



Red Wing Bridge Project



EA Public Hearing
July 8, 2015

We all have a stake in **A  B**



Agenda

- ▶ **Introductions**
- ▶ **Purpose of the Public Hearing**
- ▶ **Project Background**
- ▶ **Summary of the Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- ▶ **Commenting on the EA**
- ▶ **Schedule**



Purpose of the Public Hearing

- ▶ Provide information regarding the project and the EA
- ▶ Provide an opportunity to submit comments as part of the official public record
- ▶ The Hearing is part of MnDOT and WisDOT's ongoing public involvement program



Project Background

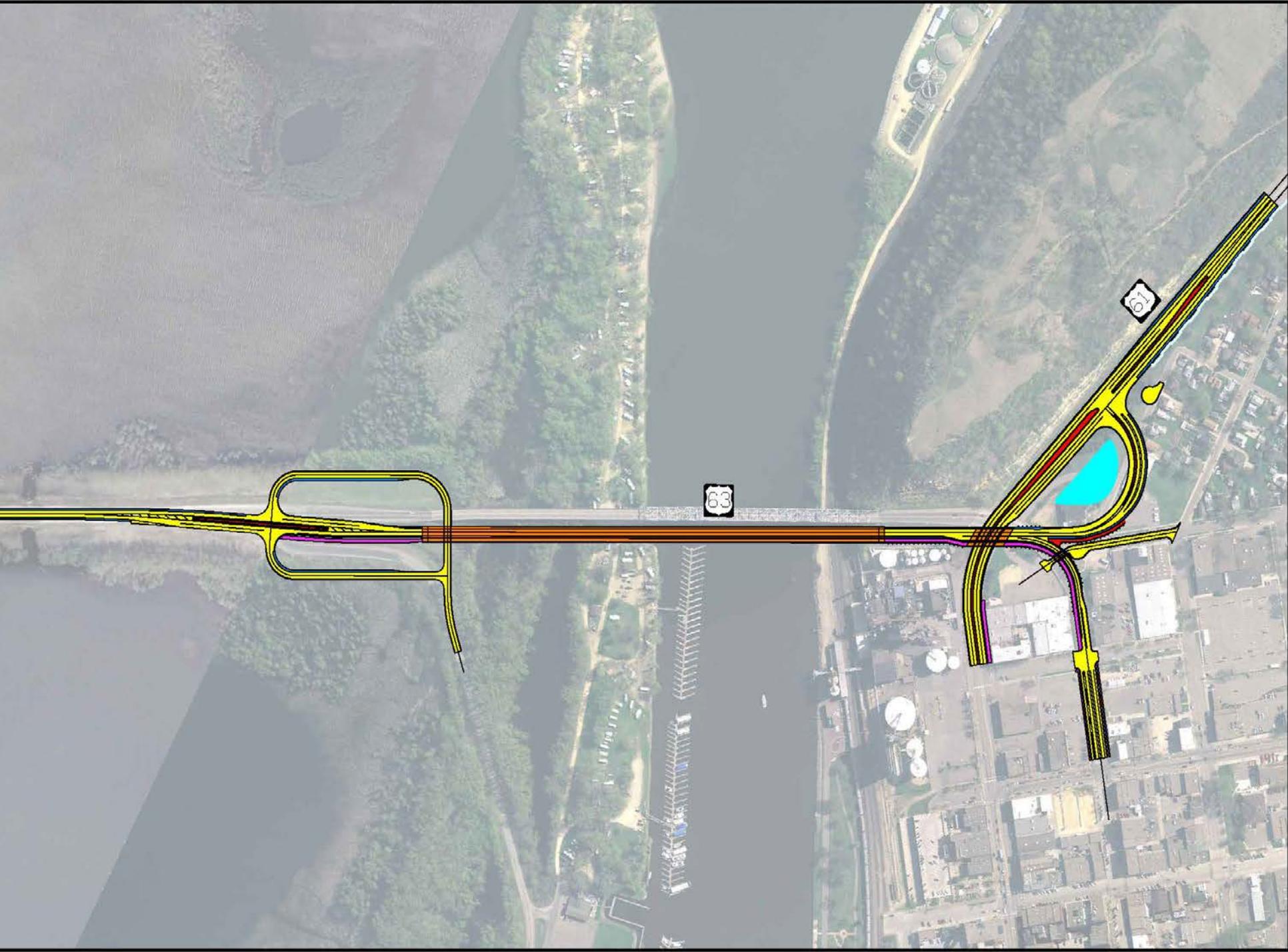
- ▶ **Initiated in January 2012**
- ▶ **Assessed a Range of Alternatives**
 - Existing or New Location
 - Rehabilitate or Replace
 - Two or Four Lane Crossing
- ▶ **Continued Public Outreach**
 - Three Open Houses
 - Five Listening Sessions
 - Four Newsletters
 - Numerous Presentations to Community Groups

