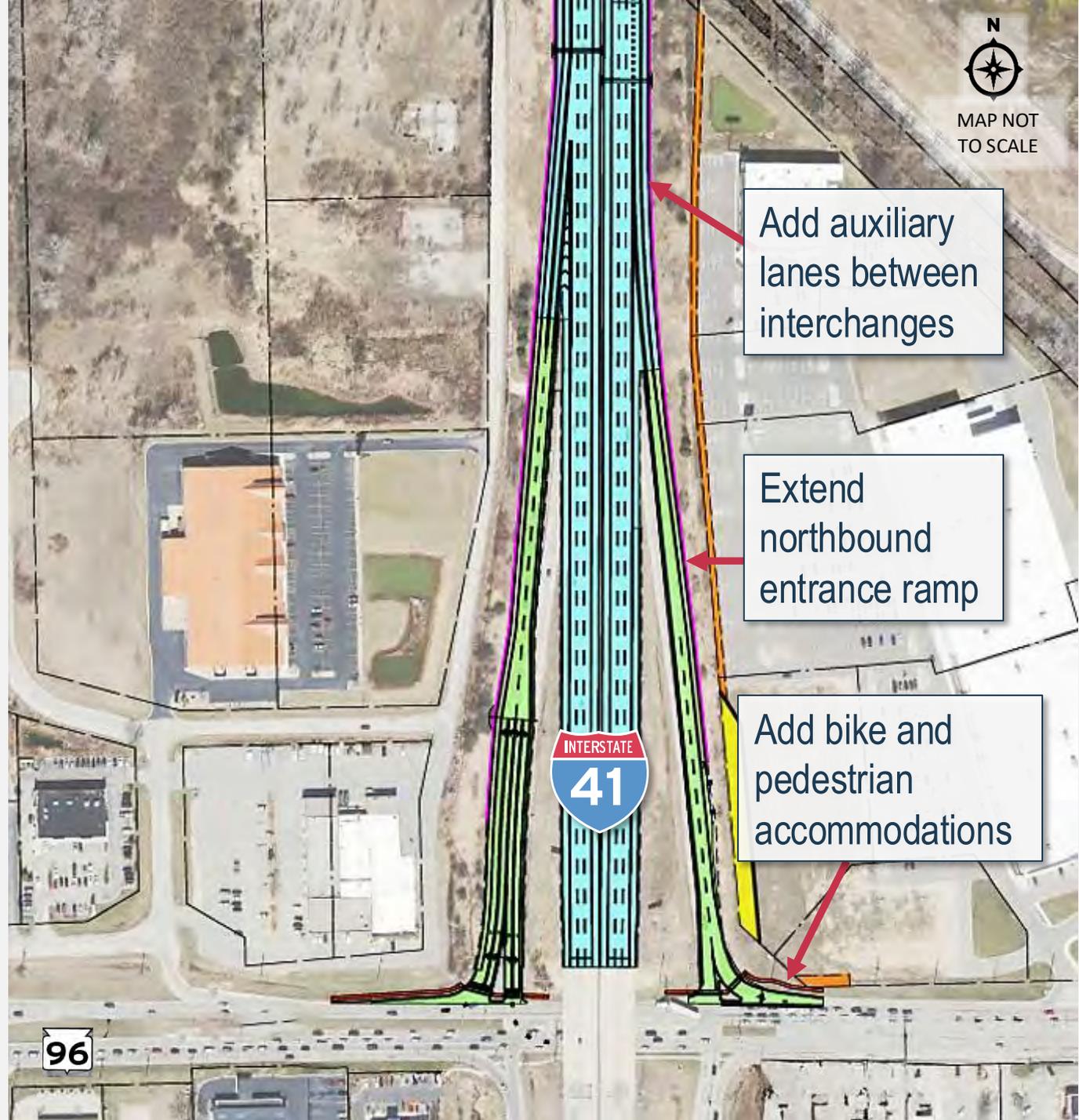


WIS 96 Interchange (Wisconsin Avenue)

I-41 Northbound on-ramp:

CLOSED spring 2026 to fall 2026

- Reconstruct NB entrance ramp at WIS 96
- Add auxiliary lanes between WIS 96 and WIS 15 interchanges as part of mainline work
- Lane closures along WIS 96 from early 2026 through fall 2026



Lynndale Drive Overpass

- Constructing a box culvert under Lynndale Drive to maintain drainage
- All lanes of traffic are scheduled to reopen in late spring 2026
- Single lane closures needed later in 2026 to install permanent pavement



June 2025



August 2025



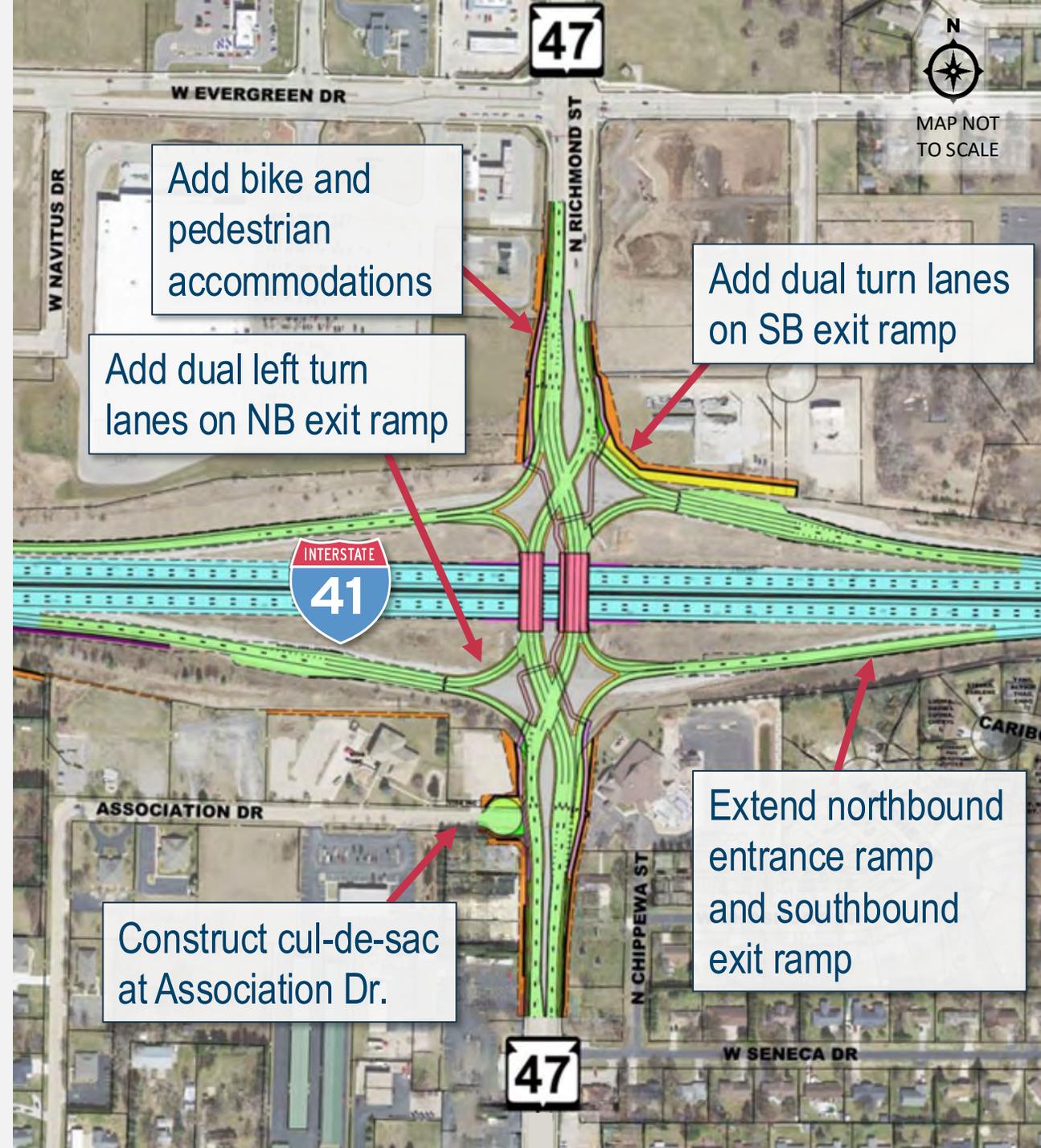
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WIS 47 Interchange (Richmond Street)

