

Reimagining WIS 175 Study

Local Officials Update: February 2023

The Reimagining WIS 175 Study has begun! The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), along with study partners Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee, are collaboratively working on a study for WIS 175 between Wisconsin Avenue and Lisbon Avenue.

WIS 175 Corridor

This is our opportunity to re-think WIS 175 also known as the Stadium Freeway or the Stadium Spur. The 6-lane urban freeway was constructed in 1962 and impacted Washington Park and many properties within the corridor. This section of WIS 175 was part of a larger freeway network that was never built. Now, the resulting depressed freeway with grade separated interchanges creates a disconnect between neighborhoods with a lack of pedestrian, bike and bus access.

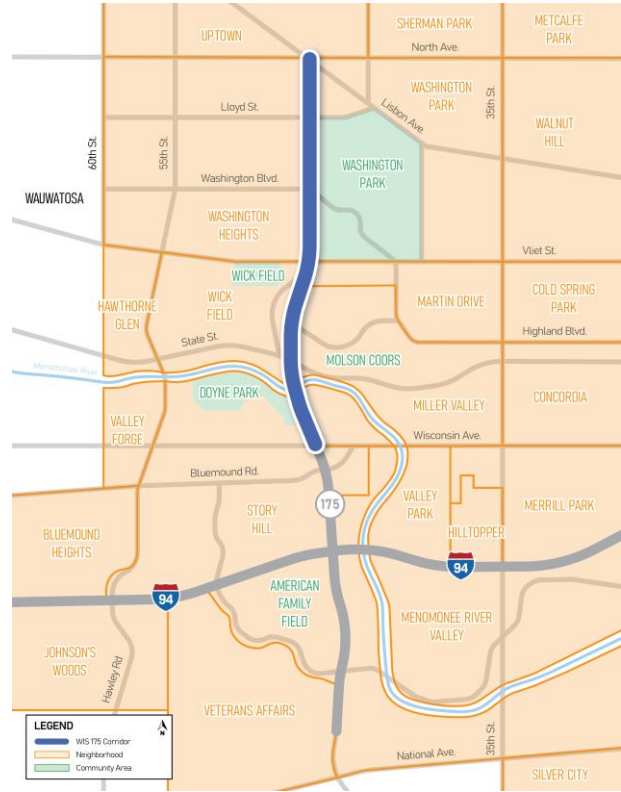
Goals

The Reimagining WIS 175 Study will take a comprehensive, holistic approach to evaluate potential, viable alternatives for the future WIS 175 corridor in a way that accommodates vehicles, transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections; connects neighborhoods, and promotes socio-economic vitality.

Scope of Study

- Partner with community stakeholders to identify the status of the existing roadway infrastructure and identify opportunities for potential future improvements.
- Analyze a variety of alternatives ranging from replacing the freeway to an at-grade street considering greenspaces, parks, land use and future development.
- Involve the community with robust public engagement.
- Identify viable alternatives that meet the traffic and community needs with a focus on reconnecting communities.

Study Area



Schedule and Status

	2022				2023				2024			
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Reimagining WIS 175 Study Announced	█											
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application			█									
Research & Data Gathering				█								
Begin Public Outreach and Public Involvement Meeting #1					█							
Develop Alternatives						█						
Public Involvement Meeting #2							█					
Evaluate Alternatives								█				
Public Involvement Meeting #3									█			
Finalize Study											█	

A preliminary survey and stakeholder conversations have begun to get initial opinions about how to foster effective engagement and gather initial perceptions of the WIS 175 corridor. WisDOT and the study partners have applied for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) federal grant to assist with the study funding. There will be a community-wide kickoff meeting this spring. The Study is planned to be complete by the end of 2024. More information coming soon!

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Visit the WIS 175 Study Webpage:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/se/default.aspx>