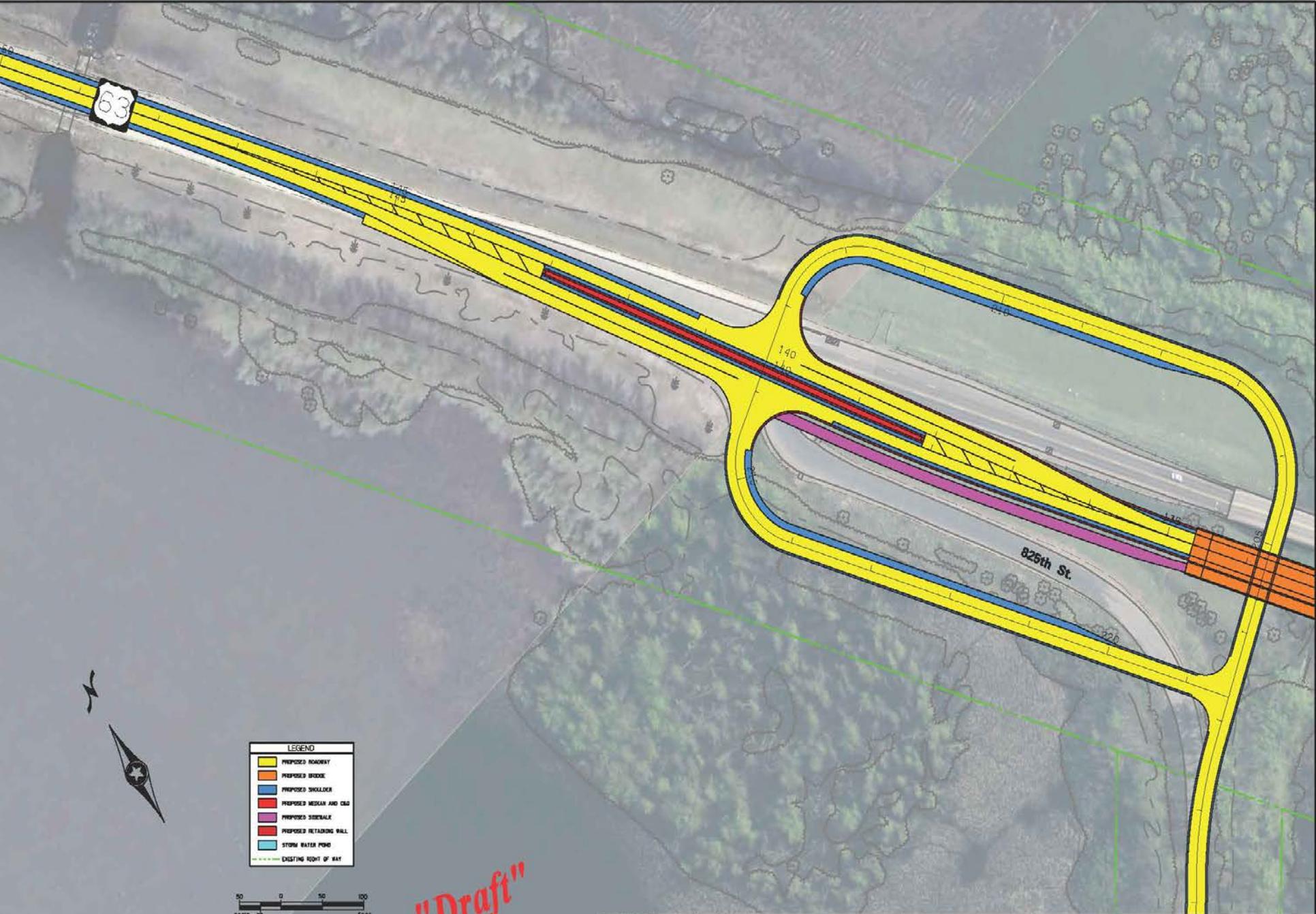


Project Background (cont...)

- ▶ Decided to proceed with a new two-lane river crossing (steel box girder design);
- ▶ Identified the recommended alternative for the Wisconsin approach (jug-handle intersection);
- ▶ Identified the recommended alternative for the Minnesota approach (button-hook with slip-ramp)







LEGEND

	PROPOSED ROADWAY
	PROPOSED BRIDGE
	PROPOSED SHOULDER
	PROPOSED MEDIAN AND CURB
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK
	PROPOSED RETAINING WALL
	STORM WATER POND
	EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY



