

Project Process

Identify Key
Issues and
Opportunities

Develop and Assess
Alternatives

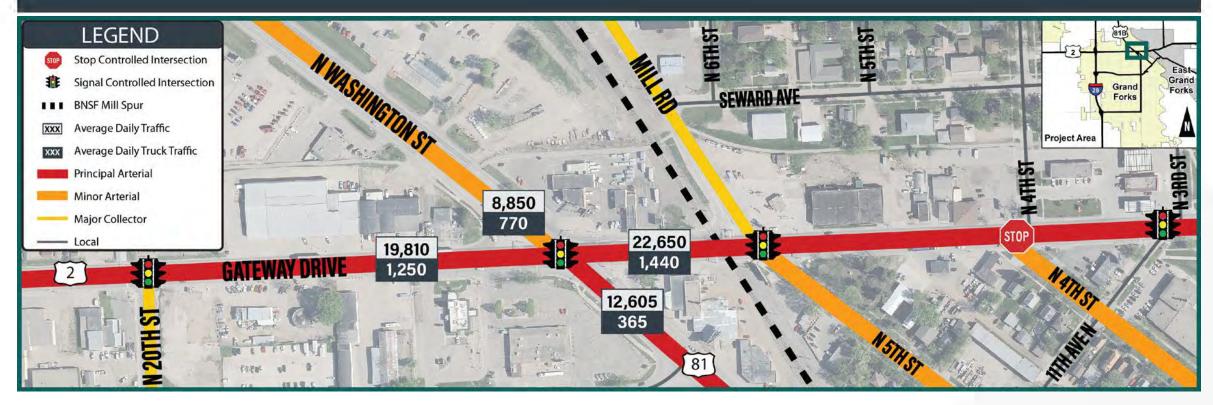
Formulate
Implementation
Strategy



AGENDA

- Study Area
- Train Crossings and Blockages
- Vehicular Traffic and Reliability
- Safety
- Pedestrian, Bicycle and Transit
- Environmental Conditions
- Alternatives Brainstorming
- Next Steps

Study Area



- Xnown Issues and Conflicts;
 - Mill spur railroad crossing creates traffic blockages and queueing issues.
 - > Intersection skew makes turning movements for trucks difficult.
 - Opportunities for improved pedestrian, bicycle and transit conditions.

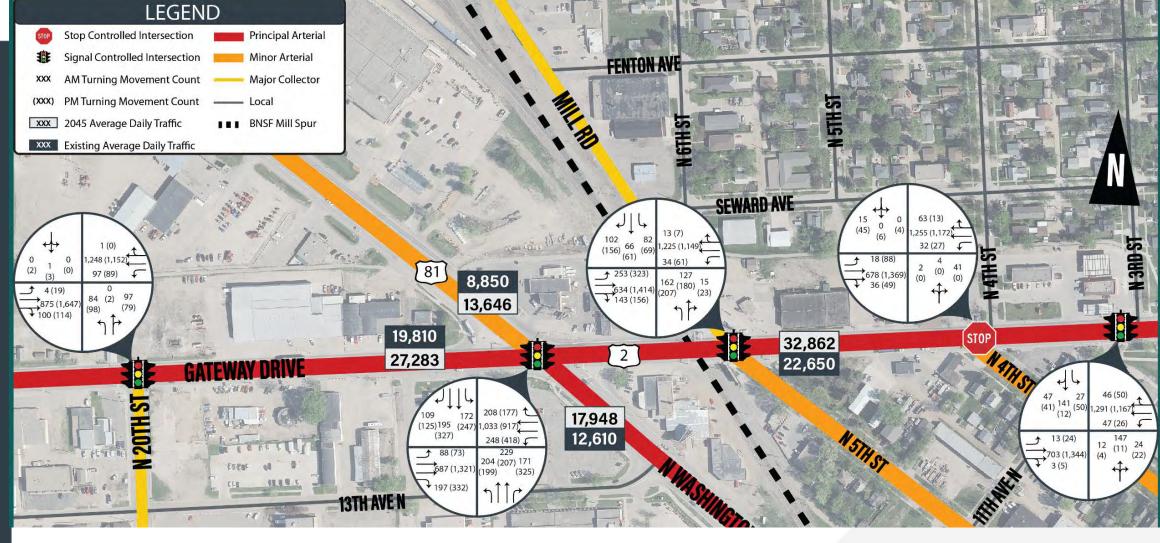


Truck Traffic

- Level One Freight System with international connections
- > 1,200-1,500 trucks per day
- > Trucks per day > 1,500 during sugar beet harvest season
- In 2016, NDSM increased capacity 33%, looking to expand another 22% in 5 years



CAPACITY	TRAFFIC FLOW	DESCRIPTION
		LOS A - FREE FLOW Low volumes and no delays.
Under		LOS B - STABLE FLOW Low volumes and speeds dictated by travel conditions.
		LOS C - STABLE FLOW Speeds and maneuverability closely controlled due to higher volumes.
Approaching		LOS D - RESTRICTED FLOW Higher density traffic restricts maneuverability and volumes approaching capacity.
At		LOS E - UNSTABLE FLOW Low speeds, considerable delays, and volumes at or slightly over capacity.
Over		LOS F - FORCED FLOW Very low speeds, volumes exceed capacity, and long delays with stop-and-go traffic.



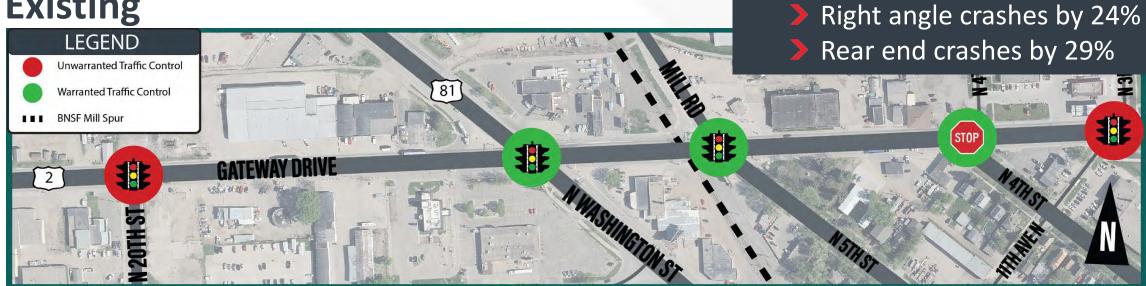
- LOS acceptable at all intersections today, except N 4^h Street.
- Congestion Builds at Washington Street, causing unacceptable LOS in the future
- Queuing an Issues in All Scenarios
- Travel Time a Concern with Trains and Multiple Signals

2045 PM Queuing Issues



Existing Traffic Control Analysis





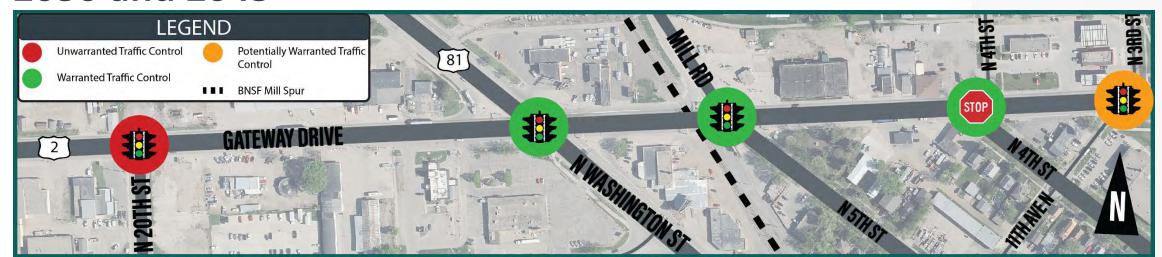
Removal of unwarranted signals

All crashes by 24%

Injury crashes by 54%

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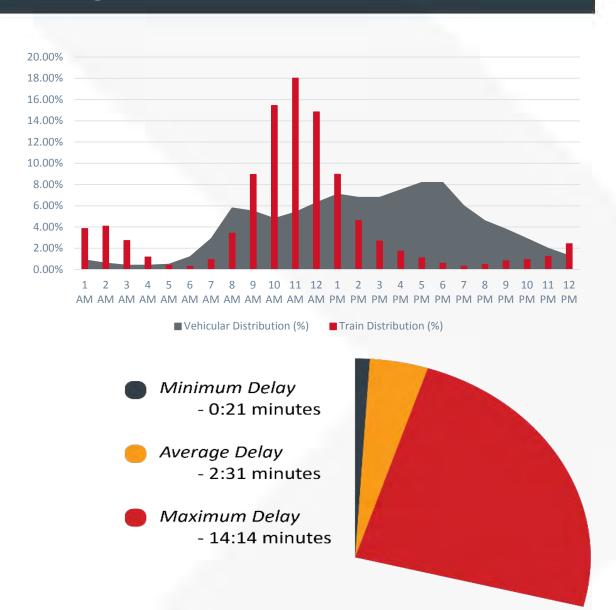
2030 and 2045





