

Illinois Department of Transportation

IL 120 STUDY

IL60 to Almond Road



WELCOME

**Community Advisory Group
Meeting #4
April 6, 2026**

Welcome

- Thank you for attending!
- We'll have several discussion sessions for comments, but feel free to ask questions at any time during the presentation.
- This is a working meeting for the Community Advisory Group (CAG). Individuals who are not CAG members are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. An open comment section for individuals not part of the CAG will be offered near the conclusion of the meeting.
- **Online CAG Members:**
 - You are welcome to keep cameras on, but mics will be on mute except during discussion sections to prevent audio problems.
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Agenda

- Introductions
- CAG Meeting #3 Summary
- Recent Activities
- Overview of Alternatives for Discussion

Group Break Out Session

- Open Discussion
- Next Steps
- Questions & Comments

CAG Meeting #3 Recap

- CAG Meeting #3 held Thursday, August 7th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at College of Lake County and Virtual via Zoom
- 35 attendees
- Residents, businesses, local and county governments, and community organizations represented
- Topics: screening criteria, initial alternatives, screening results
- All CAG meeting materials online at il120study.com



What We Heard

- Consider adjacent arterials
 - IL 60/Peterson Road
 - Washington Street
- Transit Alternatives
- Belvidere Road Corridor Plan improvements
- Consider a comprehensive multi-modal alternative
- Short term safety improvements

Progress since CAG #3

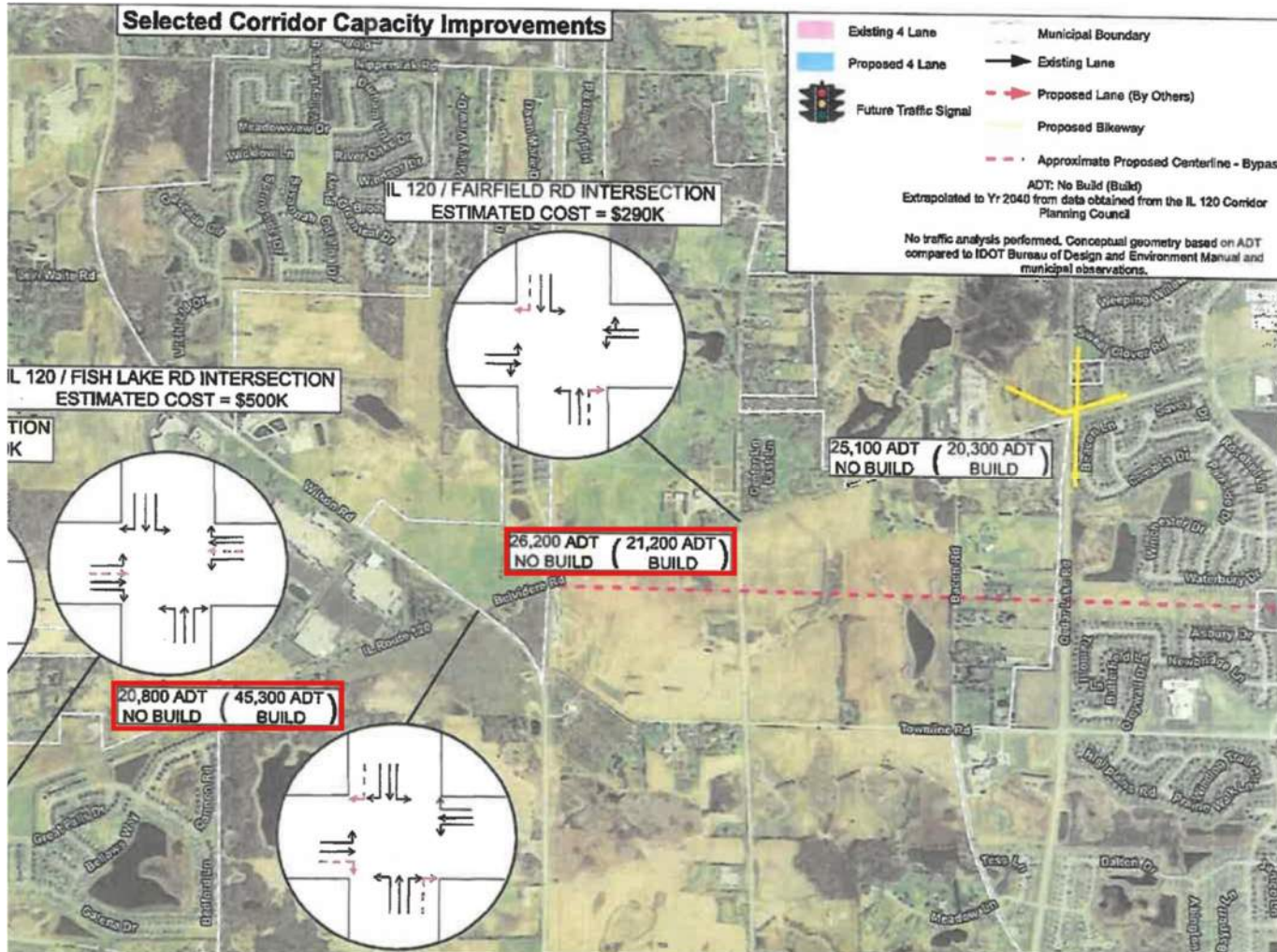
- **Individual Meetings**
 - ✓ Metra
 - ✓ Pace
 - ✓ Environmental Groups
 - ✓ Village of Grayslake
 - ✓ Lake County