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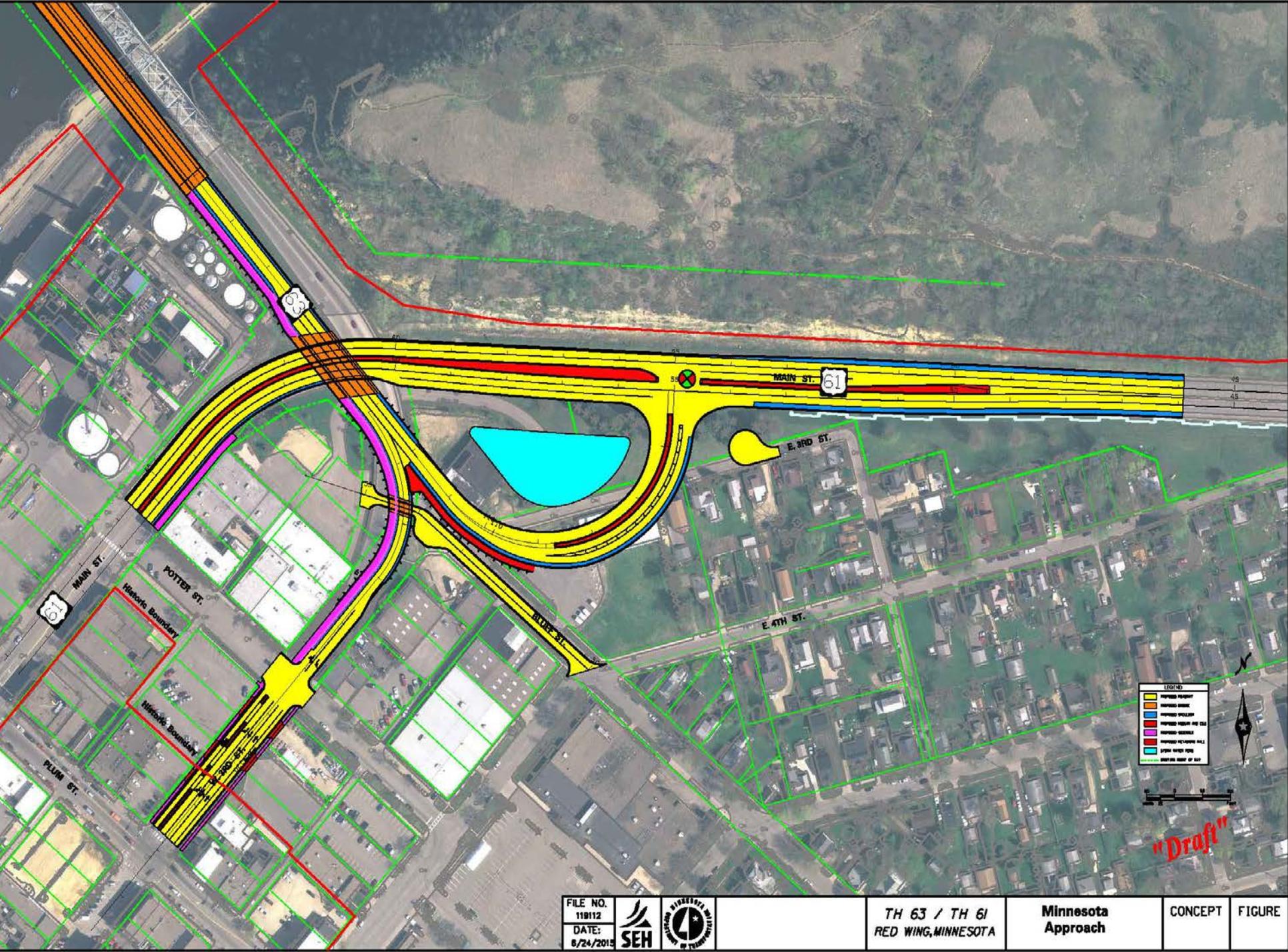
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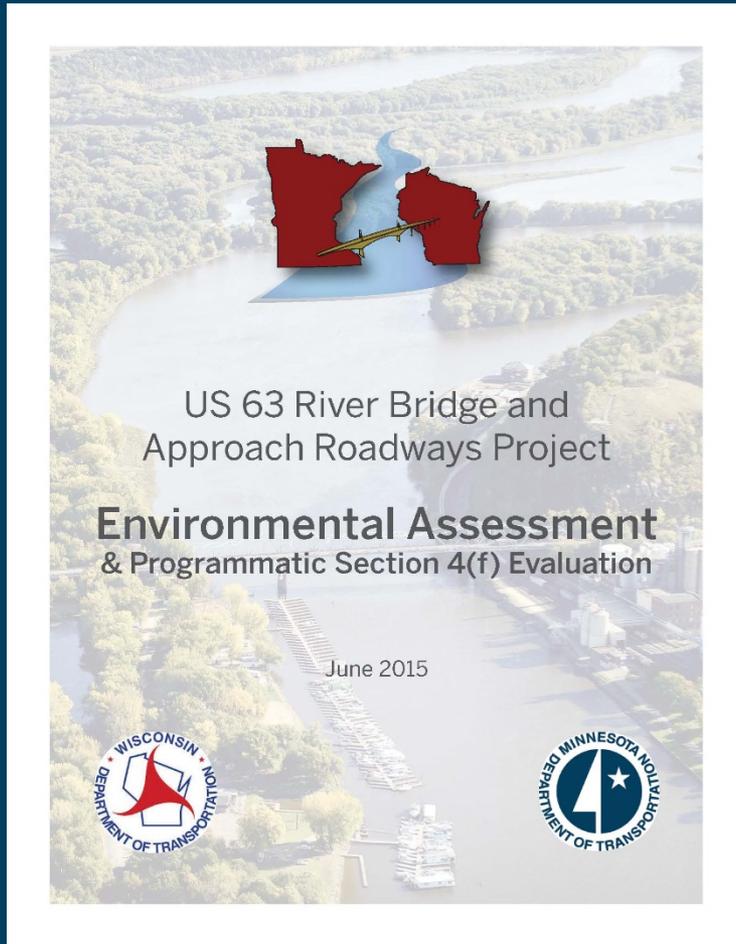
LEGEND

Proposed Roadway	Yellow
Proposed Drive	Orange
Proposed Alleyway	Blue
Proposed Median and Old	Red
Proposed Shoulder	Purple
Proposed Existing Paved	Green
Storm Water Pipe	Cyan
Existing Road of Way	Black