Train Blockages

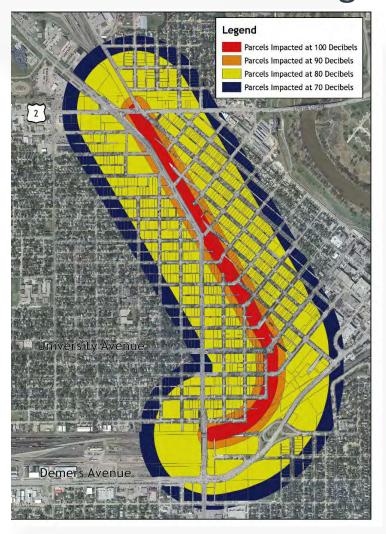
- > 4 to 5 blockages per day
 - > 10 MPH or Less
- > Rail Delay Estimates
 - > 89 Hours/Day
 - > 2,670 Hours/Month
 - > 32,396 Hours/Year
- Safety
 - No Crashes Since 1994
 - > 7th Highest Predicted Rail Crash Rate in the County



Unit Trains

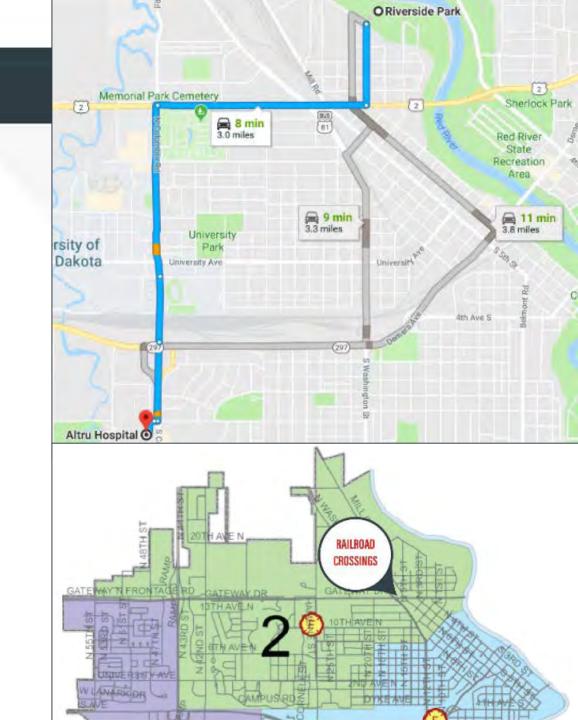
- ➤ ND Mill Working to Accommodate Unit Trains
- All crossings will be blocked at the same time.
- 4x Longer than Current Trains
- 10-17 Minutes of Delay at Mill Spur Crossings
- 4-6 Blockages per Month

Potential to Occur at Night

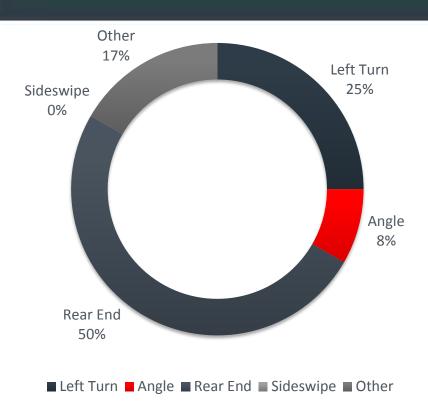


Emergency Responders

- Average Delays;
 - > Current blockage is 2:31 Minutes
 - ➤ Unit train blockage is 10-17 Minutes
- > Fire Response Goal to reach every address within four minutes
 - > Brain damage in four to six minutes when heart stops
 - > Fires can double every 60 seconds



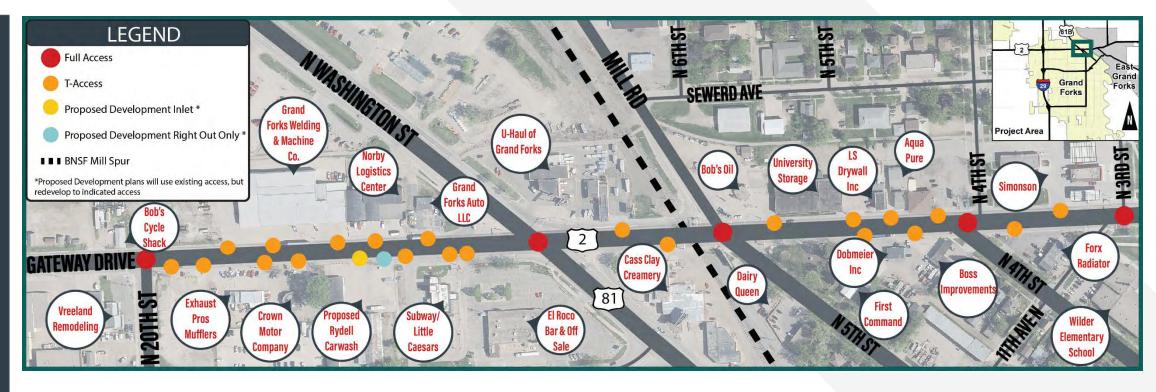
20th Street Intersection



- > 12 crashes in last five years
- 33% rear end crashes on east approach
- 25% westbound left-turn crashes (Protected/Permitted)



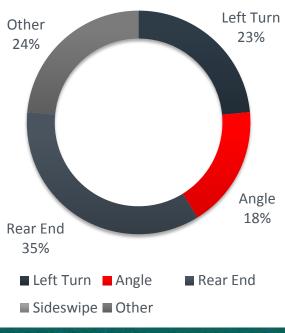
- Unwarranted signal control increases
 - > All crashes by 24%
 - > Injury crashes by 53%
 - > Right angle crashes by 24%
 - > Rear end crashes by 29%



- Unsignalized driveways
 - Increase crash rate by 2%
 - Reduces corridor travel speed by 0.25 MPH

- Desired Access Spacing
 - > 660 feet
 - > 8 access/mile
- Existing Access Spacing
 - >33 accesses
 - > 66 access/mile (8x Standard)

20th Street to Washington Street



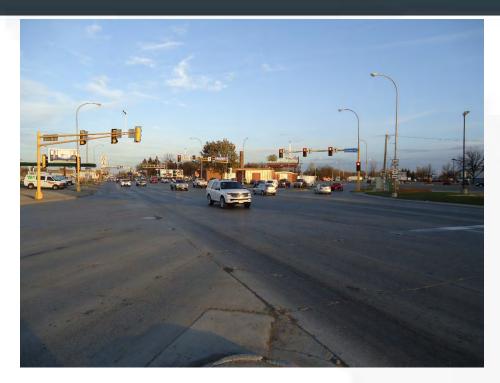
- > 17 crashes in last five years
- > Above critical crash rate
- > 41% during AM/PM peak hours
- Long queues and dense access spacings
- Queues block sight lines



US 81/Washington Street Intersection

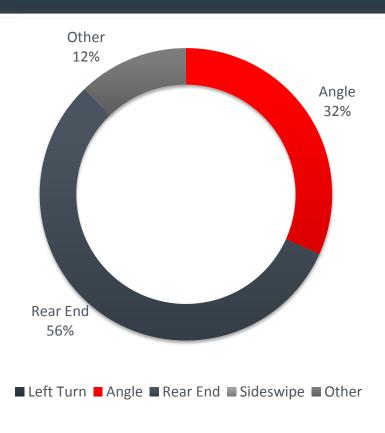


- > 45 crashes in last five years
- > 60% rear end crashes
 - > 30% during AM or PM peak hour
 - > 30% between 11 AM to 1 PM



- > 8 crashes involving trucks
- O Crashes involving Pedestrians or Bikes

Mill Road/5th Street Intersection

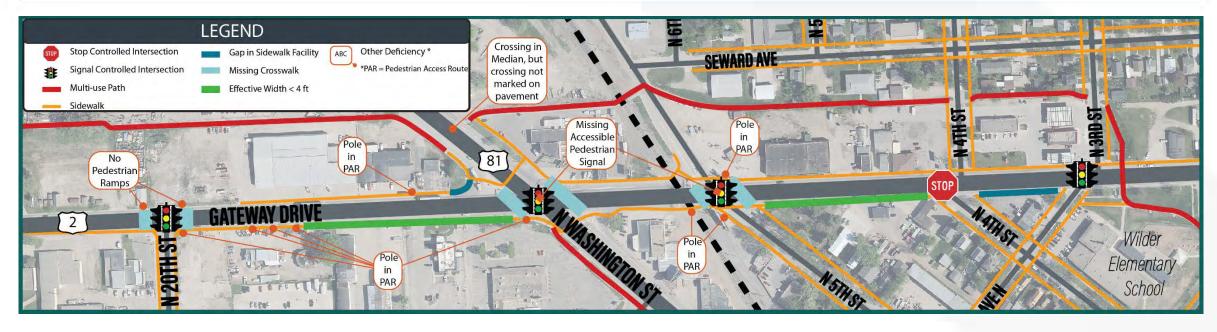


- > 41 crashes in last five years
- Above critical crash rate



- > 50% rear end crashes
 - > 65% During AM or PM peak hours
 - > 52% occurred on east approach

