



# Public Involvement Meeting

March 19, 2026

# 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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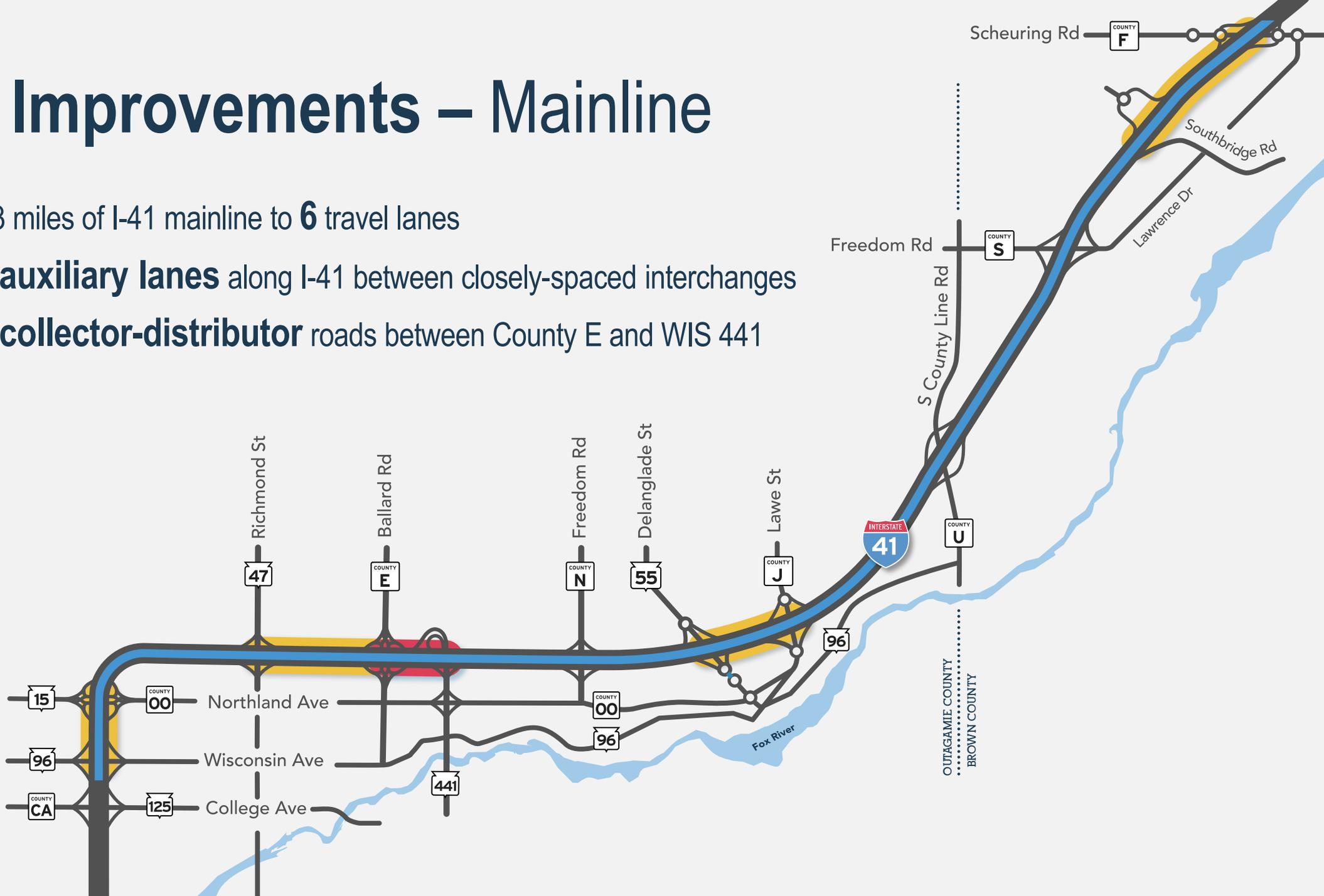
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# Project Improvements – Mainline

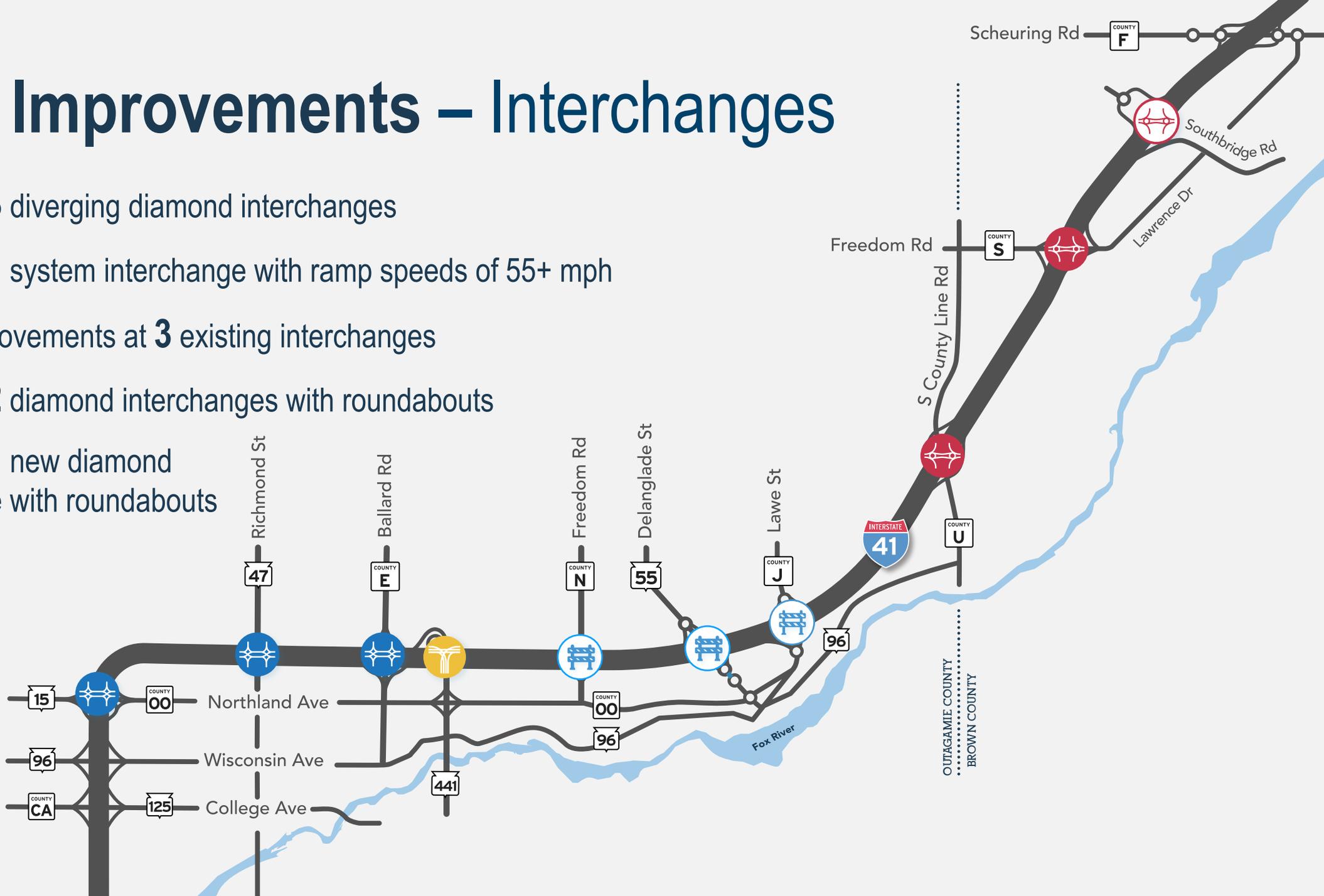
-  Expand 23 miles of I-41 mainline to **6** travel lanes
-  Construct **auxiliary lanes** along I-41 between closely-spaced interchanges
-  Construct **collector-distributor** roads between County E and WIS 441



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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