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Environmental Assessment



- ▶ Published June 22nd
- ▶ Public Comment Period
Ends July 22nd



Purpose and Need

Primary Purpose:

- ▶ Provide structurally sound crossings of the Mississippi River and Highway 61
- ▶ Improve traffic mobility in the Downtown Red Wing Commercial/Historic District

Secondary Purpose:

- ▶ Maintain continuity of Highway 63
- ▶ Maintain connection to Highway 58 and Highway 61
- ▶ Maintain traffic during construction
- ▶ Maintain access to Trenton Island
- ▶ Enhance pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations



Environmental Assessment Document

- ▶ Addresses federal and state requirements for **Minnesota and Wisconsin**
- ▶ Includes the preferred and no-build alternatives
- ▶ Addresses the full range of social, economic and natural environmental issues
- ▶ Basis for determining the need for an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- ▶ Summarizes proposed mitigation to address identified impacts



Environmental Assessment: Summary of Key Findings

- ▶ **Wetlands:**
 - Permanent impacts = 3 acres
 - Temporary impacts = 3.5 acres
- ▶ **Removal of US 61 Overpass (historic property)**
- ▶ **Right-of-Way - Five parcels impacted**
 - Two residential
 - Two commercial/warehouse
 - One tax-exempt/City-owned
- ▶ **Areas of site contamination**
- ▶ **Traffic Noise – Proposed noise wall along US 61**



Commenting on the EA

- ▶ Fill out written comment card
- ▶ Oral comments can be submitted via the court reporter
- ▶ Mail/E-mail comment cards/letters to:

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- ▶ Comments made during this presentation or to staff during the open house will not be recorded. Please fill out a comment card or provide a statement to the court reporter.
- ▶ Comments will be accepted through July 22, 2015



How Will Comments Be Used?

- ▶ Comments pertaining to the accuracy and completeness of the analysis will be addressed. Responses will be prepared for statements noting incorrect, unclear, or incomplete content.
- ▶ MnDOT will use public comments to assist in determining whether the preferred alternative has the potential for significant environmental impact and whether an EIS is required.



Where can you find the EA?

- ▶ **MnDOT Project Website**
 - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/redwing-bridge/index.html>
- ▶ **Red Wing Public Library**
- ▶ **Ellsworth Public Library**
- ▶ **MnDOT District 6 – Rochester Office**
- ▶ **WisDOT Northwest Region Office – Eau Claire**
- ▶ **Red Wing City Hall**
- ▶ **Minneapolis Public Library**
- ▶ **MnDOT Library – St. Paul Office**



Visual Quality Process

VISUAL QUALITY MANUAL



US 63 RIVER BRIDGE AND APPROACH ROADWAY PROJECT





Visual Quality Advisory Committee Representatives:

- Photographer, Red Wing Arts Association
- Sargent's Nursery and Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission
- Red Wing Heritage Preservation Commission
- Studio Artist, Transportation Committee, Red Wing 2020
- SHIP Coordinator (Health Improvement), Goodhue County HHS
- Planning Director, City of Red Wing
- Prairie Island Indian Community
- Pierce County Board
- Artist, Town of Trenton
- Student, Planning Intern



Preliminary River Bridge Design



River Bridge Design (Light Wash)



River Bridge Pier Design



River Bridge Pier Design (Evening)



