

US 169 and Belgrade Ave Study

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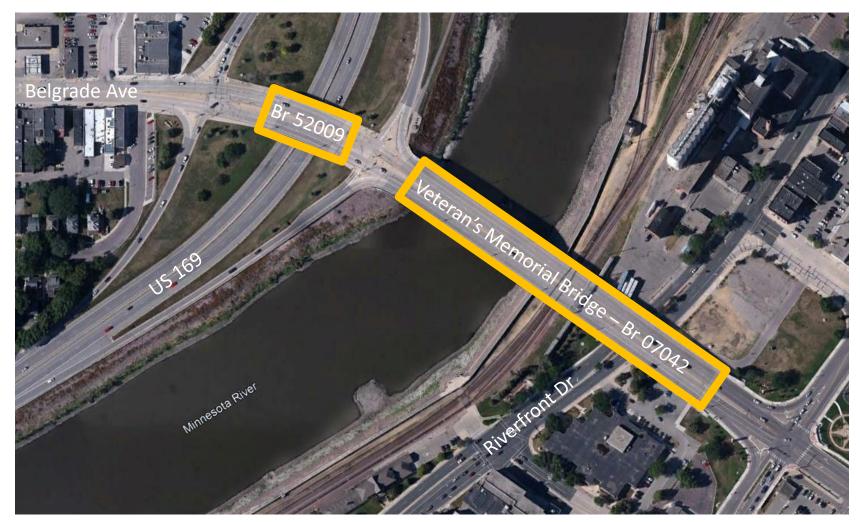
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City Council Work Session Goals

- Share information on the US 169 and Belgrade Ave Study
- Seek City Council support for the recommendations that have been developed by MnDOT and City of North Mankato Staff
- Discuss potential cost participation MnDOT and City of North Mankato

Background – SP 5212-35



- Rehabilitation of Veteran's Memorial Bridge over MN River between Mankato and North Mankato.
- Concrete delaminating from underside of the bridge deck.
- Construction planned for 2025 to remove and replace the concrete bridge deck.
- Bridge planned to be closed during construction.
- Opportunity to complete work at the interchange.

Background – SP 5212-35

- SP 5212-35 Veteran's Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation
 - Project Scoping 2020-2021
 - MnDOT Project Planning and Outreach meetings for the Veteran's Memorial Bridge
 - Meetings with City of Mankato and North Mankato staff October 2020
 - City of North Mankato staff identified Belgrade Ave Study
 - City considering 3-lane section and traffic calming opportunities as part of a future project
 - Veteran's Memorial Bridge expected to be closed during construction
 - Opportunity to complete additional scoping of the US 169 and Belgrade Ave interchange
 - Evaluate existing pavement and intersection control within the US 169 and Belgrade Ave interchange

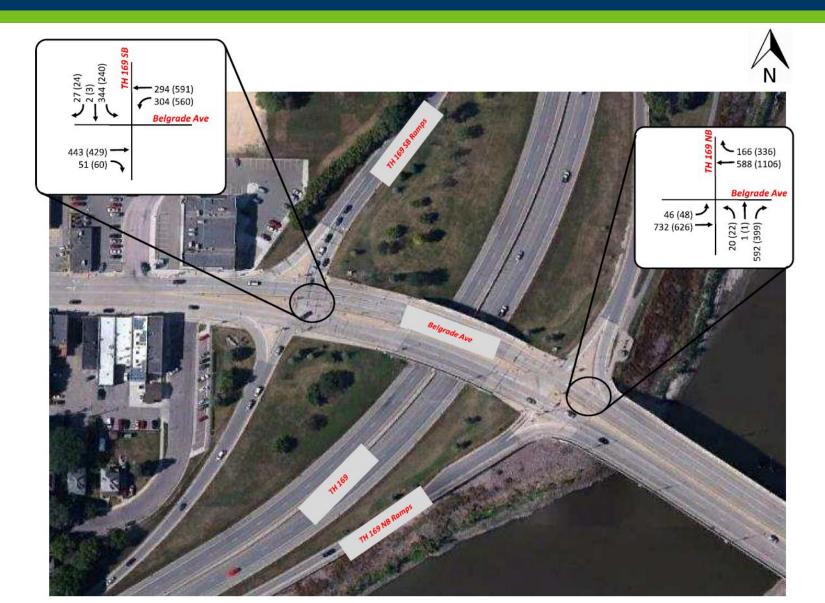
Background – Previous Studies

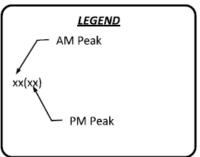
- Belgrade Avenue Corridor Study July 2017
 - MAPO, City of North Mankato, and MnDOT
 - Recommended further study of the interchange, include the possibility of a roundabout at the US 169 Southbound Ramp intersection
- Highway 169 Corridor Study December 2021
 - MAPO, City of North Mankato, City of Mankato, Blue Earth County, Nicollet County, and MnDOT
 - Recommended further study of the interchange, include the possibility of a roundabout at the US 169 Southbound Ramp intersection and tighter radii on channelized right turn lanes

Background – This Study

- Initiated based on previous studies and SP 5212-35 project scoping
- Started in May 2021
- Consultant: HR Green
- Meetings with City of North Mankato Staff
 - June 18, 2021; August 30, 2021; October 27, 2021
 - Topics: background, project funding, issues/opportunities, existing conditions, evaluation criteria, possible alternatives, purpose and need, public engagement, review of alternatives, etc.
- Detailed engineering analysis

