Project Readiness

Capacity to deliver

WisDOT has identified Reimagining WIS 175 Feasibility Study as a priority and programmed funds to see this through. The Department has a long history of delivering successful projects and understands the complexities of projects awarded federal discretionary dollars. If a federal discretionary grant for this study is awarded, WisDOT will not need any technical assistance.

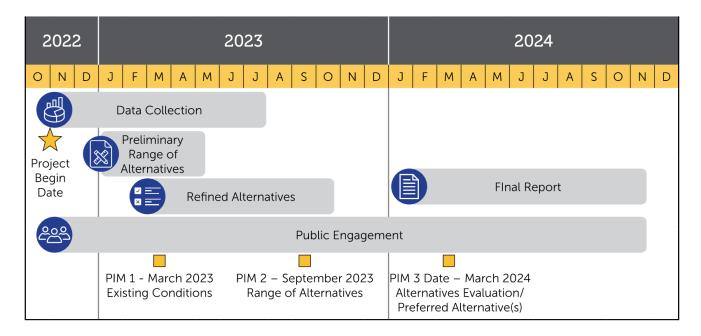
Budget and funding source

The estimated cost of the Reimagining WIS 175 Feasibility Study is \$3 million. If this FFY 2022 discretionary grant application is successful, the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program would provide \$2 million in federal funding (66.7 percent) towards the study. WisDOT may pursue other federal funding through other federal discretionary grants for future eligible costs up to the 80 percent federal share. However, if not successful, WisDOT is committed to match any federal dollar shortfalls as a local match for this study. Additionally, the work on the study has started and it is expected that \$200,000 will be spent before the grant awards are announced and an agreement is signed. WisDOT will provide funds to cover these costs. Additional funding would be available for any unlikely cost overruns.

STIP/TIP documentation

The Reimagining WIS 175 Feasibility Study (<u>Project ID# 1350-05-02 - No. 582</u>) is included in the Milwaukee Transportation Management Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The estimated cost of the safety and operational study is \$3 million. The preliminary engineering for the study is also included in the <u>Wisconsin Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 2022-2025</u>.

Planning Study schedule and activities



The Reimagining WIS 175 Feasibility Study is programmed to last approximately two years (24 months). The planning study will involve extensive public outreach and engagement through workshops, in-person and virtual engagement activities, events, website development, and a robust stakeholder and comment management strategy. Environmental Justice and underserved populations and economically disadvantaged communities will be identified in the Public Involvement Plan and engaged throughout all phases of the study. Four phases of public outreach will occur at existing conditions, preliminary range of alternatives, refined alternatives, and at the selected alternative(s) to be carried forward into the implementation phase within the study. Visualization and alternative renderings will be developed and shared with the public online and at in-person events.