Project Status and Updates

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY #2

MARCH 19, 2020
Recap of December Public Involvement Meeting

Held on December 11, 2019
• Re-introduce the project
• Give opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback
• 269 people signed in at the meeting

40 written comments

All information from the meeting is on the project website
Progress since the December Meeting

Updated the Purpose and Need
  • Request input from the public and agencies

Reviewed alternatives and made tentative decisions to eliminate some and retain Alternatives 1 and 2 for detailed study
  • Request input from public and agencies

Conduct impact analyses
Purpose of this Meeting

Public input on the Lead Agencies decision to retain Alternatives 1 and 2 for detailed evaluation, eliminating the other alternatives from consideration.

Public input on which alternative, 1 or 2, should be identified as the preferred alternative
Purpose and Need of the Project

The purpose of the project is to identify the most appropriate improvements for addressing existing east-west transportation demand and demand that will be generated by the planned development in the southern portion of the Green Bay metropolitan area.

The project is needed to:

- Address congestion in the vicinity of the existing Fox River bridges.
- Accommodate existing and planned land use and future travel demand generated by planned development.
- Reduce travel time by improving east-west connectivity.
- Address higher-than-average crash rates and safety issues in the vicinity of the existing Fox River bridges.
Alternatives Analysis

Three step process:
Step 1—Develop and Screen Alternatives
Step 2—Evaluate Alternative Routes
Step 3—Refine Alternative Routes

Public, tribal, local state and federal agency input is being considered in the process
Impact Analyses

Each resource impact analysis includes:
- Describe existing environmental conditions
- Environmental impacts of each alternative
- Strategies for avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating potential adverse impacts

Resource impacts were calculated using the working alignments and presented as a range to account for uncertainty.

As specific alignments are developed during Tier 2, actual impacts will be determined and assessed at a more detailed level.
Agency Coordination

Local official, tribal, and regulatory agency coordination occurs throughout the study.

Participating and Cooperating Agencies are part of the planning process and provide concurrence on three formal points in the Tier 1 EIS process:

• Concurrence Point #1: Purpose and Need statement for the project
• Concurrence Point #2: Range of Alternative Considered and alternatives to be carried forward for study
• Concurrence Point #3: Identification of the Preferred Corridor Alternative
Next Steps

• Continue impact analysis

• Seek input on the preferred corridor alternative from public, tribes, local governments, resource agencies. Please send comments by April 20

• Tier 1 Draft EIS published in June 2020
  • 45-day comment period
  • Public Hearing in July

• Tier 1 Final EIS/Record of Decision planned in October 2020

• Tier 2 environmental documents will be completed for each section of the project prior to construction
Please take time to access the exhibit boards, review the handout (available on the project website), and send comments to Cole Runge at the e-mail below.

Thank you

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