Existing Conditions – Traffic Volumes

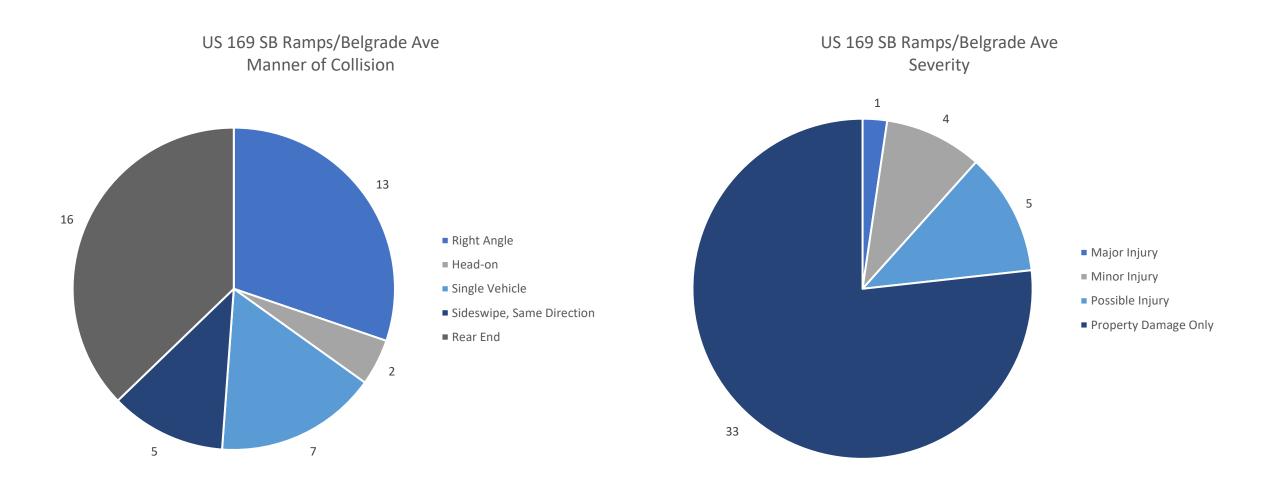




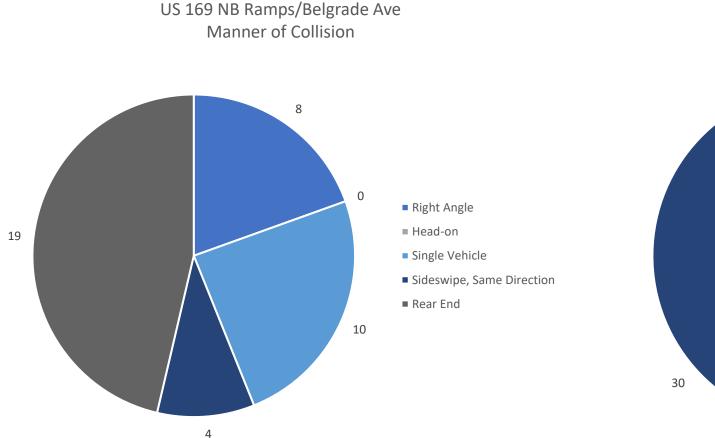
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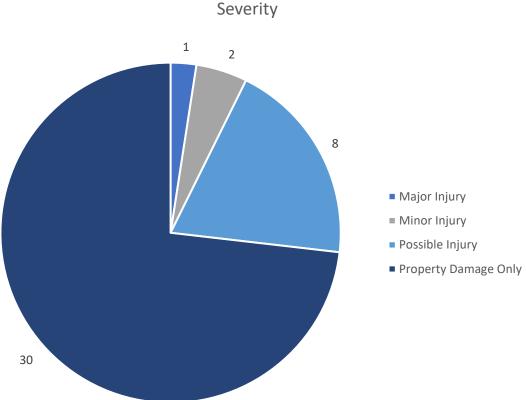
Daily: AM Peak: PM Peak:

Existing Conditions – Crash Data (01/2011 to 05/2021)



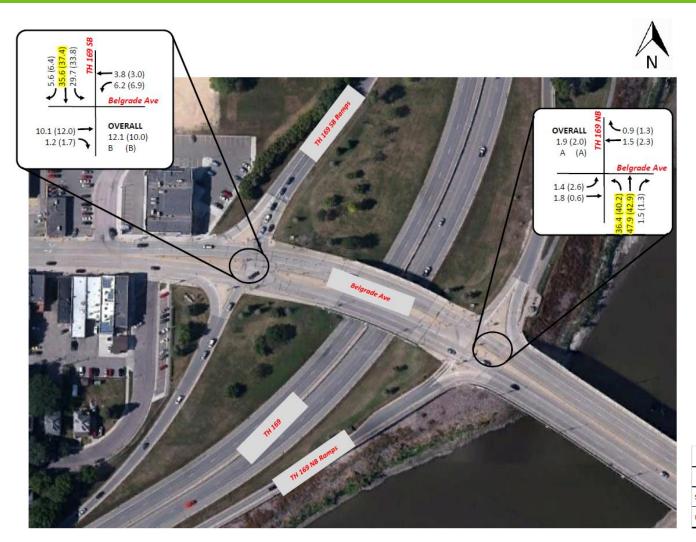
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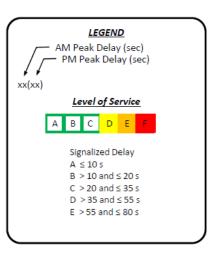




US 169 NB Ramps/Belgrade Ave

Existing Conditions – Operations Analysis





95th % Queue Length (feet)													
I-4	Peak Hour	Southbound Approach		Westbound Approach			Northbound Approach			Eastbound Approach			
Intersection Name	AM/PM	SBL	SBI	SBR	WBL	WBI	WBK	NBL	NBI	NBK	FBL	FBI	EBK
Southbound Ramp Terminal	AM	154	154	61	135	74						133	0
	PM	124	124	57	274	100						144	0
Northbound Ramp Terminal	AM					106	11	48	48	0	13	140	
	PM					202	9	59	59	0	14	57	

Issues/Opportunities → Purpose & Need → Evaluation Criteria

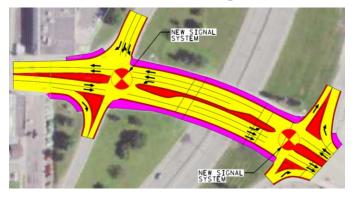
Roadway	Community/ Environmental	Structures	Construction/Cost Effectiveness
 US 169 Operations¹ Belgrade Ave Operations¹ Safety¹ Access Management Geometrics/ Pavement¹ 	 Multimodal² Aesthetics/ Visibility² Socio-economic² Utilities 	 Utilize/Optimize Existing¹ Risk for Additional Infrastructure 	 Constructability Staging² Right of Way Maintenance Cost

Notes:

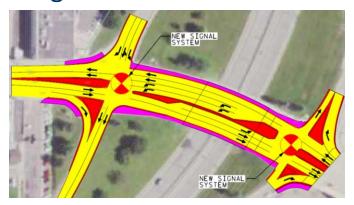
- 1. Primary needs from purpose and needs
- 2. Secondary needs from purpose and needs

Alternatives

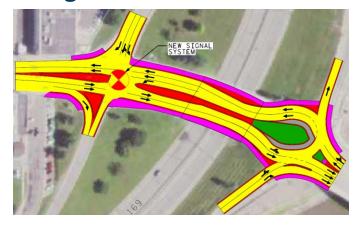
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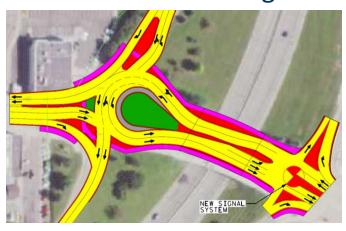
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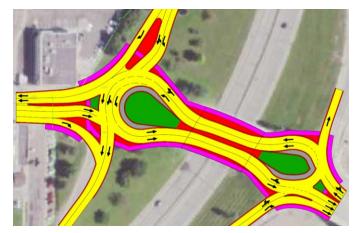
Signal and Roundabout



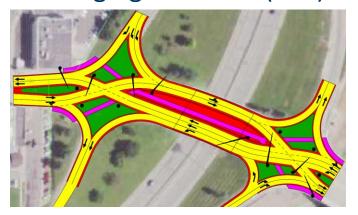
Roundabout and Signal



Two Roundabouts



Diverging Diamond (DDI)



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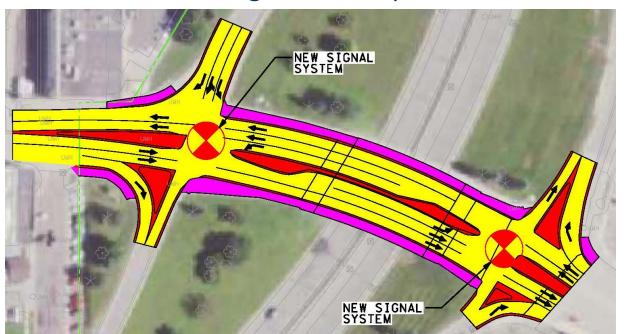
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Engineering Analysis

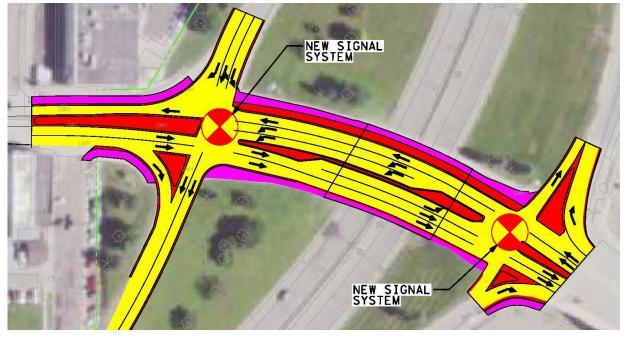
- Safety Analysis
- Operations Analysis
- Cost Comparison
- Impacts
- 4-Lane and 3-Lane Section on Belgrade Ave

Staff Preferred Alternative(s)

Two Traffic Signals: 4-Lane Belgrade Ave Option



Signals and WB Dual Left: 3-Lane Belgrade Ave Option





Questions?

