

# 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Rail with Trail Project

Zoning, Neighborhoods, & Development Committee

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# Review of Project Objectives

- ▶ A feasibility study of a shared bicycle/pedestrian path alongside railroad corridor in Milwaukee's northside
- ▶ Funded by a WisDOT TAP grant
- ▶ Engage the community in the planning process
- ▶ Coordinate with private railroad companies on potential trail benefits such as safety and security
- ▶ Evaluate alternative routes along or near the rail corridor at pinch points that preclude a trail within the corridor
- ▶ Complete the first phase of design



# Review: 30th Street Corridor Description

- ▶ 7-mile corridor, Havenwoods State Forest to Menomonee Valley
- ▶ ~75% owned by WATCO/Wisconsin Southern, ~25% by Canadian Pacific (CP)
- ▶ At-grade, above-grade and below-grade conditions
  - ▶ 9 railroad bridges over City of Milwaukee streets
  - ▶ 11 City of Milwaukee bridges over rail
  - ▶ One railroad underpass at I-94
  - ▶ 3 at-grade railroad crossings at City of Milwaukee streets
- ▶ Rail ROW is typically 100-ft wide, mostly single-tracked



# Project Schedule Overview

Phase	2026				2027	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Engagement Round 1: Priorities & Existing Conditions	★					
Engagement Round 2: Alternatives		★				
Engagement Round 3: Preferred Alignment			★			
Feasibility Study			→			
30% Design Plans				→		

# Stakeholder Engagement

- ▶ Technical Advisory Committee:
  - ▶ Municipal agencies, County, SEWRPC, WisDOT representatives (approx. 10 people)
  - ▶ Anticipate meeting up to 8 times throughout the project
- ▶ Public Advisory Committee:
  - ▶ Community organizations and leaders, coalition members, advocacy organizations local to the corridor
  - ▶ \$1,500 stipends for 10 non-profit organizations to participate
  - ▶ Anticipate meeting up to 8 times throughout the project
- ▶ Additional Stakeholders:
  - ▶ Major businesses, additional neighborhood organizations, BIDs, advocacy groups, etc.



# Round 1 Engagement

Anticipated Jan. 26 - Feb. 28, 2026

- ▶ Goals of Round 1:
  - ▶ Share existing conditions analysis with the community
  - ▶ Confirm project goals, and define community priorities and values
  - ▶ Identify key trail connections and potential opportunities for ramps/trailheads
  - ▶ Raise project awareness and offer education about rail-with-trails and benefits of trails
- ▶ Engagement Activities:
  - ▶ Technical Advisory Committee and Public Advisory Committee meetings
  - ▶ Additional stakeholder focus group meetings
  - ▶ Meeting with the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Equitable Development Coalition
  - ▶ (1) Public meeting
  - ▶ Online web content, e-blasts, social media, potential mailing
  - ▶ Online survey



# Round 2 Engagement

Anticipated April 2026

- ▶ Goals of Round 2:
  - ▶ Reflect what was heard from Round 1
  - ▶ Share alternative trail alignments with the community and receive input
  - ▶ Continue to raise awareness about the project and educate the community
- ▶ Engagement Activities:
  - ▶ Technical Advisory Committee and Public Advisory Committee meetings
  - ▶ Additional stakeholder focus group meetings
  - ▶ Meeting with the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Equitable Development Task Force
  - ▶ (2) Public meetings in two different parts of the corridor
  - ▶ Online web content, e-blasts, social media, potential mailing
  - ▶ Online survey



Questions?

