



# Wisconsin Department of Transportation

## WIS 181 – WIS 175 (W Appleton Ave) to W Grantosa Dr

March 2026 Public Involvement Meeting

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### Project Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is proposing to replace the pavement on approximately 1.2 miles of WIS 181 in Milwaukee County. The purpose of this project is to provide long-term improvements to the pavement, operation, and safety of the roadway.

### Proposed Improvements:

- Replace the entire pavement structure
- Remove and replace all curb and gutter
- Update bike and pedestrian accommodations
  - Review possible alternatives to existing
- Improve safety and operations
  - Reconfigure right turn lanes at Appleton Ave and Grantosa Dr
  - Narrow the corridor with extended curb bumpouts
  - Provide median refuge for pedestrians
  - Median restriction at Stark St
- Replace signals at Congress and Grantosa
- Update utilities

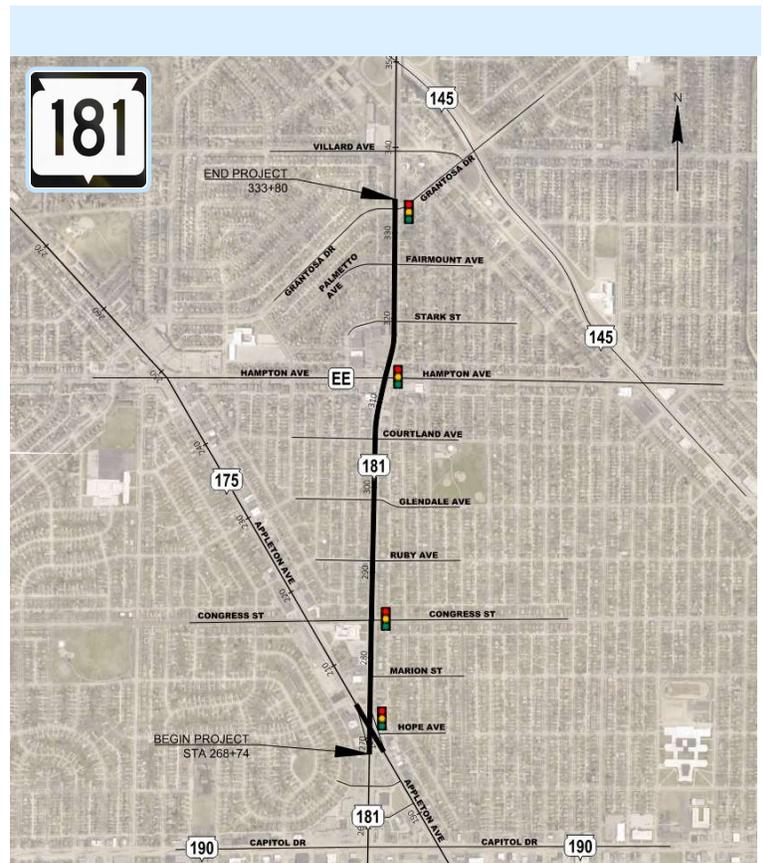
### Parking Impacts:

- Reduction in parking
- Parking is underutilized, consolidate parking

### Alternatives being Reviewed:

- Alt A-Shared bike and pedestrian facilities
- Alt B-Off-street bike accommodations
- Alt C-On-street bike accommodations

*\*\* See back of this handout \*\**



### Schedule

This project is currently in preliminary design. Construction is anticipated to start in Spring of 2032 but could start as early as Spring of 2031 pending available funding.