Next Steps

MnDOT

- Update and finalize the US 169 and Belgrade Ave Study
- 5212-35 Project Development and Scope/Funding Update
- Support City of North Mankato with information for items below

City of North Mankato

- City Council support for the US 169 and Belgrade Ave ICE Study recommendation and follow-up City Resolution
- Provide direction on 3-lane vs. 4-lane section for Belgrade Ave
- Seek funding for City of North Mankato cost participation



Thank You!

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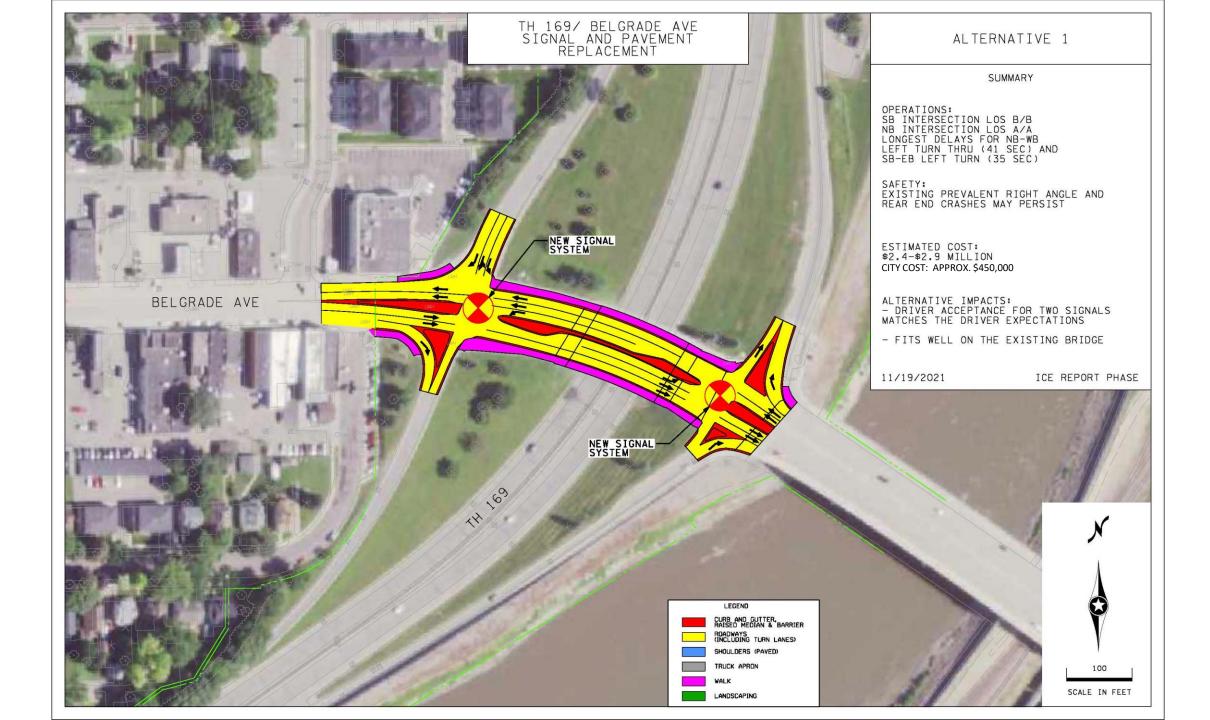