Pedestrian Network



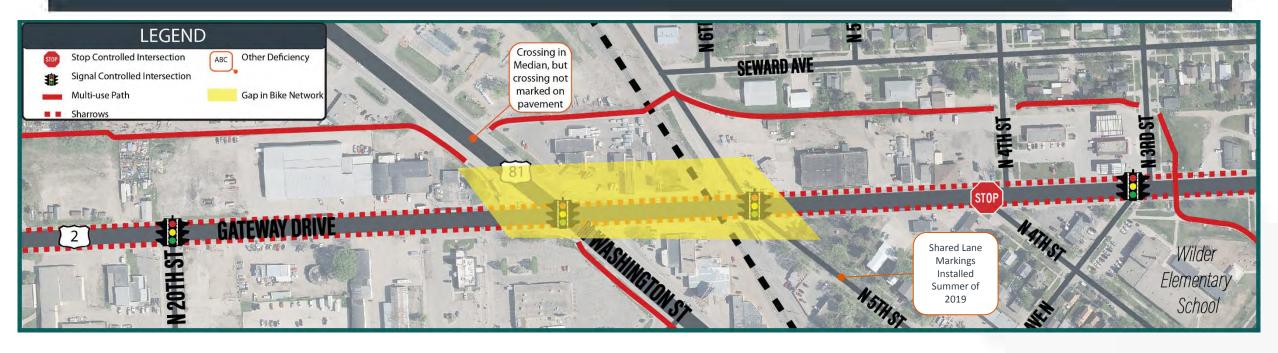
- ➤ Only controlled crossing at 3rd Street underpass
- ADA conflicts at crosswalks, utilities and driveways
- > Minimal to no buffer







Bicycle Network

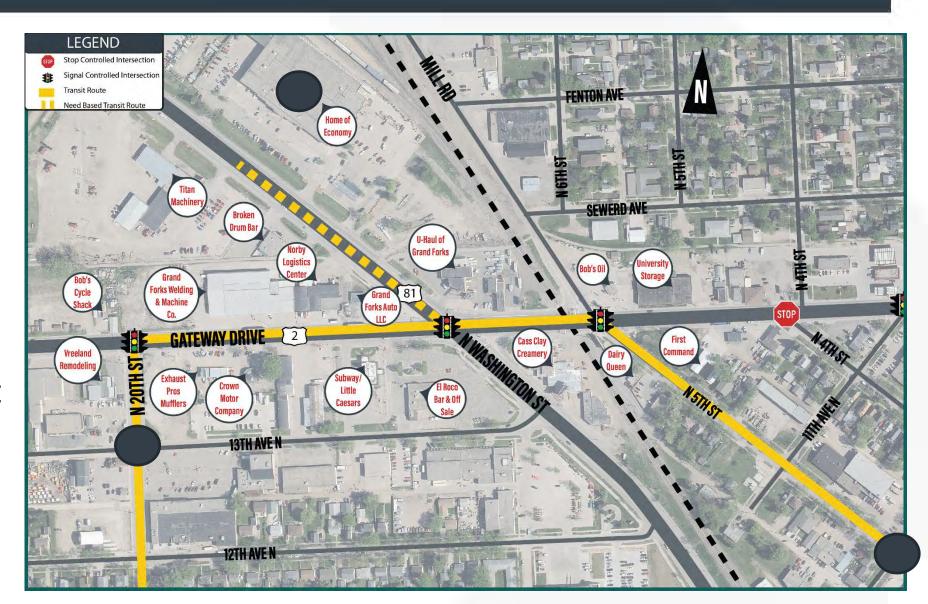


- **>** Connections
 - > 3rd Street and Red River Greenway to the east
 - > Columbia Road to the west
- No traffic control to cross US 2/Washington Street
- ➤ Underpass at 3rd Street
- Bikes allowed on all streets



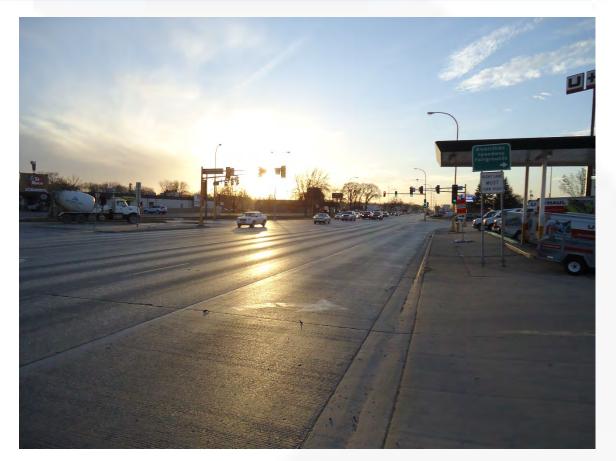
Transit Network

- > CAT Route 2
 - > Hourly service
- > CAT Route 13
 - > Night Route
- **>** Stops
 - > 5th Street/10th Ave
 - > Hugo's on 20th St
 - Home of Economy when scheduled in advance



Right-Of-Way





- > US2/Gateway Drive : 70 feet
- > US 81/Washington Street : 20 feet on east side, 60 feet of west side

Affected Environment



- Potential Impacts
 - > Hazardous Waste Sites
 - > Social and Economic Impacts
 - Noise

- Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- > Environmental Justice
- Historic and Archaeological Preservation

> Section 4f

Funding Availability

- >\$150,000,000 in Unfunded Grand Forks Projects
- > 42nd Street and DeMers Avenue (~\$25-30M)
- Gateway Drive/US 2 and Glasston (~\$28M)
- > Part of the NHS and Freight System

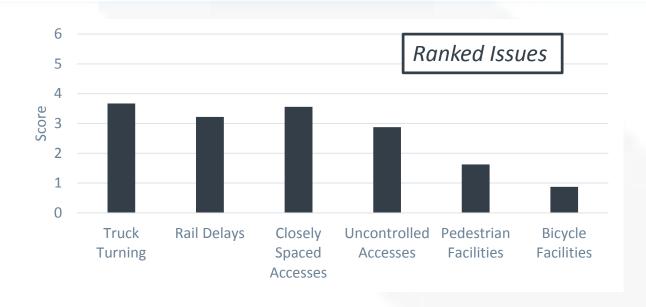






Key Issues

- > Truck turning challenges
- > Railroad-related delays
- > Emergency vehicle impacts
- Closely spaced traffic signals
- Dense access spacing
- Need for improved pedestrian facilities
- > Limited bicycle facilities

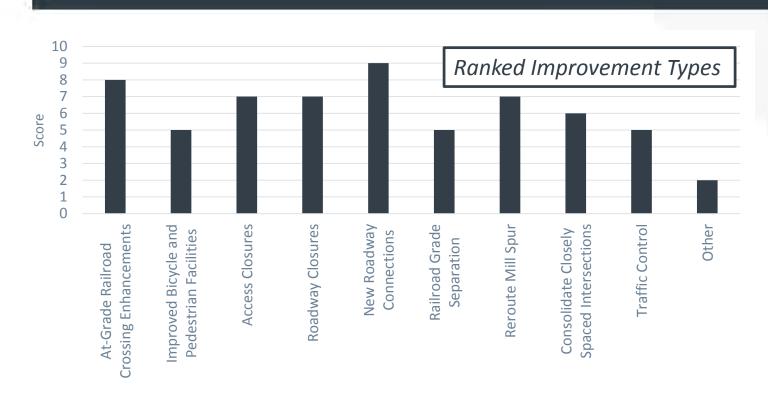


Represented Agencies at Steering Committee #1

- > Forks MPO
- NDDOT Grand Forks District
- Grand Forks
 Engineering

- > Grand Forks Planning
- Wilder Elementary School
- > ND State Mill
- **>** Local Businesses

Potential Solutions



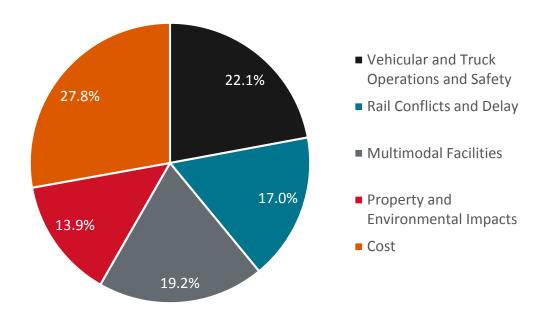
- Guided by Steering Committee feedback
- > Brainstorming exercises helped generate many alternatives