**Preliminary Design**

2024-2026

**Final Design**

2026-2030

**Construction**

2031 OR 2032

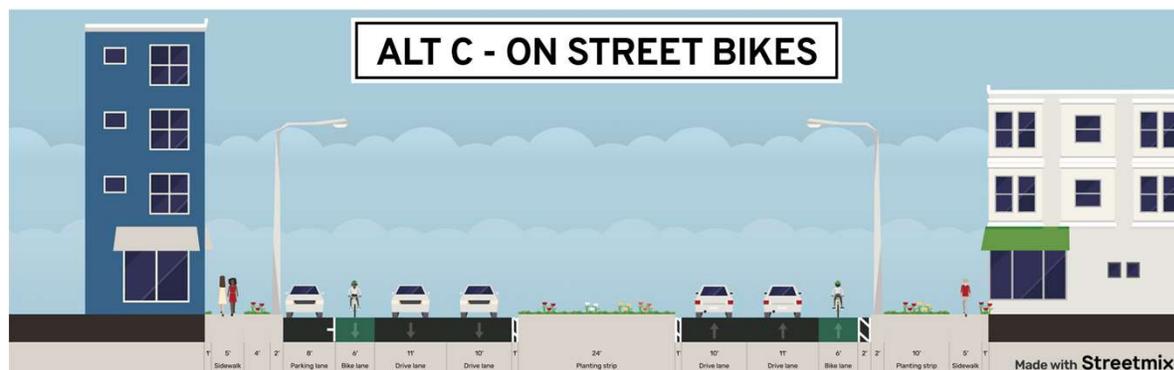
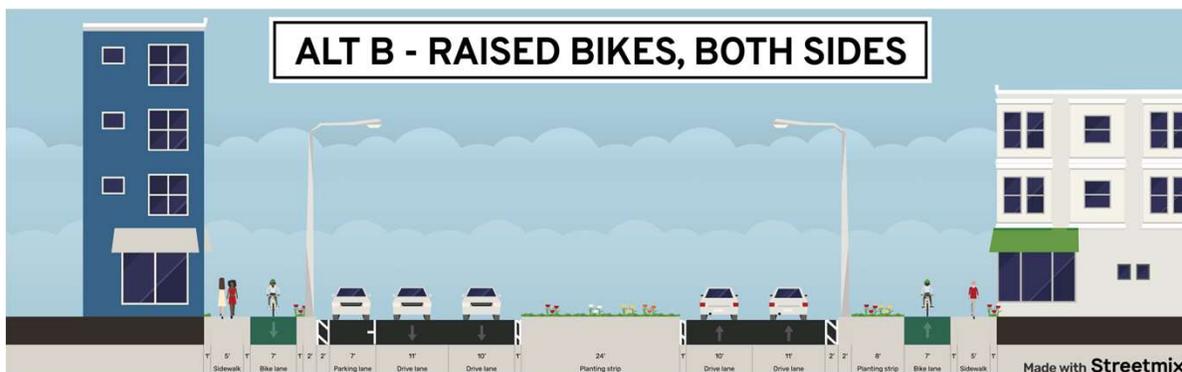
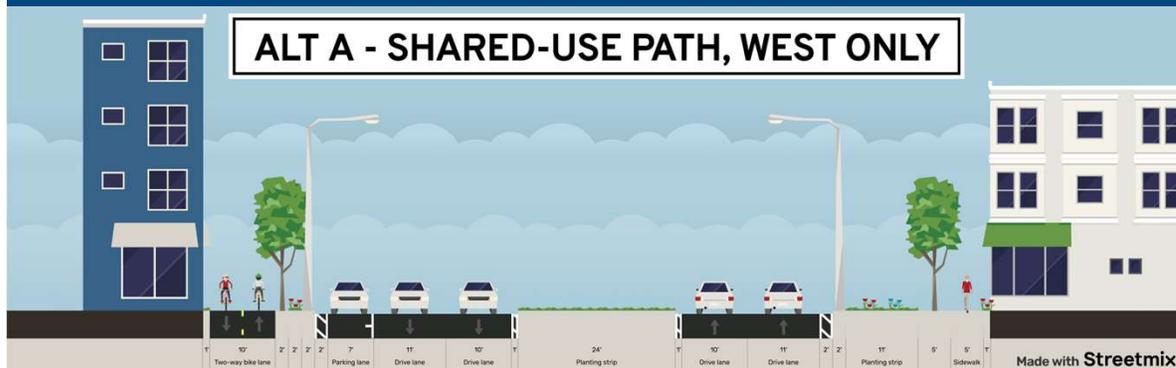
### Real Estate

Most of the work is anticipated to occur within the existing right of way, however real estate acquisition will be required at select locations. Affected property owners will be contacted later in the design process.

### Information for Businesses

Find WisDOT's 'In This Together' guide for tips, tools, and resources to help businesses plan for highway construction at [wisconsindot.gov/together](http://wisconsindot.gov/together).

Possible Alternatives being reviewed:



**Public Input**

We encourage you to speak with the project representatives and share your questions and input – especially regarding historical assets, underground utilities, drainage issues or other concerns. A comment sheet is available for your written input, which can be mailed before March 10, 2026, or left in the comment box tonight. Your feedback is valuable and will help us develop a project that meets the needs of both the traveling public and the local community.

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