Progress since CAG #3

- Modeled and evaluated new alternatives.
- Developed conceptual layouts for improvements on IL 120, including short-term and long-term alternatives.

On Alignment Focus

Belvidere Corridor Study Excerpt



Belvidere Corridor Study

- **Original study improvements with a bypass:**
 - **Wilson Road** – Add northbound, southbound and eastbound right turn lanes
 - **Fairfield Road** – Add northbound and southbound right turn lanes
 - **Porter Drive** – Add left turn lanes on all approaches
 - **West of IL 134 to East of Hainesville Road** – Widen to 5 lanes
 - **Hainesville Road** – Add a Westbound right turn lane & extend Hainesville Road south to a bypass
 - **Union Pacific / Metra NCS Tracks** – grade separate
 - **West of US Route 45 to Almond Road** – Widen to 5 lanes

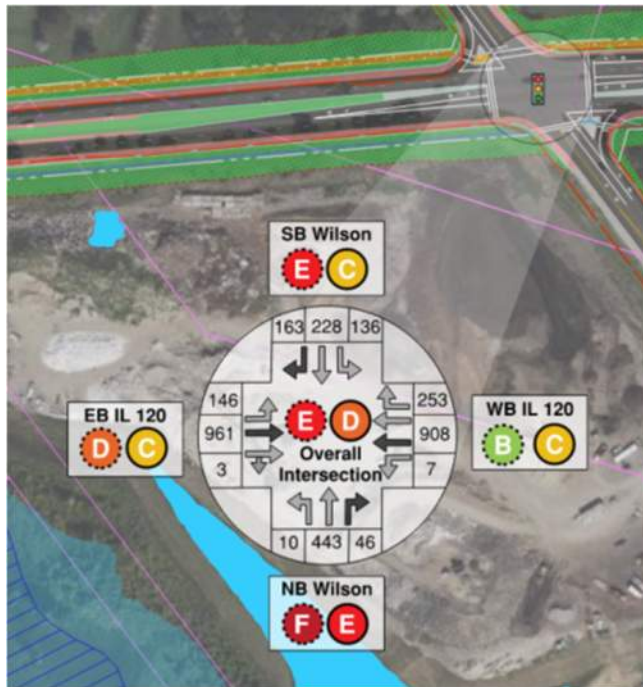
Belvidere Corridor Study

- Impact on IL 120 Traffic & Safety
 - Original Belvidere Study (with Bypass): Forecast IL 120 Traffic Decreased
 - Corridor Wide Daily Traffic Volumes: Existing **4%↓** | No-Build **14%↓**
 - CMAP Projections (without Bypass): Forecast IL 120 Traffic Increased
 - Corridor Wide Daily Traffic Volumes: Existing **33%↑** | No-Build **14% ↑**
- Traffic & Safety Benefits are met in the short term
- Improvements are evaluated as Spot Improvements

Legend Overview

Impact to Safety

Impact to Operations



Level of Service (LOS)

A Free Flow (Green)
 B (Light Green)
 C (Yellow)
 D (Orange)
 E (Red)
 F Capacity Exceeded (Dark Red)

Benefit to Safety



Safety Summary

Existing Crash Risk
 Total: **High** | Injury: **High**

Expected Safety Benefit



Impact to Resources

- Illinois Nature Preserve Commission (INPC)
- Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI)
- Conservation Easement - Privately Owned
- Parklands (Municipal, Open Space, Forest Preserves)
- Existing Right of Way
- Proposed Right of Way
- Full Property Acquisition
- Relocation

Spot Improvements

Spot Improvement Locations



- Wilson Road
- Fairfield Road
- IL 134 / Hainesville Road
- IL 83 / CN Railroad tracks
- US 45
- Almond Road