WIS 47 bridge over I-41:
CLOSED spring 2026 to fall 2026

WIS 47 entrance and exit ramps:
CLOSED summer 2026 to fall 2026

- Reconstruct as a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
- Accommodate higher traffic volumes and increase safety



WIS 441 System Interchange

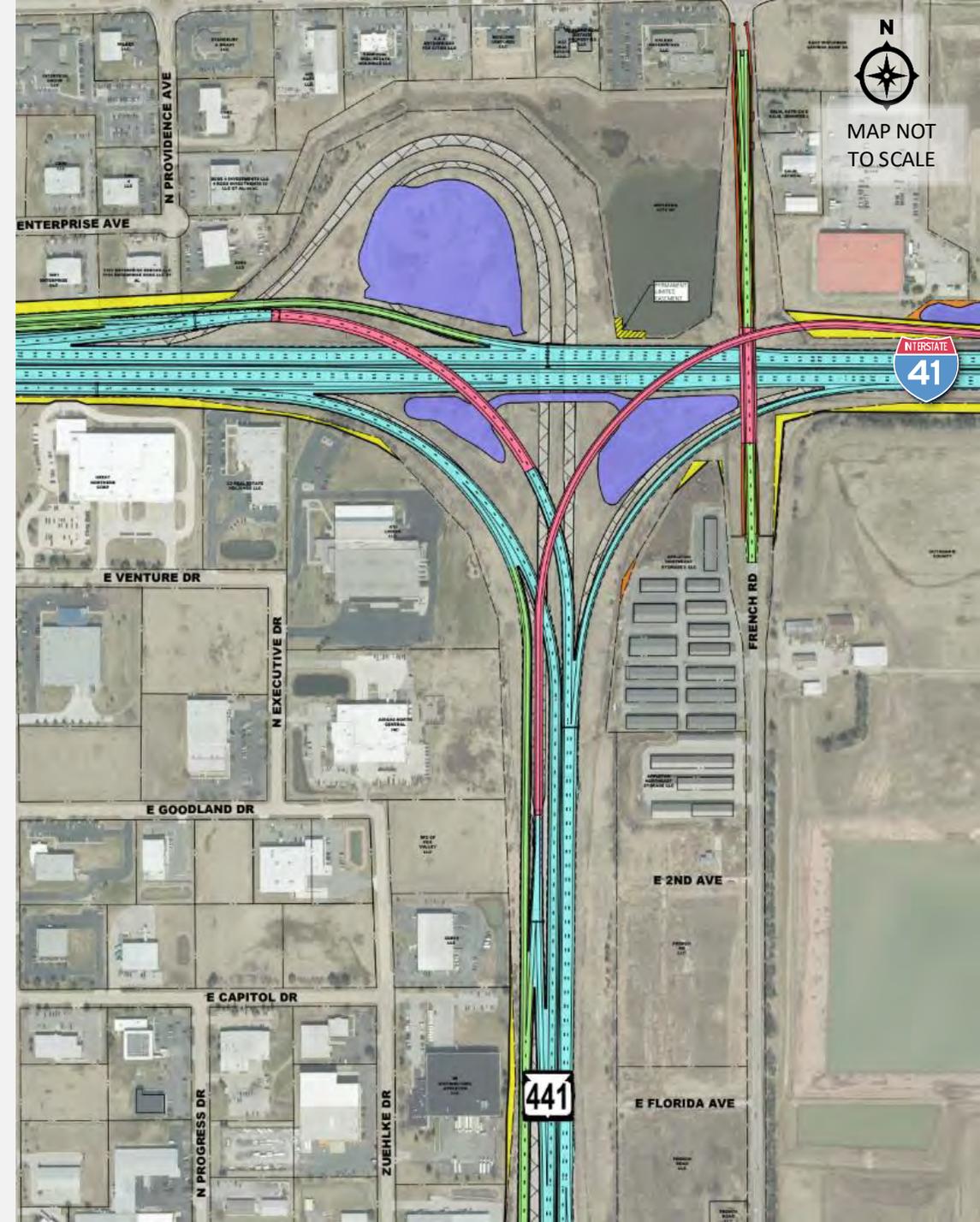
Northbound WIS 441 ramp to northbound I-41:

CLOSED for one month in spring 2026

French Road Overpass:

CLOSED March 9, 2026 to late summer 2026

- Additional WIS 441 System Interchange work will begin in fall 2026



Salt Shed Construction

- Installed wick drains in August 2025
- Added fill to start settlement period
- Construction of salt shed building will be completed in 2026