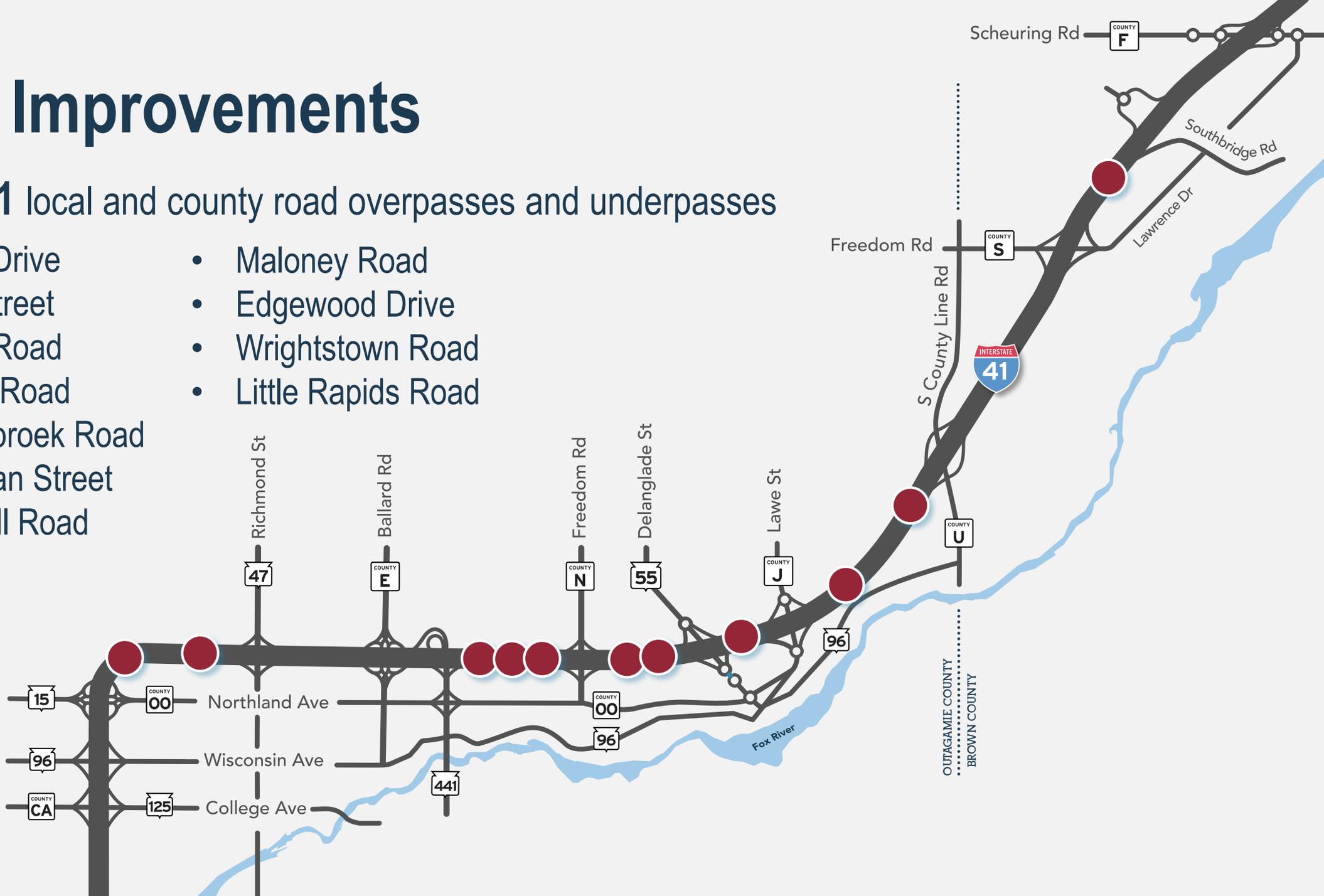


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# Project Improvements

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

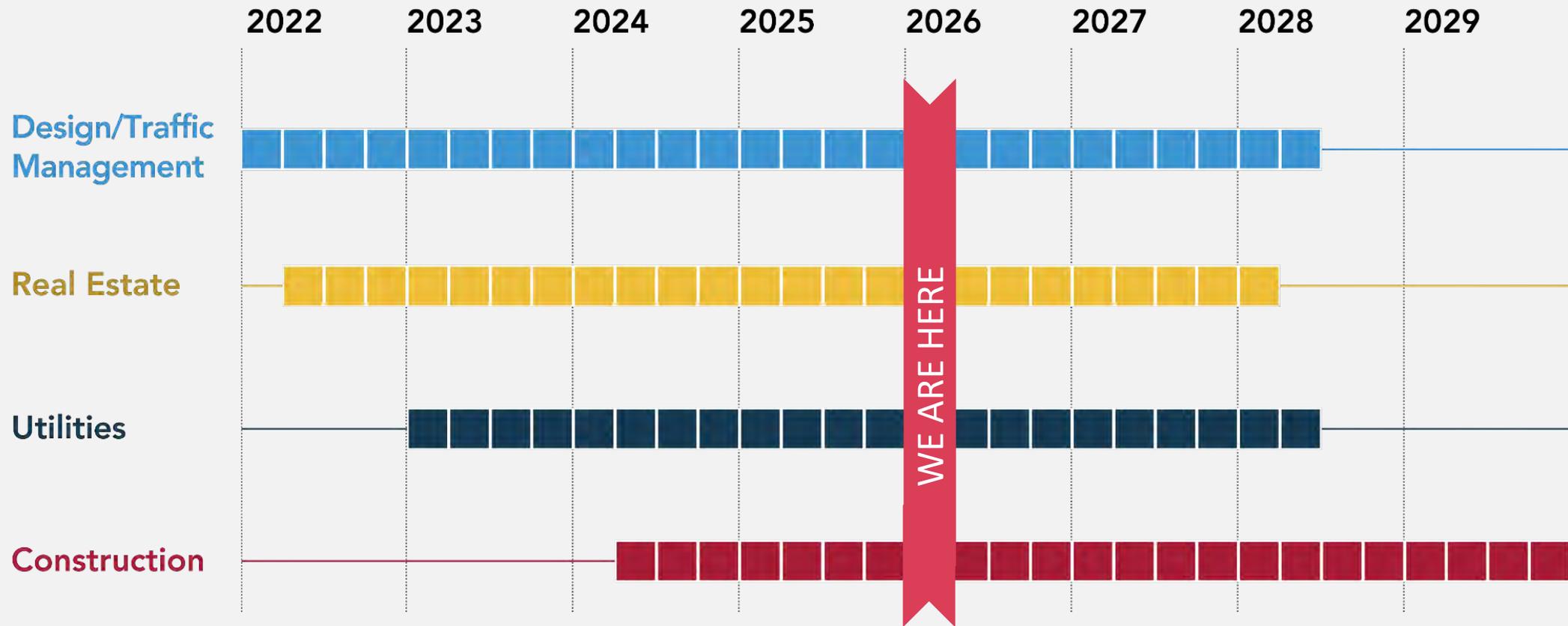
- Capitol Drive
- Gillett Street
- French Road
- Holland Road
- Vandebroek Road
- Buchanan Street
- Rose Hill Road
- Maloney Road
- Edgewood Drive
- Wrightstown Road
- Little Rapids Road