Spot Improvement Locations

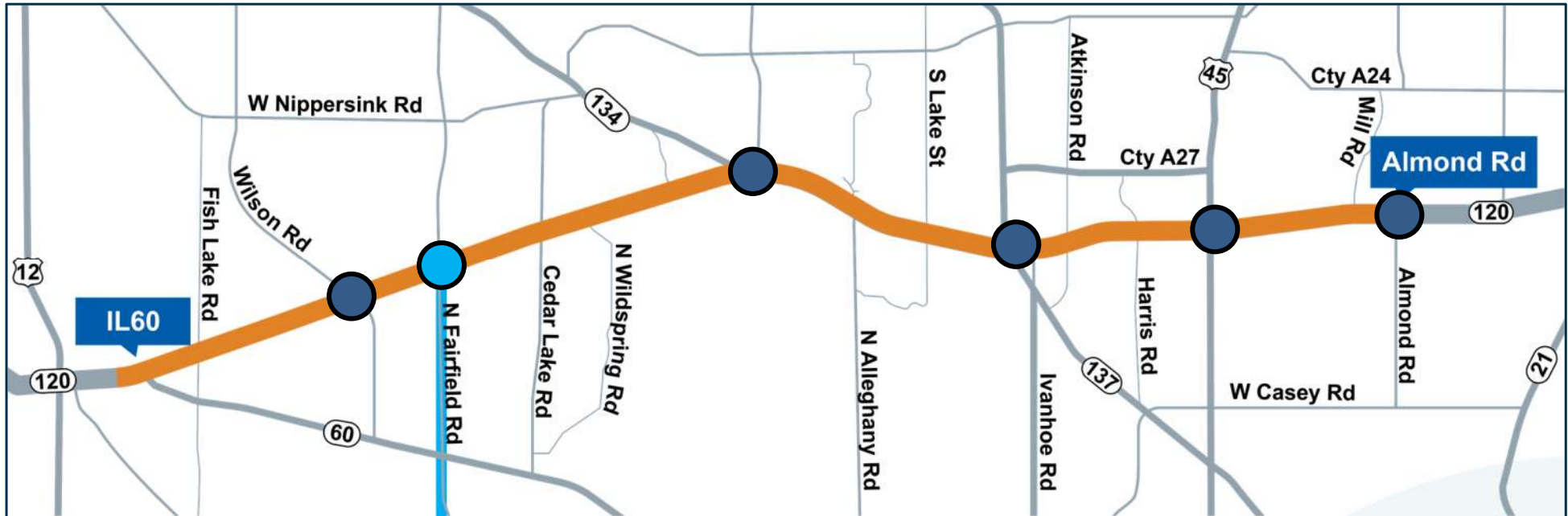


- Alternative 1 – Add Turn Lanes
- Alternative 2 – Construct Multi-Lane Roundabout

Spot Improvement: Wilson Road

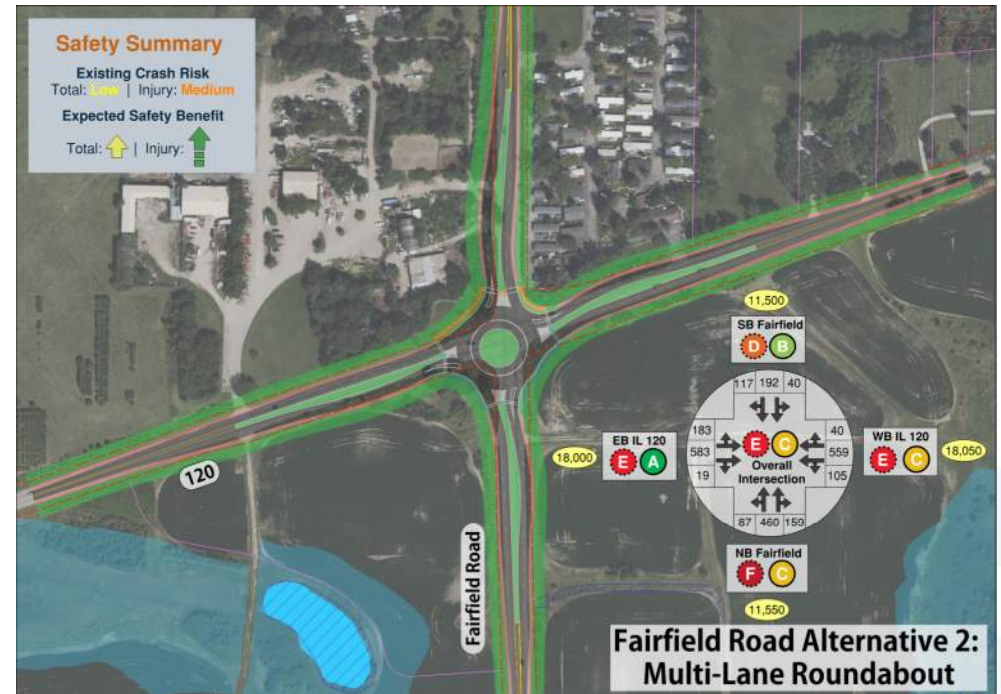
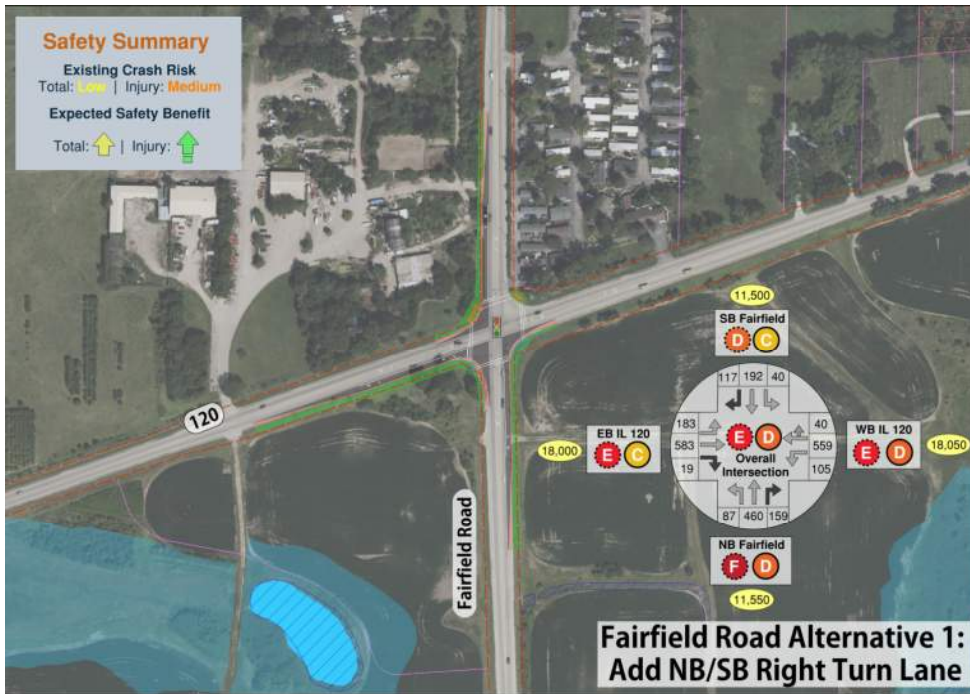