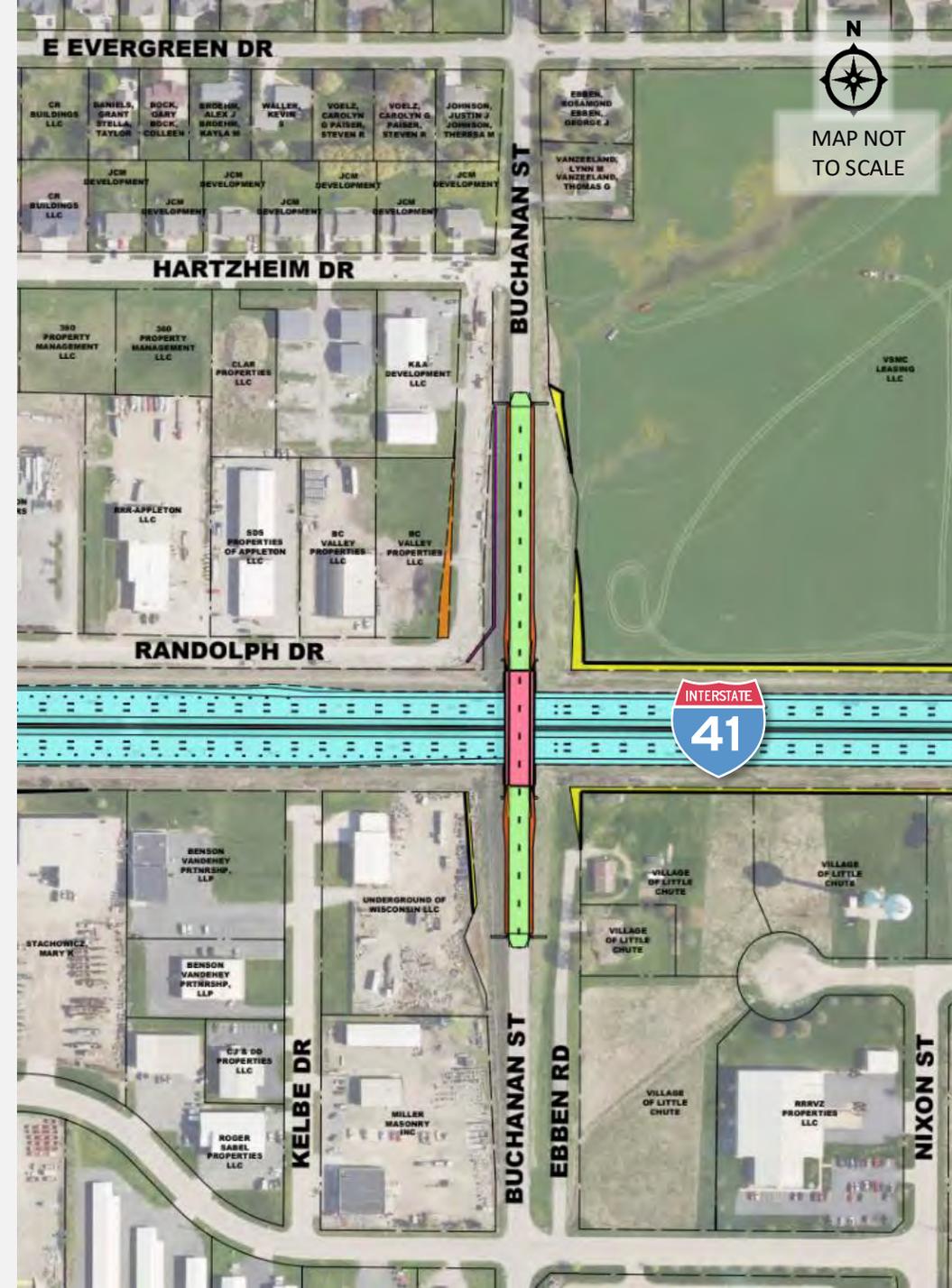


Buchanan Street Overpass

Buchanan Street bridge over I-41:

CLOSED March 9, 2026 to summer 2026

- Overnight detours will occur on the mainline for bridge demolition and girder setting
- Reconstructed bridge will accommodate future bike and pedestrian use

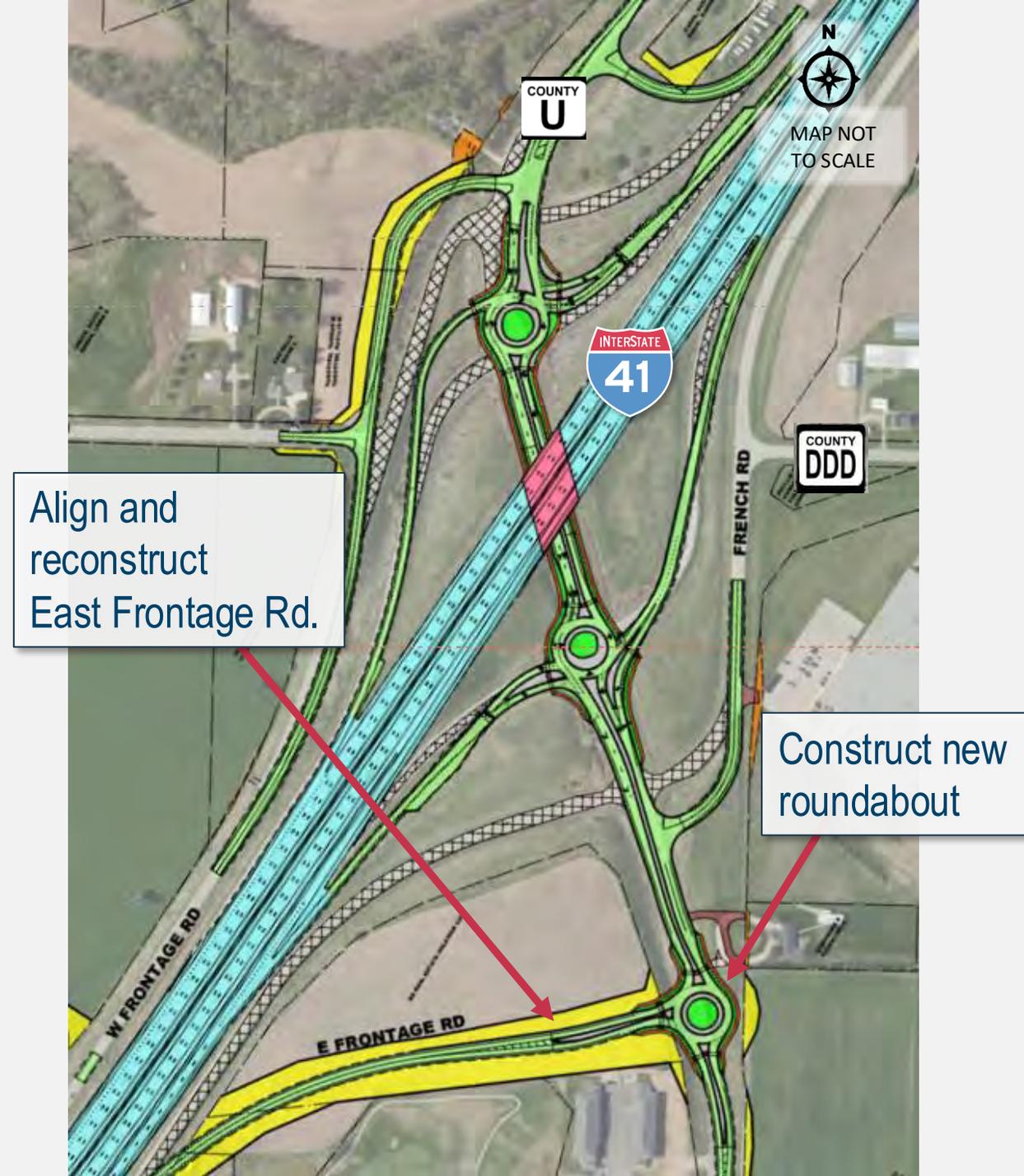


County U Interchange

County U Interchange:

