



TCMC

TWIN CITIES – MILWAUKEE – CHICAGO **INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL**



CONNECTING **PEOPLE**



MOVING **FREIGHT**



STRENGTHENING **COMMUNITIES**

FINAL DESIGN PHASE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING AGENDA

1 TCMC PROJECT OVERVIEW

2 AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

3 NEXT STEPS



Route Key

-  Existing Amtrak Route
-  Train Stations
-  Intercity Bus Service
-  Commercial Airports
-  State Borders



TCMC FEATURES and BENEFITS

FEATURES



FREQUENCY

2 ROUND TRIPS
per day with TCMC &
Empire Builder/
Hiawatha Services



ROUTE

411 MILES
Saint Paul to
Chicago



SPEED

79 MPH
maximum
speed in
corridor



RIDERS

124,200 PEOPLE
are projected to ride
the new trains the
first year of full
service



SCHEDULE

MORNING & MIDDAY
departures from Saint
Paul and Chicago



TRAVEL TIME

7.5 HOURS
Saint Paul
to Chicago



SERVICE

2023
second daily round
trip will begin as soon
as 2023



STATIONS

13 LOCATIONS
already in
service corridor

BENEFITS



AT-GRADE CROSSINGS

SAFETY & GATE TIME
improved due to rail &
siding improvements



FREIGHT DELAYS

REDUCED
with rail upgrades that
minimize congestion for
quicker and smoother travel



