

# Verona Road (US 18/151) Project





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## US 18/151 (Verona Road)



Project



County PD to Seminole Highway



**Dane County** 



# Project Area Stages 1 and 2

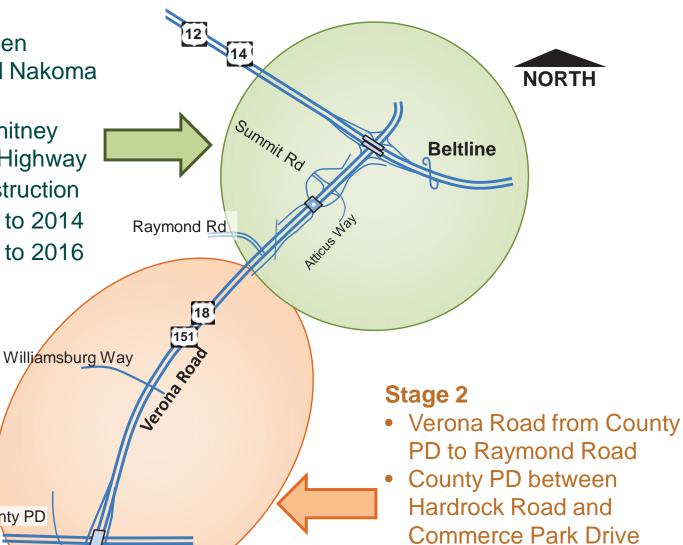


Construction 2017 to 2019

#### Stage 1

- Verona Road between Raymond Road and Nakoma Road
- Beltline between Whitney Way and Seminole Highway
- Two phases of construction
  - Phase 1, 2013 to 2014
  - Phase 2, 2014 to 2016

County PD

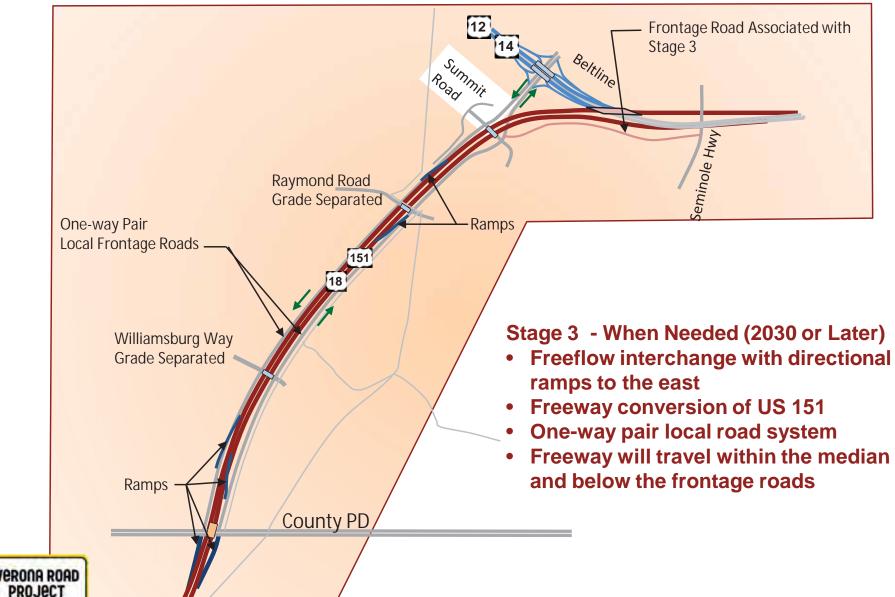






#### Project Area Stage 3







## Why Improve Verona Road?

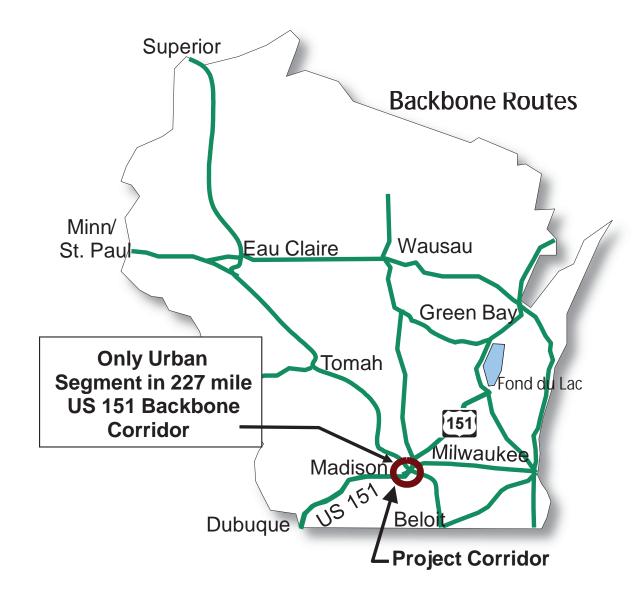


#### US 151's role in the State Transportation System

US 151 is a Connections 2030 Backbone Route in the State Highway Plan.