Construction fall 2025 to fall 2027

- Construct and realign East Frontage Road and new roundabout south of County U interchange
- French Road between County DDD and Apple Creek Road closed February 23, 2026 until late fall 2026
- County U between French Road and Poplar Street will be closed in summer 2026 for approximately three months

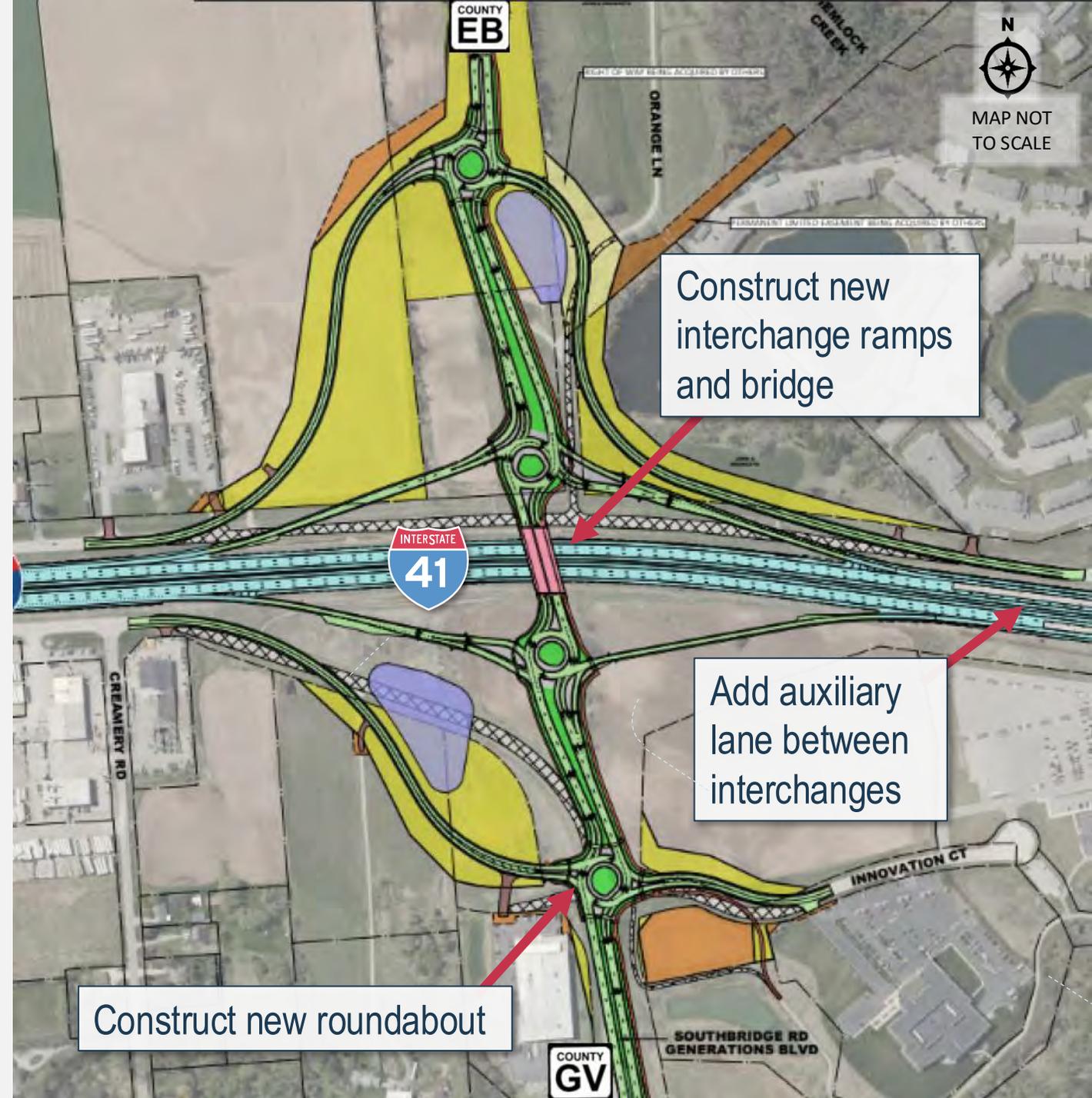


Southbridge Road Interchange

Mid Valley Drive Roundabout
Open to traffic summer 2025

French/Southbridge roads
between Creamery Road and
Innovation Court
Remains CLOSED through fall 2026

- Bridge work for new interchange began in fall 2025 with anticipated completion in fall 2026
- SB I-41 on-ramp from Scheuring Road will be closed for 30 days in summer 2026



Adjacent Construction Projects: 2026

Brown County Southbridge Connector



- 2025-2030

I-41 Flyover Ramps



- Summer 2026

WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue)