Alternative Scoring

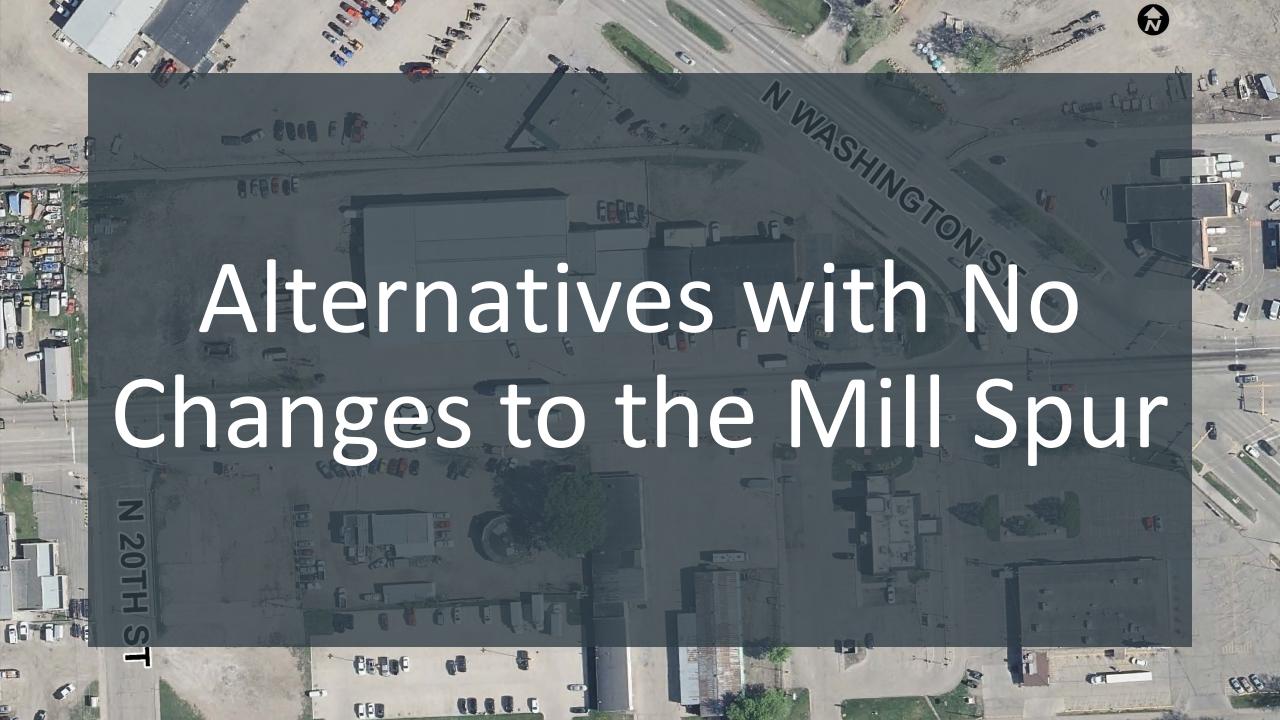
Ranked Evaluation Metrics

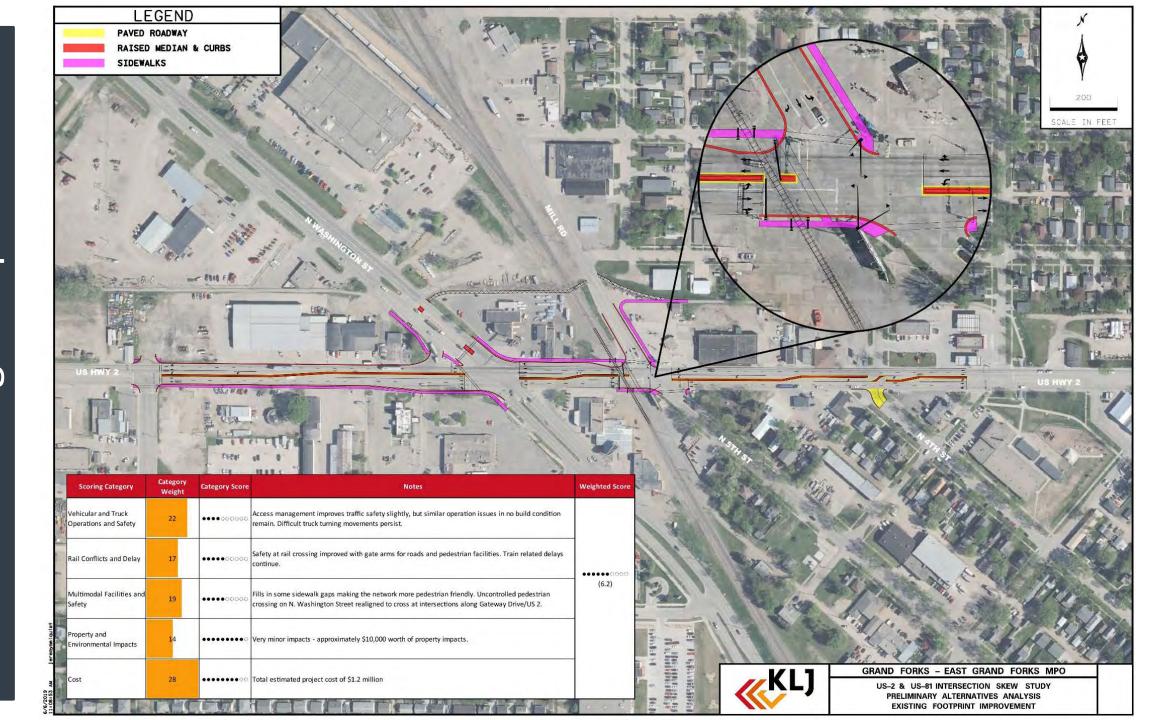


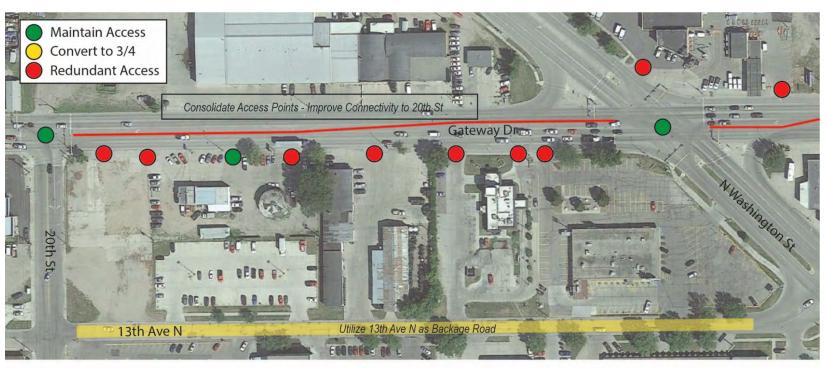
Sample Alternative Scoring

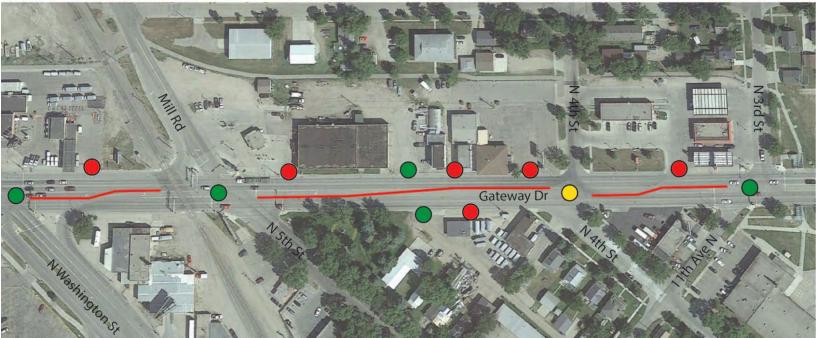
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Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	•••0000000		
Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•00000000	••••• (5.4)	
Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••0000000		
Property and Environmental Impacts	14	•••••		
Cost	28	•••••		

- > Scores **ARE** Comparative Summaries
- > Scores **ARE NOT** Recommendations







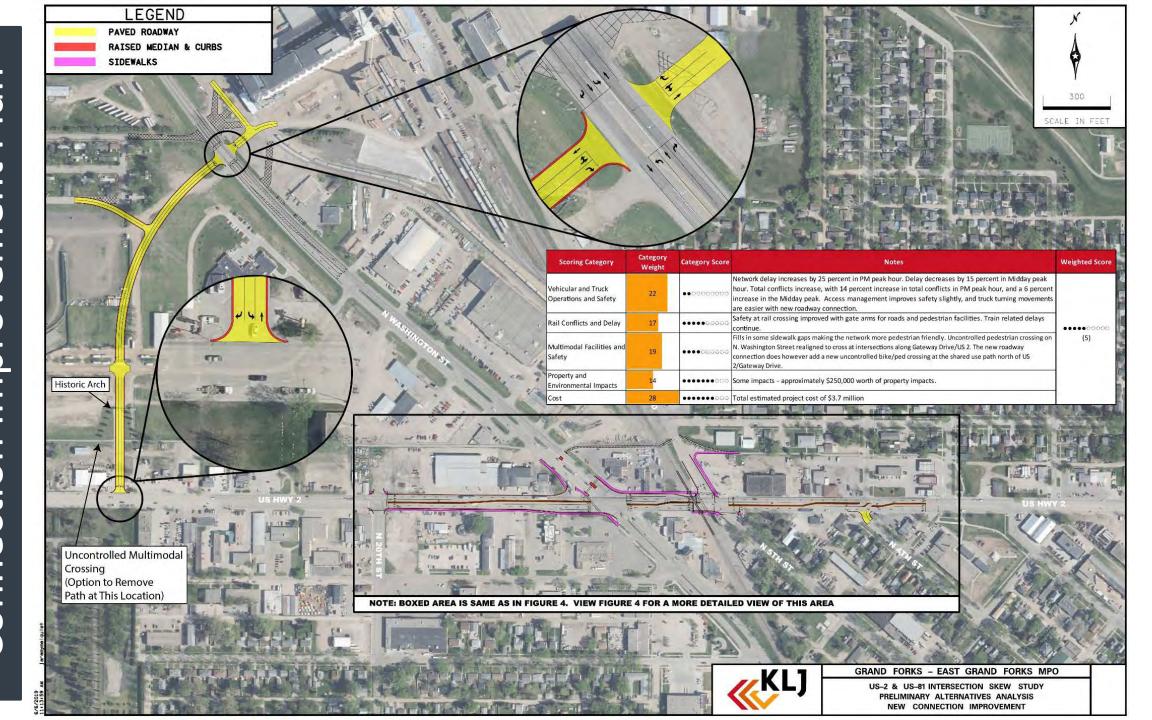


Alt EF: Existing Footprint Improvement Plan

> Rankings

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	3	
FE: Existing Footprint	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
EF: Existing Footprint Improvement Plan	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	2
	Property and Environmental Impacts	1	
	Cost	1	

