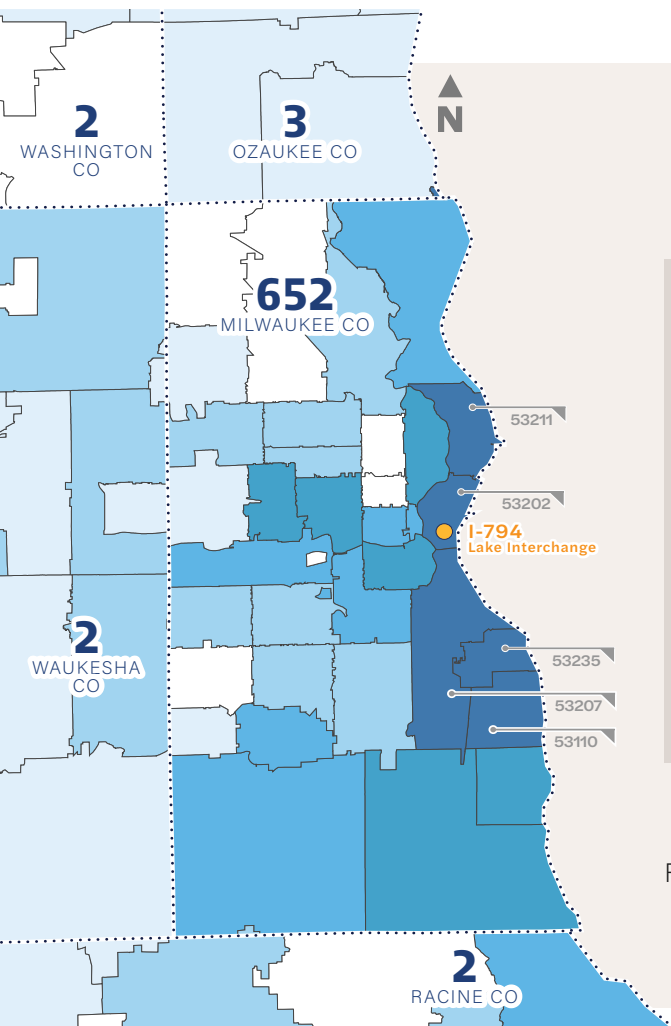




The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held two open house meetings for the I-794 Lake Interchange Study in November 2025 to share the latest study findings, including traffic analysis, on the Replace in Kind, Freeway Removal and Freeway Improvement alternatives. WisDOT also presented the 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.wisconsin.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

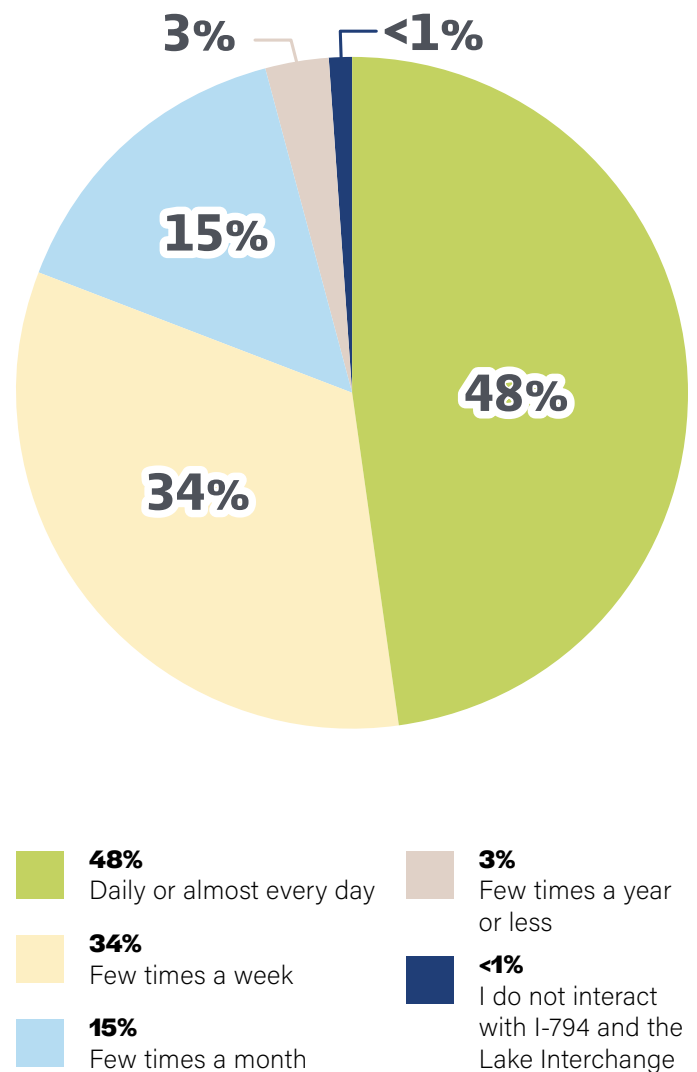
HOW DO YOU USE THE LAKE INTERCHANGE?

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



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.wisconsin.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:

REPLACE IN KIND	17%	8%	15%	22%	39%
FREEWAY REMOVAL	63%	6%	3%	8%	20%
FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT	15%	12%	23%	28%	21%

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

REPLACE IN KIND	13%	10%	13%	25%	38%
FREEWAY REMOVAL	55%	10%	6%	11%	18%
FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT	14%	11%	24%	31%	19%

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

REPLACE IN KIND	15%	9%	16%	23%	36%
FREEWAY REMOVAL	54%	9%	9%	10%	18%
FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT	15%	11%	28%	26%	21%

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

REPLACE IN KIND	29%	13%	22%	16%	20%
FREEWAY REMOVAL	37%	8%	18%	9%	28%
FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT	21%	14%	31%	20%	14%

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

REPLACE IN KIND	23%	12%	14%	23%	28%
FREEWAY REMOVAL	43%	11%	11%	8%	27%
FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT	19%	15%	24%	26%	17%

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.

TOPICS

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

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

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