Backbone Routes are the state's most important highways.

They make up only 3 percent of Wisconsin's roadways, yet carry 34 percent of all auto travel and 57 percent of all truck travel.



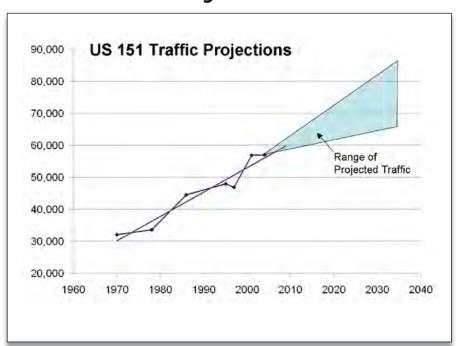




## Why Improve Verona Road?

Congestion: US 151 traffic has steadily risen from 30,000 vehicles per day in 1968 to 60,000 vehicles today. Capacity of the existing roadway has been exceeded.

**Safety:** At-Grade intersection conflicts.



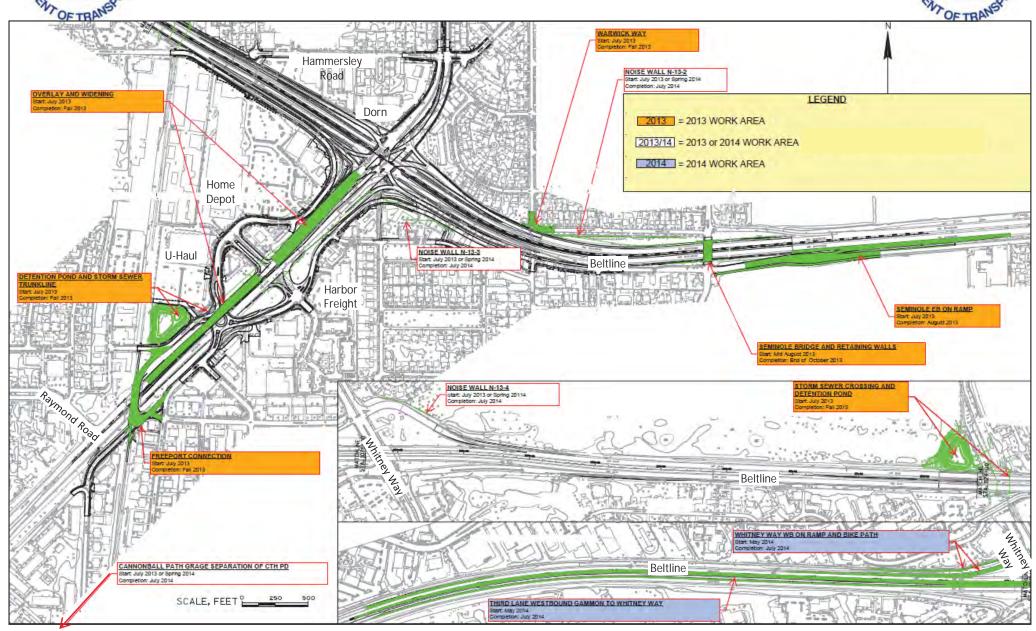




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## Stage 1 Features

Phase 1: 2013 to 2014 Construction





#### Phase 1: 2014 Construction



To ease congestion during construction, the following intersections and digital message boards will be constructed in 2014.

- 1. County M and County PB: Signal and turn lane extensions proposed.
- **2**. County M and County D (Fish Hatchery Road): Signal and turn lanes proposed.
- 3. County D and Whalen Road:
  Turn lane and bike accommodations proposed.
- **4. Seminole Highway and Lacy Road:** Turn lane additions.
- 5. County PD and Seminole Highway: Eastbound left turn lane extension.
- **6. Seminole Highway and Sentinel Pass:** Signal and turn lane extensions.
- 7. Whitney Way and Gilbert: Southbound left-turn lane extension.
- **8. Seminole Highway, Yuma and Nakoma** I Signal and revised pavement marking.
- 9. Digital Message Boards