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# Project Schedule



*Note: Timelines are subject to change*

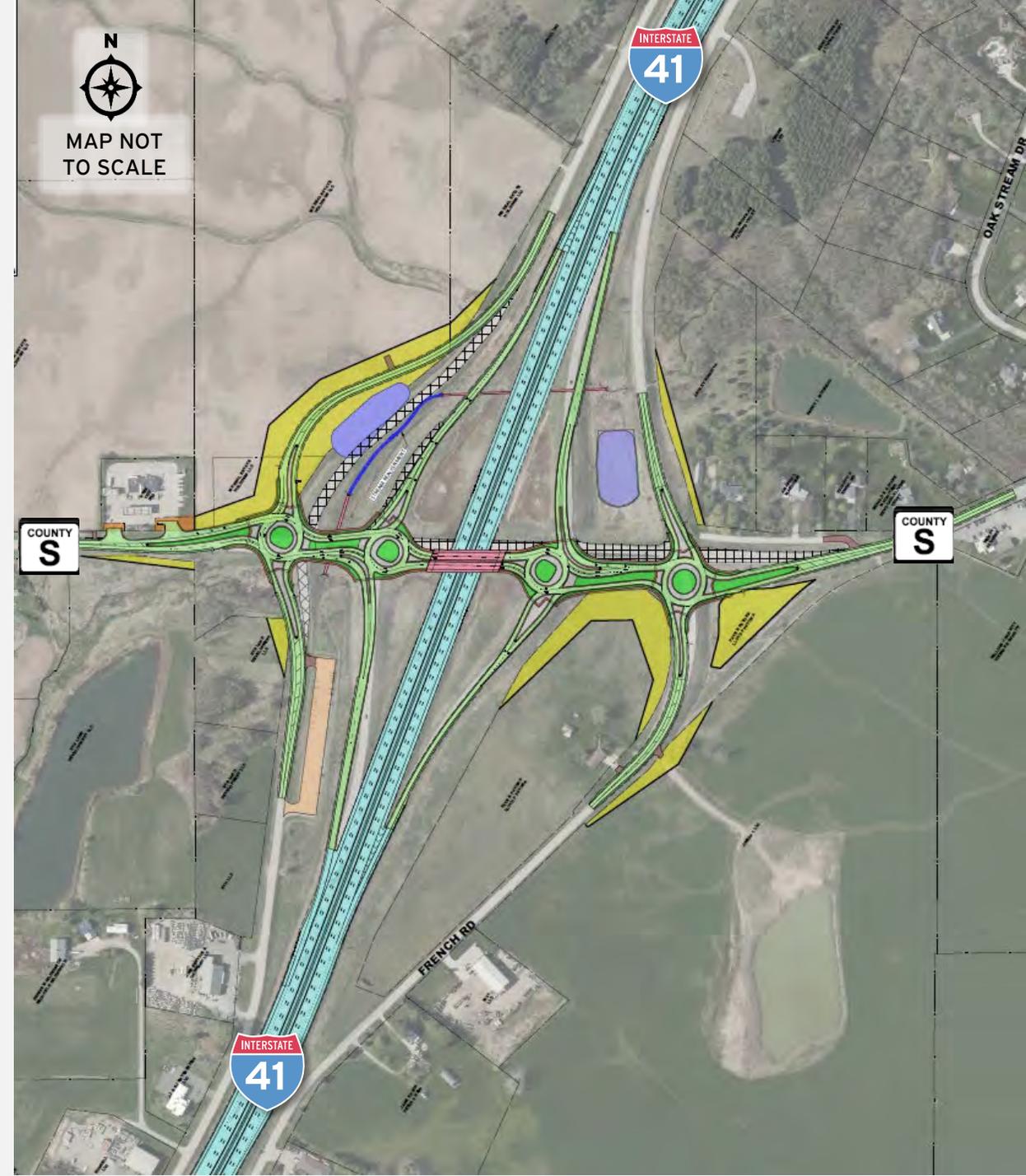
# Project Improvements: 2026 Design

- 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



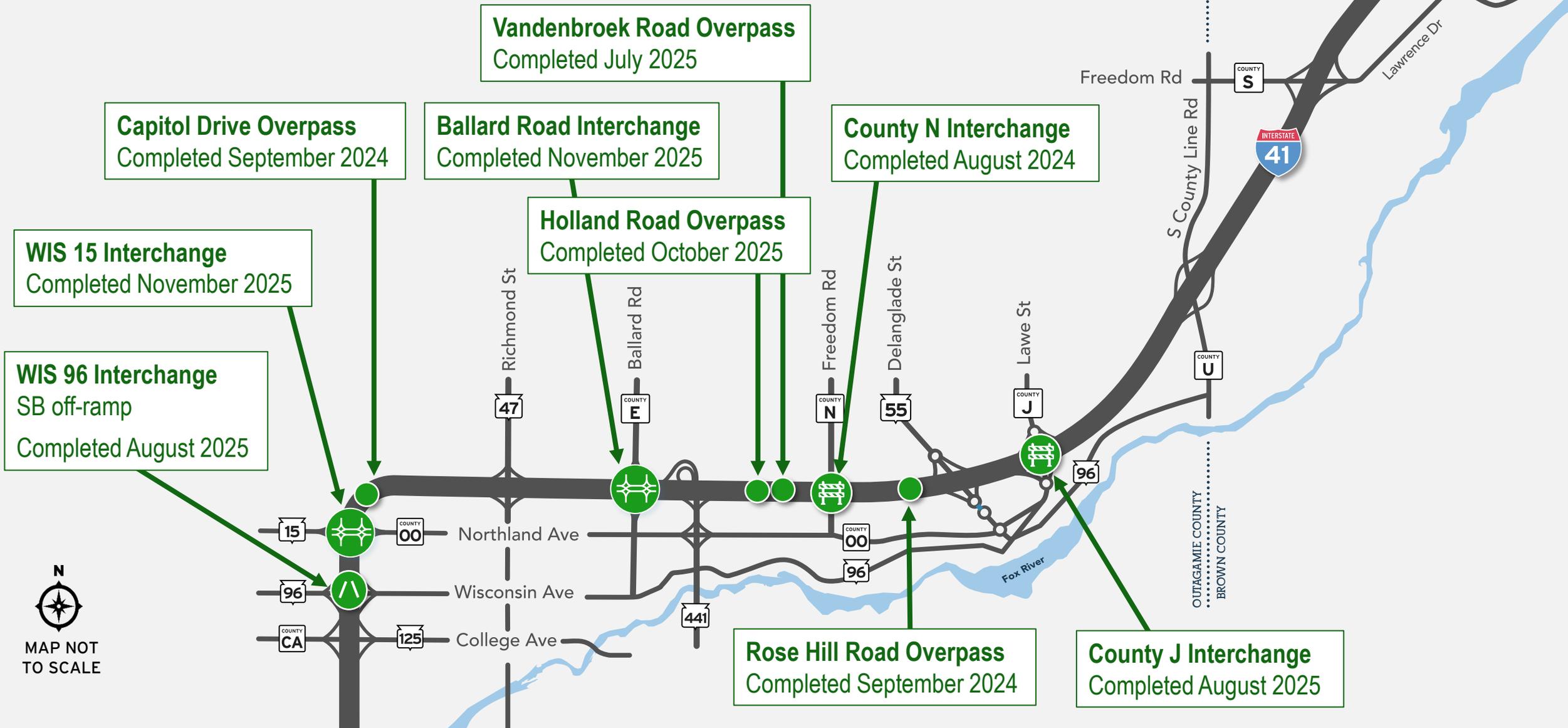
Residential Side

# Aesthetics: Structures

I-41/WIS 441 System Interchange



# Project Schedule: Completed Work



# WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue)

- Reconstructed southbound off-ramp at WIS 96

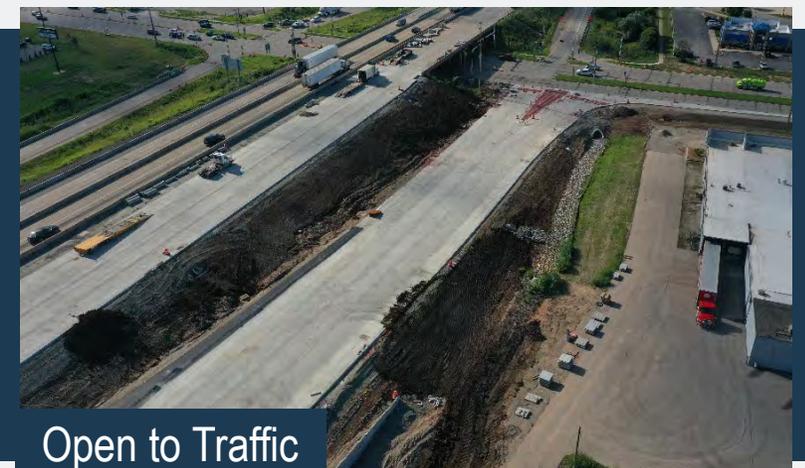
*Open to traffic August 2025*



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 Vandebroek Road Overpasses

Holland Road Overpass:  
*Open to traffic October 2025*



Vandebroek 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

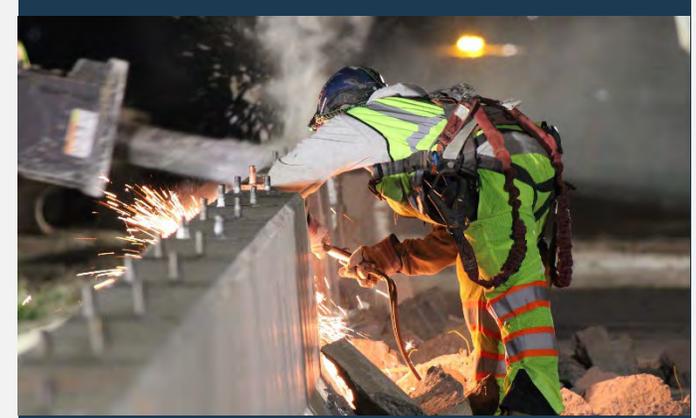


New Roundabout at Mid Valley Dr.



# 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

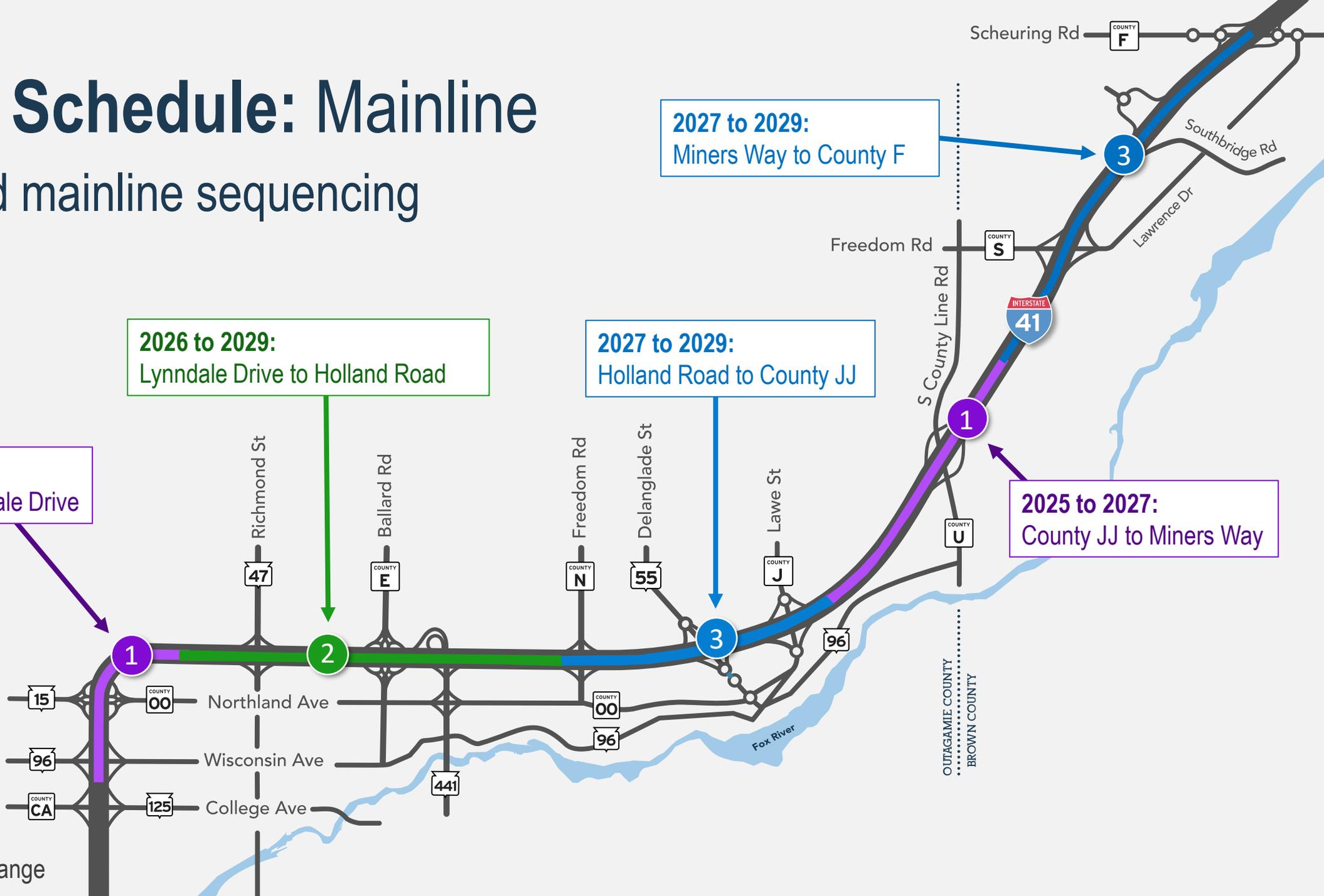
2025 to 2026:  
WIS 96 to Lynndale Drive