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Spot Improvement: Fairfield Road



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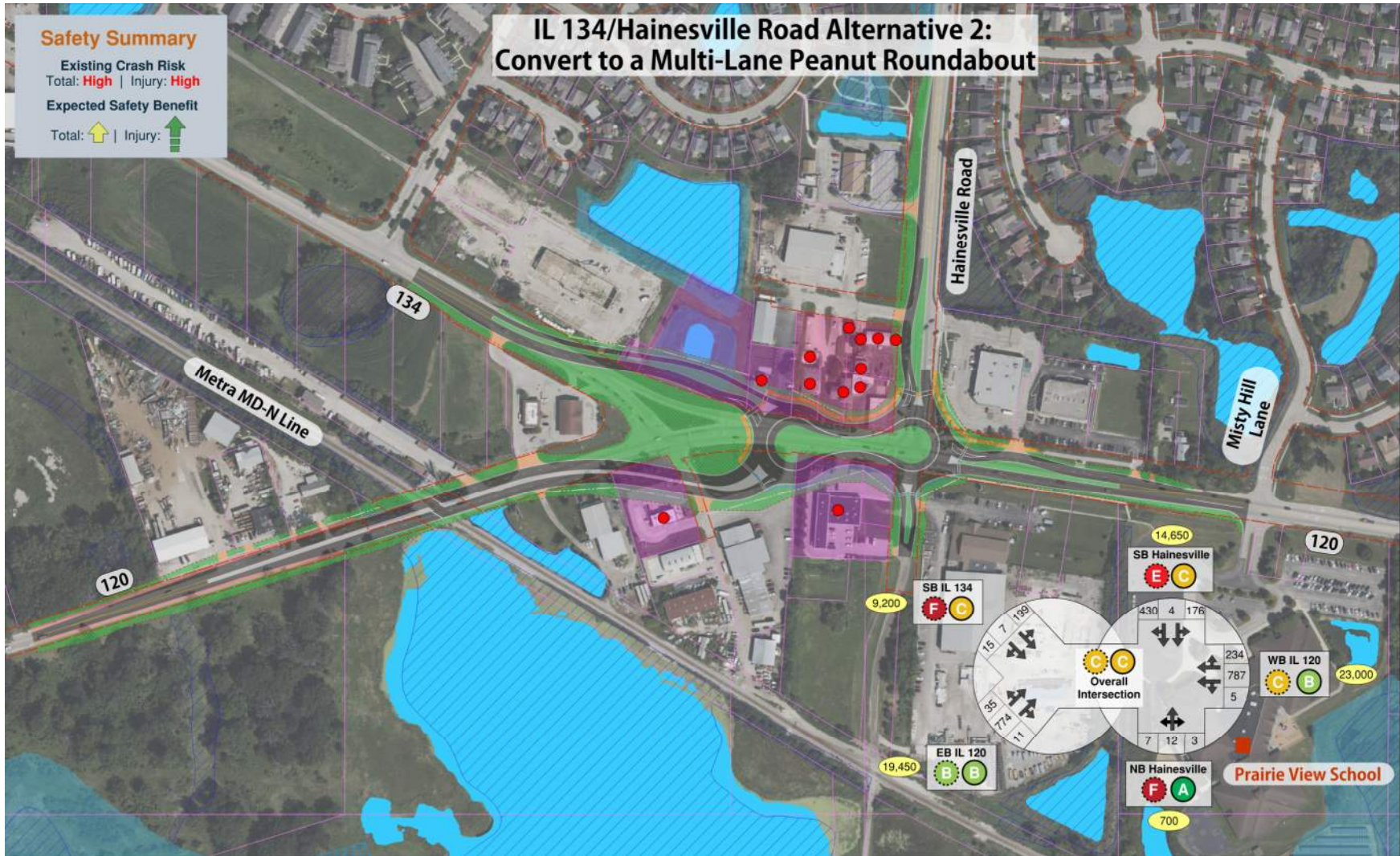