Connection Improvement Plan Alt NRC: New Roadway

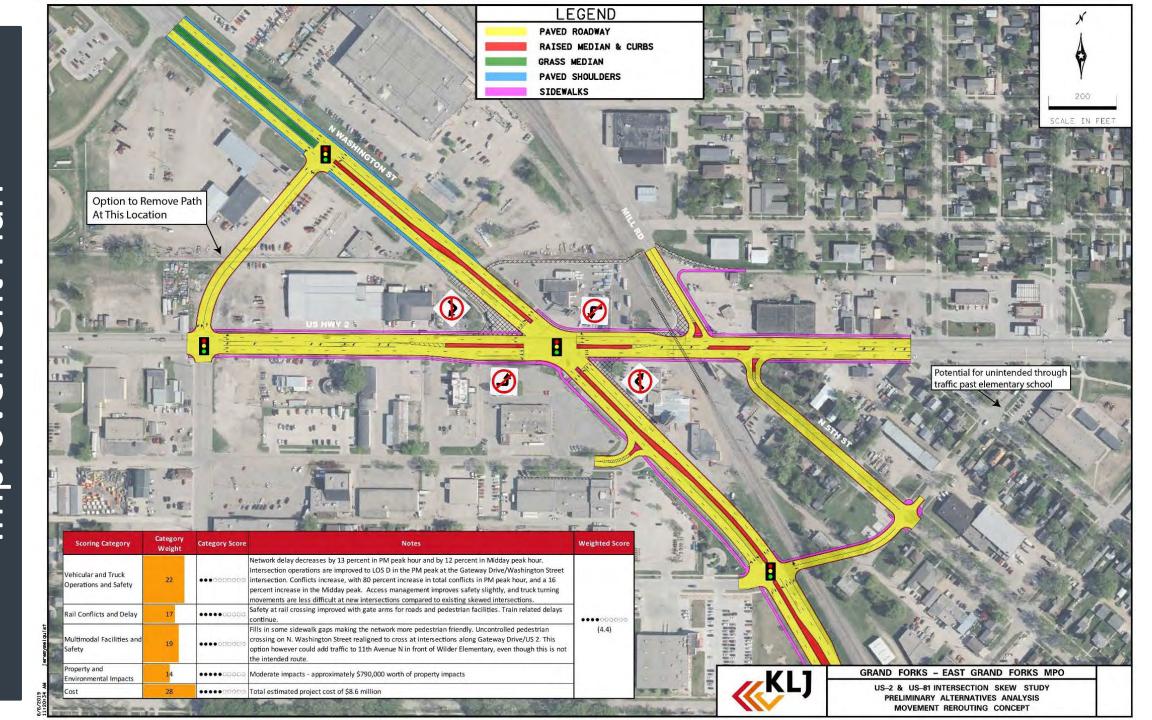


Alt NRC: New Roadway Connection Improvement Plan

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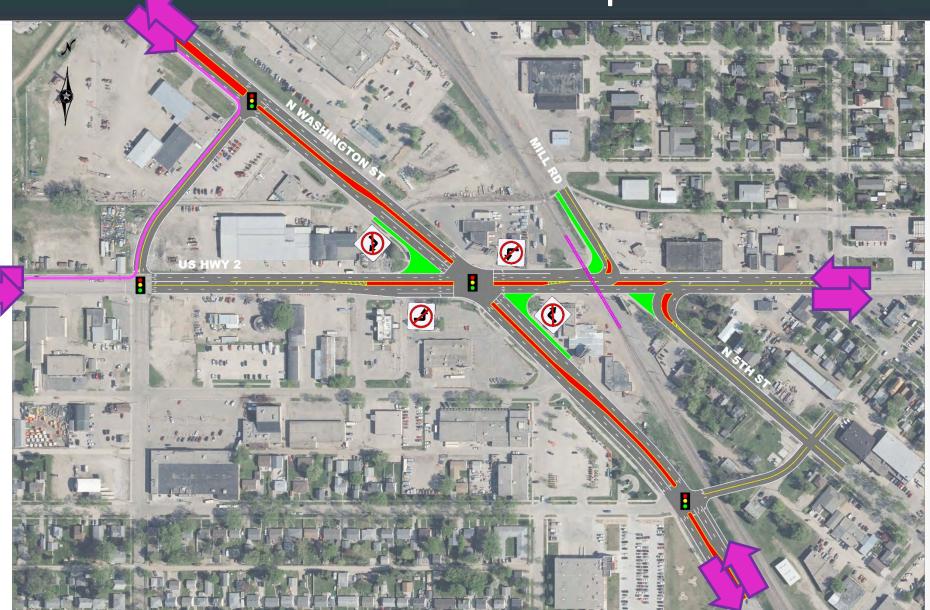
Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
NRC: New Roadway Connection Improvement Plan	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	7	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	7
	Property and Environmental Impacts	3	
	Cost	2	

Alt SM: Skewed Movement Improvement Plan



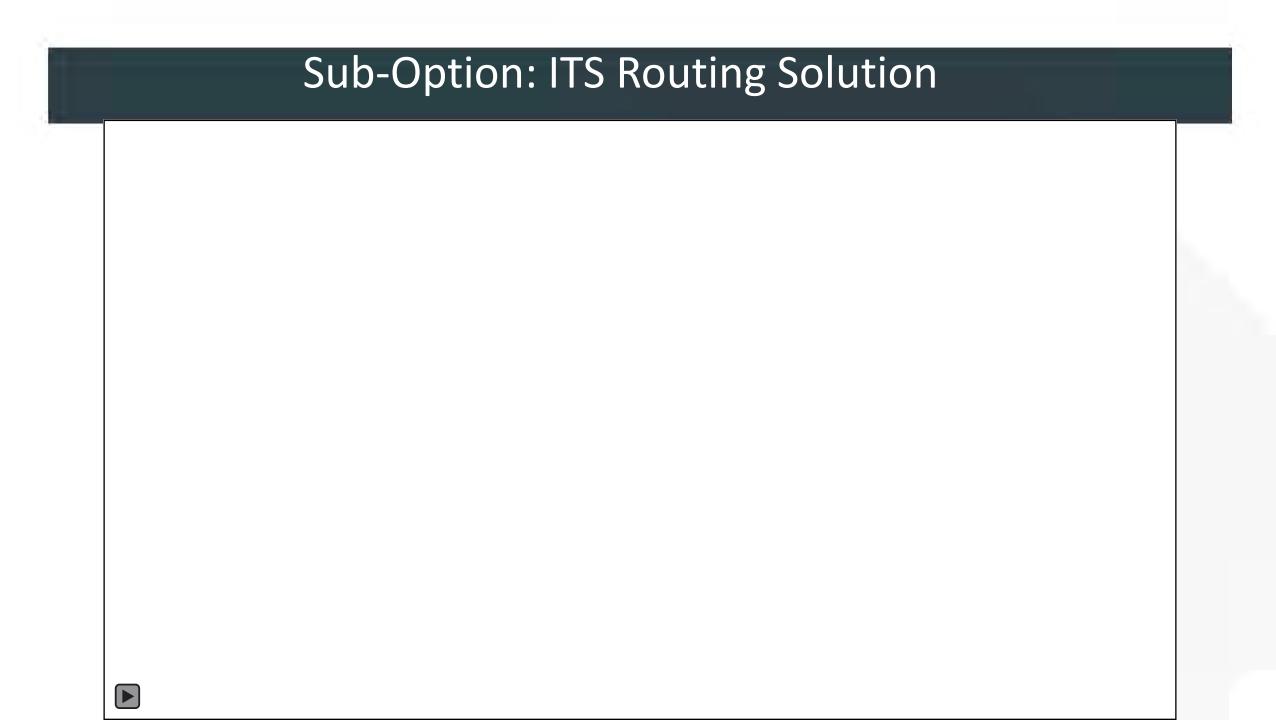
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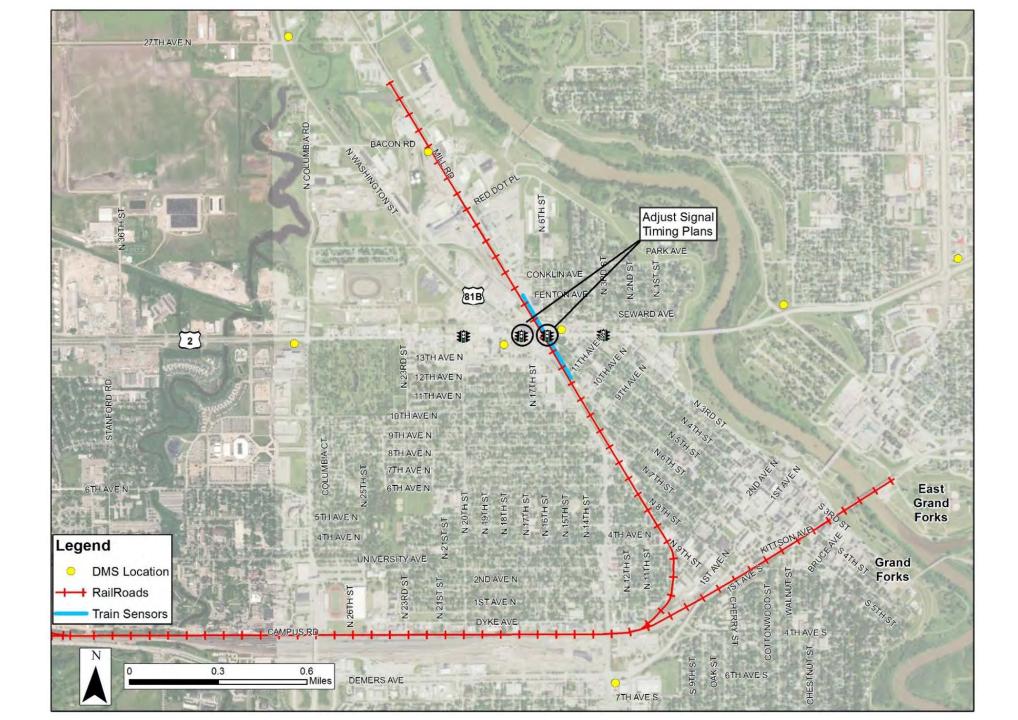
EB Left Turn WB Left Turn NB Right Turn SB Right Turn



