

# Madison Beltline PEL Study

## Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southwest Region is conducting a long-term study of the Madison Beltline corridor called a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study. This handout provides you with an update on the status of the study and the Draft Strategy Packages assembled to address long term safety, accessibility, operational, and infrastructure concerns on approximately 20 miles of US 12/14/18/151 (Beltline) extending from US 14 (city of Middleton) to County N (town of Cottage Grove) in Dane County.

## PEL Study Goal

The PEL study goal is to improve safety and multimodal travel along and across the Madison Beltline corridor in a way that supports economic development, acknowledges community plans, contributes positively to the area's quality of life, and limits adverse environmental and social effects to the extent practicable.



## Draft Strategy Packages provide blueprint for future improvements on the corridor



**Individual components have been combined into Draft Strategy Packages.**

The PEL study considers different improvements at specific locations on, near, or across the Beltline that, when combined, will address the study goal. We are calling these "Components," and they include:

- New local road crossings and connections (e.g. constructing a new bridge over the Beltline)
- Improved transit
- Mainline and interchange improvements
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections (e.g. constructing a new path to connect areas near the Beltline)
- Park and ride options (e.g. adding a new park and ride lot serving potential Beltline travelers)

The PEL team has assembled various Components into Draft Strategy Packages creating a long-term vision for improvements on and near the Beltline corridor.

The feedback we receive from this meeting will help determine the long-term future of this important corridor.

## Beltline Flex Lane Performance

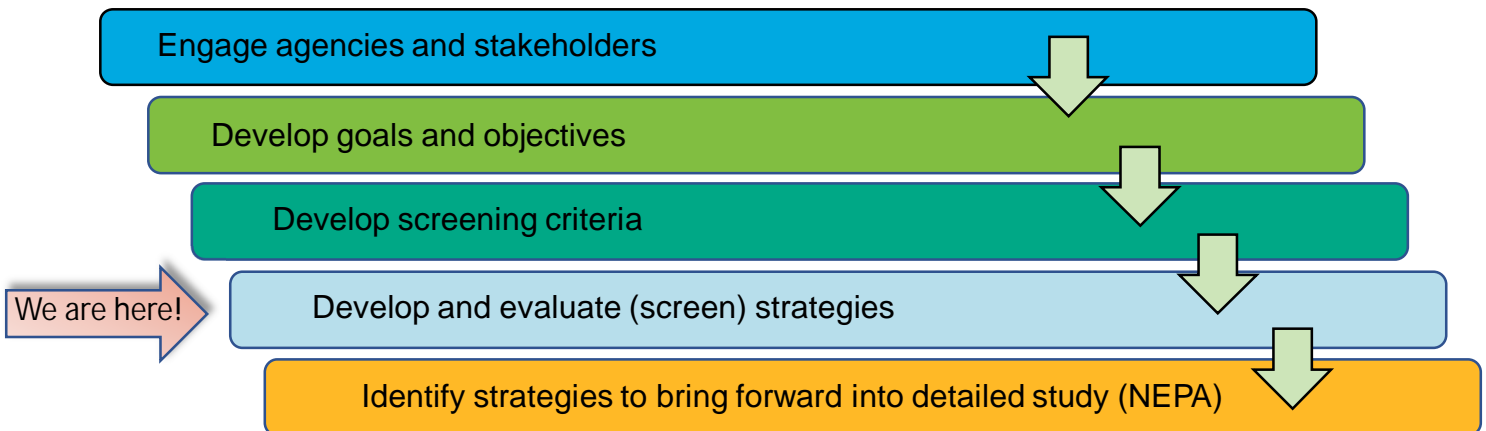
Now in service for nearly a year, the Beltline Flex Lane has reduced congestion and improved mobility between Verona Road and I-39/90.

Prior to the opening of the Flex Lane, the average travel time between US 151/Verona Road and I-39/90 was 25 to 38 minutes during the busiest time of the morning. The most recent data indicates the same trip took 12 to 15 minutes, a reduction of up to 60% with the implementation of the Flex Lane.



Although the Flex Lane is a separate project from the current PEL Study, the positive results from the addition of the Flex Lane allows WisDOT the opportunity to focus more immediate attention on potential improvements to the west side of the Beltline corridor.

## Beltline PEL Process:



## We Want to Hear From You



After reviewing the Strategy Packages presented at today's meeting, we ask that you take a short survey to provide us with your input. The survey will be available until **July 7, 2023**.

Simply scan the QR code with your cell phone's camera to launch the survey or access the survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/rPsTtCgPD9>.

Alternatively, you can visit the Madison Beltline PEL Study Public Involvement page to access a comment form at <https://bit.ly/BeltlinePEL>.