



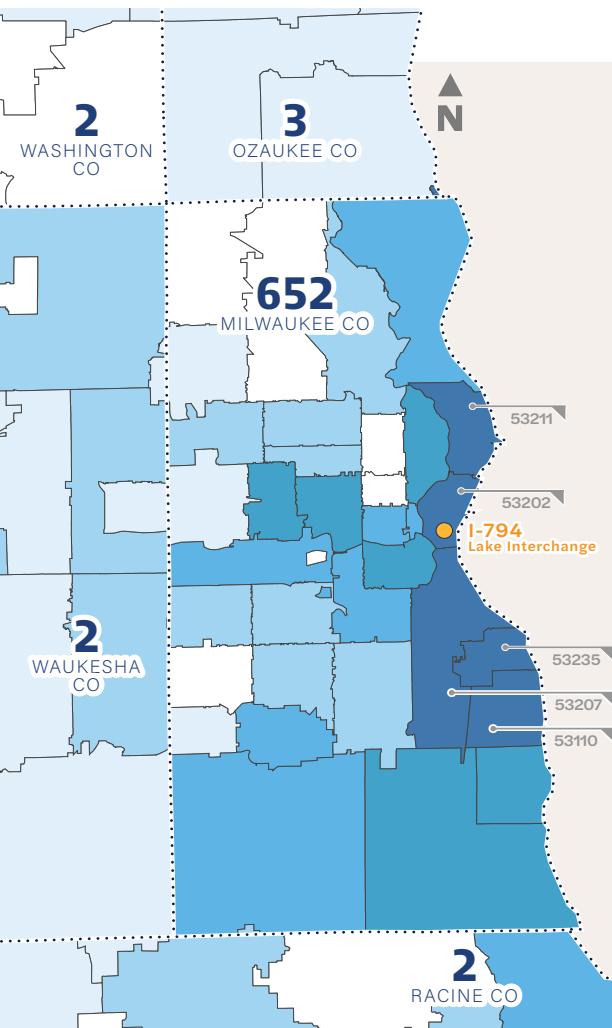
I-794 LAKE INTERCHANGE STUDY

NOVEMBER 2025

Public Meeting Summary

- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held two open house meetings for the I-794 Lake Interchange Study
- in November 2025 to share the latest study findings, including traffic analysis, on the Replace in Kind, Freeway Removal and
- Freeway Improvement alternatives. WisDOT also presented the preliminary evaluation criteria based on the project's purpose
- and need. In case you missed the meeting, you can view all meeting materials online at 794lakeinterchange.wisconsindot.gov/public-meetings/november-2025.

- **WHO PARTICIPATED**
- Public interest was strong with more than 700 attendees joining the two in-person meetings. Over the course of the
- 30-day comment period, 842 comment forms were submitted, whether in person at the meetings, via mail or online. The
- public meeting comment form was intended for input purposes and not as a scientific survey. Information provided is only
- representative of the participants that answered the multiple choice and rating scale questions.



COMMENT FORM RESPONSE BY ZIP CODE

Community members from across Milwaukee County and beyond shared their input. A total of 842 comment forms were submitted from November 4 to December 5, 2025.

652 responses were within Milwaukee County
most responses came from ZIP codes: 53207, 53202, 53235, 53211 and 53110

48 responses were outside of Milwaukee County

142 responses did not include a ZIP code

Fewest responses by ZIP code | | Most responses by ZIP code

HOW DO YOU USE THE LAKE INTERCHANGE?

There are many ways people interact with the Lake Interchange—whether commuting, exploring downtown or simply passing through.

635 RESPONSES

To access locations in downtown, Historic Third Ward and Lakefront

645 RESPONSES

To move through the area to other destinations on the regional freeway network

388 RESPONSES

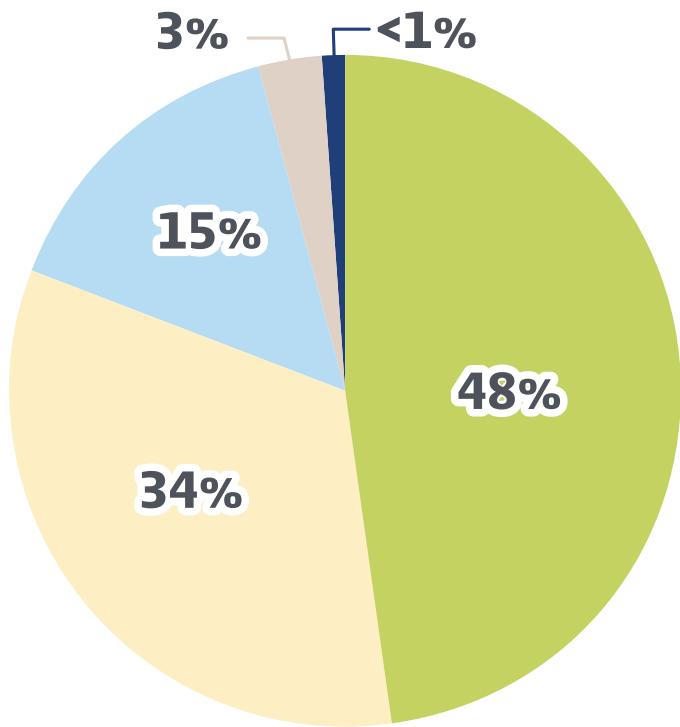
On surface streets, underneath the freeway

8 RESPONSES

I do not interact with I-794 and the Lake Interchange

HOW OFTEN DO YOU TYPICALLY INTERACT WITH I-794 AND THE LAKE INTERCHANGE?

Respondents shared the frequency with which they interact with the Lake Interchange—whether it's part of a daily commute, a weekly routine or an occasional trip.



ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVES

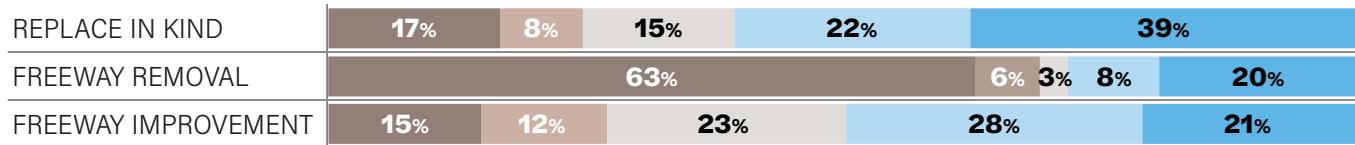
To view the design alternatives, visit 794lakeinterchange.wisconsindot.gov/#AlternativeGroups.

Participants were asked to share their perspectives on the possible future for the corridor: Replace in Kind, Freeway Removal and Freeway Improvement. Respondents shared how each alternative would affect their travel patterns, access to downtown, access to the regional freeway system, and the ease of walking, biking and moving between neighborhoods.

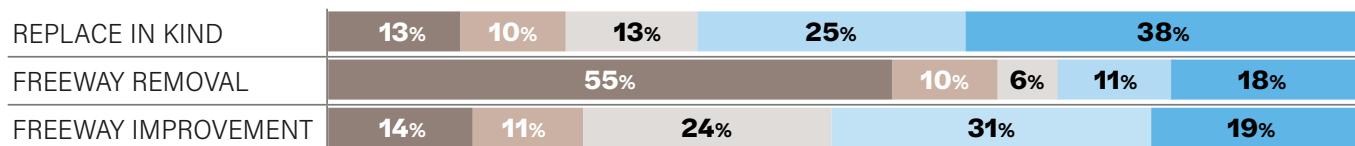
RATING SCALE:

 Strongly Disagree
  Disagree
  Neutral
  Agree
  Strongly Agree

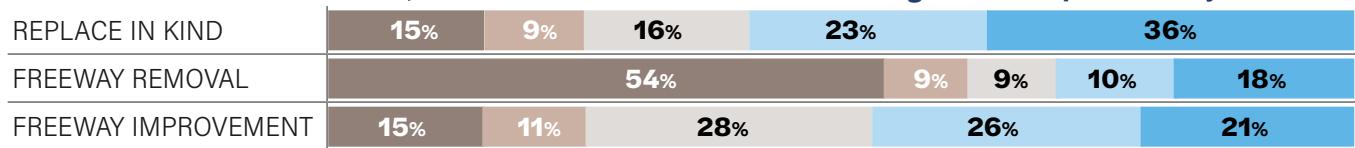
If this alternative was constructed, my travel patterns would be maintained or improved:



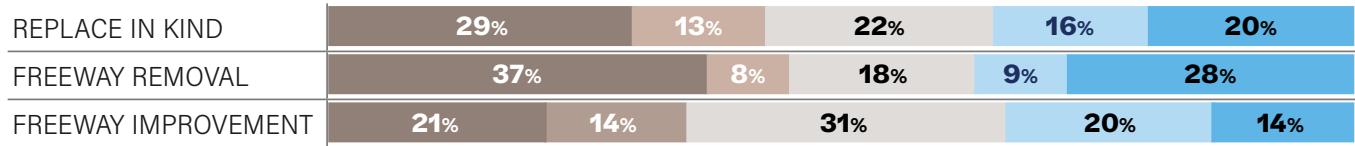
If this alternative was constructed, I would have efficient freeway access to and from destinations in downtown Milwaukee, Historic Third Ward and the Lakefront:



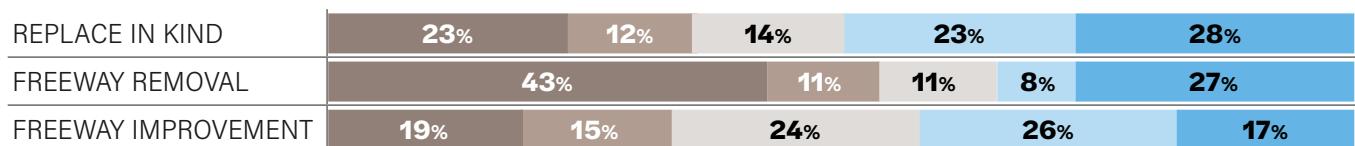
If this alternative was constructed, I would have efficient access to the regional transportation system:



If this alternative was constructed, I would be comfortable walking or riding my bike in the area:



If this alternative was constructed, I would be able to move easily between the various business districts and neighborhoods within downtown:





ROAD MAP TO A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

As WisDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) launch the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, we are dedicated to keeping you—along with community members, stakeholders and agency partners—informed. Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to get involved, ask questions and share your feedback before any decisions are finalized.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

SPRING 2026

Additional analysis on the alternatives will be presented to gather public feedback.

PUBLIC HEARING

LATE 2026

The preferred alternative, along with the finalization of resource impacts and draft environmental impact statement, will be presented to gather formal public comments.

TOPICS

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ANALYSES
LAND USE MARKET ANALYSIS
FREIGHT ANALYSIS
COSTS BY ALTERNATIVE
PRELIMINARY RESOURCE IMPACTS

TOPICS

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
FINALIZATION OF RESOURCE IMPACTS
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Public input is one of many factors being considered as we advance the study and evaluate alternatives. We appreciate your input and look forward to additional engagement opportunities on this study!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To stay informed, visit the study website at:
794lakeinterchange.wisconsindot.gov

