

## City of Milwaukee – Proposed I-94 East-West Impact Reduction & System Improvements

For purposes of this document, each project’s “Project Type” and “Project Timeline” is defined as follows:

### Project Type:

*Improvement Project or Initiative = Project falling directly within the footprint of or an initiative being directly incorporated into the I-94 reconstruction work*

*Mitigation Project = Project at another location(s) to alleviate the negative impacts of the Interstate*

### Project Timeline:

*Concurrent Project or Initiative = Project or initiative that can/should happen before or during Interstate reconstruction*

*Long-Term Commitment = Project or initiative requiring legislative action, additional funding commitments, and/or longer lead time that would happen after Interstate reconstruction*

## **Workforce Development & Jobs benefits to City of Milwaukee Residents (Underserved Populations)**

1. Establish workforce development initiatives and requirements on State/Federal transportation projects within the City of Milwaukee, including the reconstruction of I-94, with the intent of maximizing participation of City of Milwaukee residents.
  - Incorporate the City of Milwaukee’s RPP requirements.
  - Partner with local workforce development agencies that can assist with training and linking City of Milwaukee residents to construction job opportunities

Initiative Type = Improvement

Initiative Timeline = Concurrent and Long Term

## **Neighborhood Connectivity & Quality of Life Improvements:**

The following projects prioritize access and safety between neighborhoods immediately within and to the north and south of the I-94 project corridor (Silver City, Mitchell Park, Clarke Square, Walker Square, Menomonee Valley, Pigsville, Merrill Park, Concordia, Marquette). These projects also improve mobility options and mitigate climate change.

1. Adopt the City’s Complete Streets Policy for State/Federal transportation projects within the City of Milwaukee.

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

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2. Ensure the 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Street, and 35<sup>th</sup> Street crossings across the Menomonee Valley and I-94 and the extended north and south subject street corridors that carry traffic to/from Interstate access ramps include enhanced pedestrian, bike, transit and neighborhood connectivity accommodations.

Project Type = Improvement and Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

3. Ensure the Hawley Road, 68<sup>th</sup> Street, and 70<sup>th</sup> Street crossings under I-94 and the extended north and south subject street corridors that carry traffic to/from Interstate access ramps include enhanced pedestrian, bike, transit, and neighborhood connectivity accommodations.

Project Type = Improvement and Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

4. Enhance walking, biking, and/or transit access to the Menomonee Valley on General Mitchell Blvd, Yount Dr, 44<sup>th</sup> St, 32<sup>nd</sup> St, 25<sup>th</sup> St, and 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Project Type = Improvement

Project Timeline = Concurrent

5. Reconstruct St Paul Ave between 27<sup>th</sup> St and 6<sup>th</sup> St to support the emerging ‘Makers District’ and address traffic safety concerns.

Project Type = Improvement

Project Timeline = Concurrent

6. Reconstruct Clybourn St/Tory Hill St/Michigan St between 27<sup>th</sup> St and the Lakefront to provide better walking and biking accommodations and added landscaping.

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

7. Consider / construct noise mitigation measures for heightened fly-over ramps within the Stadium Interchange per the desire of the adjacent neighborhoods.

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

8. Implement community sensitive design treatments into the design of the Interstate and the interchanges to reduce the negative visual impact of the freeway.

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

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9. Reconstruct N/S 6<sup>th</sup> St between Walkers Point and Halyard Park into a multimodal corridor to better access jobs, education, entertainment, etc.

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

10. Remove and replace the WI-175 spur between American Family Field and Lisbon Ave into a tree-lined boulevard to reconnect the Washington Heights and Washington Park neighborhoods and create new opportunities for economic development, recreation, open space, etc.

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Long-Term Commitment

### **Mobility Projects:**

Projects that support and encourage multi-modal transportation and first/last-mile access to jobs, education, and recreation. These projects will improve health outcomes and spur neighborhood economic development. Many of these projects connect neighborhoods within and beyond the I-94 corridor, and all of these projects mitigate climate change.

1. Reconstruct neighborhood commercial corridors into multimodal, people-focused streets that better support small businesses, health, and livability (e.g. Fond Du Lac Avenue (WI 145), National Avenue (WI 59), North Avenue, Cesar Chavez Drive, etc.)

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent, Long-Term Commitment

2. Improve Capitol Drive (WI 190) as a multimodal corridor with enhanced pedestrian, bicycle, and/or transit accommodations (WIS 100 to the Milwaukee River)

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent, Long-Term Commitment

3. Fund a Long-range Transit plan for Milwaukee County that considers how to most effectively build out a comprehensive transit system working off the SEWRPC 2050 Plan and the existing transit initiatives: MCTS Next, Bus Rapid Transit, and The HOP Streetcar. The plan would identify existing routes and potential extensions of the various transit options and identify an approach to operationally integrate a comprehensive system that maximizes the benefits of both the bus and rail transit. The plan would also consider micro-transit options that may provide complimentary first mile/last mile connections.

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent, Long-Term Commitment

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4. Build the proposed transit hub at Wisconsin Ave and N Vel R Phillips Ave that would serve the intersection of The Hop and East-West BRT line

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

5. Fund and construct the Muskego Yard Freight Rail Bypass Project to reduce the number of freight trains crossing at grade at Plankinton Ave and Ember Lane and the number of freight trains passing through the Intermodal Station.

Project Type = Improvement

Project Timeline = Concurrent

6. Expand the BublR Bikes system to include stations every quarter to half-mile within a 3-mile radius of the I-94 corridor, including funding for E-Bikes and system operations

Project Type = Improvement, Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

7. Reconstruct Mt. Vernon Ave (25<sup>th</sup> St to 12<sup>th</sup> St) to provide an additional east/west route during construction and to provide future multimodal transportation options.

Project Type = Improvement

Project Timeline = Concurrent

8. Construct a new multi-use trail in the southern portion of the 30th Street Corridor that connects the Hank Aaron State Trail to the Oak Leaf Trail (Doyne Park)

Project Type = Improvement

Project Timeline = Concurrent

9. Create new access points to the Hank Aaron State Trail where necessary

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation

Project Timeline = Concurrent

10. Build out the Route of the Badger within the City of Milwaukee to create a network of low-stress bikeways, including off-street trails, separated bike lanes on major streets, and bicycle boulevards on residential streets

Project Type = Mitigation

Project Timeline = Long-Term Commitment

11. Realize the true value of the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor by purchasing right-of-way where needed for a Rail with Trail project. Construct an off-street trail where feasible and reinitiate a

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passenger rail feasibility study for the Corridor with next steps for project development to implementation.

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### **Climate Projects:**

Projects intended to offset carbon emissions and stormwater runoff added as part of the Interstate reconstruction work. Other benefits of these projects include, but are not limited to, reduced heat island effect, improved mental health, and increased property values.

1. Construct green infrastructure to manage and clean all storm water runoff from this reconstructed segment of I-94.

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation  
Project Timeline = Concurrent

2. Fund tree planting around the City (parks, streets, boulevards, and neighborhood green spaces)

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation  
Project Timeline = Concurrent

3. Establish a network of electric vehicle charging stations strategically installed to promote and encourage electric vehicle ownership.

Project Type = Improvement / Mitigation  
Project Timeline = Concurrent