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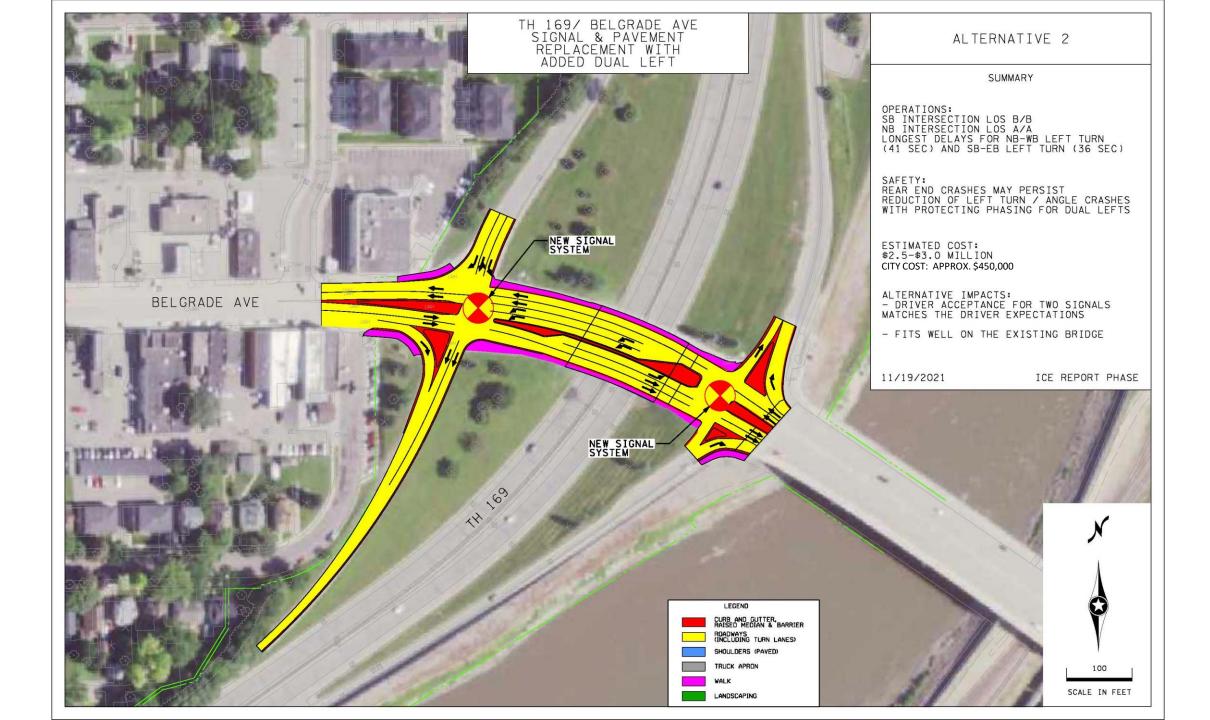
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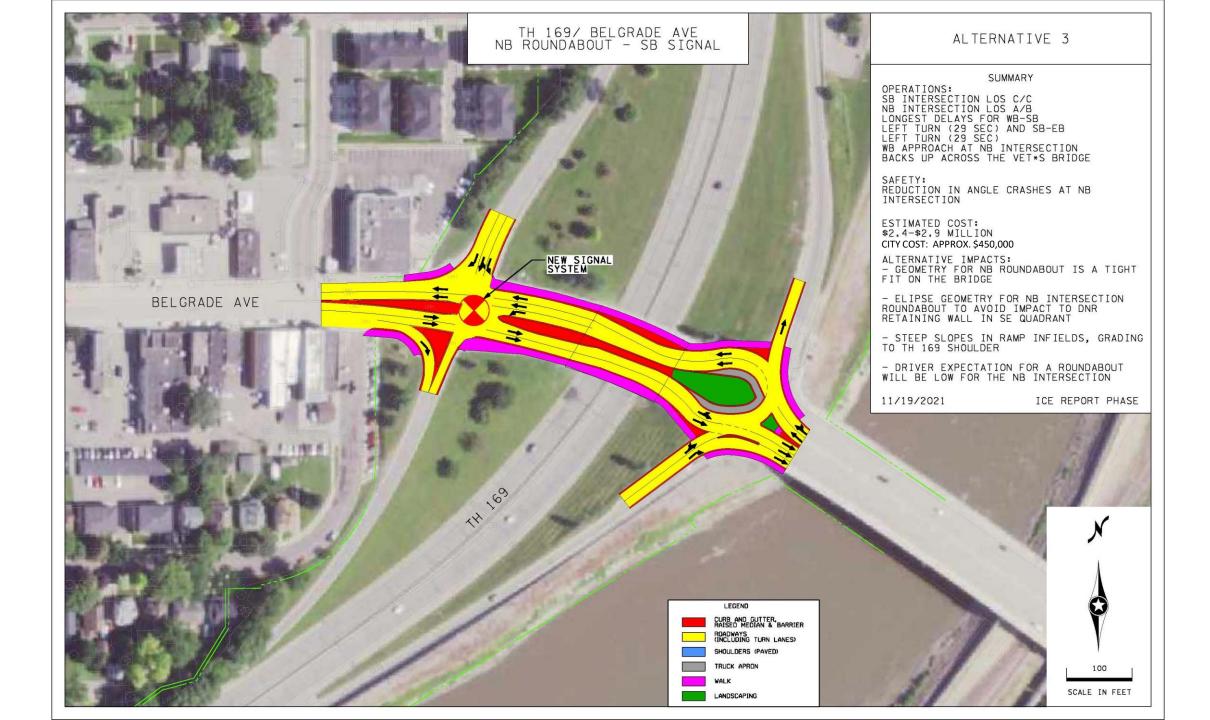
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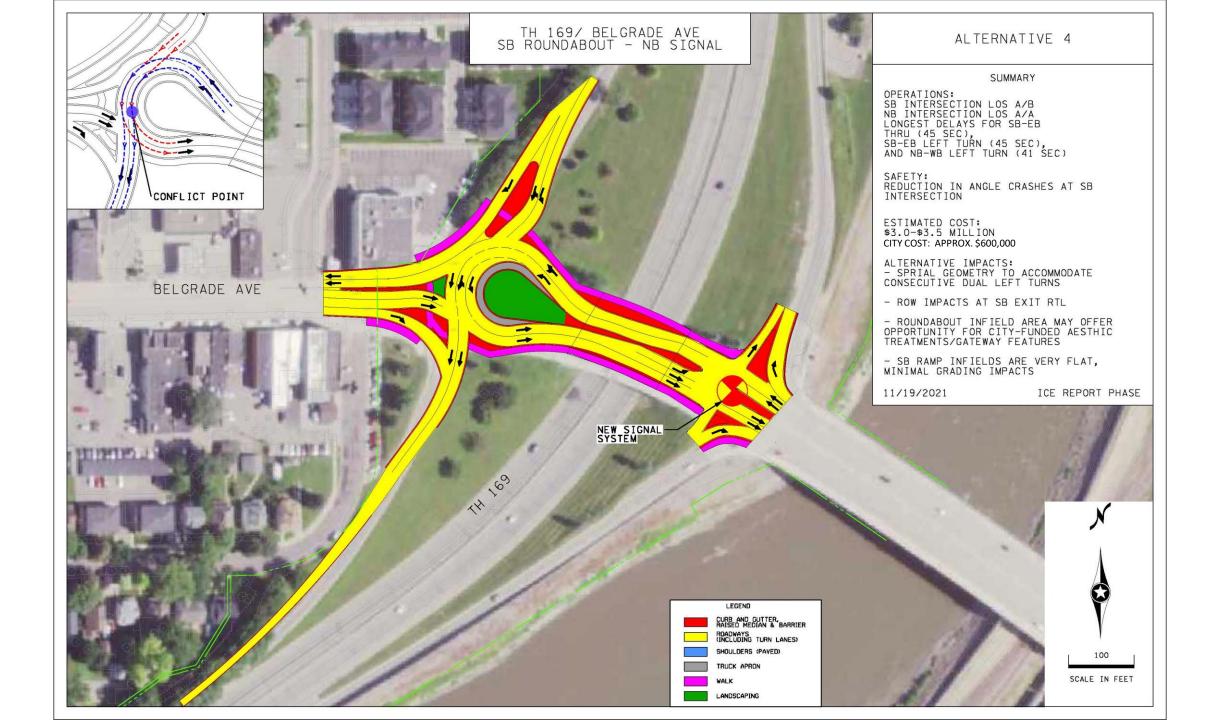
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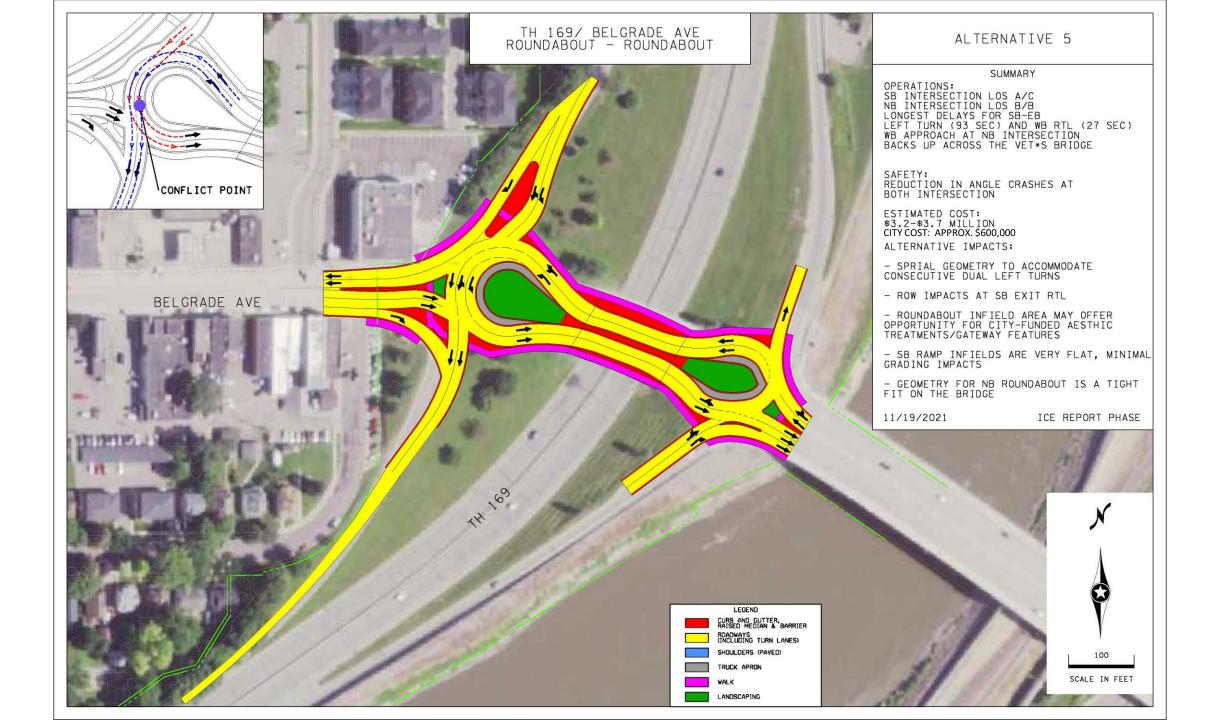
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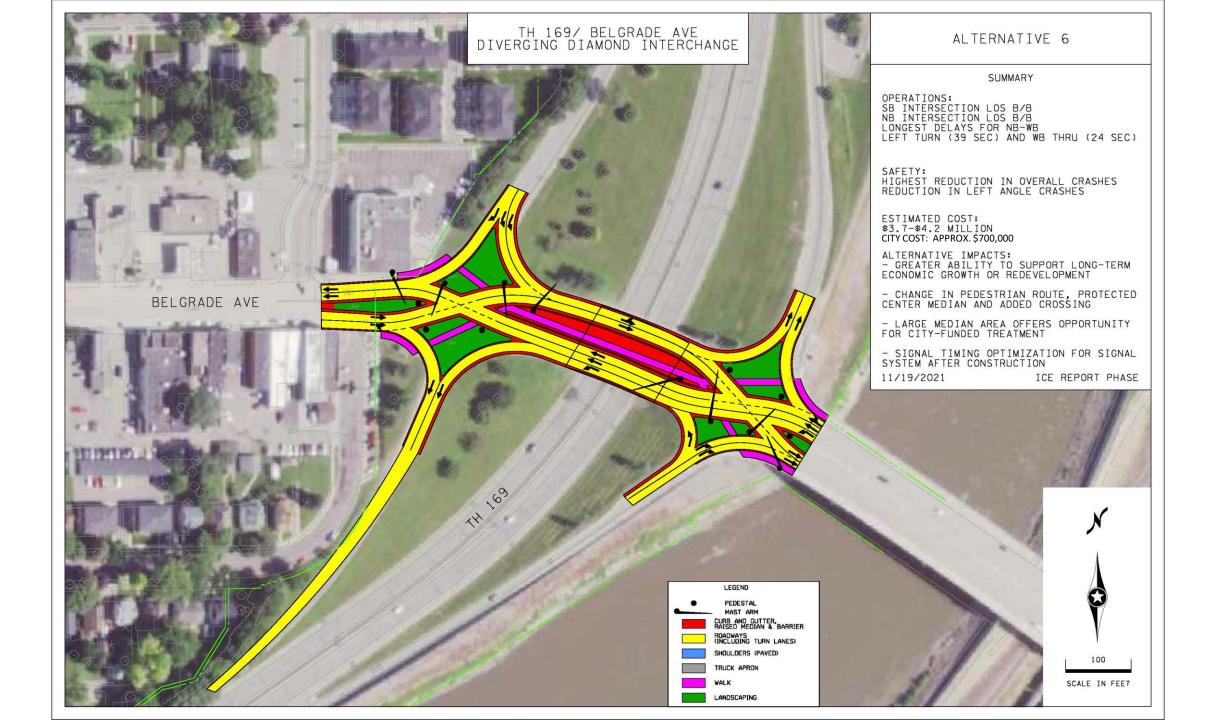