- 2026
- Casaloma Drive to
North Badger Avenue

Project Schedule: 2027 Construction

Gillett Street Underpass

spring 2026 to fall 2027

- Roadway reconstruction in 2027

I-41/WIS 441 System Interchange

fall 2026 to 2029

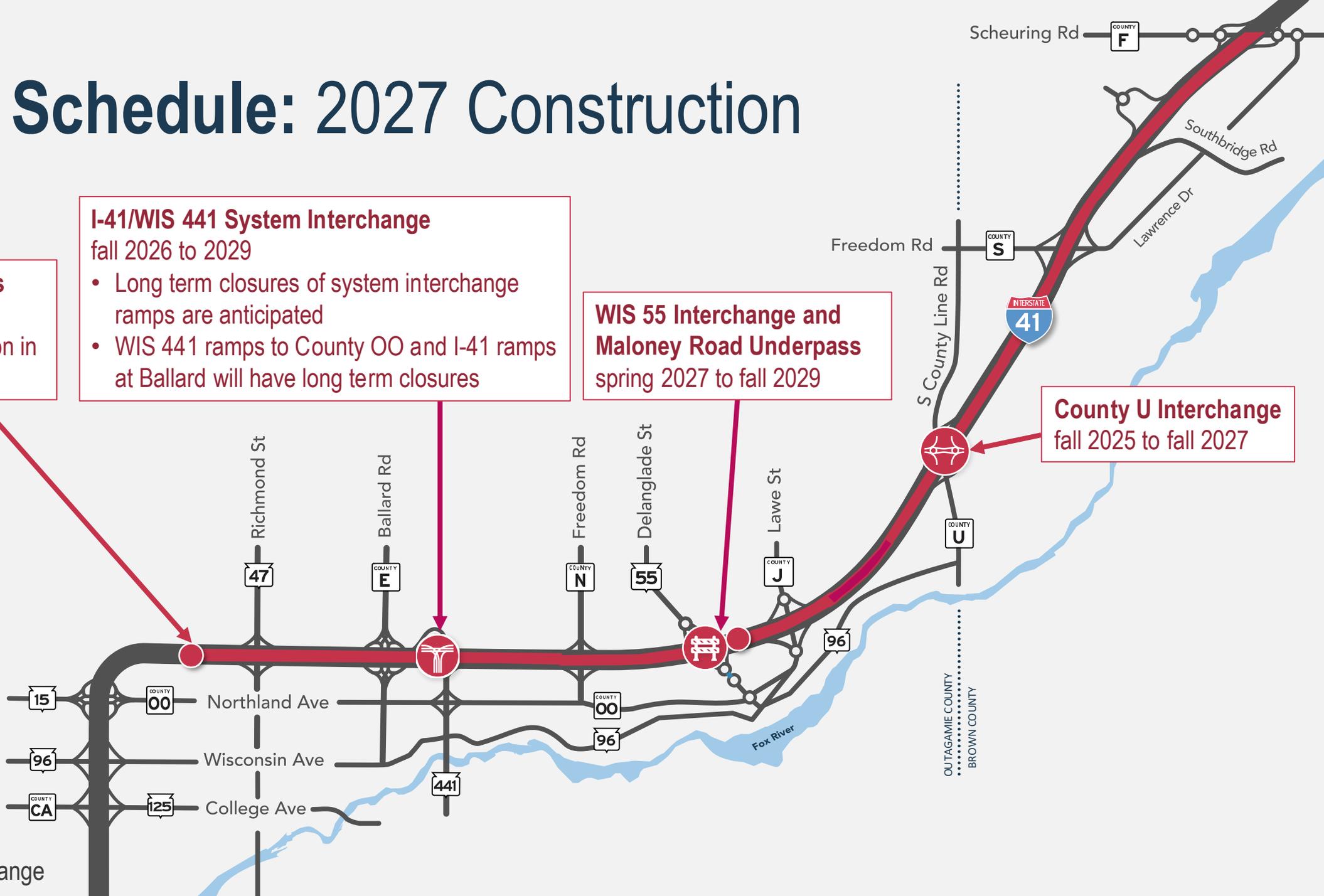
- Long term closures of system interchange ramps are anticipated
- WIS 441 ramps to County OO and I-41 ramps at Ballard will have long term closures

WIS 55 Interchange and Maloney Road Underpass

spring 2027 to fall 2029

County U Interchange

fall 2025 to fall 2027



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Transportation Management Planning

- The I-41 Incident Management Plan is designed to coordinate work zones among the separate construction contracts with the goal of:
 - Improving work zone safety
 - Coordinating response among agencies to optimize response times
 - Keeping lanes of traffic open during peak travel times
 - Delaying recovery and clean-up until after peak travel times
 - Identifying off-site helicopter landing zones



WisDOT Freeway Service Vehicles

- Specially equipped vehicles patrol high-volume roadways and major work zones
- Offering free roadside services
 - Relocating disabled vehicles
 - Providing small amounts of fuel
 - Changing flat tires, jump-starting batteries
 - Clearing roadway of small non-hazardous debris
 - Assisting with traffic and crash scene clearance



Smart Work Zone

- WisDOT is using systems to provide real-time information about upcoming traffic conditions in the work zone
- Variable speed limit signs and a queue warning system encourage motorists to slow down safely and reduce the risk of collision
- Speed and crash data is being used to help improve work zone operations



Work Zone Safety: Know the Law

- Be mindful of workers and safety hazards while driving in construction zones
- Drivers must move over or slow down when a vehicle is stopped with warning lights flashing
- It is illegal to talk on a handheld mobile device when in a work zone
- Fines are double in work zones



Work Zone Safety: Driver Behaviors

- Every driver makes a difference
- Things to remember when you enter a work zone
 - Eliminate distractions
 - Slow down
 - Give yourself room
 - Be patient
 - Plan ahead

You Can Help.

Buckle Up 

Phone Down 

Safe Drivers

Safe Work Zones 

TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE LIVES.
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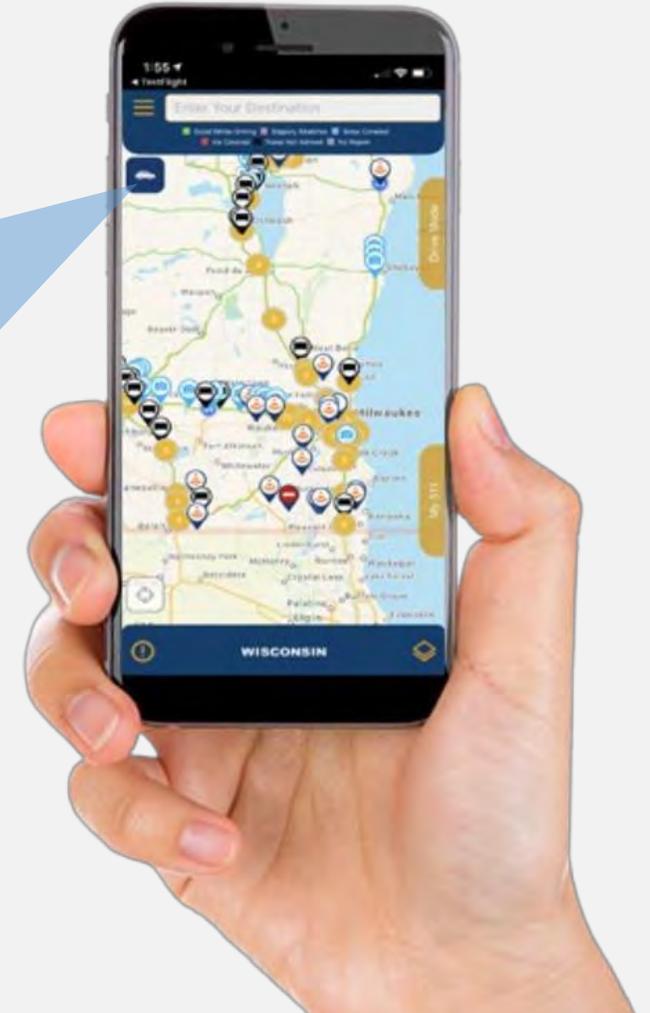
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Work Zone Safety: Know Before You Go