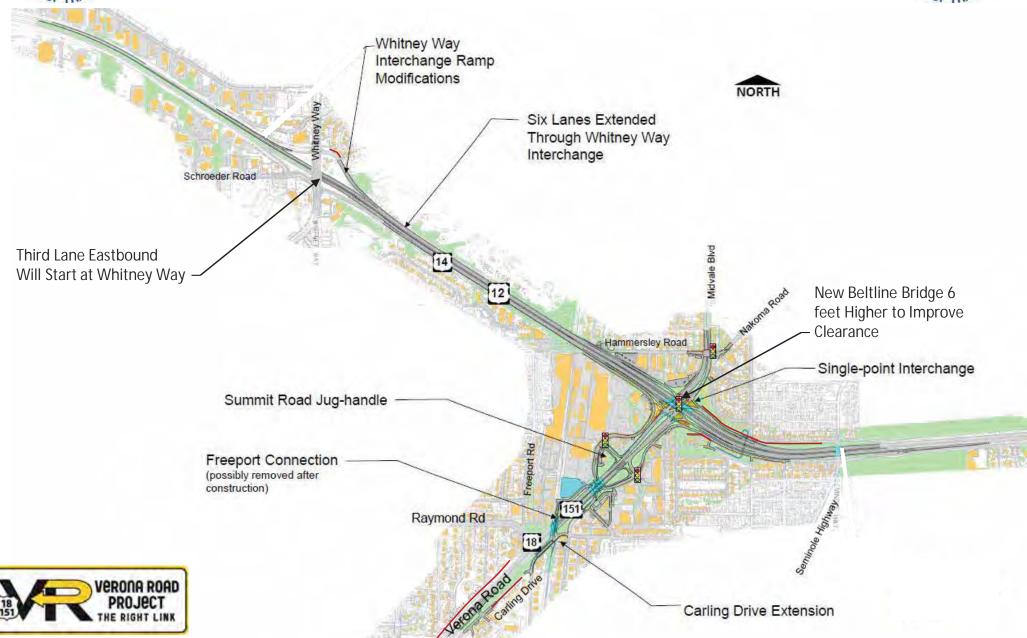


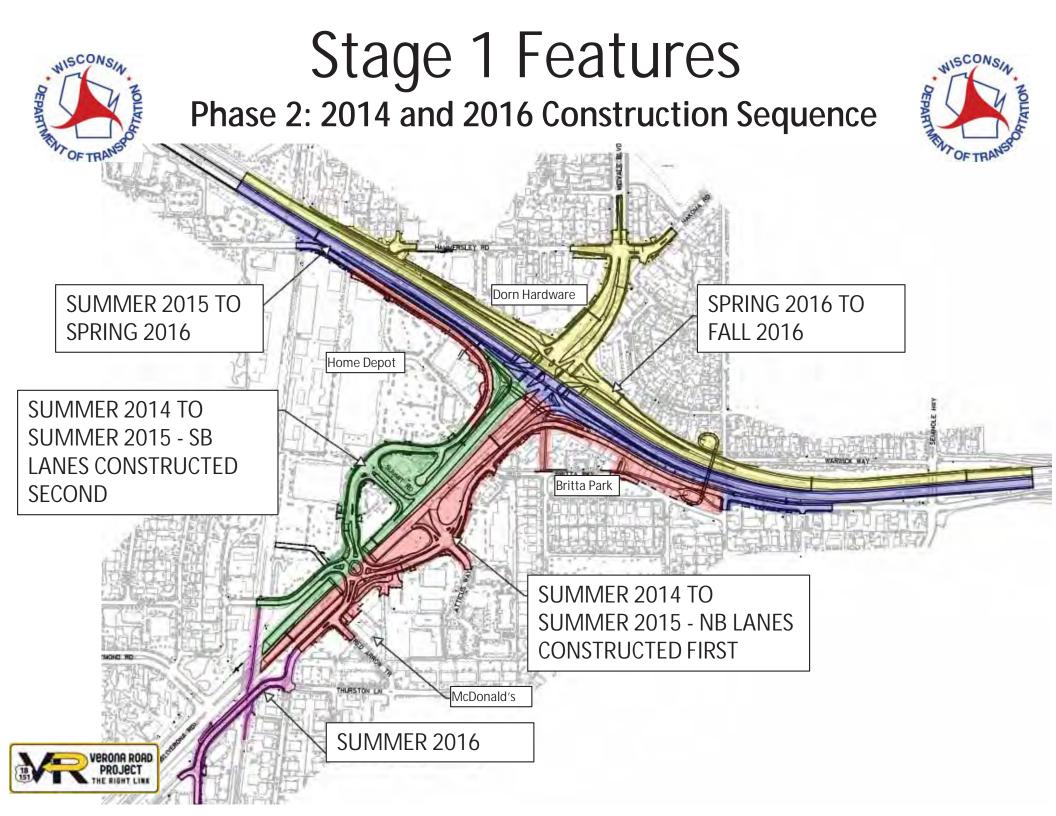
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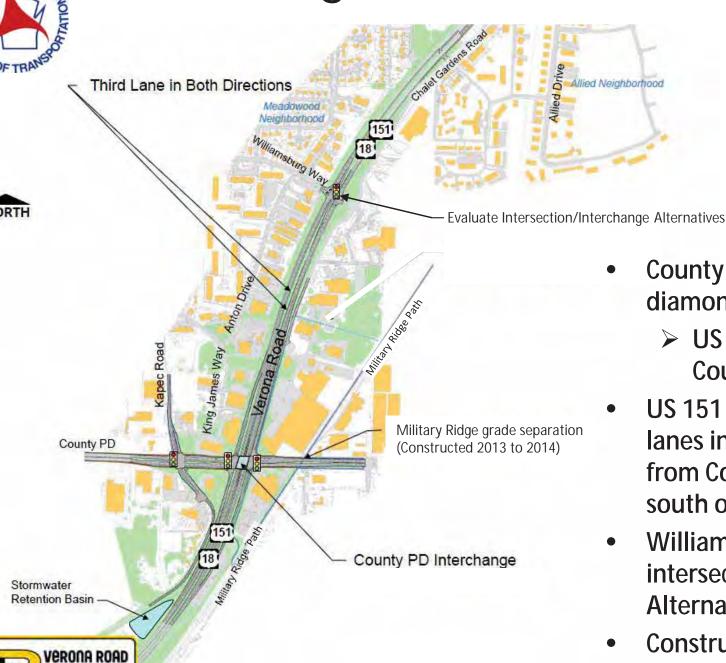
Phase 2: 2014 to 2016 Construction