2026 to 2029:  
Lynndale Drive to Holland Road

2027 to 2029:  
Holland Road to County JJ

2027 to 2029:  
Miners Way to County F

2025 to 2027:  
County JJ to Miners Way



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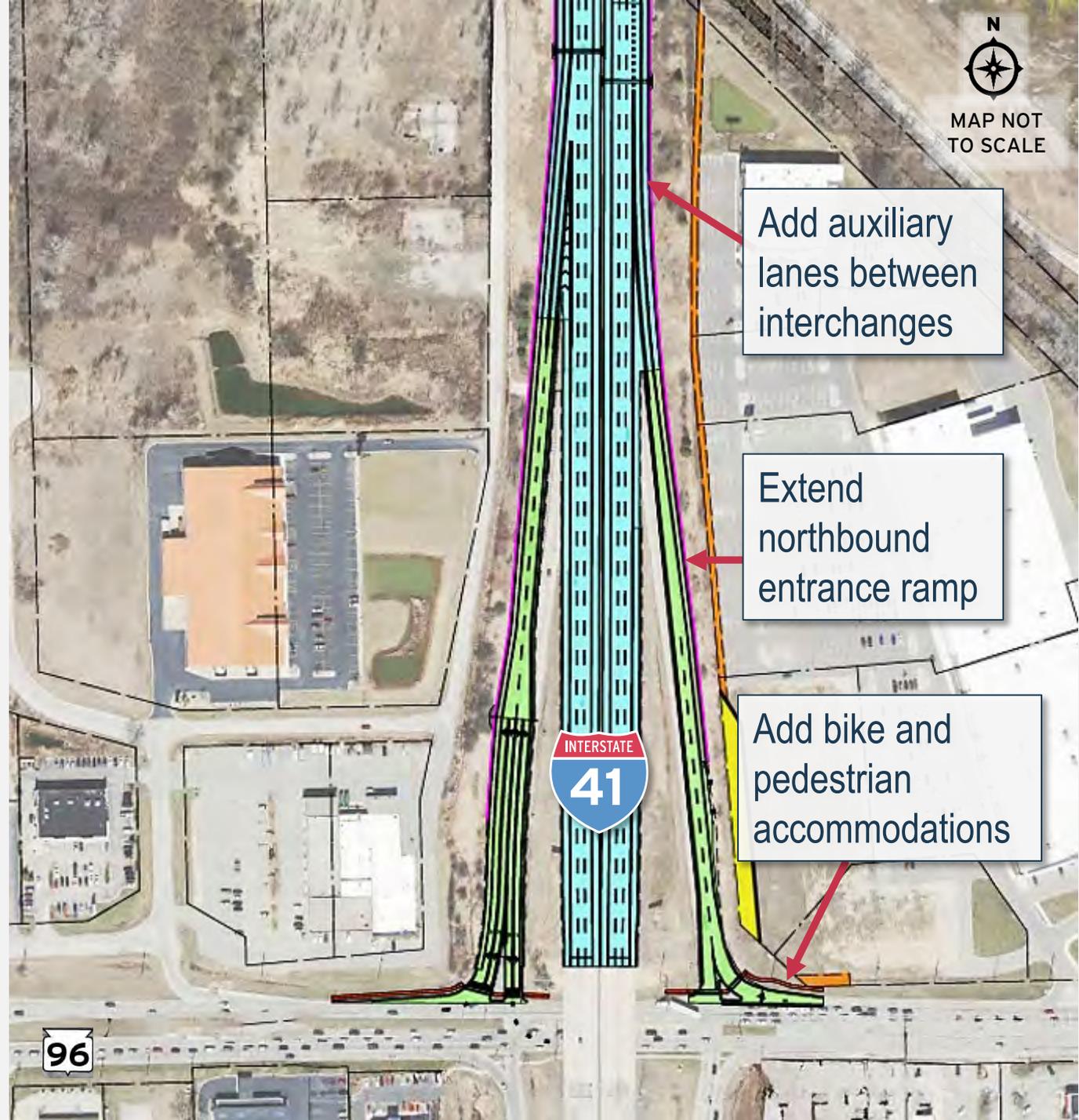