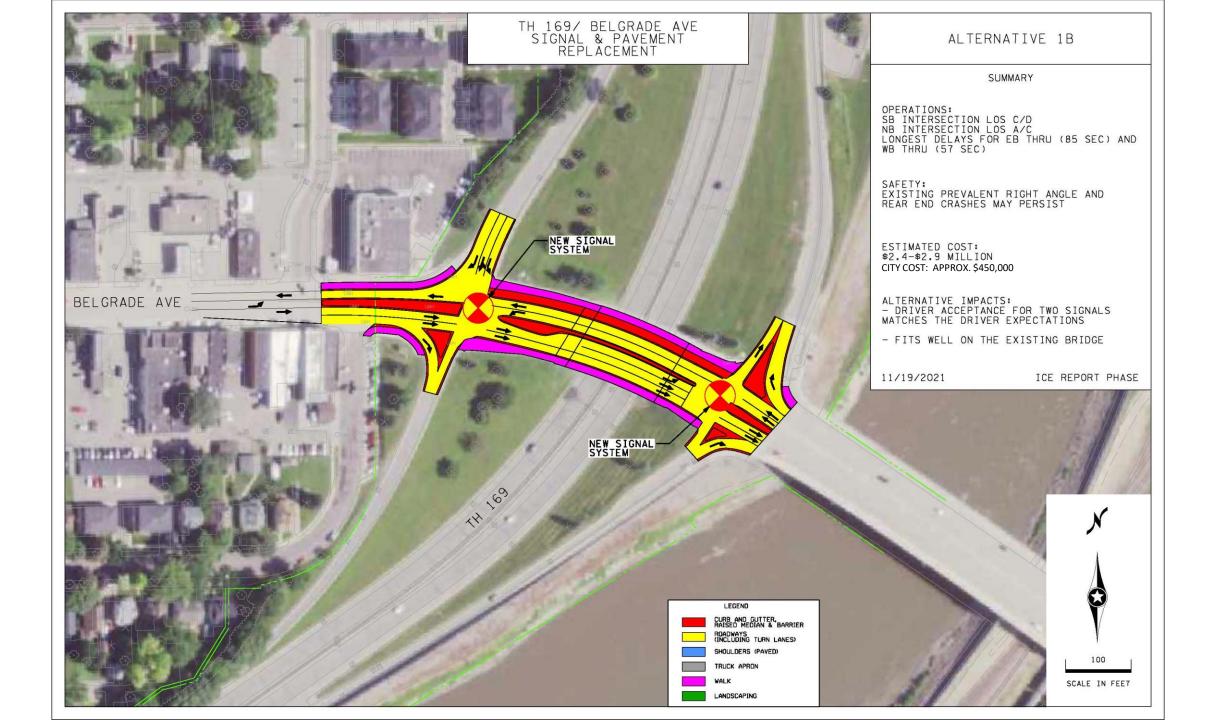


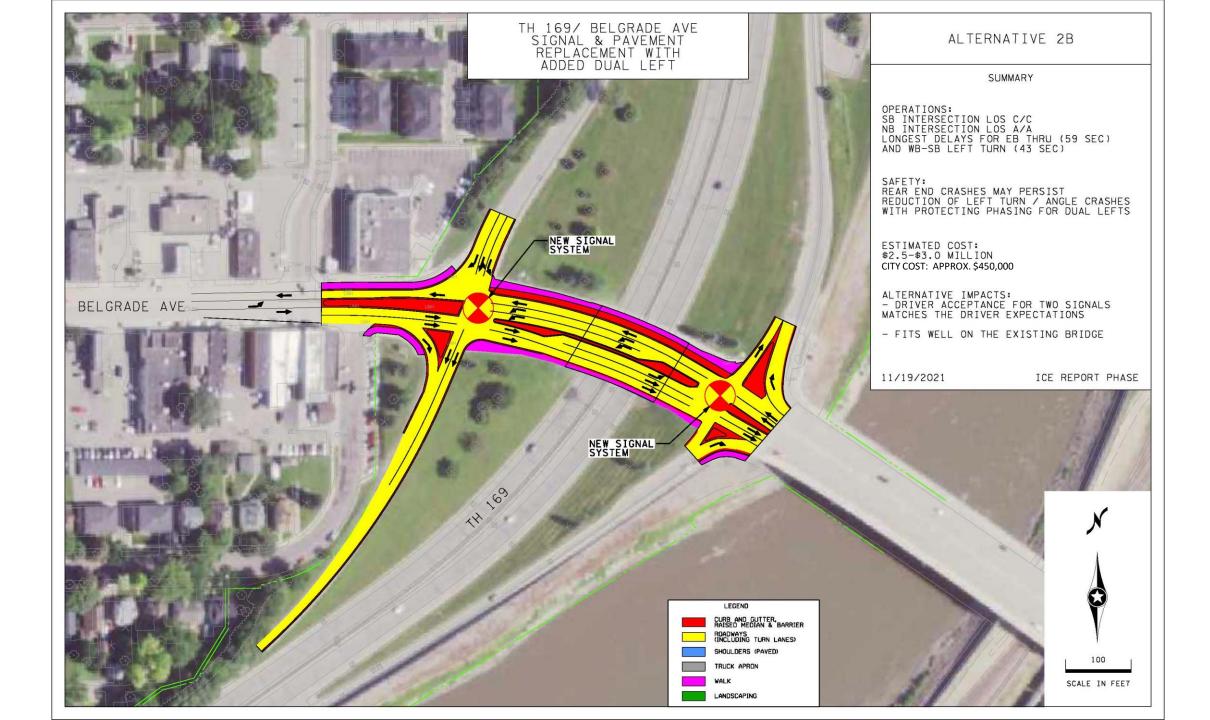


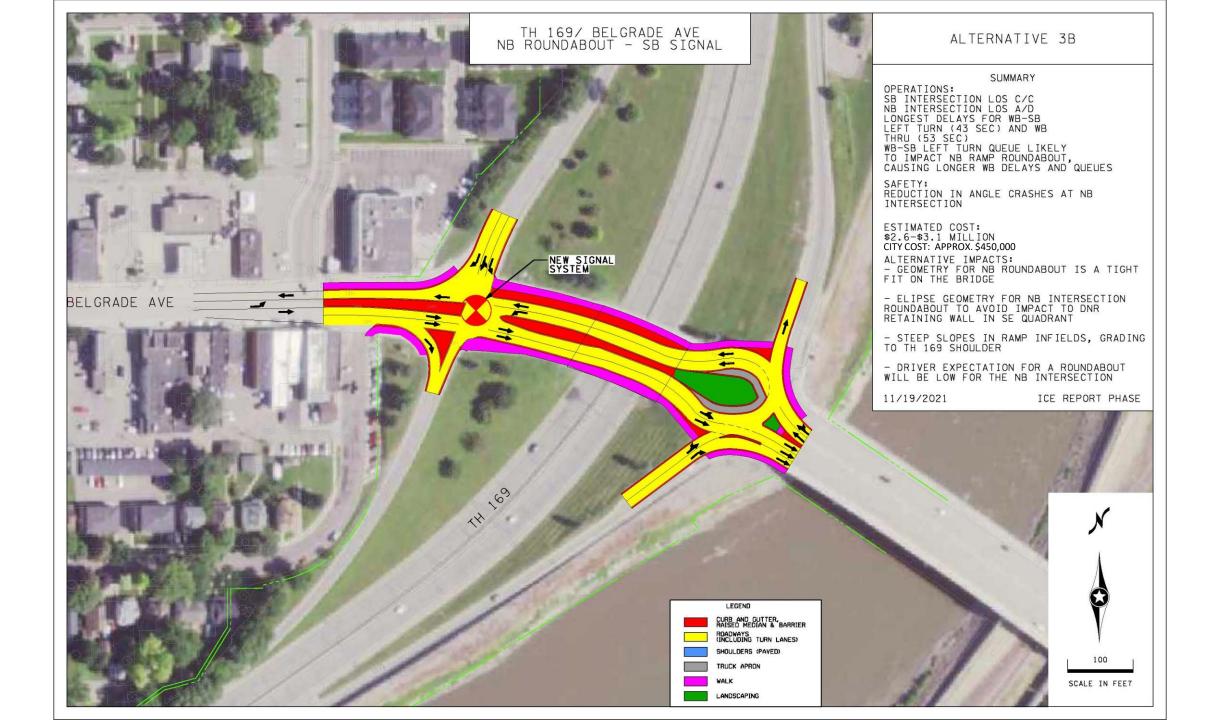


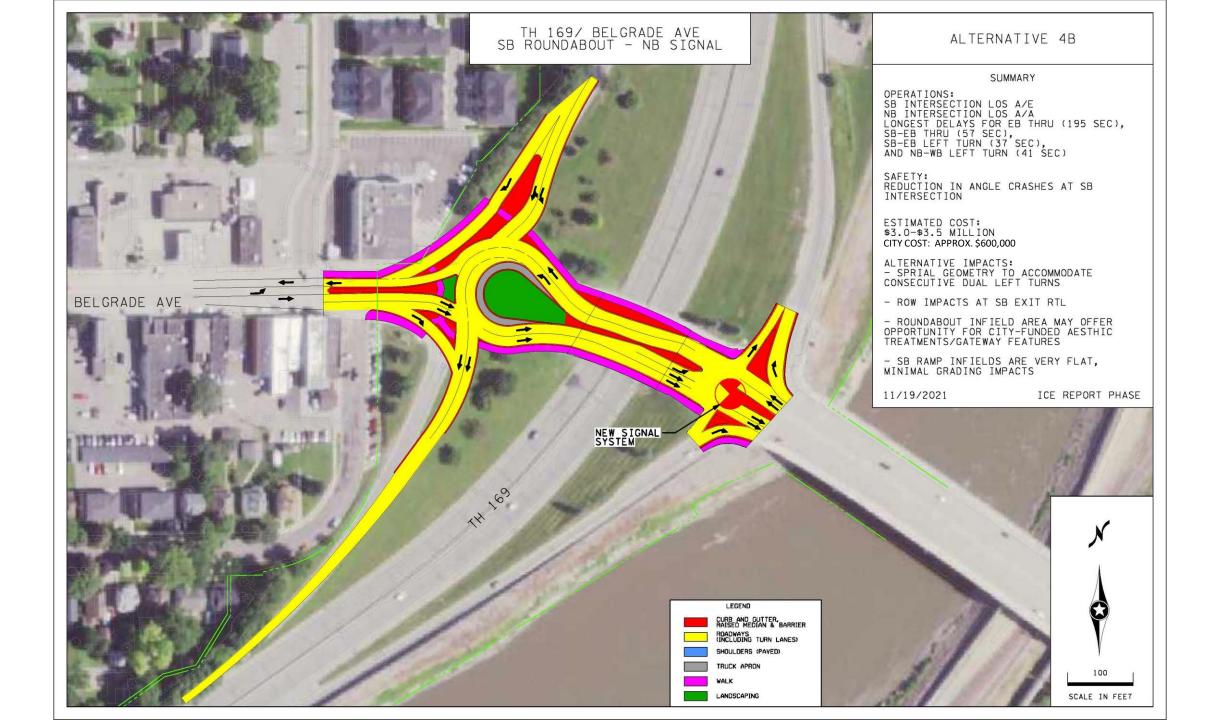


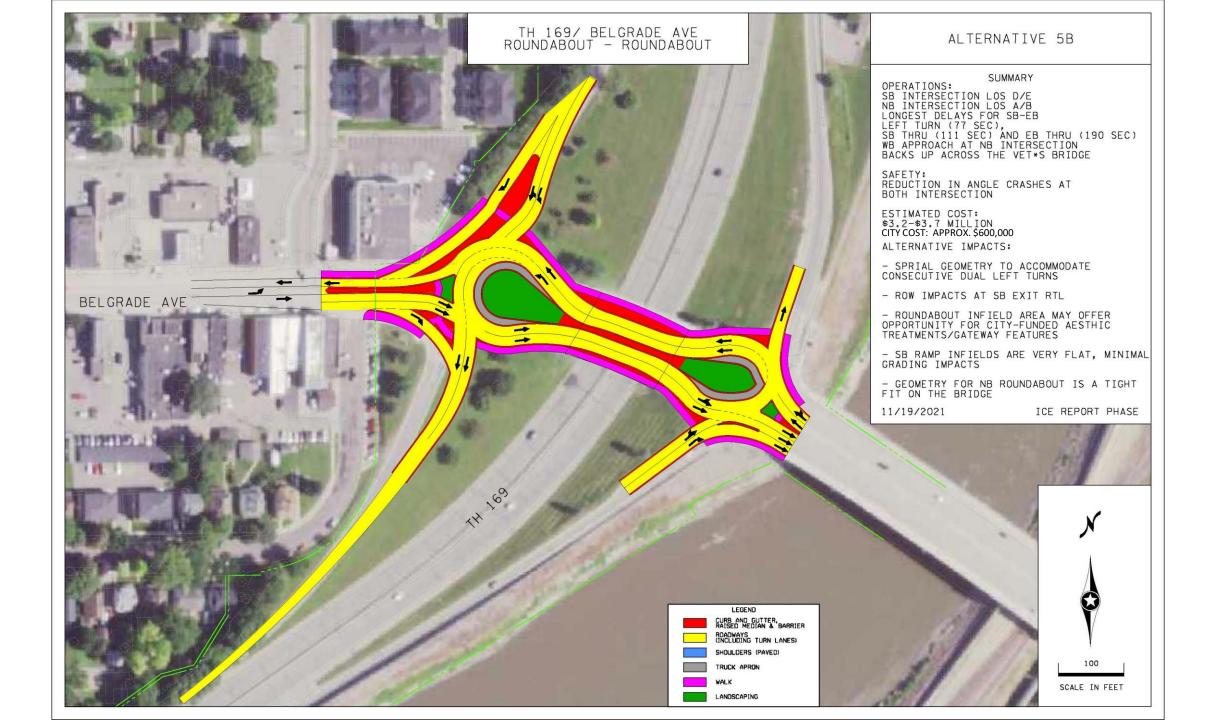


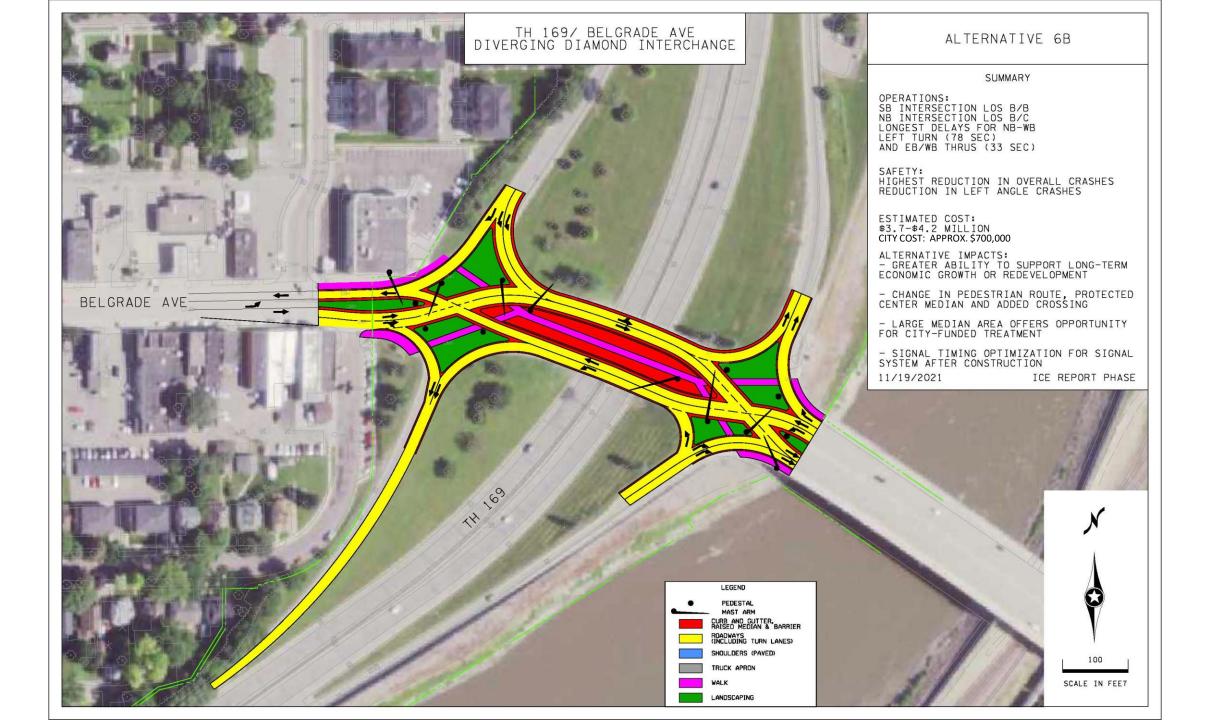
















Water, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Update

4.25.22



North Mankato Public Works Dept. Objectives

- Safety
- Quality
- Productivity





WATER

Goal 1: Provide clean drinking water to homes and businesses in North Mankato

- Objective 1: Deploy best practices to produce and distribute water to meet the demand of residents and businesses in the community.
 - Tactic 1.1.1: Maintain city wells to produce demand to meet the needs of North Mankato residents and businesses (approximately 450-490 million gallons per year)
 - Tactic 1.1.2: Treat, distribute, and sample drinking water per state of Minnesota guidelines in the most efficient manner possible (approximately 450-475 million gallons per year)
 - Tactic 1.1.2: Minimize water loss through leak detection program and other means to below 10% per year
 - Tactic 1.1.4: Perform daily rounds to ensure equipment is functioning property and conduct locates for