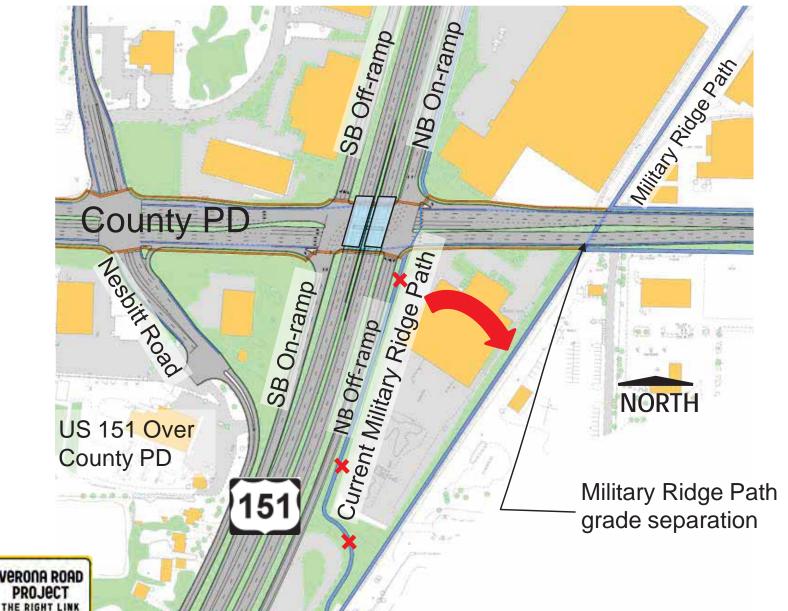
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- County PD converted to a diamond interchange.
  - ➤ US 151 will travel over County PD
- US 151 expanded to three lanes in each direction from County PD to just south of Raymond Road
- Williamsburg Way intersection/interchange Alternatives Reviewed
- Construction 2017 to 2019