Alt SM: Skewed Movement Improvement Plan

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
SM: Skewed Movement Rerouting Improvement Plan	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	5	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	8
	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	4	







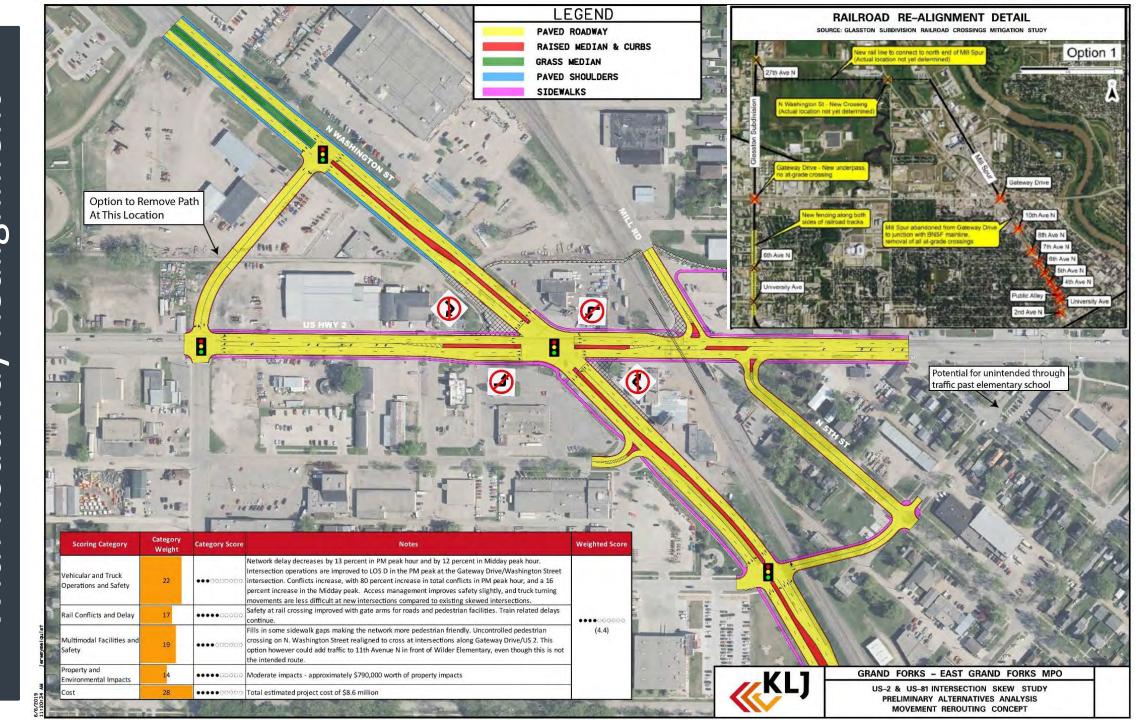
Existing Footprint With Realignment Alt EF+R:

LEGEND PAVED ROADWAY RAISED MEDIAN & CURBS SIDEWALKS SCALE IN FEET N FRE DE RAILROAD RE-ALIGNMENT DETAIL SOURCE: GLASSTON SUBDIVISION RAILROAD CROSSINGS MITIGATION STUDY Option 1 Category **Scoring Category** Category Score Notes **Weighted Score** Access management improves traffic safety slightly, but similar operation issues in no build condition Vehicular and Truck 22 ••••00000 Operations and Safety remain. Difficult truck turning movements persist. Rail Conflicts and Delay ••••••• Railroad realignment eliminates railroad crossing exposure and delay in the study area. ••••• (6.5)Multimodal Facilities and Fills in some sidewalk gaps making the network more pedestrian friendly. Uncontrolled pedestrian 10th Ave N Safety crossing on N. Washington Street realigned to cross at intersections along Gateway Drive/US 2. Property and •••••• Very minor impacts - approximately \$10,000 worth of property impacts. Environmental Impacts Total estimated project cost of \$5.6 million 2nd Ave N

Alt EF+R: Existing Footprint with Realignment

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
with Existing Footprint	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	3	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	1
	Property and Environmental Impacts	1	
	Cost	3	

Alt SM+R: Skewed Movemen Roadway Realignment With

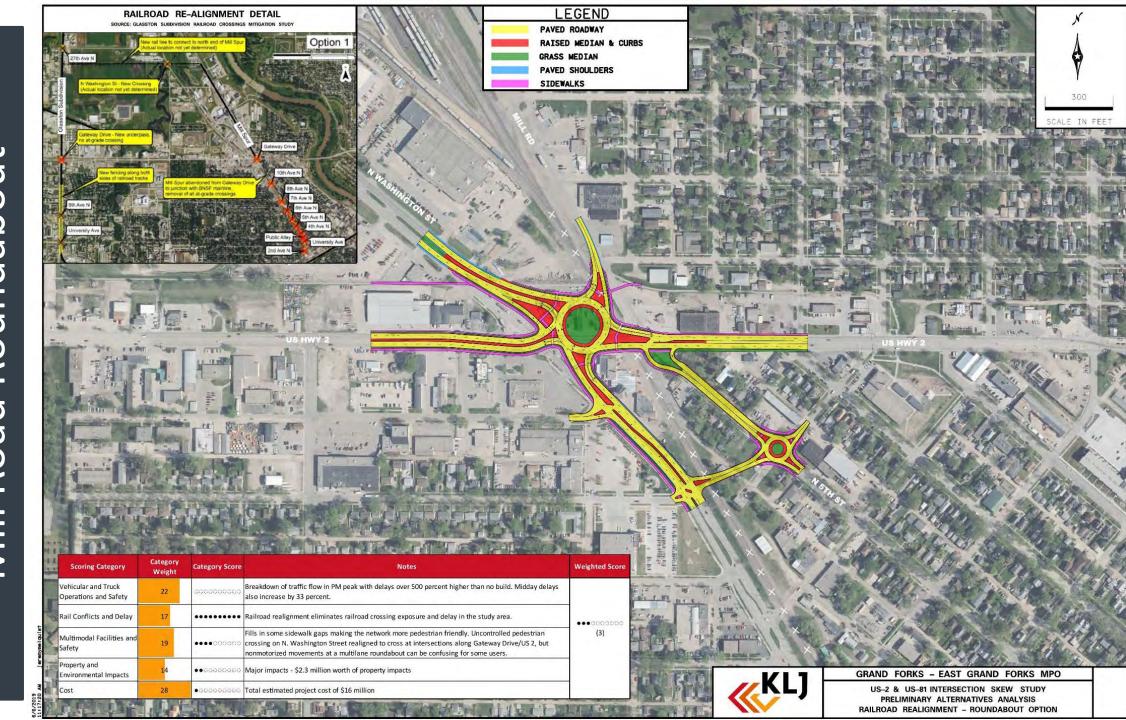


Alt SM+R: Skewed Movement with Roadway Realignment

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	5	
SM+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
with Skewed Movement	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	5
Rerouting Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	5	



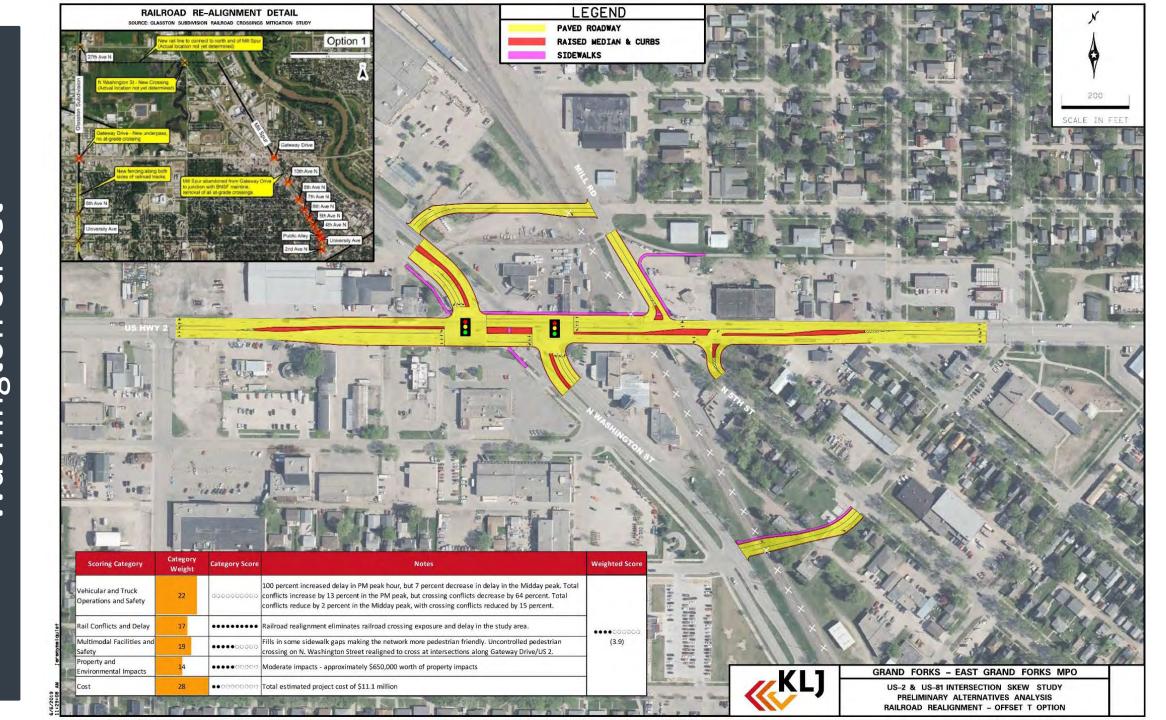
and Alt R+R: Washington Street Roundabout Road Mil