 water lines in response to utility locate requests. Resolve and upgrade equipment as necessary and
 respond to emergencies in the water system (approximately 3,000 hours per year, 1,450 hydrants, 2,500
 locates per year, 170 valves per year).
 - Tactic 1.1.5: Flush all hydrants once per year and conduct regular valve exercises for emergency response. (approximately 600 hours per year).
 - Tactic 1.1.6: Perform utility shutoffs upon request from the finance department. (115-300 hours per year or 270 shutoffs)
 - Tactic 1.1.7: Convert 50% of water meters in the city to auto water meters by 2025.
 - Tactic 1.1.8: Complete filter rehab project on filter #1 and #2 at plant 2 by end of 2023. Complete generator transfer switch to water plant 1 by 2023.
 - Tactic 1.1.9: Complete risk and resilience plan and emergency response plan by end of 2021.
 - Tactic 1.1.10: Develop lead service line inventory by end of 2024.





North Mankato Water System

- 4.5 Full Time Employees
- 2 Water Plants
- 2 Water Towers
- 1 Reservoir
- 2 Redundant Connections with Mankato
- 5 Active wells
- 76 Miles of watermain
- Average 450 million gallon pumped from 5 wells
- Average 425 Million gallons distributed
- 7475 Water Meters in System, 849 are Auto Read. 11%





North Mankato Water System

- Opportunities
 - New Technology
 - Effective CIP
 - Leak Detection
 - Valve Exercising

- Challenges
 - Aging Infrastructure
 - Locates

- ■55% of Water Dept hours
 - Maintenance
 - Locates
 - Shut-offs
 - Training/Continuing Ed.
 - ■Call Outs





WASTEWATER

Goal 1: Install and maintain appropriate infrastructure to collect and convey waste to the Mankato Wastewater and Water Recovery Treatment plant (approximately 525 million gallons per year).

- Objective 1.1: Deploy best practices in the installation and maintenance of the North Mankato wastewater collection system.
 - Tactic 1.1.1: Ensure lift stations are function properly and respond to notifications of malfunction
 - Tactic 1.1.2: Perform 50,000 linear feet of jetting each year for the sewer system
 - Tactic 1.1.3: Perform inspection of 500 wastewater manholes each year.
 - Tactic 1.1.4: Respond to 8 main breaks per year and resolve.
 - Tactic 1.1.5: Televise all city sewer lines and have uploaded to GIS by 2022.