- Alternative 1 – Add Through Lanes
- Alternative 2 – Construct Multi-Lane Peanut Roundabout
- Alternative 3 – Re-Align Centre Drive to Hainesville Road

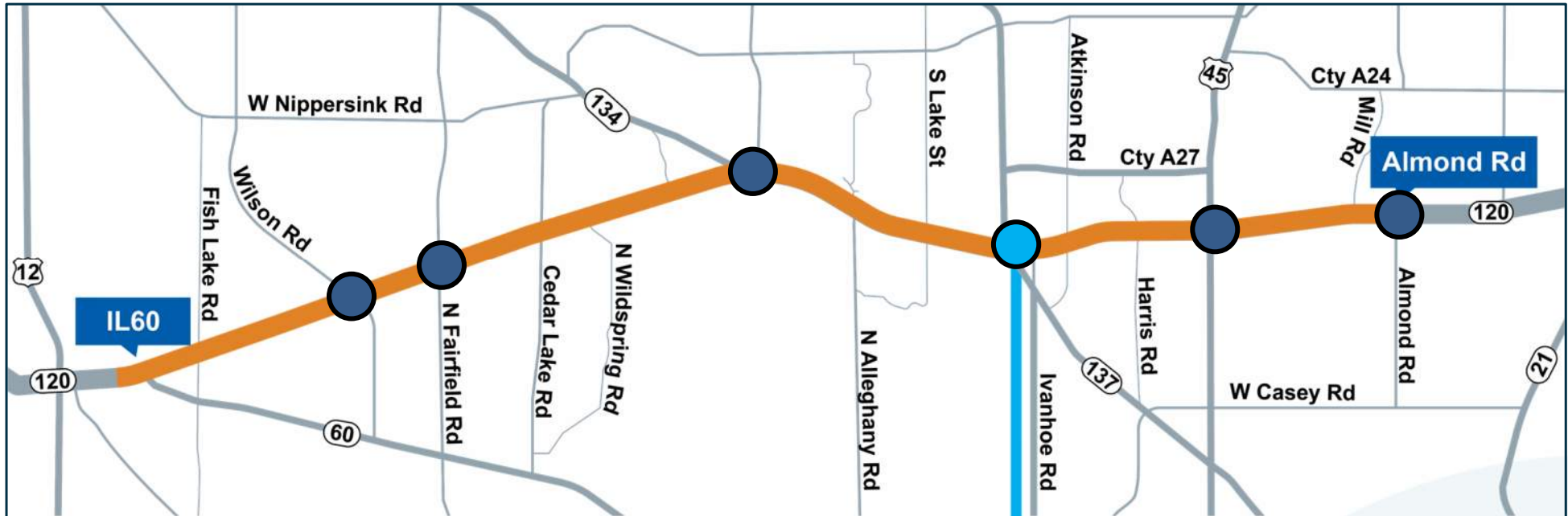
Spot Improvement: IL 134/ Hainesville Road – Alt 1



