

## I-94 East-West

### Next Round of Public Involvement Meetings

In April of last year, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) announced it was proceeding with a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) using the most recent data and getting additional public input. The department continues to analyze six-lane and eight-lane alternatives and has made modifications to reduce impacts and reflect public feedback.

At the public involvement meetings in December of 2021, I-94 East-West advocates were well represented. The majority of comments received by the department supported the eight-lane alternative.

There is another round of public involvement meetings coming up. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have not determined if they will proceed with six or eight lanes. Therefore, we must continue to show support for the modernization and expansion of the I-94 East-West Corridor because of its essential role in our communities, businesses, and daily lives.

#### The Meetings

The meetings will be open-house format with the same information on both nights.

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, June 14	Wednesday, June 15
<b>Time</b>	4 pm to 7 pm	4 pm to 7 pm
<b>Location</b>	State Fair Park, Tommy Thompson Youth Center, Gate #5, 640 S. 84th St., Milwaukee	Marquette University High School 3401 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee (enter from Michigan Street parking lot)

#### Our Ask of You

- Submit a comment in support of modernization and expansion of the corridor. It doesn't matter if you have already submitted a comment. Please once again show your support. All June comments will be tallied as part of the public meeting summary. Here are three easy ways for you to engage in the process:
  1. Complete the attached comment card and drop it off at one of the meetings. You can also email or mail your comment card or use the [WisDOT online comment form](#).
  2. Use the attached prefilled comment cards to engage friends, family, and colleagues.
  3. Send a letter to the I-94 East-West project manager with a few clicks. Get started [here](#).
- Attend one of the meetings, but comments are a priority. Walk around and review the project exhibits and interact with WisDOT's staff. Ask questions, thank them for their work in pulling together the new data, and share your support for the project with added capacity.

### Comment Card Messages

The best messages will reflect your personal experience with the corridor. However, here are some suggested points to include:

- The six-lane version doesn't address all the corridor's known issues, specifically severe congestion and the safety challenges that come with it. Where Wisconsin has reconstructed, modernized, and expanded sections of the Southeast Freeway System, crash rates have been reduced by up to 48%.
- Traffic in the corridor has returned to near pre-COVID levels. If we modernize it with six lanes, there will be congestion the day the project is finished. The decision to add capacity is clear-cut.
- It doesn't make sense to rebuild the roadway with six lanes when it costs almost the same as the 8-lane alternative.
- Public transit and other mobility options are critical to increasing safety, reducing congestion, and promoting economic development in the region. But the new numbers confirm that even with increased transit ridership, it won't be enough to effectively address traffic congestion on the East-West Corridor without expansion.
- This corridor is over 60 years old and past its useful life. It must be rebuilt. Wisconsin should do it right and rebuild it with eight lanes to handle the traffic of today and the future.
- Every year of delay adds millions to the project's cost due to inflation. These dollars won't replace a bridge, increase mobility, or improve safety. It is time to move forward and rebuild the corridor with enhanced safety and added capacity.

Thank you for your support of the vital I-94 East-West Corridor.