# WIS 96 Interchange (Wisconsin Avenue)

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



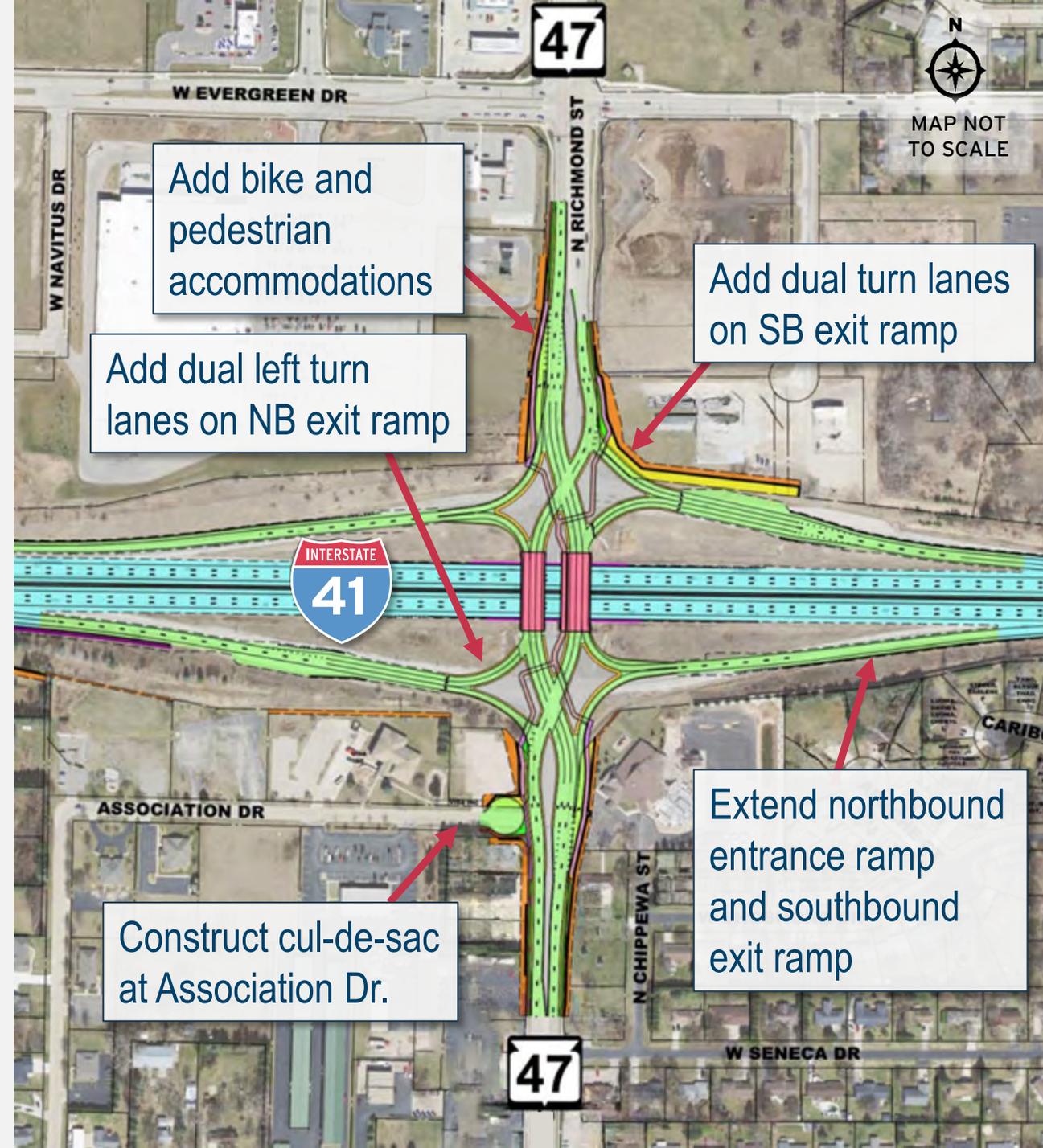
January 2026

# 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

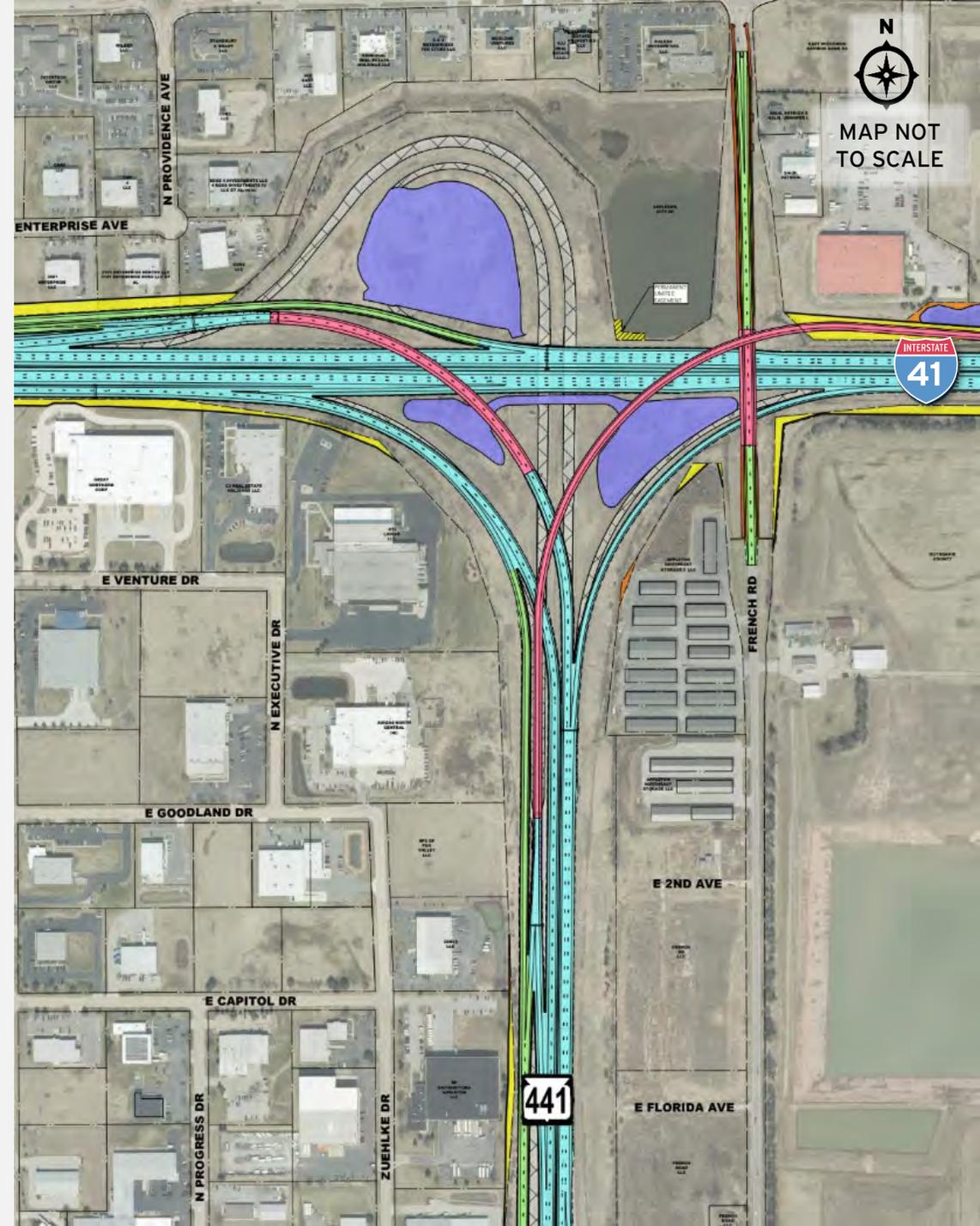
Northbound WIS 441 ramp to northbound I-41:

*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

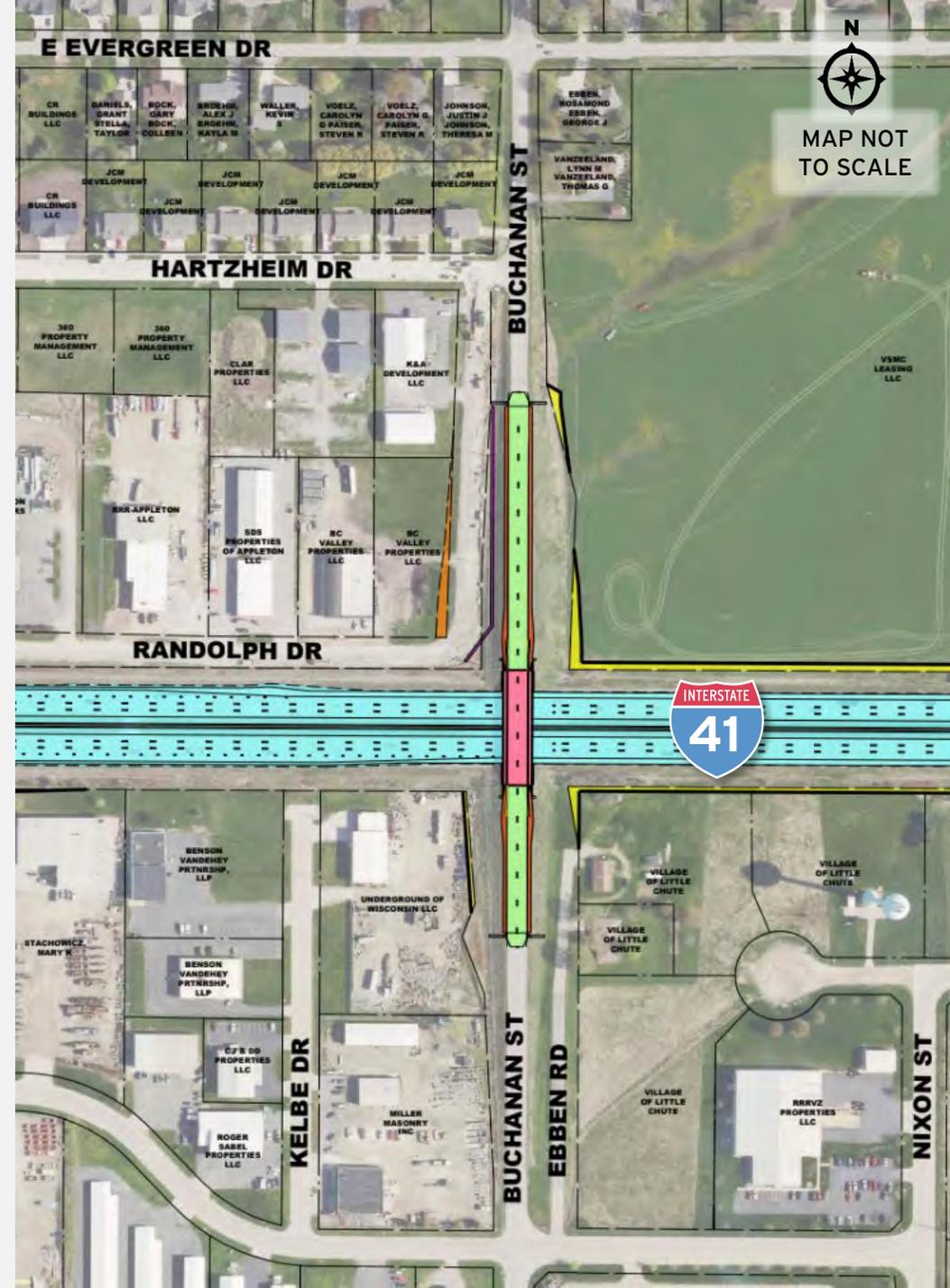


# Buchanan Street Overpass

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

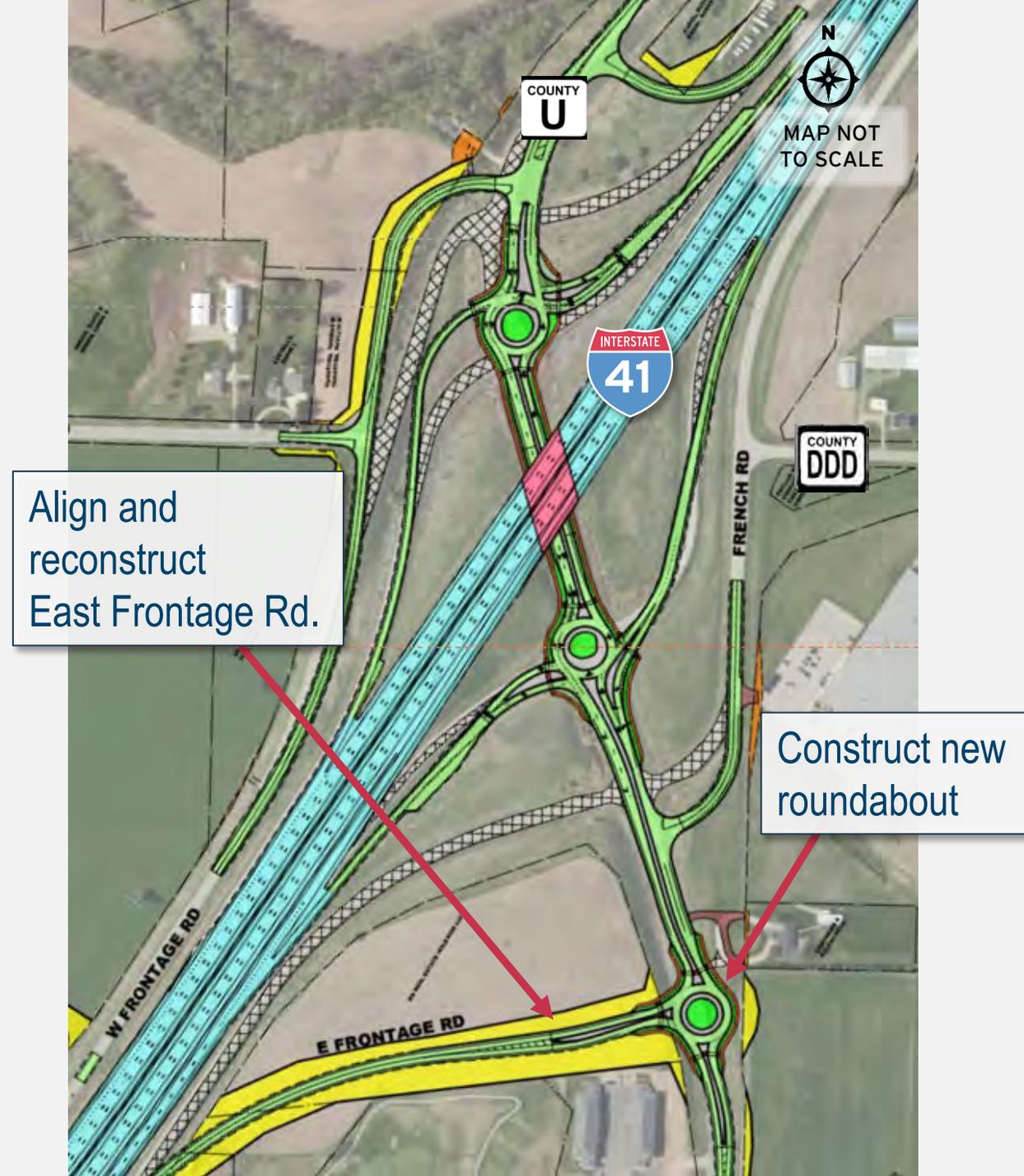


# County U Interchange

## 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

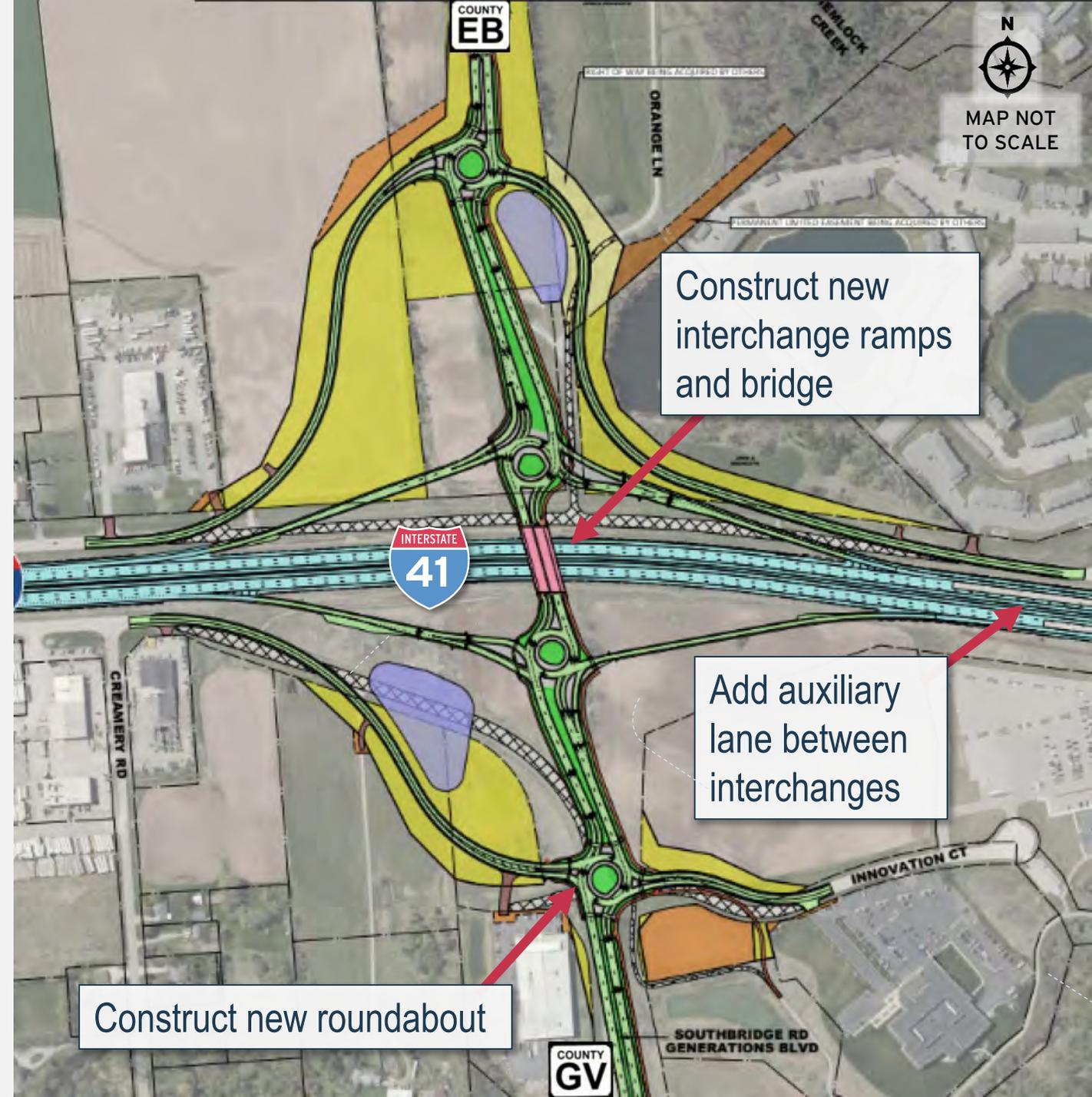


# Southbridge Road Interchange

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



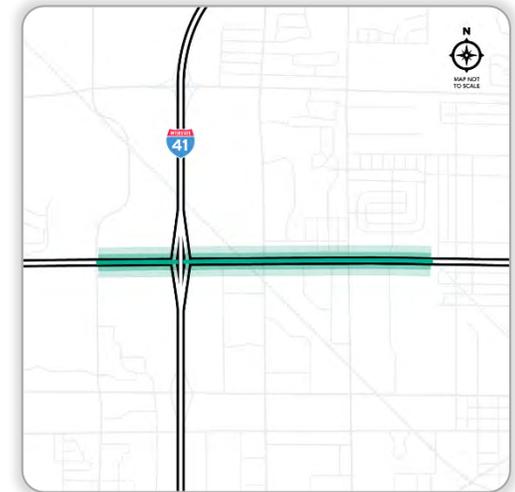
- 2025-2030

## 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

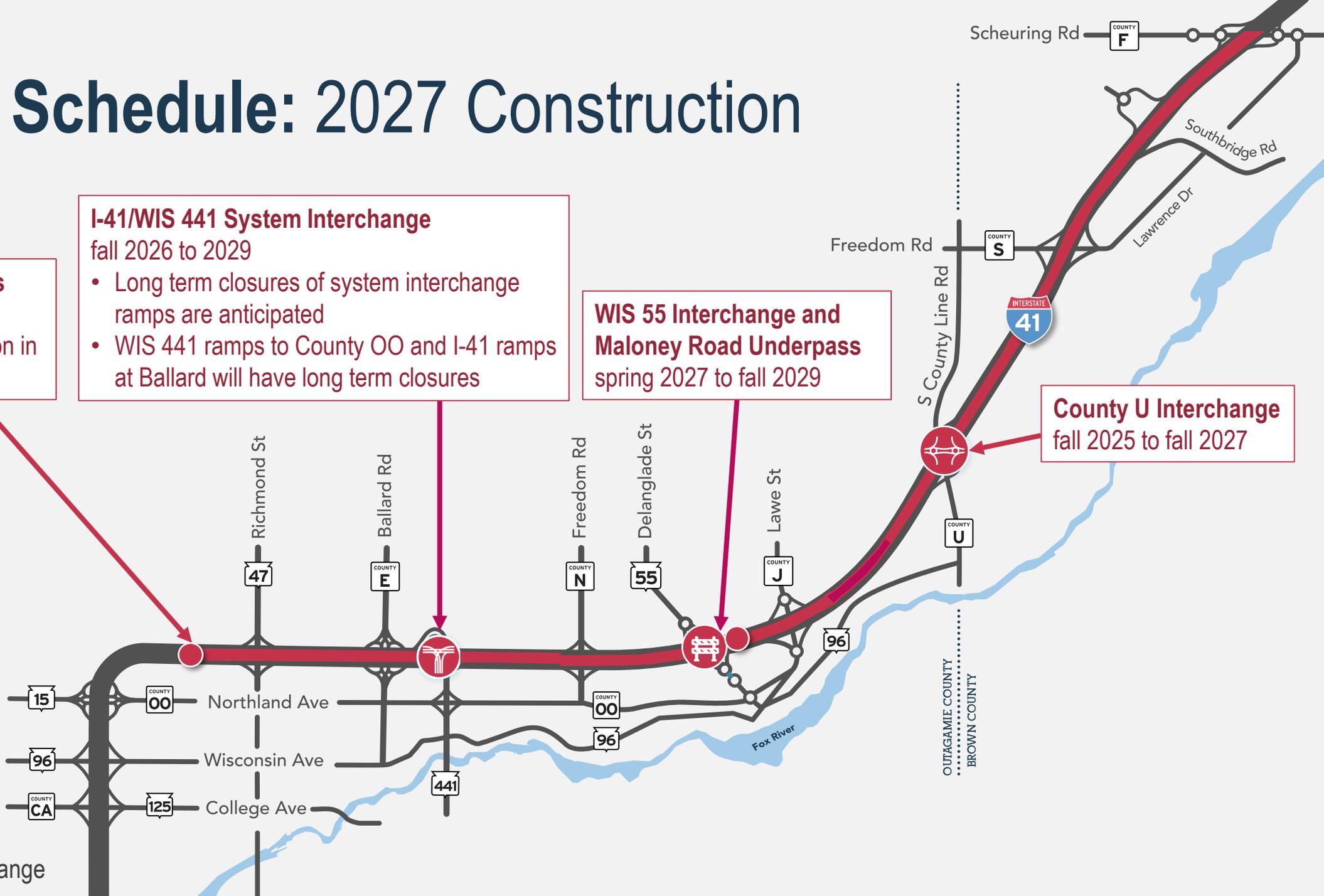
- Long term closures of system interchange ramps are anticipated
- WIS 441 ramps to County OO and I-41 ramps at Ballard will have long term closures