Spot Improvement: IL 134/ Hainesville Road – Alt 2

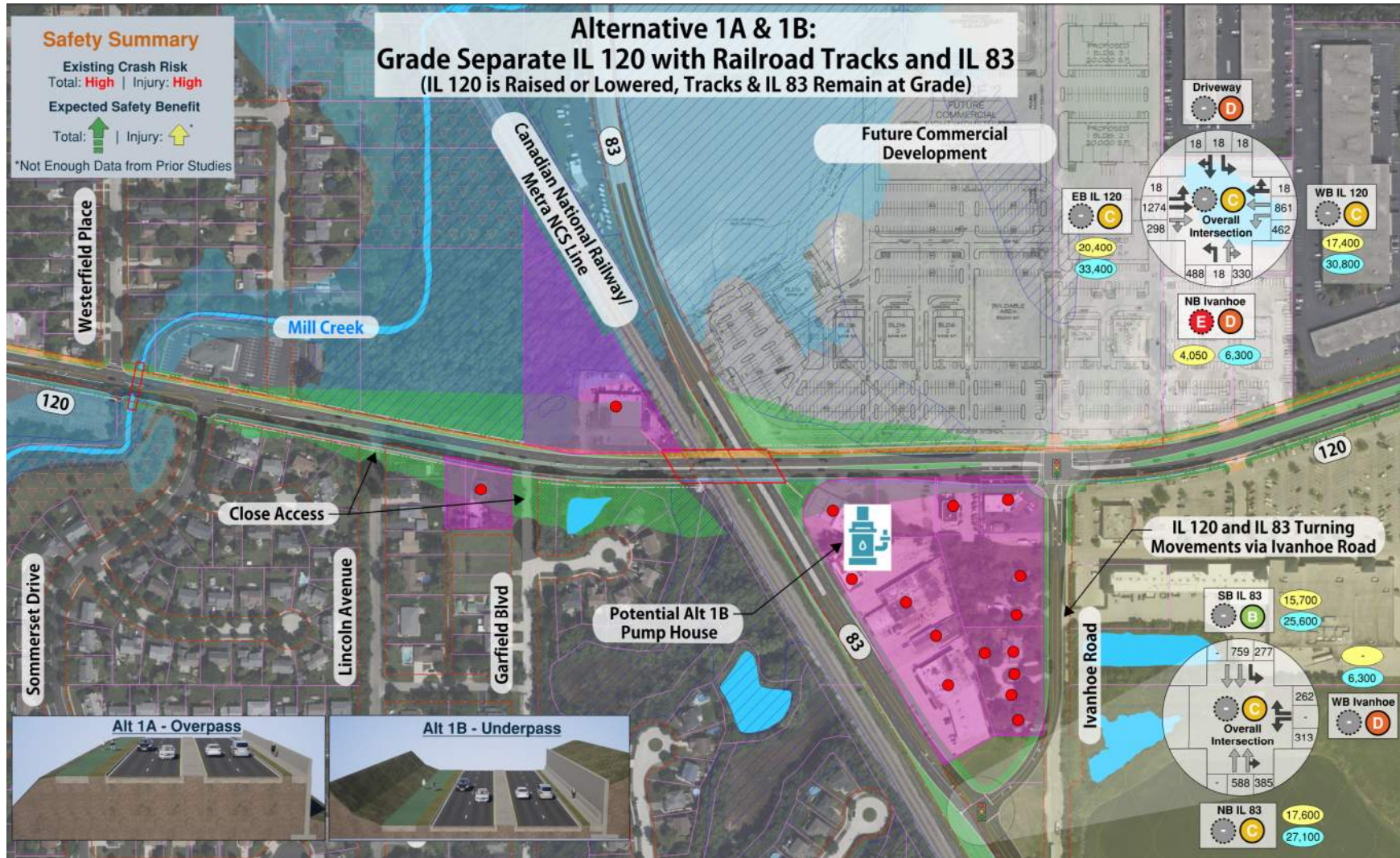


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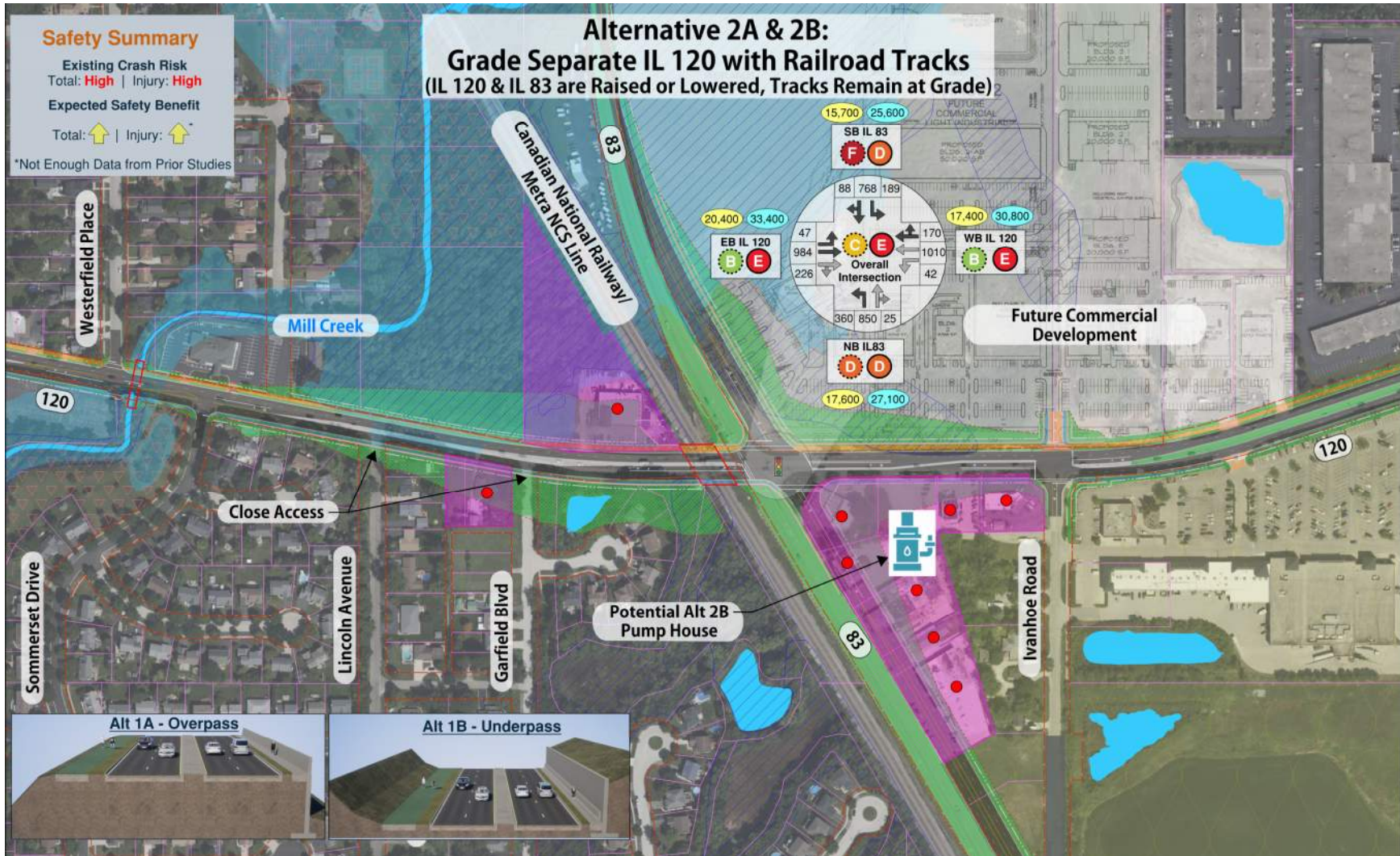


- Alternative 1 – Grade Separate IL 120 Over/Under Tracks & IL 83
- Alternative 2 – Grade Separate IL 120 Over/Under Tracks Only