#### County PD Interchange







#### Williamsburg Way Alternatives



4 Intersection/Interchange Alternatives Reviewed Criteria Included

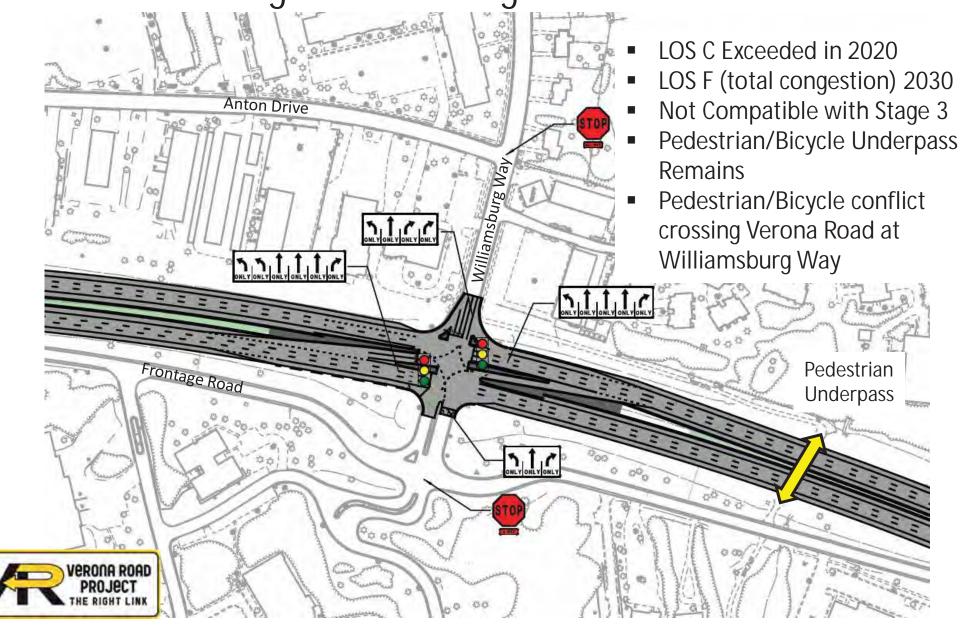
- Year the LOS C (Low/Moderate Congestion) exceeded - FHWA guideline
- Anticipated Year of LOS F (Total Congestion)
- Stage 3 Compatibility
- Pedestrian/Bicyclists/Transit Considerations
- Costs





Williamsburg Way Alternatives
Signalize Existing Intersection



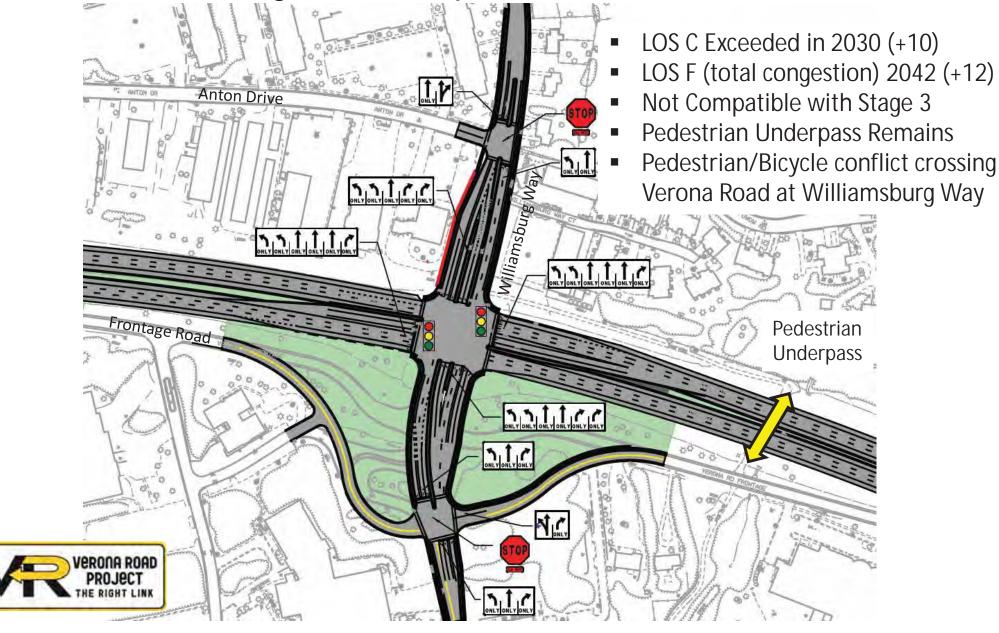




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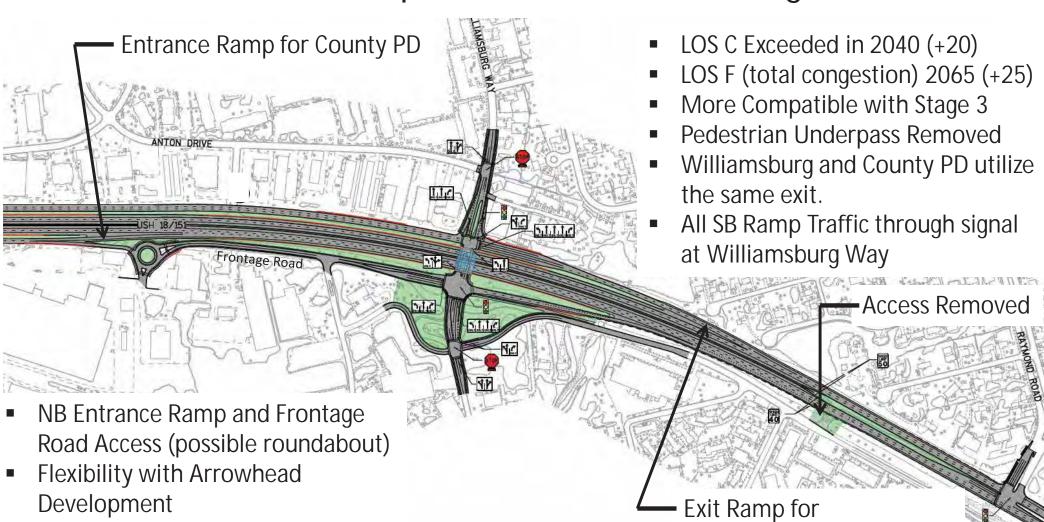