## 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

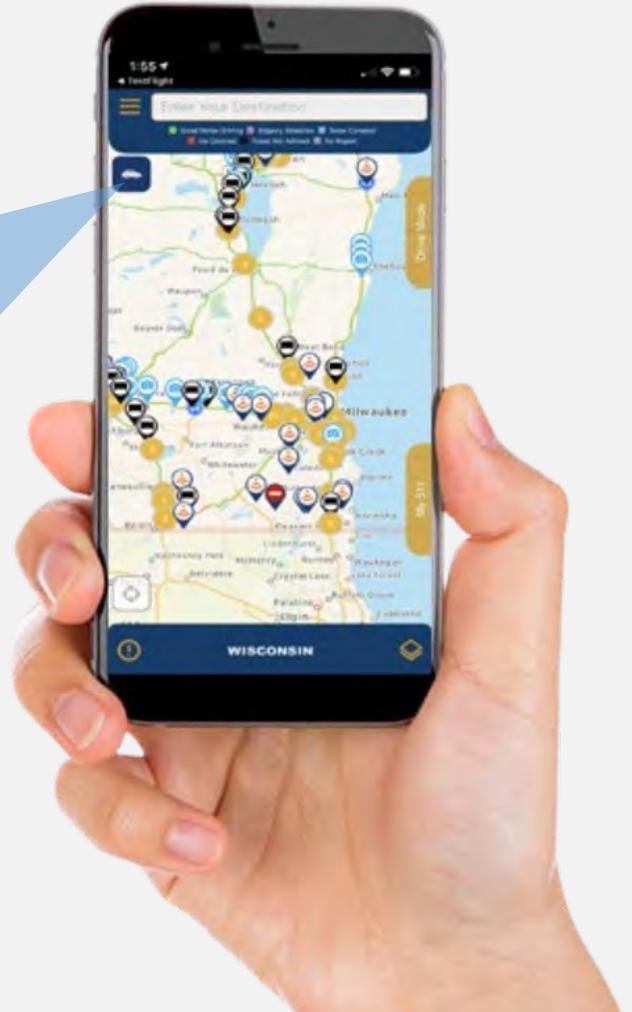


# Work Zone Safety: Know Before You Go

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

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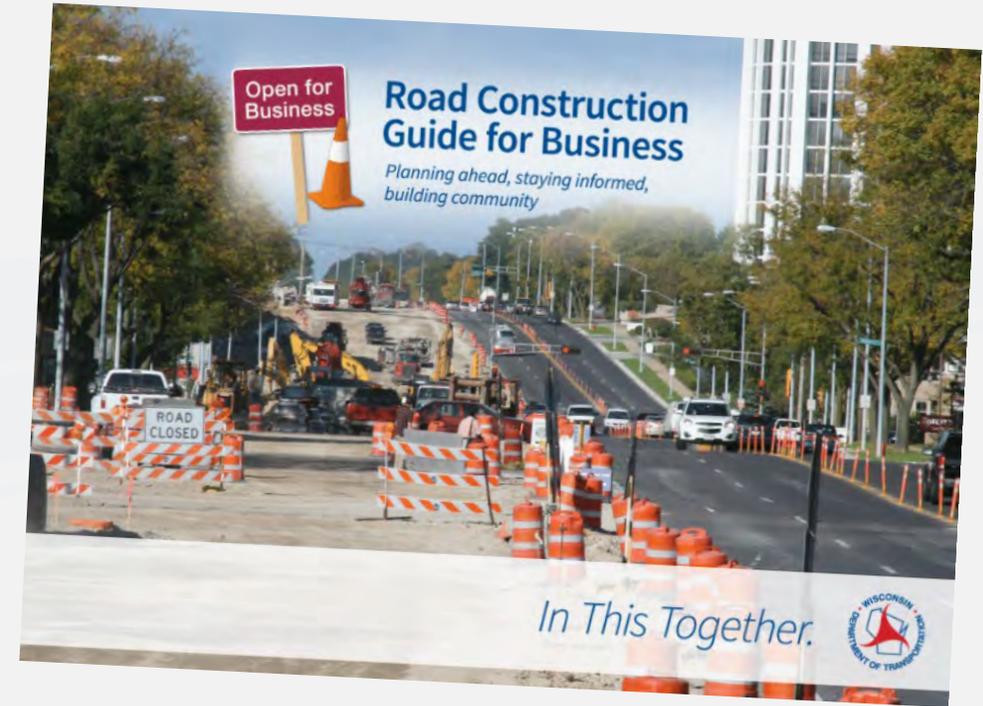
[www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov)



# Business Coordination

## We're In This Together!

- Visit [wisconsindot.gov/together](https://wisconsindot.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?



# Next Steps: Ongoing 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**

# 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



# Project Communication

- Email Distribution List: 4000+
- Mailing List: 14,000+
- Facebook Page:
  - Over 23,300 followers
  - Over 9.8 million views since January 1, 2025