BUSINESS

JOB GROWTH
through the leverage
of convenient rail
service

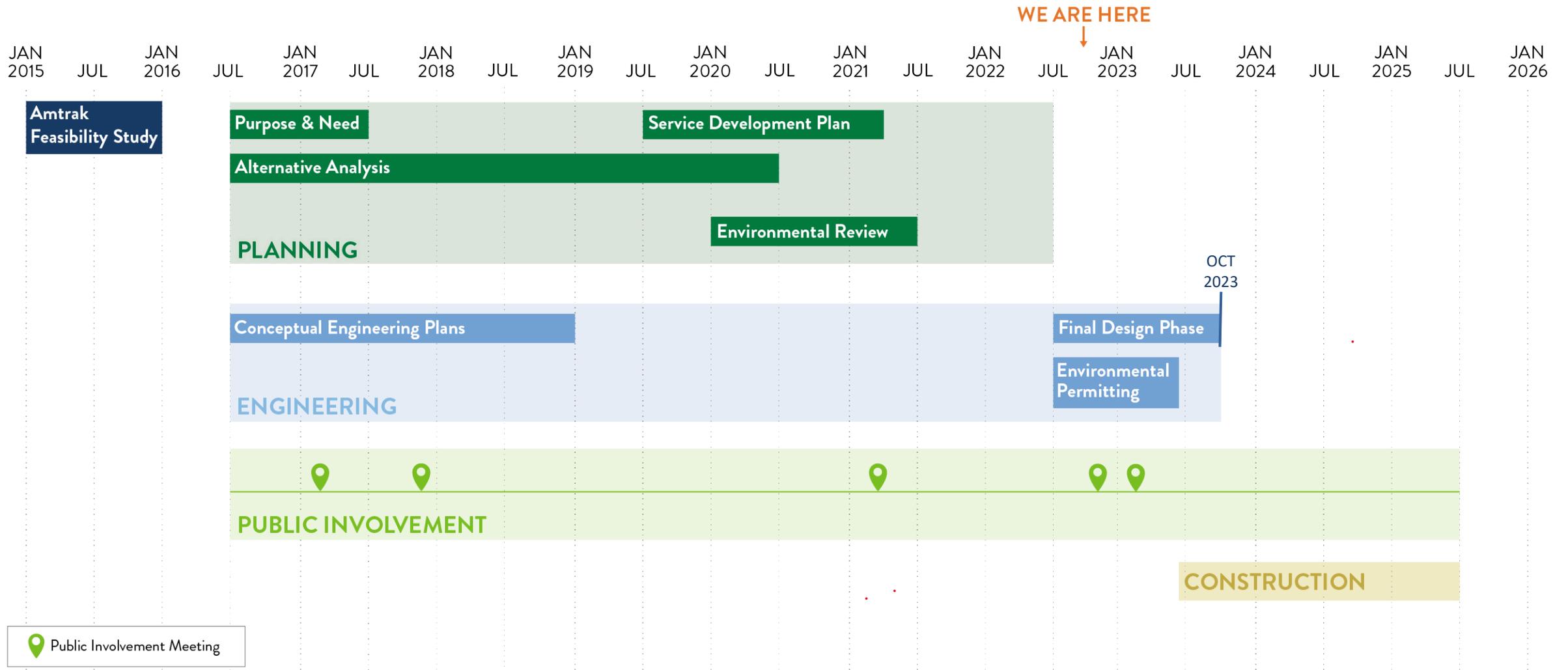


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

supported through
increased tourism



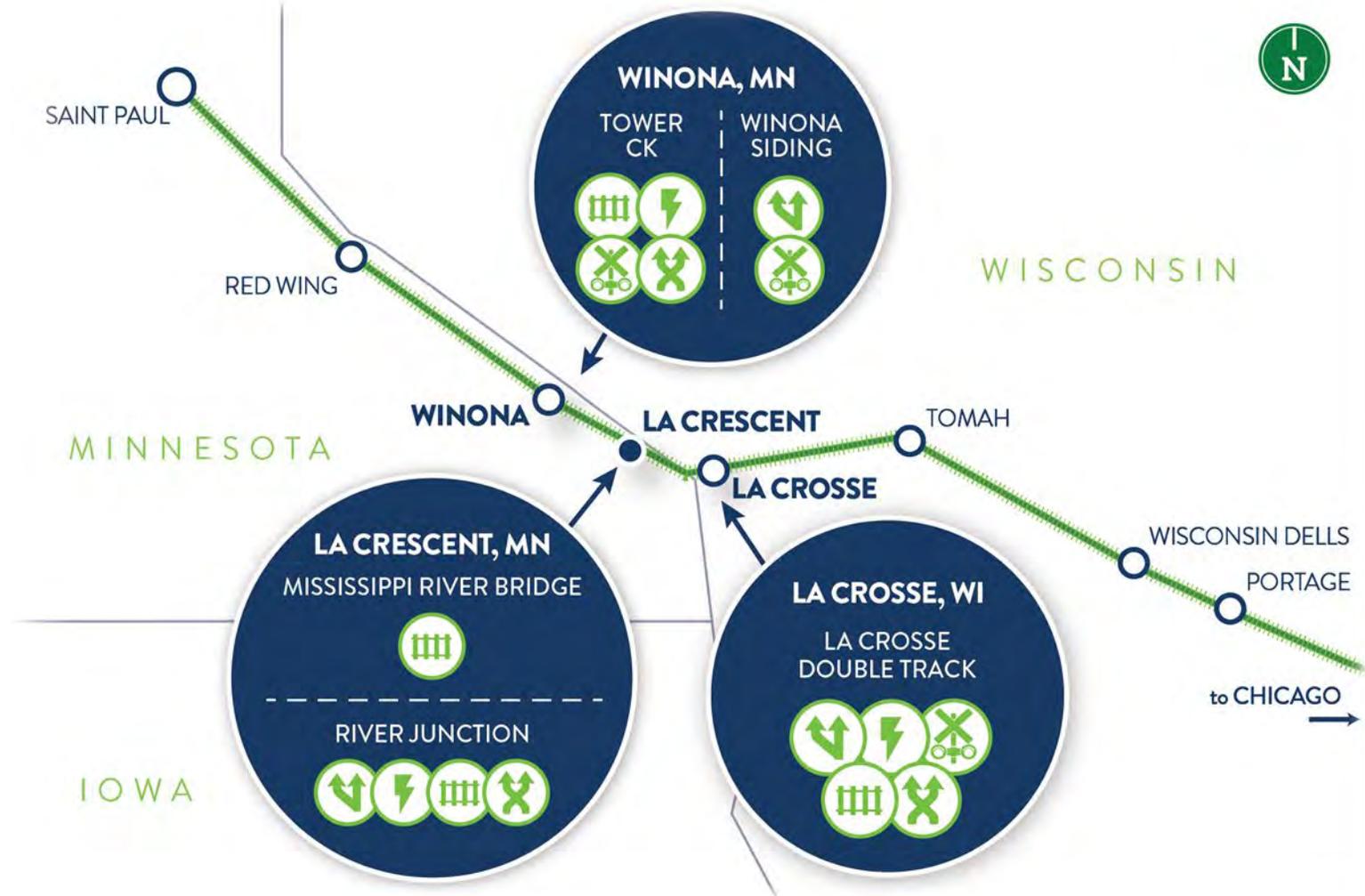
PROJECT TIMELINE



AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

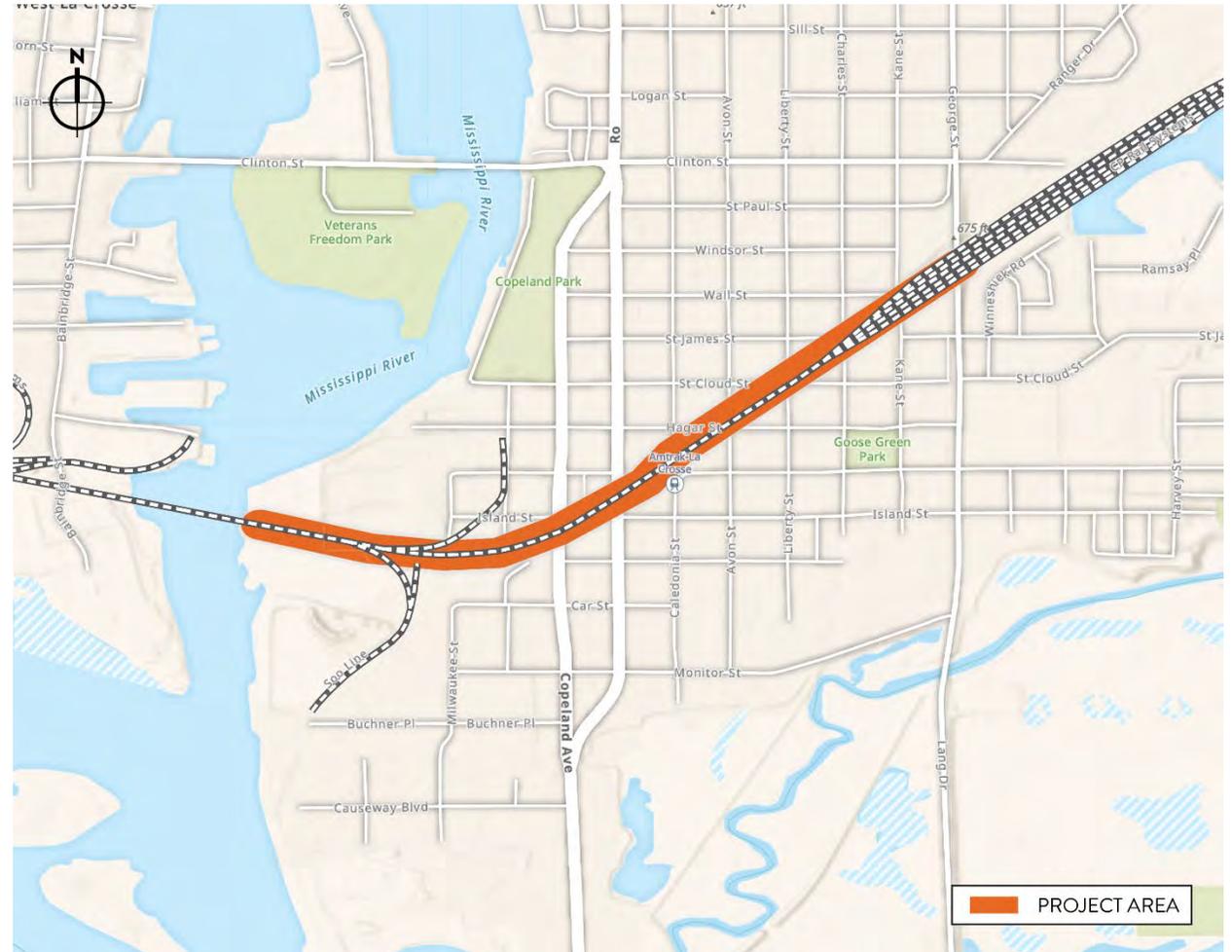
Improvement Map Key

- TCMC and Existing Amtrak Route
- Train Stations
- State Borders
- New or Converted Track
- Siding Extension
- Communications and Signal Upgrades
- Install Crossover
- At-Grade Crossing Improvements



LA CROSSE DEPOT AREA

- Restore a second mainline track
- Extend yard lead west and add signals to re-establish old second mainline track through the La Crosse Depot
- Remove portion of existing platform for restored second track
- Reconstruct platform
- Improve at-grade crossings at Saint Cloud/Liberty streets and Avon/Hagar streets