- Alternative 3 – Grade Separate Tracks Over/Under IL 120

Spot Improvement: IL 83 at Metra Tracks – Alt 1



Spot Improvement: IL 83 at Metra Tracks – Alt 2



Spot Improvement: IL 83 at Metra Tracks – Alt 3



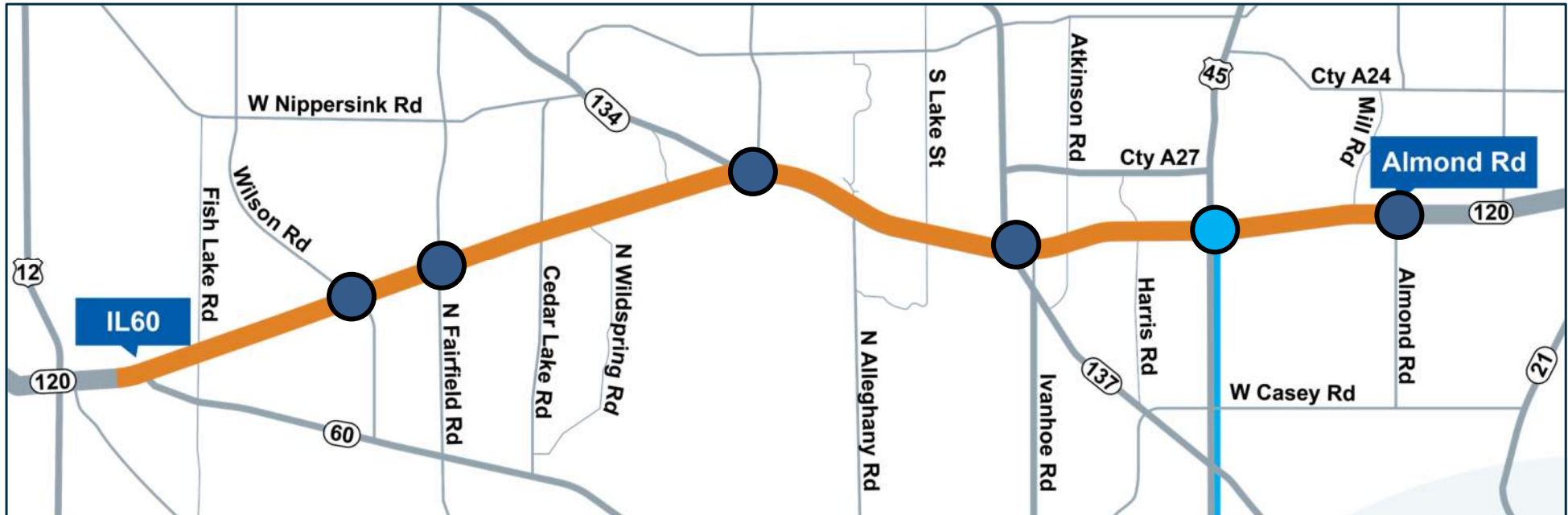
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Existing Crash Risk
Total: **High** | Injury: **High**