#### Williamsburg Way Alternatives Modified Split Diamond Interchange



Williamsburg Way and

County PD



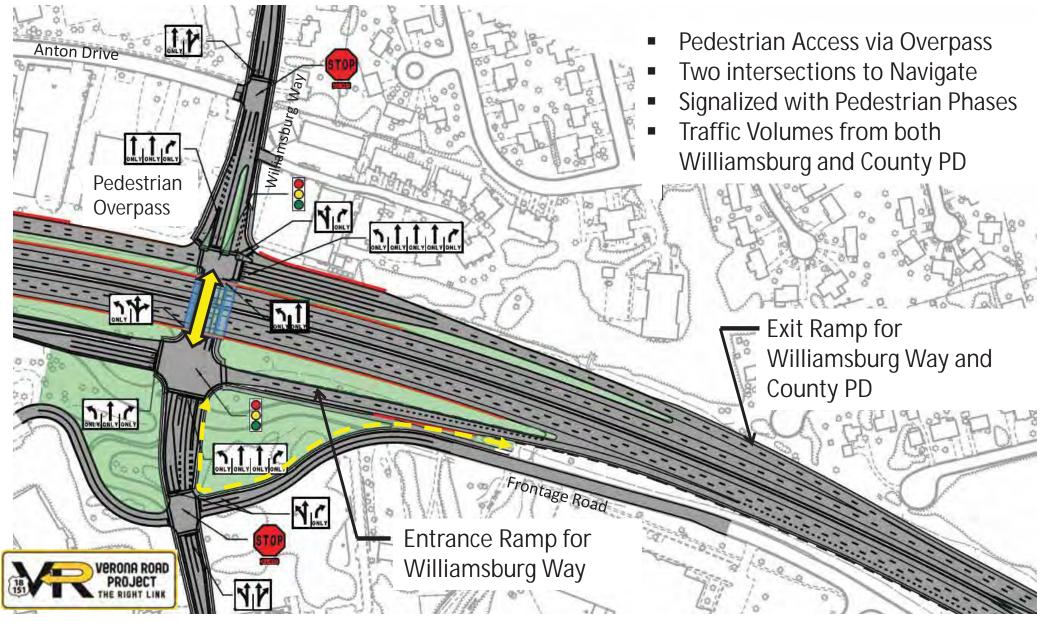




## Stage 2 Features Williamsburg Way Alternatives



Modified Split Diamond Interchange

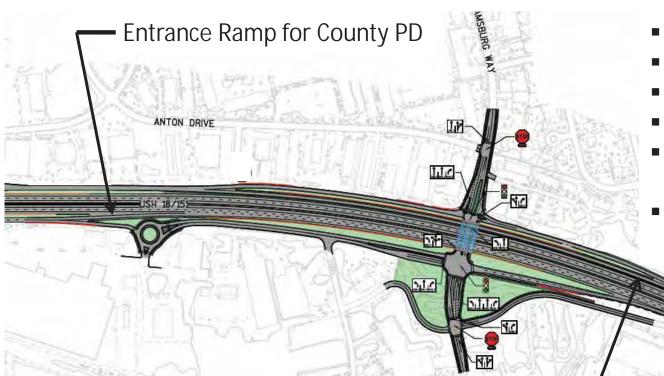




#### Williamsburg Way Alternatives Modified Half Diamond Interchange



Access Removed

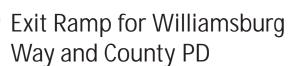


- LOS C Exceeded in 2040 (+20)
- LOS F (total congestion) 2065 (+25)
- Most Compatible with Stage 3
- Pedestrian Underpass Removed
- Williamsburg and County PD utilize the same exit, but separated
- Only Williamsburg Way utilizes signal

NB Entrance Ramp and Frontage Road Access (possible roundabout)