River Bridge Overlook

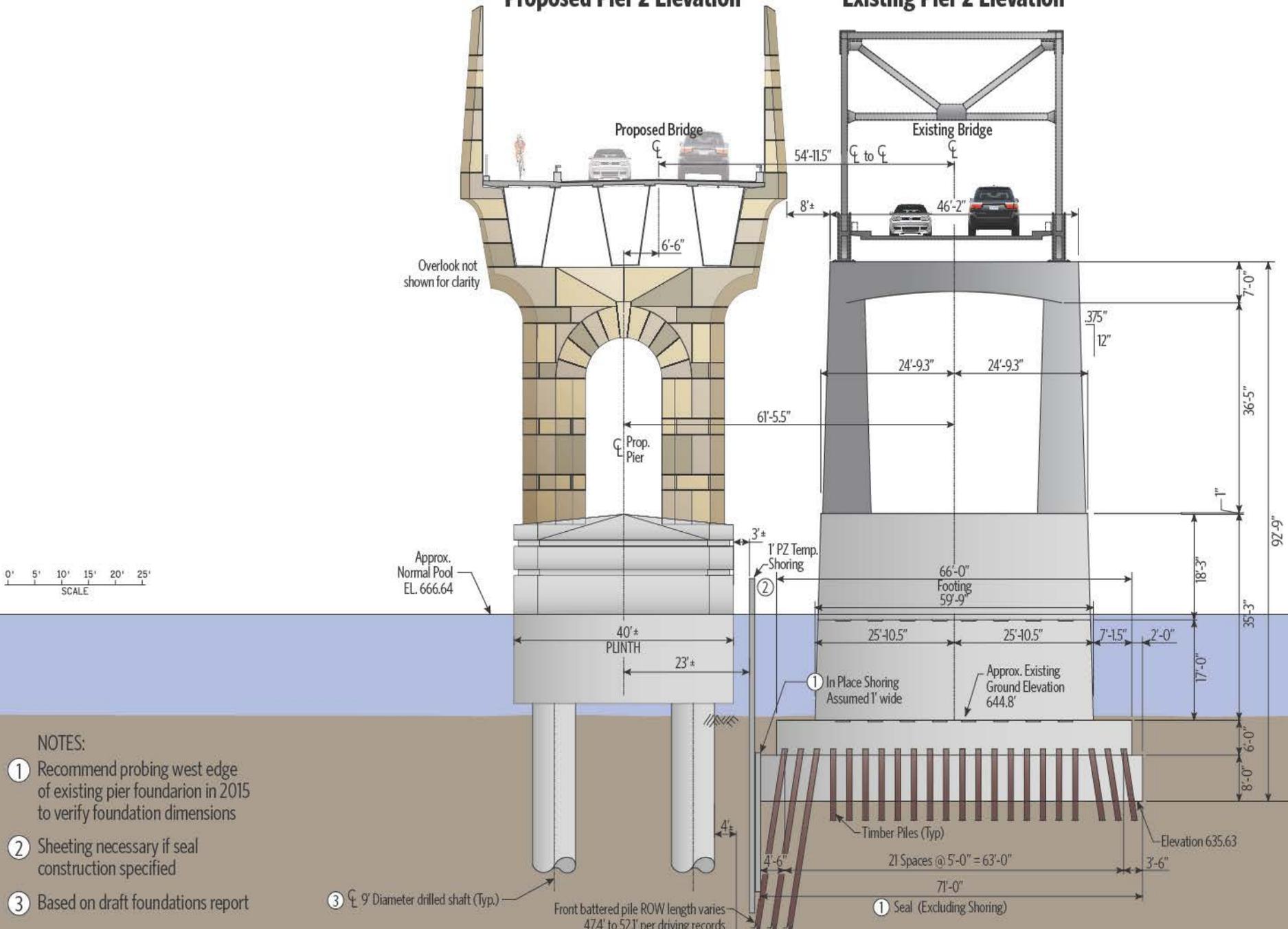


River Bridge Overlook (Evening)



Proposed Pier 2 Elevation

Existing Pier 2 Elevation



NOTES:

- 1 Recommend probing west edge of existing pier foundation in 2015 to verify foundation dimensions
- 2 Sheeting necessary if seal construction specified
- 3 Based on draft foundations report