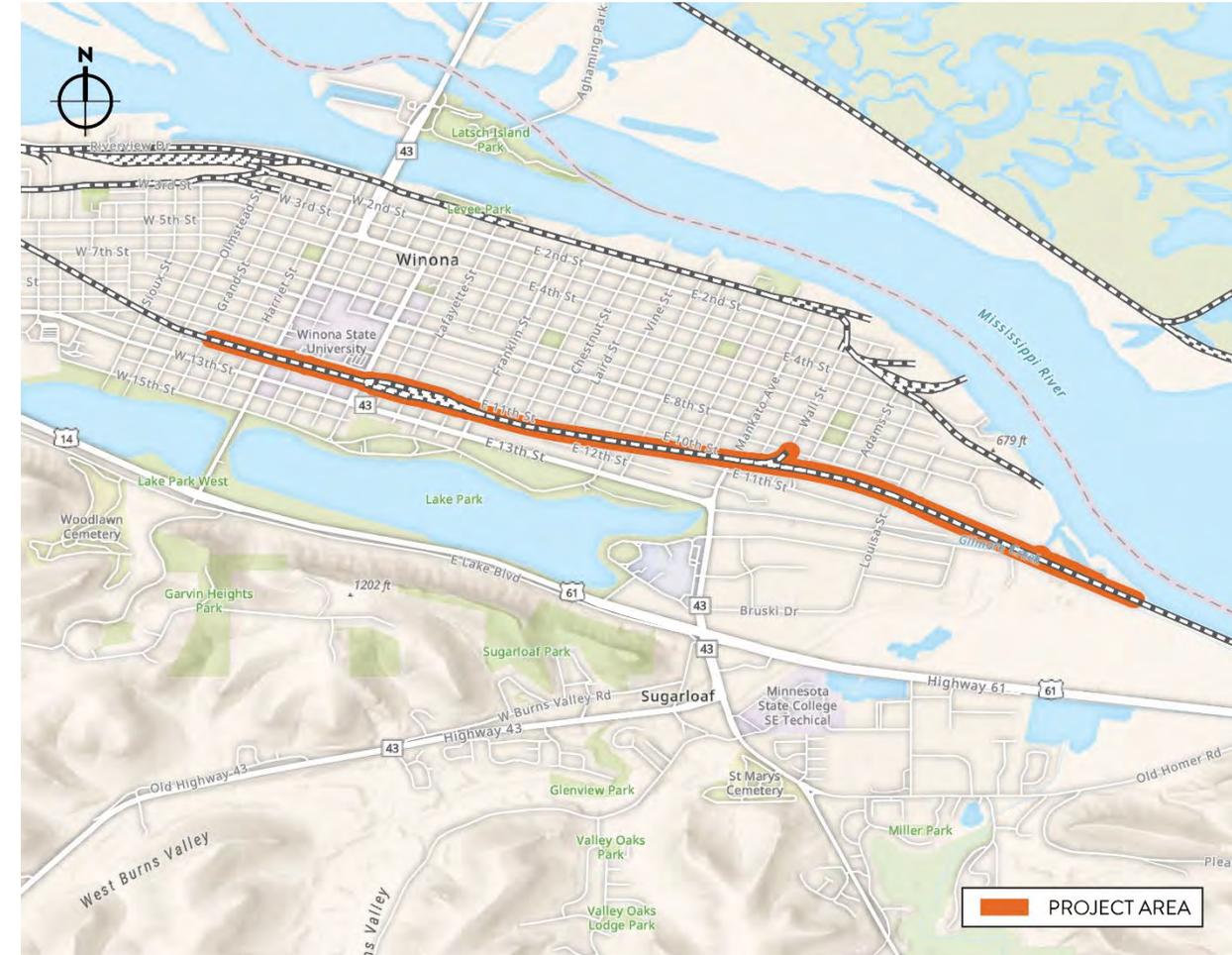
LA CRESCENT RIVER JUNCTION YARD

- Convert yard track to a second mainline track to accommodate increased speeds
- Modify the wye turnout alignment to increase mainline track speeds to 25 mph
- Construct new mainline track, turnouts, and yard tracks



WINONA WINONA SIDING

- Rehabilitate two miles of existing siding track
- Install two power turnouts and railroad signals for more efficient train movements
- At-grade crossing improvements





Review Public Meeting Comments – winter 2022



Additional Public Outreach – spring 2023



Complete Final Design Plans – summer 2023



Start Construction – Start of 2024



Train Service Begins – 2023-2025



THANK YOU

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