Flexibility with Arrowhead Development

County PD ramp traffic **-** proceeds under Williamsburg Way

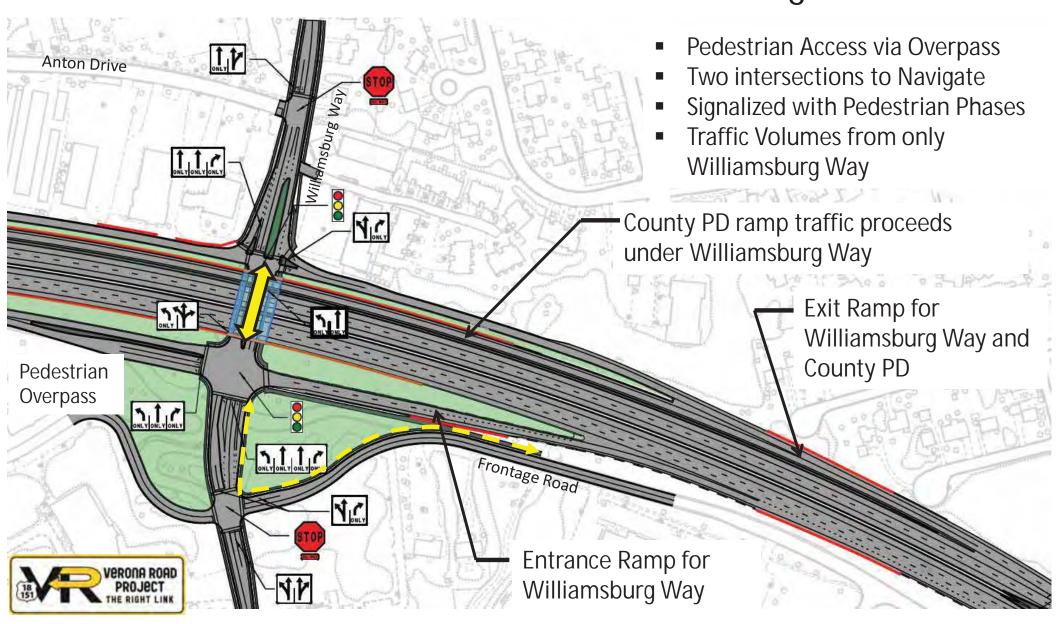






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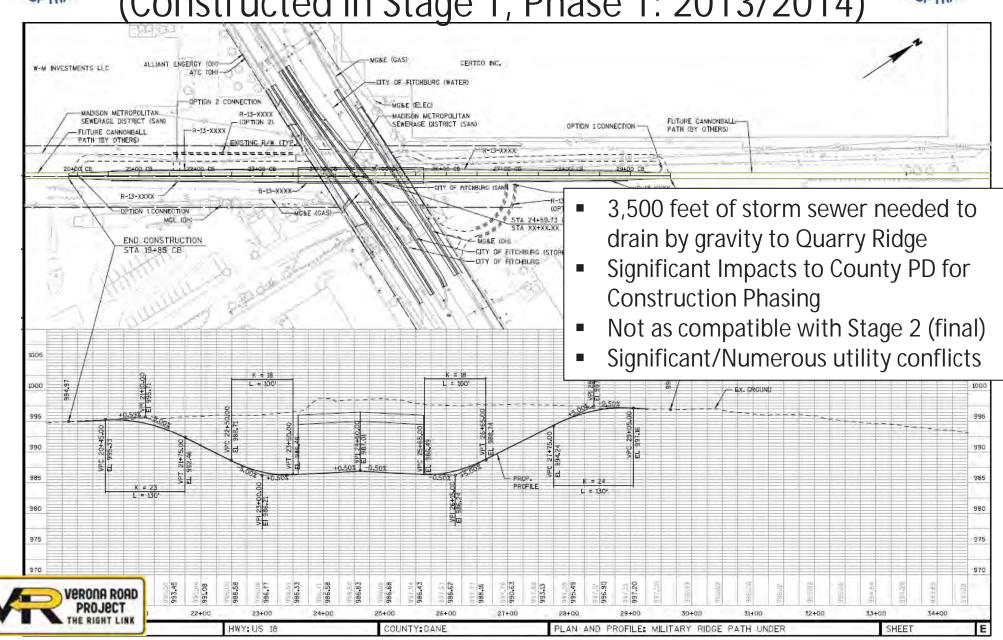
#### Military Ridge Grade Separation

- 2 Options Considered: Overpass or Underpass Criteria Included
- Vertical Clearances
- Construction Phasing, Impacts to County PD
- Drainage
- Stage 2 Compatibility/Flexibility
- Utility Conflicts
- Costs



## Stage 2 Features Military Ridge Underpass Option

(Constructed in Stage 1, Phase 1: 2013/2014)

