

RESOLUTION 2020-06

SUPPORTING SOUTHERN BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS)
FOR A NEW BRIDGE OVER THE FOX RIVER AND CONNECTING ARTERIAL STREET SYSTEM
BETWEEN ROCKLAND ROAD AND RED MAPLE/SOUTH BRIDGE ROADS
WITH A FULL-ACCESS INTERCHANGE AT INTERSTATE 41

WHEREAS, the 1996 Brown County Year 2020 Land Use and Transportation Plan found that existing and projected demand for east-west travel in the southern portion of the Green Bay Metropolitan Area should be accommodated in two phases as the area developed over the 25 year period into 2021; and

WHEREAS, the first Phase involved replacing the deteriorating two-lane Claude Allouez Bridge (State Highway 32) in downtown De Pere with a four-lane bridge at nearly the same location, and this project was completed in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the new four-lane Claude Allouez Bridge was expected to provide sufficient additional capacity to handle traffic volumes until the second phase, the construction of a new Fox River bridge and connecting street system south of downtown De Pere (the Southern Bridge) is implemented; and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on the Claude Allouez Bridge increased significantly after the expansion in 2007, and forecasts by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation have indicated that volumes on the bridge and connecting state highways will continue to rise as development occurs to the extent that existing transportation facilities will not adequately accommodate the traffic volume,

creating congestion, shipping delays and an ineffective transportation network;
and

WHEREAS, a Southern Bridge and connecting arterial street system south of downtown De Pere will help to minimize traffic congestion and allow the state and its local partners to avoid the high cost of expanding the recently reconstructed Claude Allouez Bridge and State Highway 32/57 south of downtown De Pere; and

WHEREAS, a Southern Bridge and connecting arterial street system south of Downtown De Pere will enhance economic development efforts by providing an efficient and effective transportation system to significantly reduce shipping costs and transportation delays and by attracting and retaining businesses and the talented people they employ; and

WHEREAS, a Southern Bridge and connecting arterial street system will minimize congestion-related safety problems by allowing traffic currently on a single four-lane connection to be distributed between two Fox River crossing locations instead of one;
and

WHEREAS, Brown County is currently working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation {WisDOT}, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and communities in the southern part of the metropolitan area to select a preferred project alternative and complete the Environmental Impact Study {EIS} and Interstate Access Justification Report {IAJR} for the Southern Bridge Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The Village of Allouez strongly supports the Southern Bridge Project Alternative 2, namely a new bridge over the Fox River with a connecting arterial street system between Rockland Road and Red Maple/Southbridge Roads, with a new full- access interchange at Interstate 41 as the best alternative to minimize traffic congestion as the area grows and to provide an efficient alternative route for an effective public safety response to a public disaster or emergency in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Southern Bridge Alternative 2 will minimize traffic congestion, thereby enhancing economic development in the area, and is also favorably compatible with planning and development decisions made by the City over the last 20 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT:

The Village of Allouez also strongly urges its state and federal legislators to support the Village's preferred Southern Bridge Project alternative and to work to obtain state and federal funding to develop the Southern Bridge Project.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Allouez, Wisconsin, this 17th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:

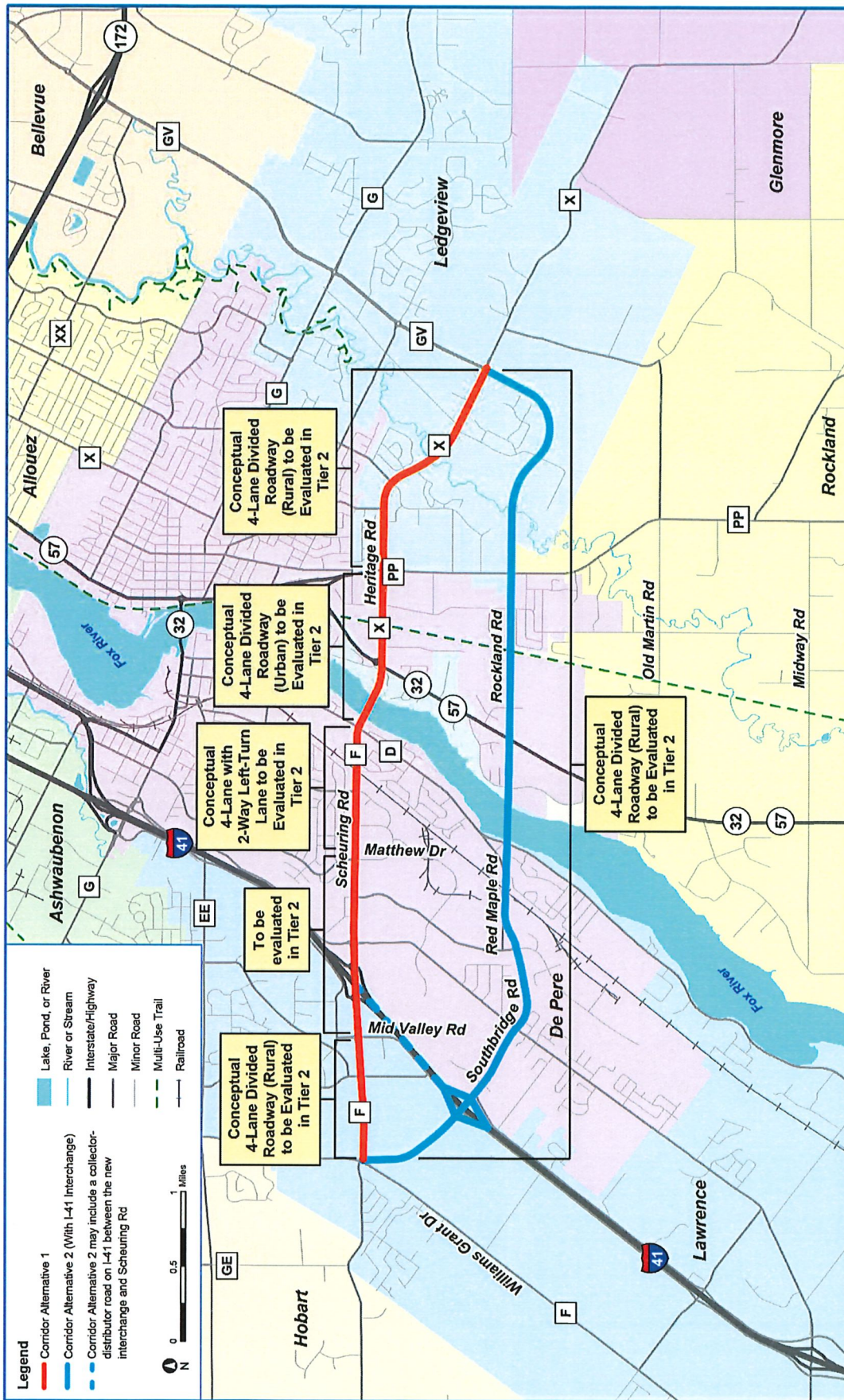
James F. Rafter, Village President

ATTEST:

Debra M. Baenen, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____



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Exhibit 2-8. Corridor Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study