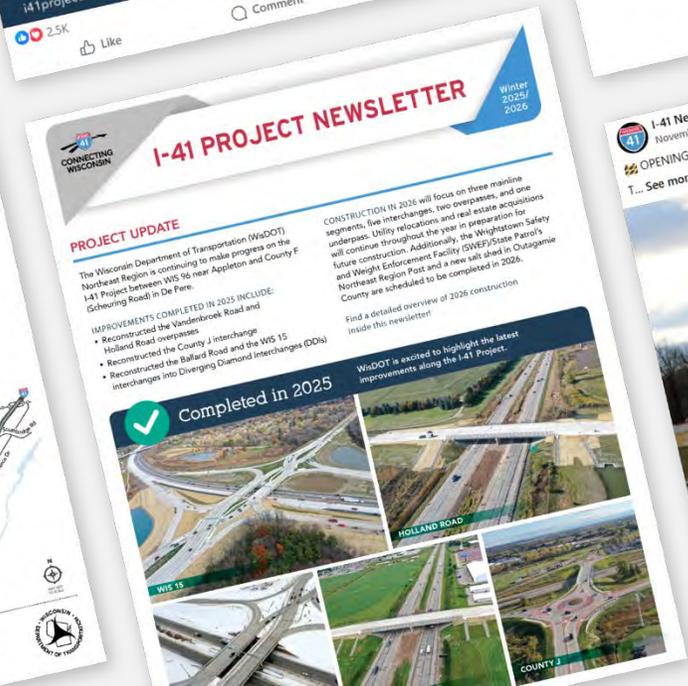
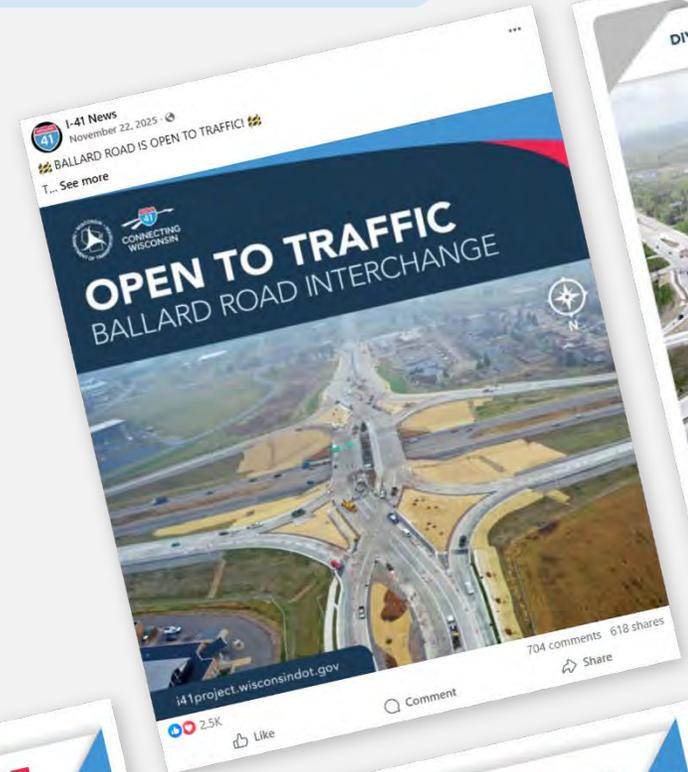
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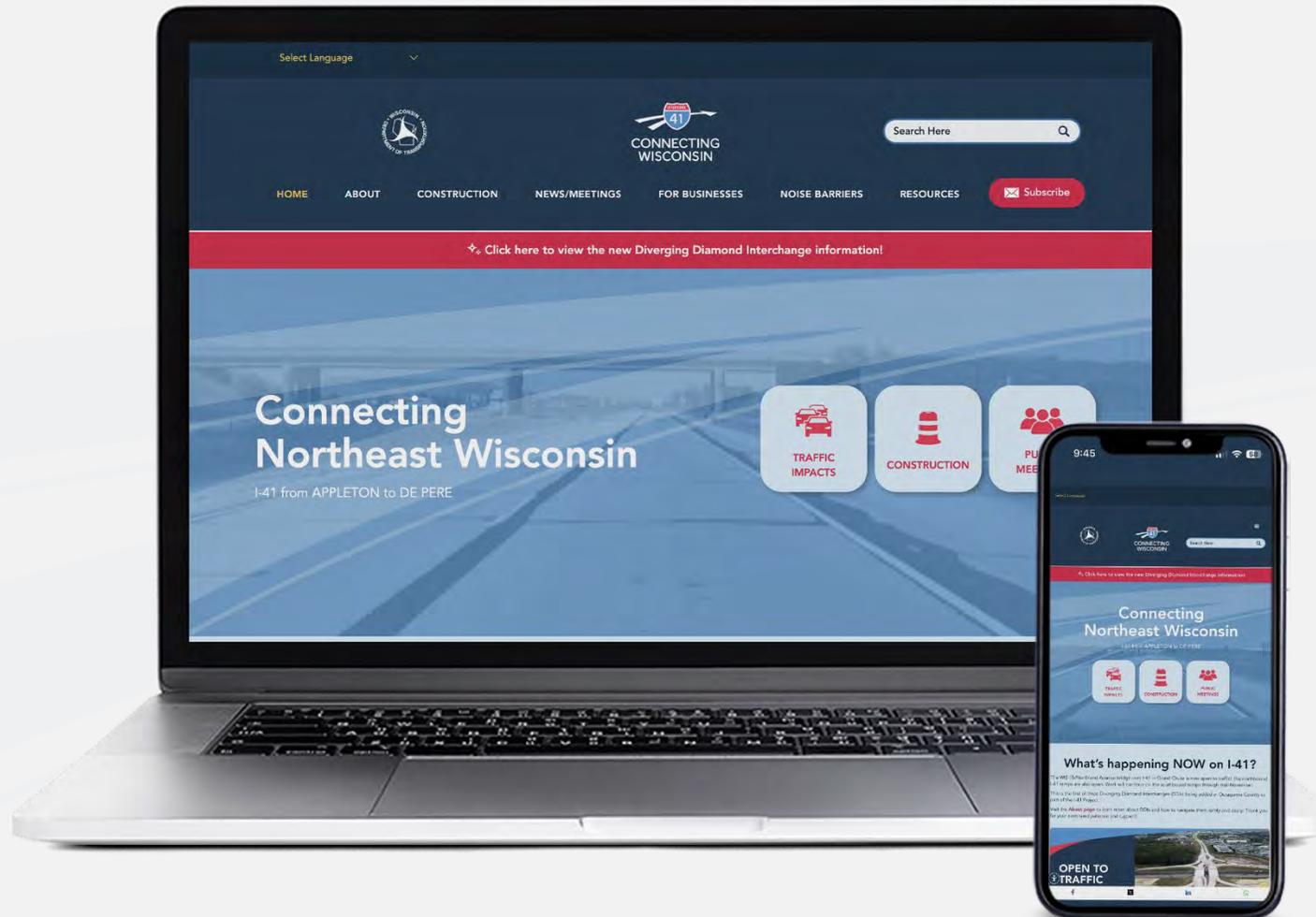
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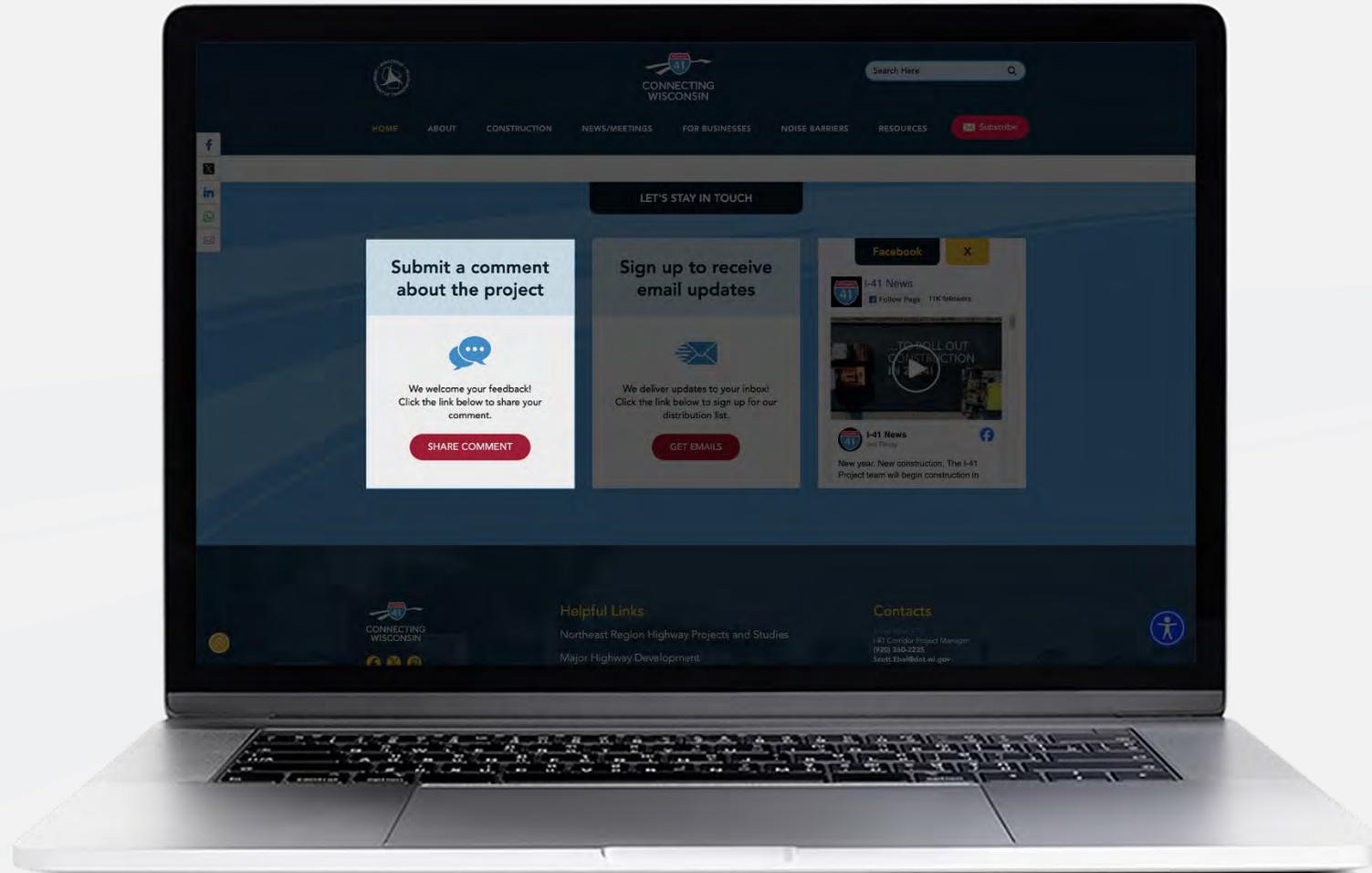
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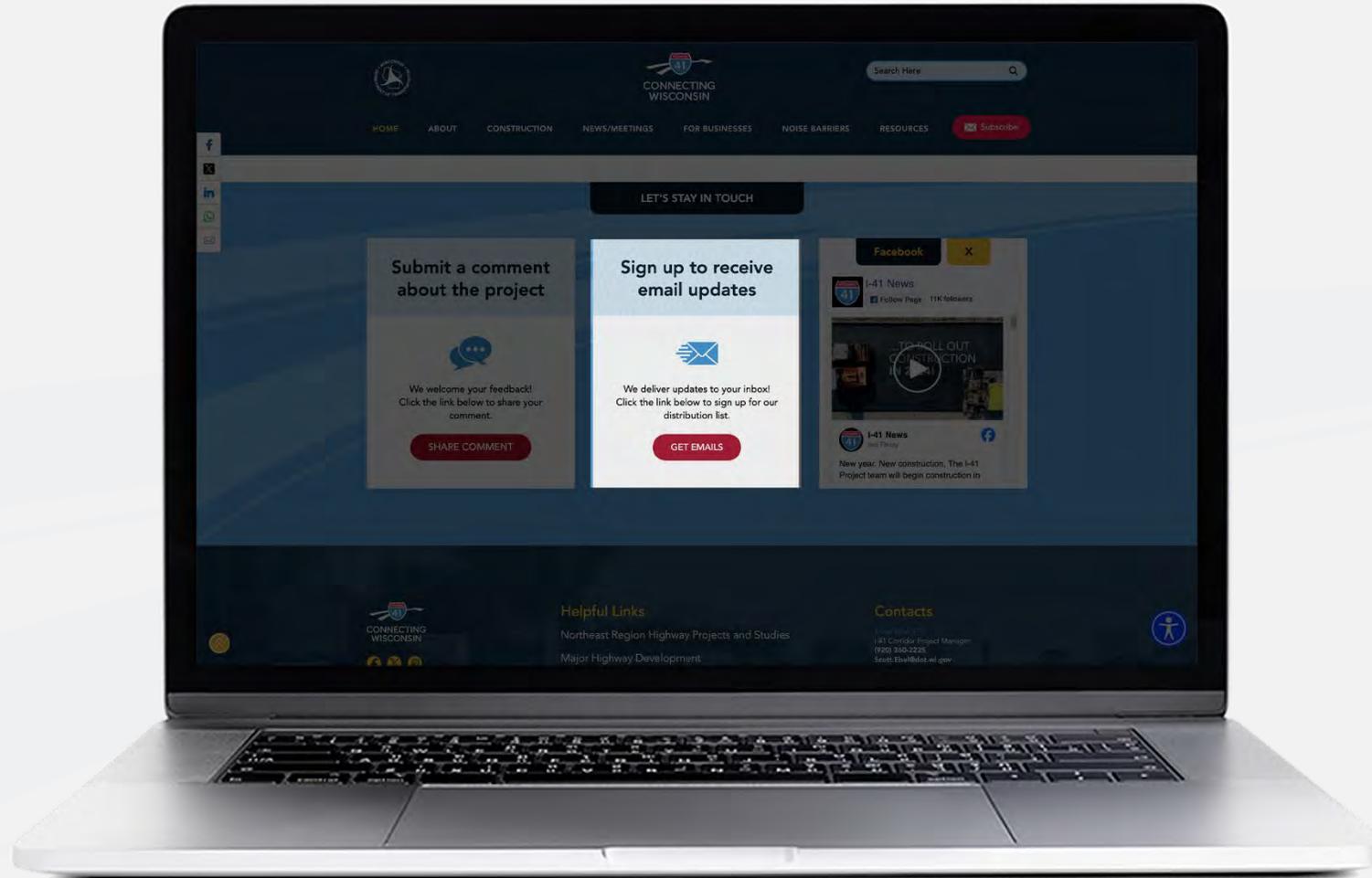
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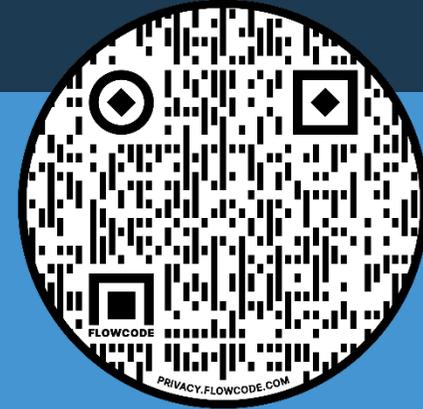
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