3 CL 9' Diameter drilled shaft (Typ.)

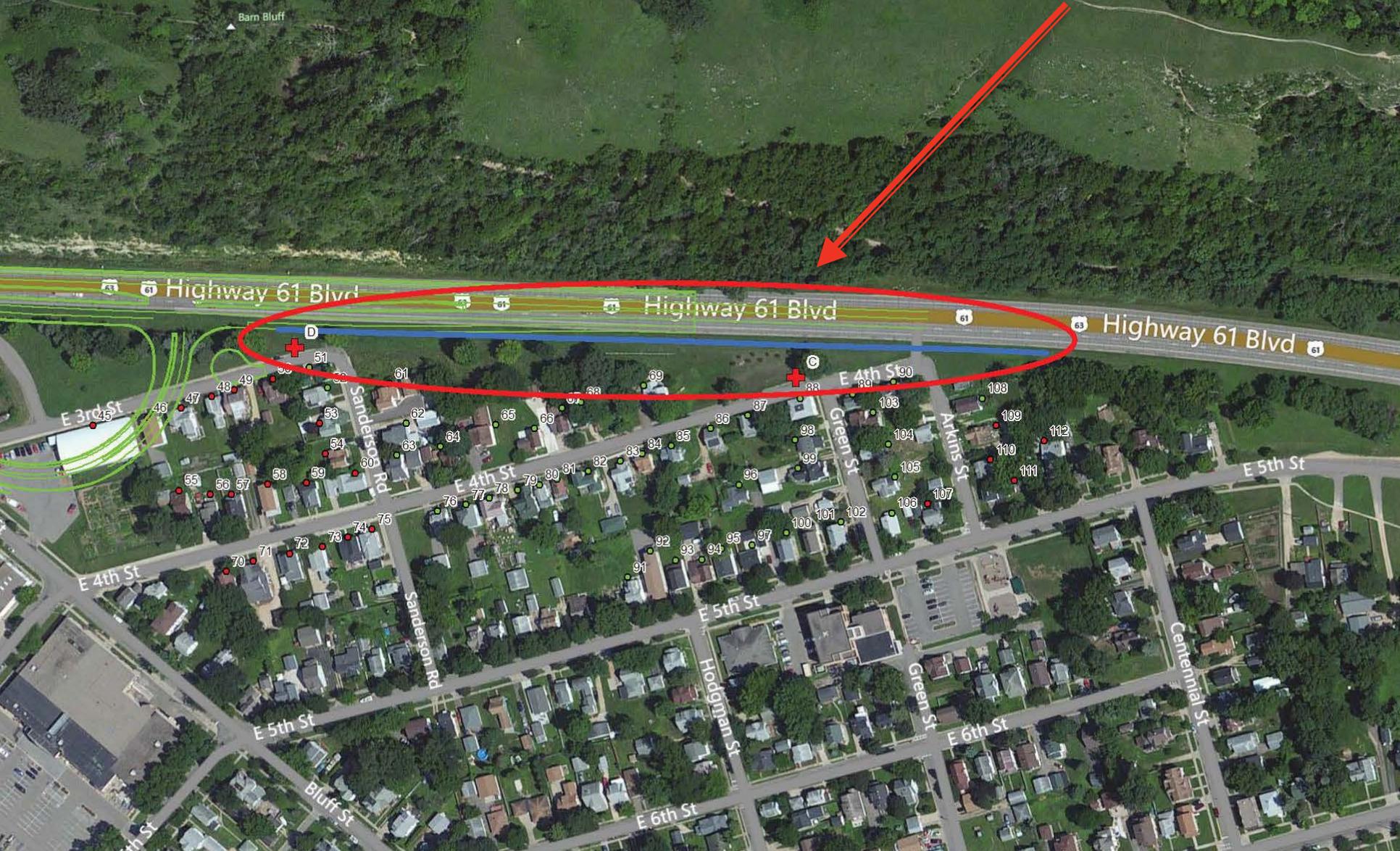
Retaining Walls & Abutments



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Proposed Noise Wall Location









Project Animation



Schedule

- ▶ EA review and comment period closes on July 22, 2015
- ▶ Complete environmental review process: October 2015
- ▶ Final design and right-of-way: 2015-2016
- ▶ Construction: 2017-2019



Questions/Comments



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