Alt R+R: Washington Street and Mill Road Roundabout

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
R+R: Railroad Realignment with Roundabout	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	8	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	9
	Property and Environmental Impacts	7	
	Cost	7	

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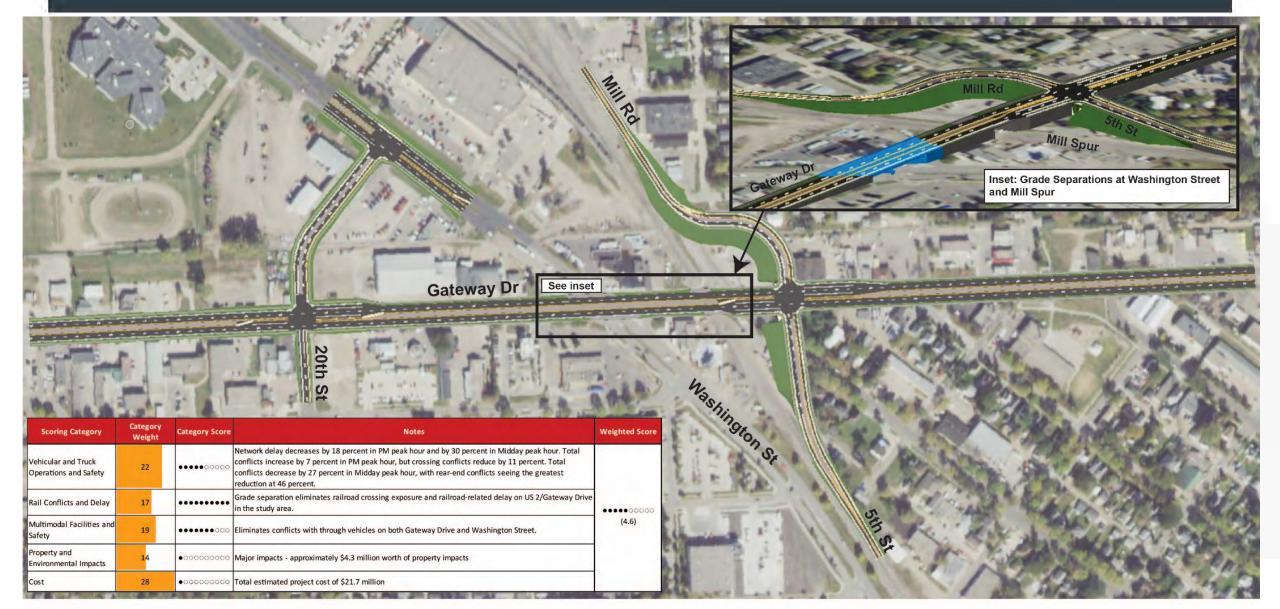


Alt ST+R: Separated T-Intersections at Washington Street

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
ST+R: Railroad Realignment with Separated T-Intersection	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	8	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	6
	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	5	



Alt GS-1: Grade Separation of Washington St and Mill Spur

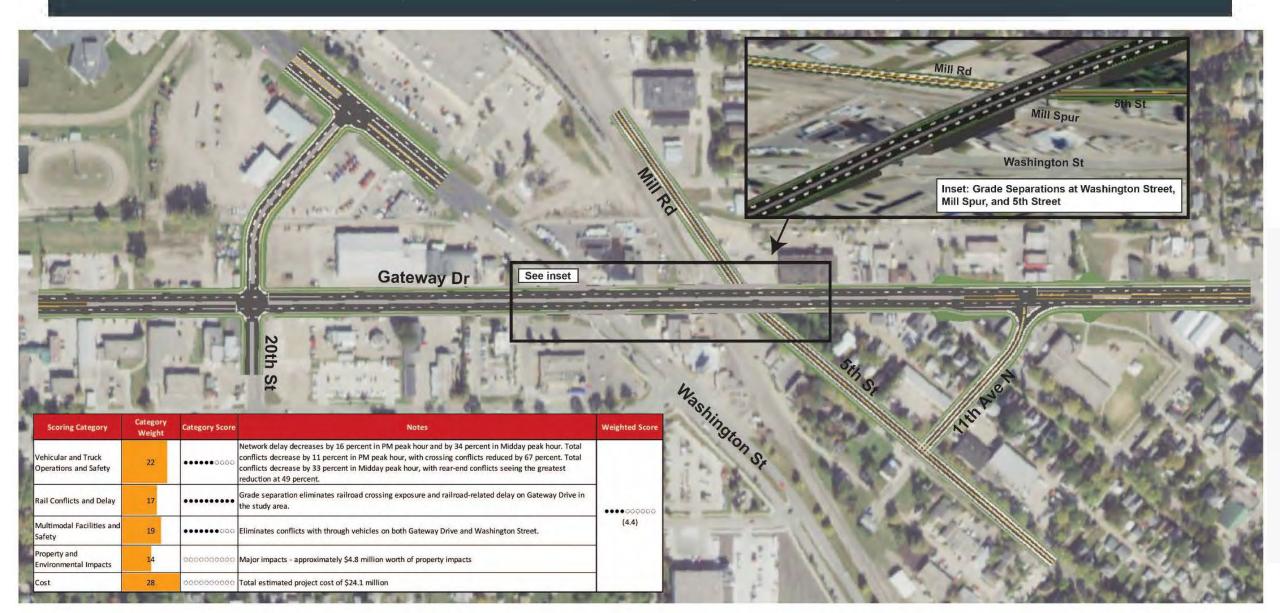


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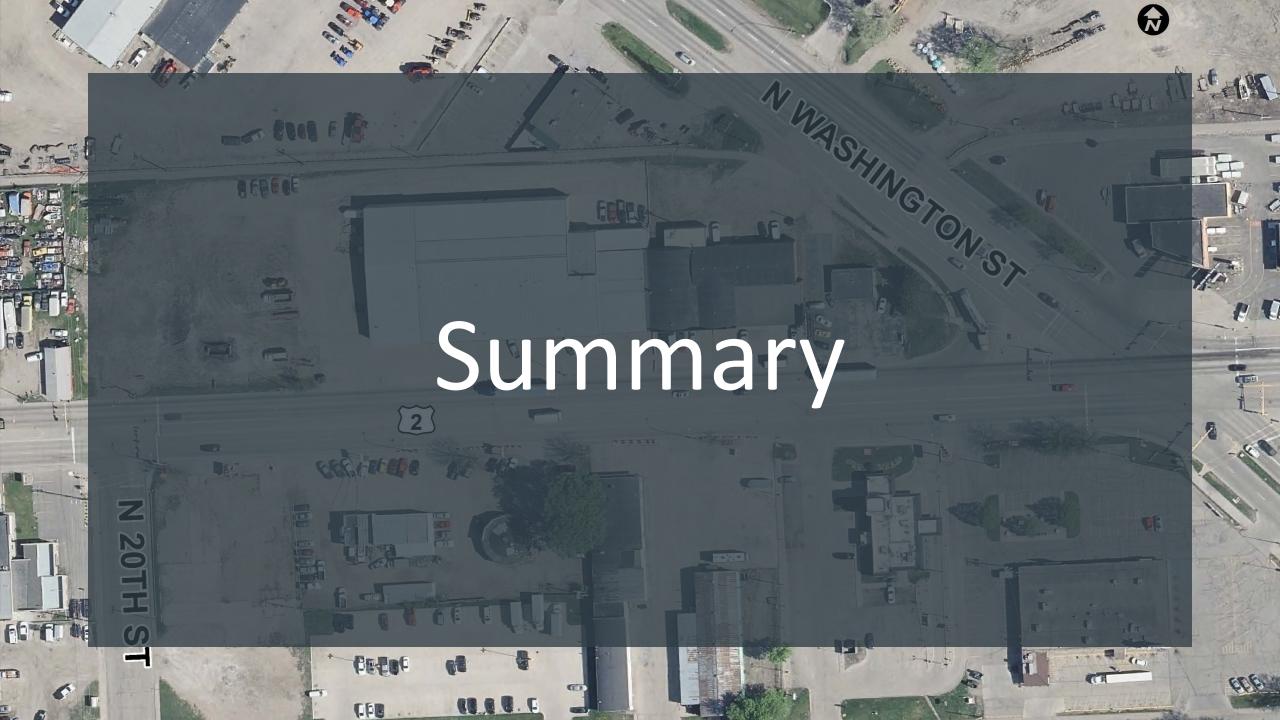
Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
GS-1: Grade Separation of US	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	2	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
81/Washington Street and Mill	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	1	3
Spur	Property and Environmental Impacts	8	
	Cost	7	