- Download the 511 Wisconsin app for the latest in:
 - Road conditions
 - Traffic and incident alerts
 - Travel times
 - Road construction

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Next Steps: Ongoing Business Outreach



Coordinate with
businesses along
project corridor



Provide firsthand
information at
milestones

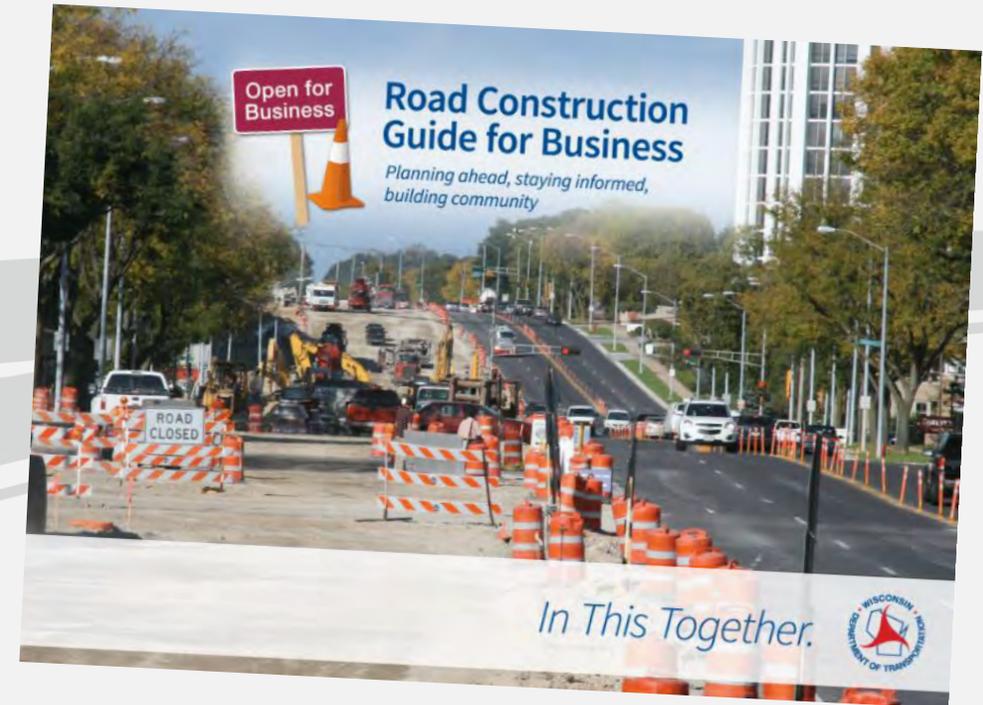


Identify needs and
concerns before and
during construction

Business Coordination

We're In This Together!

- Visit wisconsin.gov/together
 - Tips, tools and resources
 - Business coordination guide
- Project team is here to help
 - What information would help you...
 - Inform customers about the project?
 - Coordinate with suppliers?
 - Communicate with employees?



Temporary Business Signage Process

- **Prior to Construction**
 - Coordinate with neighboring businesses to discuss needs and identify a signage plan
 - Submit a business sign permit application that includes proposed sign design and locations
 - Once approved, purchase signs and be ready for construction
- **During Construction**
 - Businesses install and maintain temporary business signage throughout construction
 - Stay connected with the project team to receive updates via email
- **End of Construction**
 - Businesses remove all signs once construction is complete
 - Let customers know that access is back to normal



I-41 Project Field Office

3600 Commerce Court
Appleton

- Provides design and construction information
- Location for public and business information meetings

Front Desk: Monday – Friday
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please call ahead for WisDOT team availability: (920) 492-7733



Next Steps: Public Outreach



**Maintain trust and
credibility within the
community**



**Be the first and best
source for project
information**



**Seek input from
the public at project
milestones**

Project Communication

- Email Distribution List: 4000+
- Mailing List: 14,000+
- Facebook Page:
 - 23, 304 followers
 - Over 9.8 million views since January 1, 2025



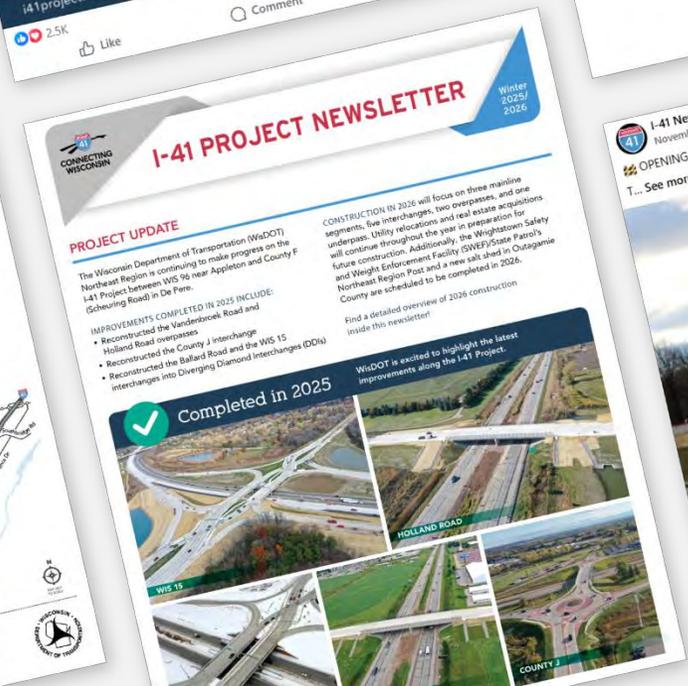
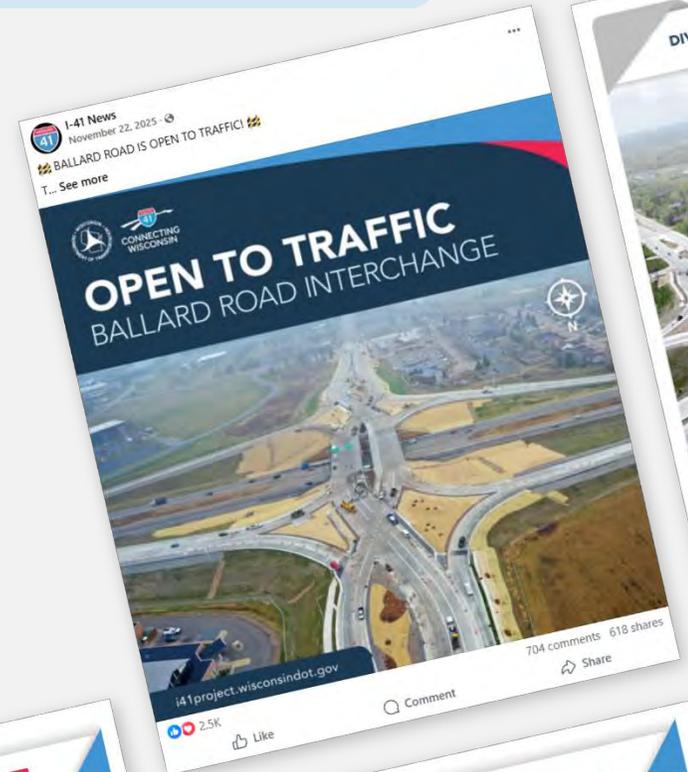
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IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING

MARCH 17

5-7 p.m.