North Mankato Sewer System

- 64 Miles of Sewer Main
- 10 Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations
- 4.5 Miles of Sewer Forcemain
- Average 522 Million Gallons sent to Mankato Treatment Plant
- Average 50,000 feet of Jetting
- Average 75,000 feet of televising





North Mankato Sewer System

- Opportunities
 - New Technology
 - Effective CIP

- Challenges
 - Aging Infrastructure
 - Treatment Cost





STORM WATER / FLOOD CONTROL

Goal 1: Provide for the protection of life and property through oversight of North Mankato's storm water utility and flood control system.

- Objective 1: Maintain the system of storm water mains, ravines, holding ponds, manholes, and pumping stations necessary protect life and property.
 - Tactic 1.1.1: Conduct regular maintenance of catch basins, inlets, and ponds.
 - Tactic 1.1.2: Ensure compliance with new MS4 permit by end of 2022.
 - Tactic 1.1.3: Ensure storm water stations #1 and #2 are functioning properly. Remove debris from wet wells twice a year.
 - Tactic 1.1.4: Monitor Minnesota River Level daily and implement levy patrols when necessary.
 - Tactic 1.1.5: Maintain levy system in accordance with Army Corp of Engineers.
 - Tactic 1.1.6: In accordance with the Ravine maintenance plan conduct 25 inspections per year and recommend ravine improvement projects in response to erosion as necessary.





North Mankato Storm Sewer System

- 4 Storm Sewer Pumping Stations
- 90 Miles of Storm Sewer Main

- Opportunities
 - Establishment of CIP
 - Addition of Underdrain in Mill and Overlay Projects

- Challenges
 - Ravine Maintenance
 - Aging Infrastructure
 - Implementation of new MS4 Permit





Questions?





MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Fischer, Community Development Director/ Interim City Administrator

FROM: Matt Lassonde, City Planner

DATE: April 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Outdoor Patio Seating Evaluation

Introduction

City staff was asked to review existing permanent and seasonal (temporary) outdoor patio seating among restaurants and drinking establishments throughout the City. The City of North Mankato Code does not currently contain ordinances regulating the size of permanent or seasonal outdoor patio seating.

This memo provides a review of those restaurants/drinking establishments in the City to assess the proportion of total lot area existing permanent and seasonal (temporary) patios have used in the past. This information could prove useful in aiding the City Council in a decision to consider developing an ordinance regulating the size of future outdoor patio seating arrangements.

Properties Providing Permanent and Seasonal (temporary) Outdoor Patio Seating

Table 1 identifies establishments in the City providing permanent and seasonal (temporary) outdoor patio seating along with the proportion of the total lot area occupied, minus the primary structure footprint. Establishments are depicted in **Attachment 1** which also includes more detailed information on patio extent and placement.

Properties with Existing Permanent Outdoor Patio Seating

The following restaurants/drinking establishments in North Mankato utilize permanent outdoor patio seating:

- 1. American Legion
- 2. Caribou Coffee
- 3. Circle Inn
- 4. Culver's
- 5. Curiousi-Tea
- 6. J's Sambusa
- 7. Mankato Brewery
- 8. Nakato
- 9. Spinner's Bar

Table 1. Current North Mankato Outdoor Patio Seating (% of lot occupied minus primary structure)					
Business	Permanent Patio	Seasonal (Temporary) Patio	Cumulative Patio		
Circle Inn	7.0%	23.1% (proposed)	30.1%		
Nakato	11.9%	N/A	11.9%		
Big Dog	N/A	3.3%	3.3%		
Curiousi-Tea	2.6%	N/A	2.6%		
Caribou Coffee	1.0%	N/A	1.0%		
American Legion	10.1%	N/A	10.1%		
J's Sambusa	3.1%	N/A	3.1%		
Culver's	1.6%	N/A	1.6%		
Spinner's Bar*	29.7%	N/A	29.7%		
Mankato Brewery	3.1%	N/A	3.1%		
Average	7.8%	13.2%	9.6%		
Range	1.0%-29.7%	3.3%-23.1%	1.0%-30.1%		

^{*}Spinner's Bar has no on-site, off-street parking

Current permanent outdoor patio seating areas exhibit most or all of the following characteristics among the nine establishments:

- Most have poured/separate concrete pads that delineate the patio space from the parking lot
- All are immediately adjacent to the primary structure
- Existing permanent patios occupy 29.7% or less of total lot area minus the primary structure footprint (*average of 7.8%; range of 1.0%-29.7%*). Six of the nine establishments have permanent patios occupying 7.0% or less and three occupy 10.1% or more (*see Table 1* and *Attachment 1*).
- Establishments that serve alcohol have a permanent barrier in place surrounding the space (i.e. fencing, landscape block wall, etc).
- All businesses containing permanent outdoor patio seating have obtained a permit from the City to construct and utilize.
- Most establishments have off-street parking on-site.

Most permanent outdoor patio seating generally occupies a small percentage of the lot and does not conflict with vehicle parking areas.

Properties Requesting Additional Permanent Outdoor Patio Seating

At the time of this memo, the Circle Inn was requesting additional outdoor patio seating adjacent to their building. The proposed additional space is 2,100 square feet making up 23% of the lot, minus the footprint of the primary structure. The initial request was for seasonal patio seating, but the property owner has inquired about the possibility of this becoming a permanent patio in the future. The requested patio area is depicted in **Attachment 1**.

Properties Utilizing Seasonal (temporary) Outdoor Patio Seating

With the advent of COVID-19, the City worked with establishments to explore options for outdoor seating to offset lost business due to restrictions on indoor seating. During this time, seasonal (temporary) patios were utilized by businesses by way of erecting a tent over and/or placing temporary

fencing around a designated portion of the parking lot. Even though restrictions have been lifted on indoor seating and establishments are now functioning normally, seasonal (temporary) patios are still desirable among some establishments and have become an annual opportunity with a seasonal patio permit obtained through the City.

The following three establishments have utilized seasonal (temporary) outdoor patio seating in this manner:

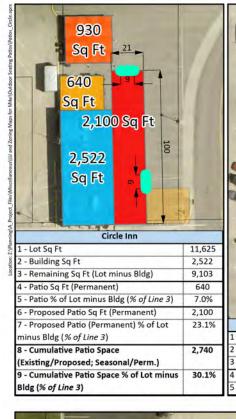
- 1. American Legion
- 2. Big Dog Sports Café
- 3. Circle inn

All seasonal outdoor patio seating requires a permit from the City and the term is May 1st through October 31st in any given calendar year. Seasonal (temporary) outdoor patio seating proportions are detailed in **Table 1** and **Attachment 1**.

Conclusion

Many establishments utilize outdoor patio seating in North Mankato, most using permanent arrangements and some using seasonal (temporary). Existing permanent patios range from 1.0% to 29.7% of the total lot (minus the primary structure footprint). One business is requesting an additional 23% of their property be converted to permanent outdoor patio seating. Several businesses (American Legion, Big Dog Sports Café, and Circle Inn) have utilized seasonal (temporary) outdoor patio seating in recent years spurred by COVID-19. City Council should use the information provided here to assist with determining if it is desirable to limit the size of outdoor patio seating arrangements.











Spinners				
1 - Lot Sq Ft	4,000			
2 - Building Sq Ft	1,595			
3 - Remaining Sq Ft (Lot minus Bldg)	2,405			
4 - Patio Sq Ft (Permanent)	714			
5 - Patio % of Lot minus Bldg (% of Line 3)	29.7%			
6 - Grass Area Sq Ft (Seasonal Seating)	1,268			
7 - Grass Area % of Lot minus Bldg (% of Line 3)	52.7%			