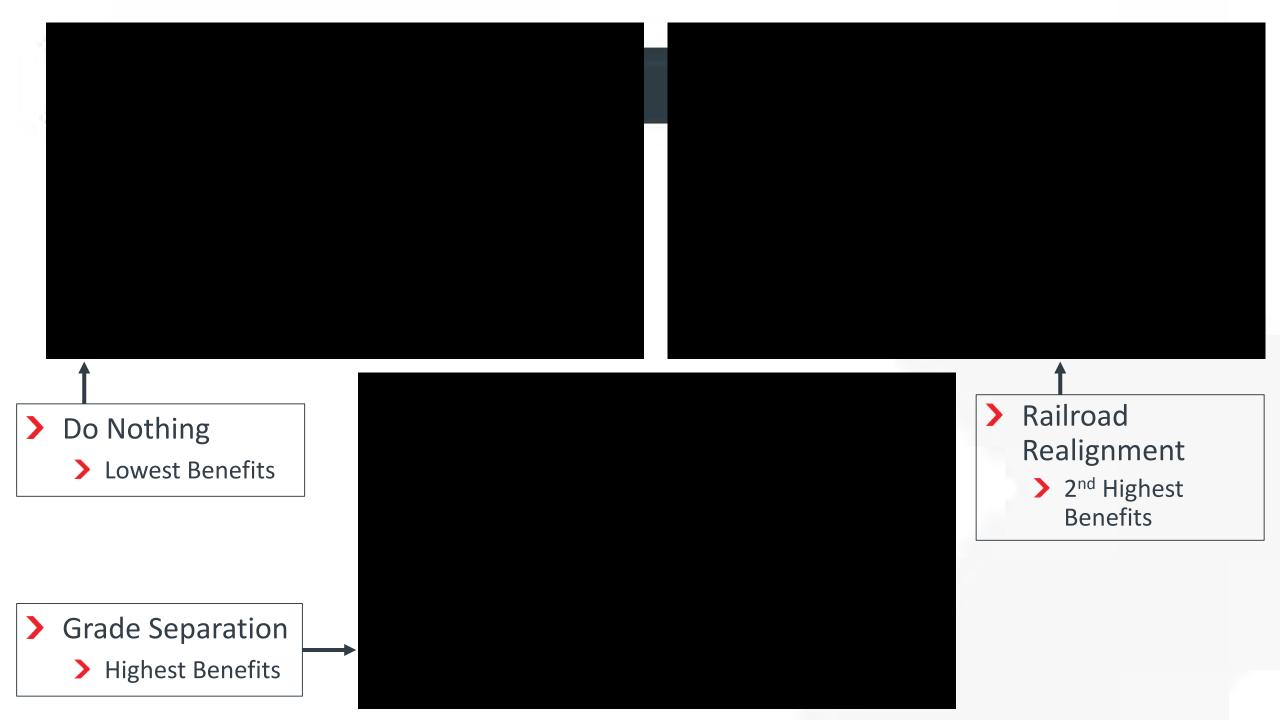
Alt GS-2: Grade Separation of Washington St, Mill Spur and Mill Road



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Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	1	
GS-2: Grade Separation of US	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
81/Washington Street, Mill	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	1	4
Spur, and Mill Road/5th Street	Property and Environmental Impacts	9	
	Cost	9	





Alternatives Summary – Technical Score

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	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	••••00000	
EF: Existing Footprint	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	••••••
Improvement Plan	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	•••••	(6.2)
improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••	
	Cost	28	•••••	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	••00000000	
NRC: New Roadway	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	•••••00000
Connection Improvement	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••	(5)
Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••	
	Cost	28	•••••	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	•••000000	
SM: Skewed Movement	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	••••000000
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••	(4.4)
Rerouting Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••	
	Cost	28	•••••	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	••••00000	
EF+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	•••••
with Existing Footprint	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	•••••	(6.5)
Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••	
	Cost	28	•••••	
SM+R: Railroad Realignment	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	•••0000000	
	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	••••000000
with Skewed Movement	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••00000	(4.4)
Rerouting Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••	
	Cost	28	••00000000	

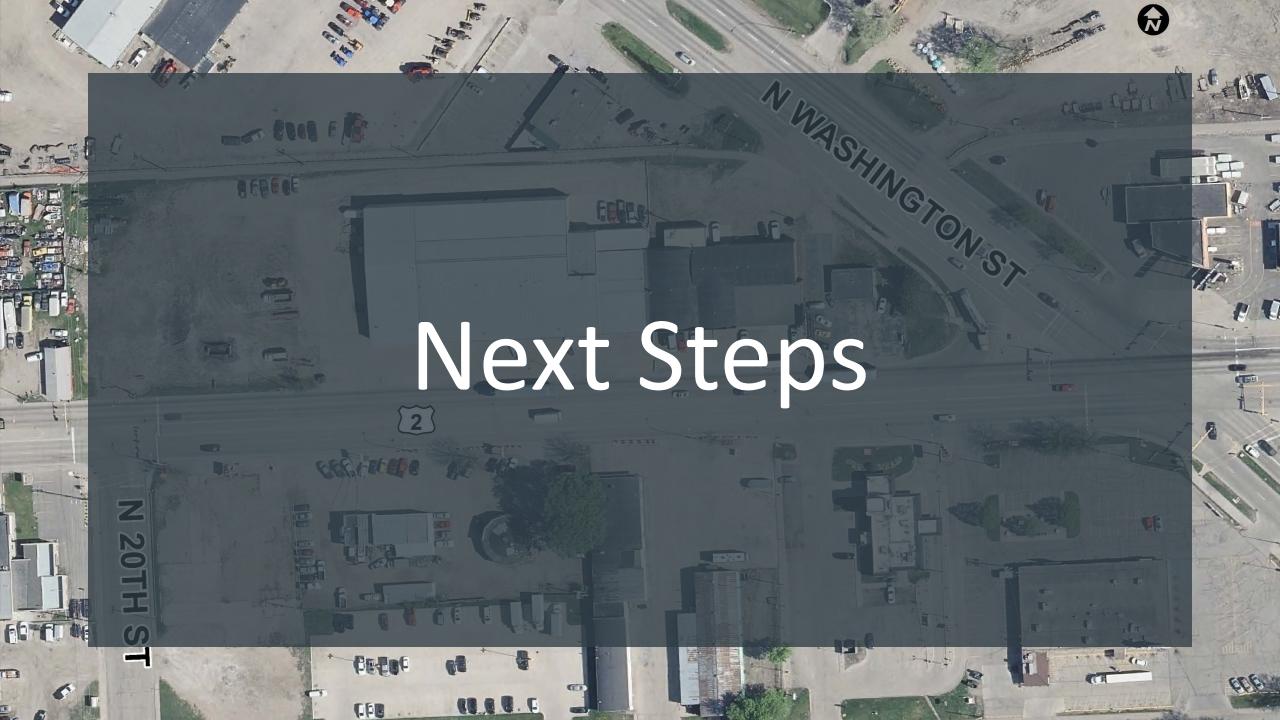
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	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	•••0000000
R+R: Railroad Realignment with Roundabout	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••000000	(3)
With Noundabout	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	••00000000	
	Cost	28	•000000000	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	0000000000	
ST+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	••••000000
with Separated T-	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	•••••00000	(3.9)
Intersection	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•••••00000	1
	Cost	28	••00000000	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	22	•••••00000	
GS-1: Grade Separation of US	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	•••••
81/Washington Street and	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••••	(4.6)
Mill Spur	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	•000000000	1
	Cost	28	•000000000	1
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Spur, and Mill Road/5th	Rail Conflicts and Delay	17	•••••	••••000000
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	19	••••••	(4.4)
	Property and Environmental Impacts	1 4	0000000000	1
Street	Cost	28	0000000000	1

Alternatives Summary – Rankings

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	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	3	
FF: Evicting Footpuint	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
EF: Existing Footprint	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	2
Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1	
	Cost	1	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	7	
NDC: Now Boodway	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
NRC: New Roadway	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	7
Connection Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	3	
	Cost	2	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	5	
SM: Skewed Movement	Rail Conflicts and Delay	7	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	8
Rerouting Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	4	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	3	
EF+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
with Existing Footprint	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	1
Improvement Plan	Property and Environmental Impacts	1	
	Cost	3	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	5	
SM+R: Railroad Realignment with Skewed Movement Rerouting Improvement Plan	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	5
	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	5	

Alternative	Category	Category Rank	Overall Rank
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	8	
R+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
with Roundabout	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	6	9
With Roundabout	Property and Environmental Impacts	7	
	Cost	7	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	8	
ST+R: Railroad Realignment	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
with Separated T-Intersection	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	3	6
with Separated 1-intersection	Property and Environmental Impacts	4	
	Cost	5	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	2	
GS-1: Grade Separation of US	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
81/Washington Street and Mill	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	1	3
Spur	Property and Environmental Impacts	8	
	Cost	7	
	Vehicular and Truck Operations and Safety	1	
GS-2: Grade Separation of US	Rail Conflicts and Delay	1	
81/Washington Street, Mill	Multimodal Facilities and Safety	1	4
Spur, and Mill Road/5th Street	Property and Environmental Impacts	9	
	Cost	9	





Next Steps

Present Concepts to the Public

Review Draft
Report with
Steering
Committee



Develop Implementation Plan and Draft Report Present and
Review Draft
Report with the
Public