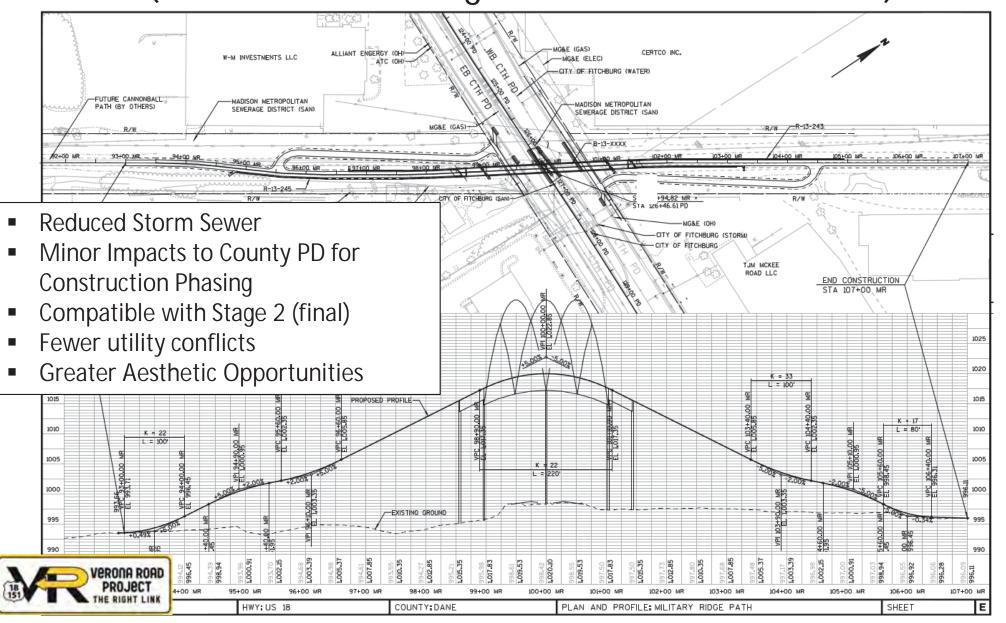




Military Ridge Overpass Option

(Constructed in Stage 1, Phase 1: 2013/2014)







Military Ridge Overpass Option Aesthetic Concept



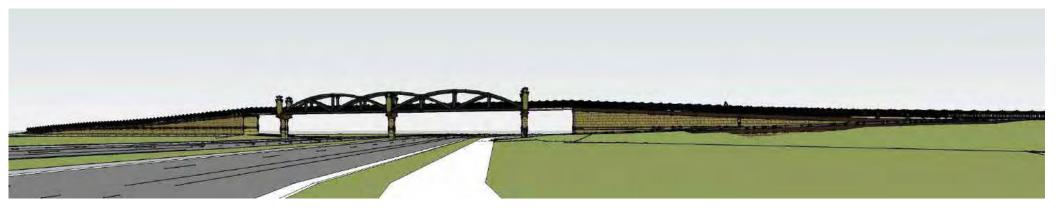








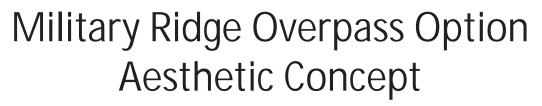
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#### Noise Walls (Stage 1 and 2)



- 5 Noise Walls Eligible for the Project
- Decision to implement a noise wall at a location was determined by a vote of support from benefited receptors
- Benefited receptor receives an 8 decibel reduction in sound level
- Total of 87 benefited receptors
- 5 Noise Walls received vote of support to implement







## Maintaining Traffic Flow



- Traffic Diversion Routes 8 outlying intersections being reviewed for improvements
   High Priority to Success of Project
- Official Alternate Route established potentially permanent
- Incident Management Plan (Increased Enforcement and Assistance in Work Zone)
- ITS features (Digital Message Signs and Interchange Cameras) installed early in project to communicate real time information to users
- Public Outreach (Press Releases and Web Site)







#### Stakeholder Involvement



- WisDOT Verona Road Team coordination with:
  - Municipalities & Advisory Committees
  - MPO for Madison
  - General Public
  - Property Owners
  - Businesses & Organizations
  - Neighborhood Groups
  - Dane County Stakeholders Group discussing labor opportunities
- Open Houses will be Quarterly in 2013
- Extensive Public Communication Plan during construction focusing on:
  - Continuous updates of traffic lane and ramp changes
  - Tourism/Madison Area Events (Badger Sporting Events)
  - Freight
  - Local Community access
  - Alternate routes







## Anticipated Project Schedule



#### Stage 1 (2011 to 2016)

Design 2011 to 2013 Right of Way Acquisition 2011 to 2013 Construction 2013 to 2016

#### Stage 2 (2013 to 2019)

Design 2013 to 2015 Right of Way Acquisition 2015 to 2016 Construction 2017 to 2019





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