The Marq
De Pere, WI

MARCH 19

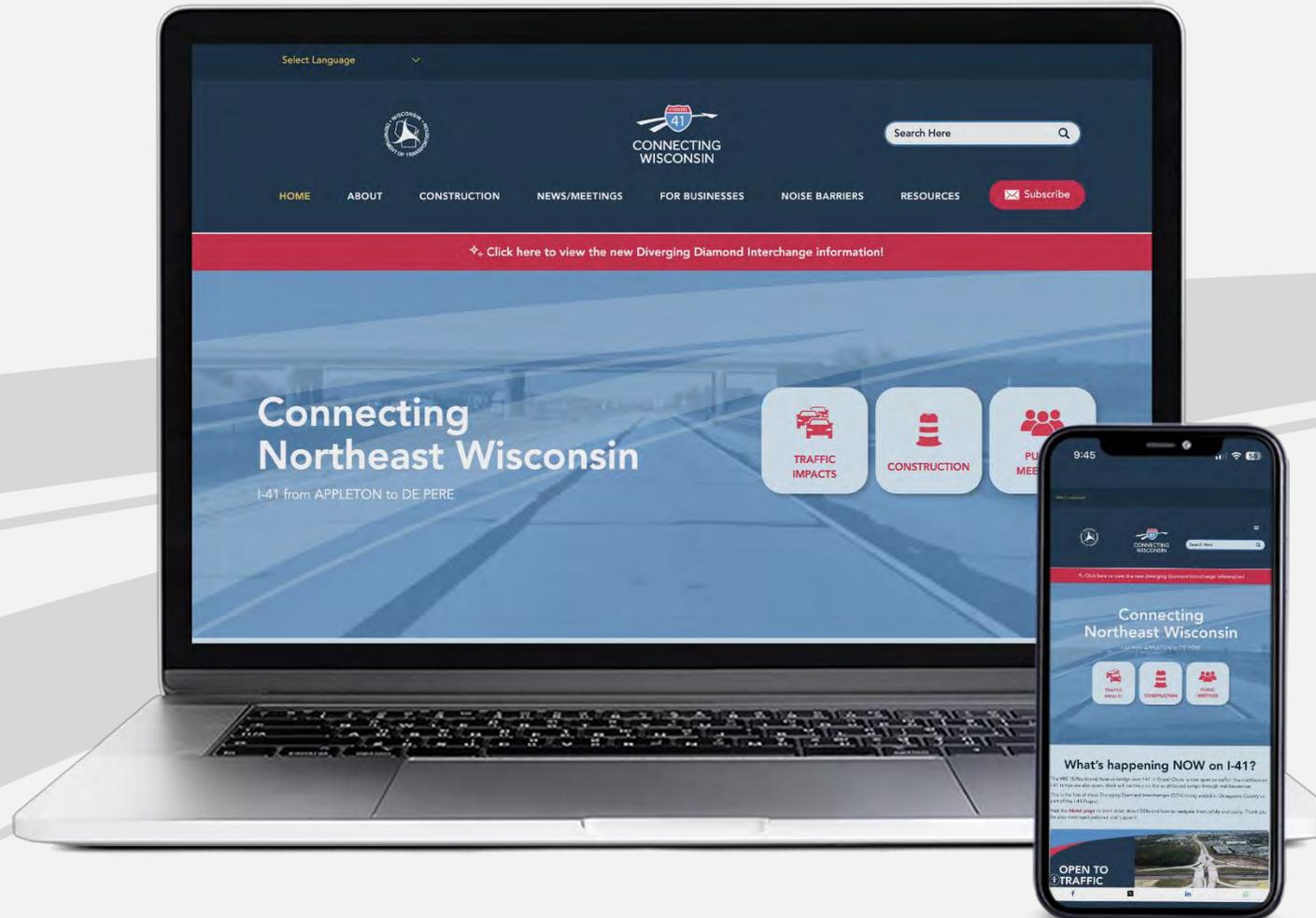
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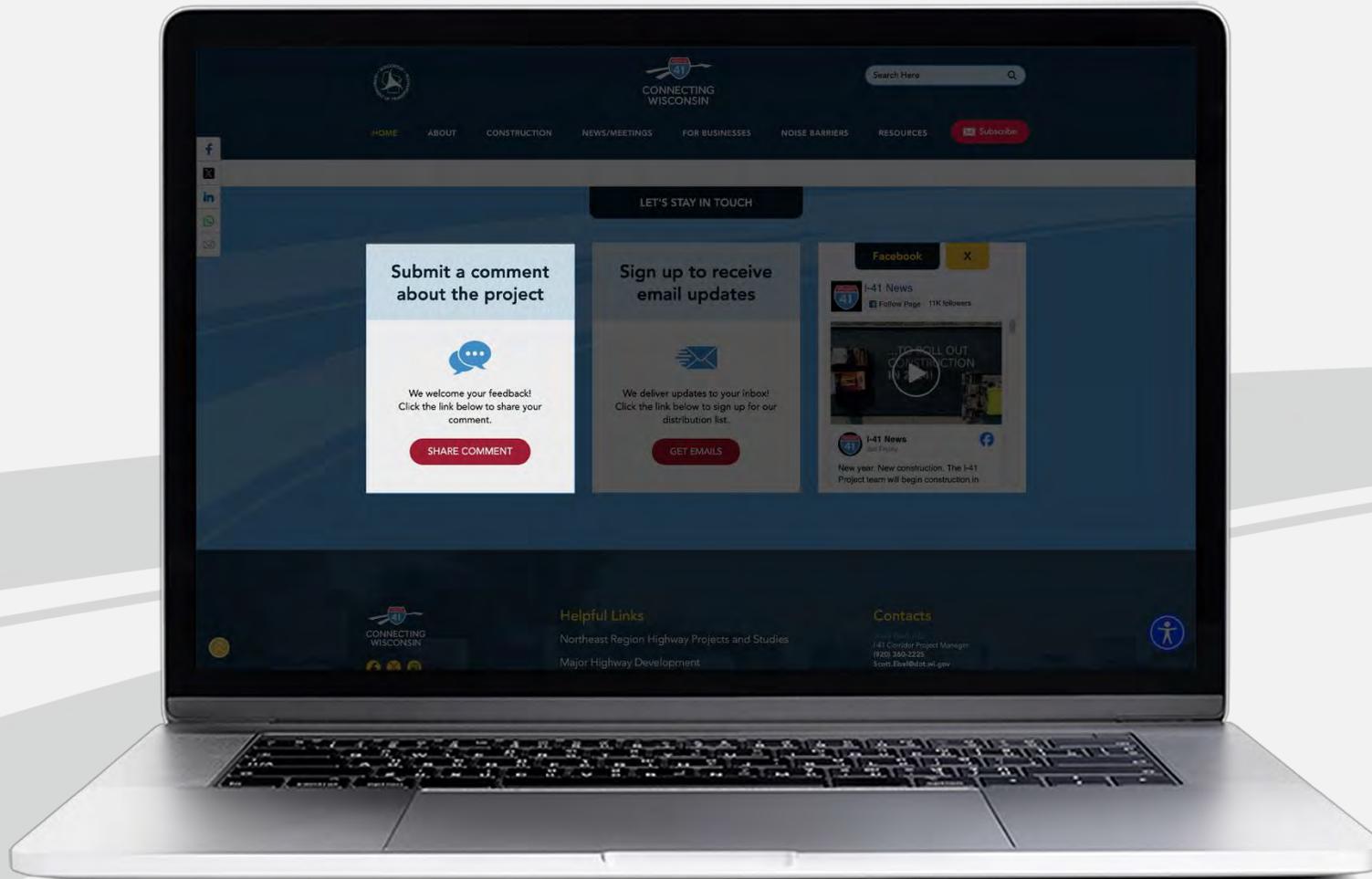


