

Beltline PEL Study

Introduction

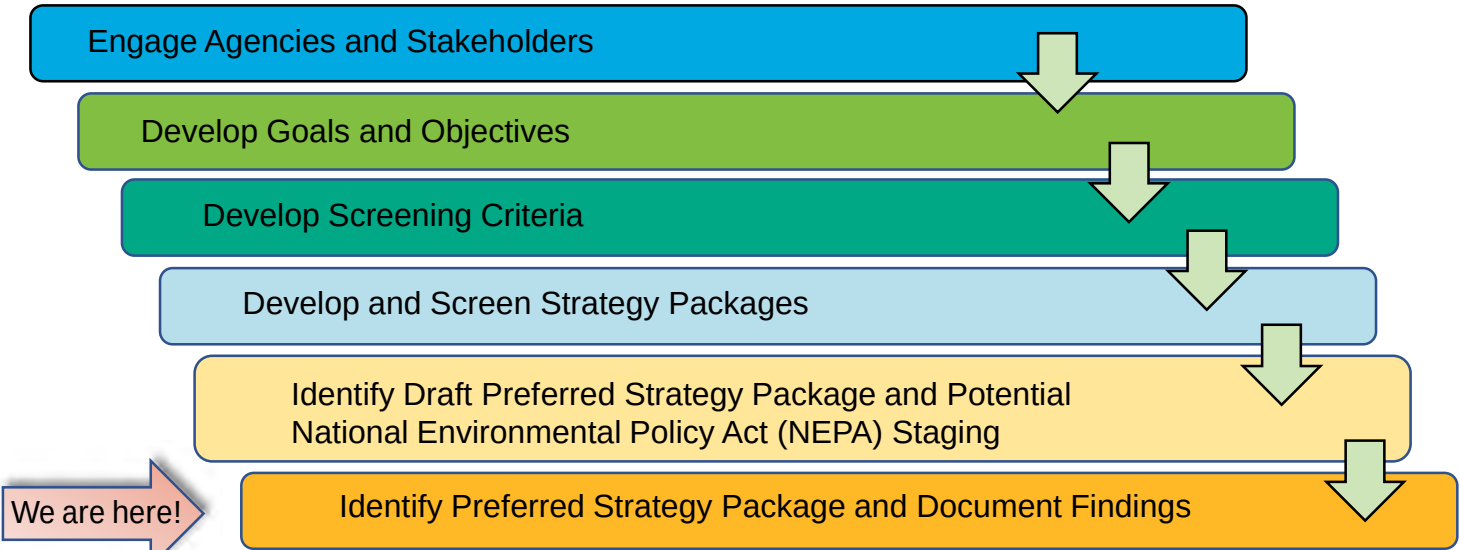
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a long-term study of the Beltline corridor called a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study. This handout provides a status update of the study and identifies the Preferred Strategy Package. The Preferred Strategy Package includes potential long-term solutions to address safety, accessibility, operational, and infrastructure concerns on approximately 20 miles of US 12/14/18/151 (Beltline) extending from US 14 (city of Middleton) to County N (town of Cottage Grove) in Dane County. The work completed and conclusions reached during the study have been documented in the Draft PEL Summary Report, which can be found on the study website.

Beltline PEL Study Goal

The PEL study goal is to improve safety and multimodal travel along and across the Beltline corridor in a way that supports economic development, acknowledges community plans, contributes positively to the area’s quality of life, and limits adverse environmental and social effects to the extent practicable.



Beltline PEL Study Process:



Preferred Strategy Package provides long-term vision for potential corridor improvements



Individual components were combined into Draft Strategy Packages. The Preferred Strategy Package is being presented for input.

- The first step was to develop the improvement components throughout the corridor. They fall into 5 main categories:
- Mainline and Interchange Components – This category includes improvements such as adding travel lanes on the Beltline or improvements at interchange ramp intersections. Also included are improvements to weaving areas. Weaving areas are places where traffic entering the Beltline mixes with traffic wishing to exit at the next off-ramp.
 - Roadway Crossings and Connections Components – For example, constructing a new bridge over the Beltline.
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Components – Such as constructing a new path to connect areas along or across the Beltline
 - Transit Components – Improving transit reliability along and across the Beltline; and finally,
 - Park and Ride Components – Adding new park and ride lots near the Beltline

Based on feedback and additional analysis, a Draft Preferred Strategy Package was identified for the corridor and was presented at the last public meetings in 2024. Since the last public involvement meetings, modifications were made to the Draft Preferred Strategy Package and now the Preferred Strategy Package has been identified. It is shown on the next page of this handout.

After reviewing the Preferred Strategy Package, we ask that you provide your input. The project team will be collecting input until **January 15, 2026**. The feedback received will help determine what changes, if any, should be made to the Preferred Strategy Package and Draft Beltline PEL Summary Report.

Simply scan the QR code with your cell phone’s camera to launch the study webpage. The public involvement page of the study website contains links to materials from the public meeting, an online comment form, and the Draft Beltline PEL Summary Report. Alternatively, you can access the Beltline PEL Study Public Involvement page at <https://bit.ly/BeltlinePEL>.

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Preferred Strategy Package



Potential improvements shown; further study to be completed. No construction planned at this time.

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