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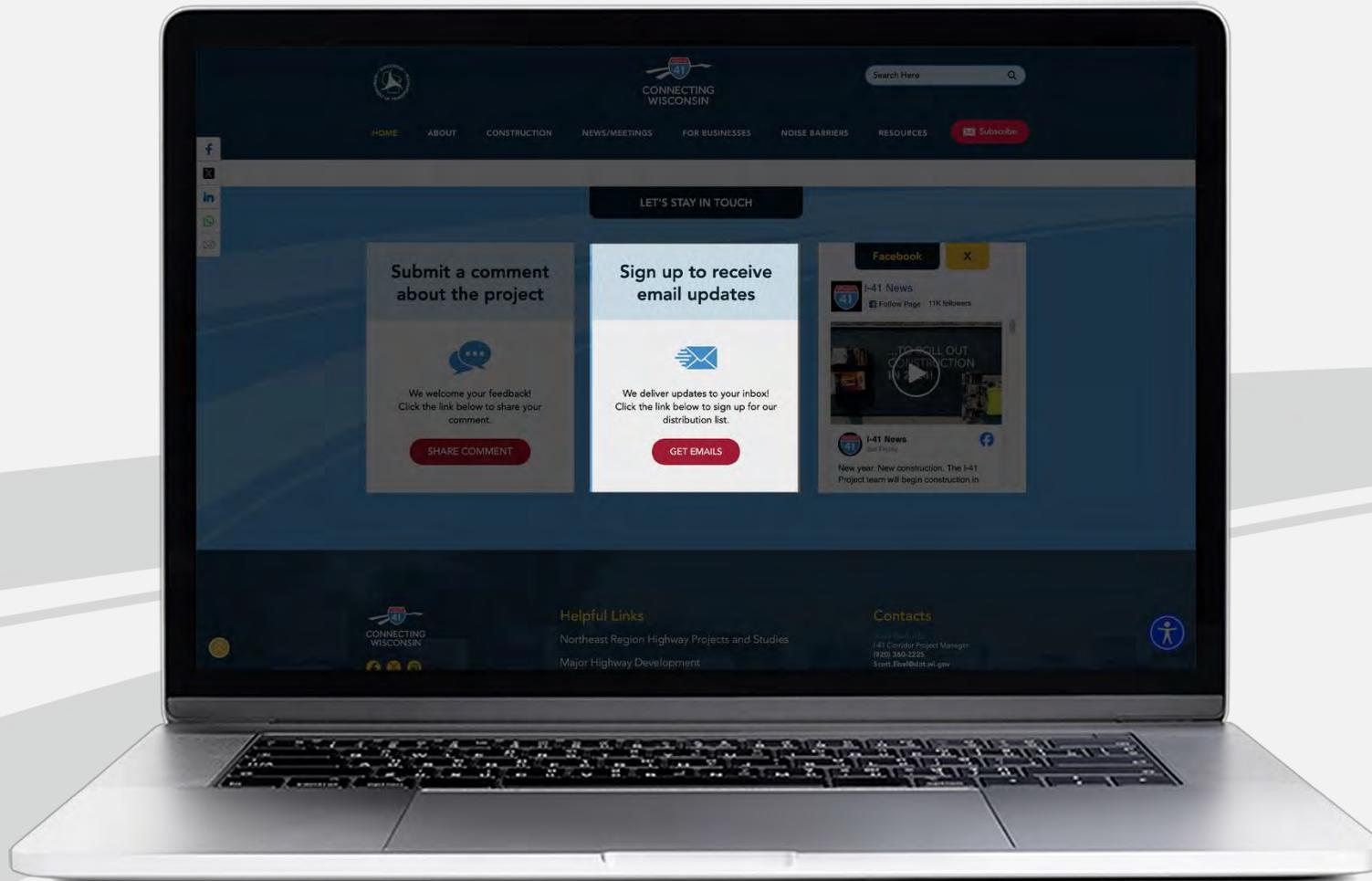
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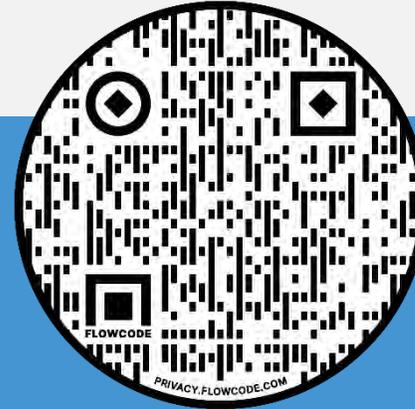
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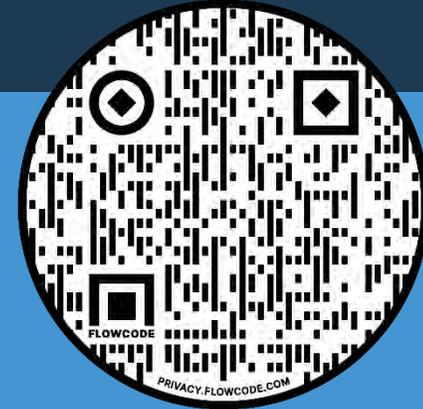


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