Expected Safety Benefit
Total: **↑** | Injury: **↑***

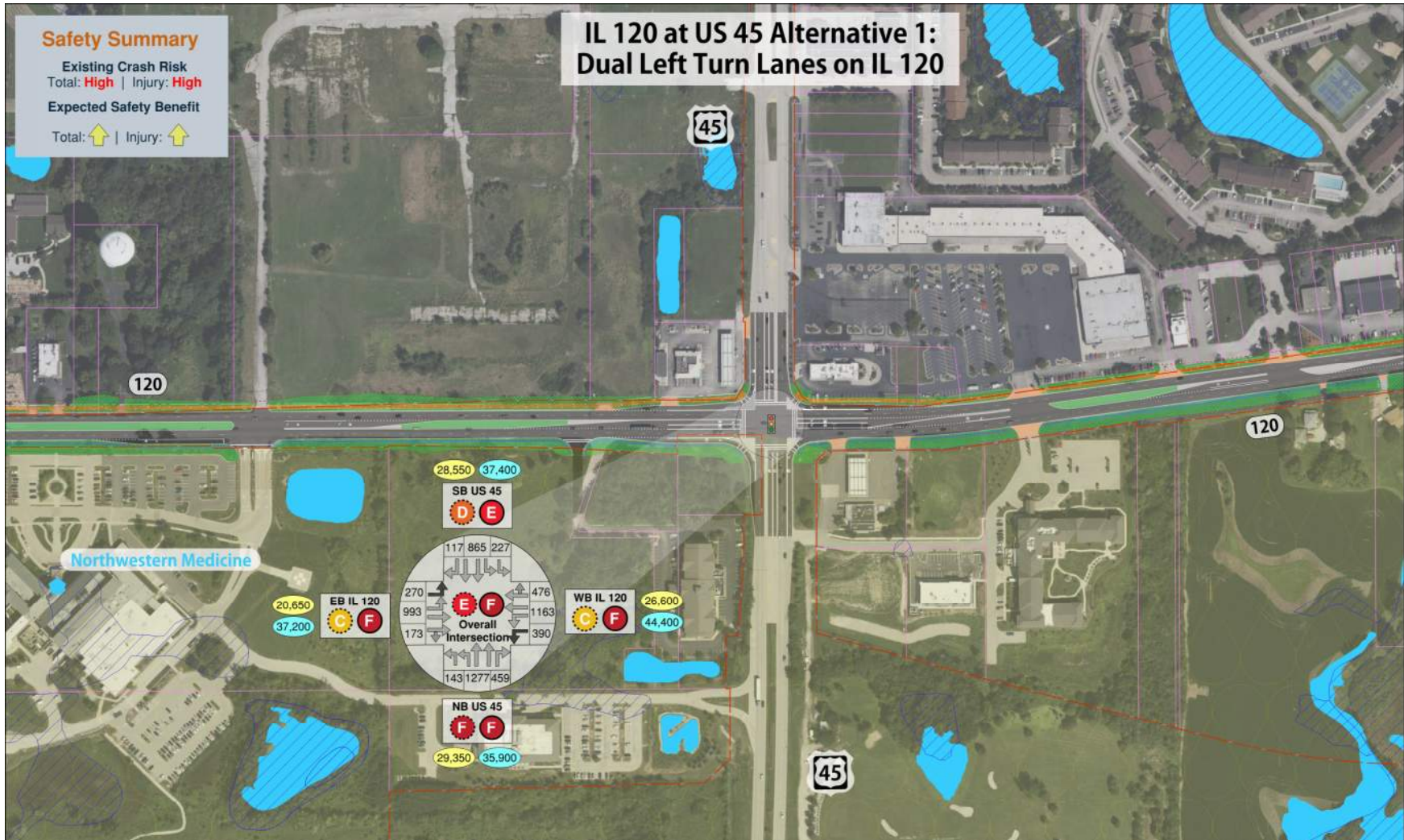
*Not Enough Data from Prior Studies

Spot Improvement Locations



- Alternative 1 – Add Dual Left Turn Lane
- Alternative 2 – Construct Contra-Flow Intersection
- Alternative 3 – Add a Through Lane on all Approaches

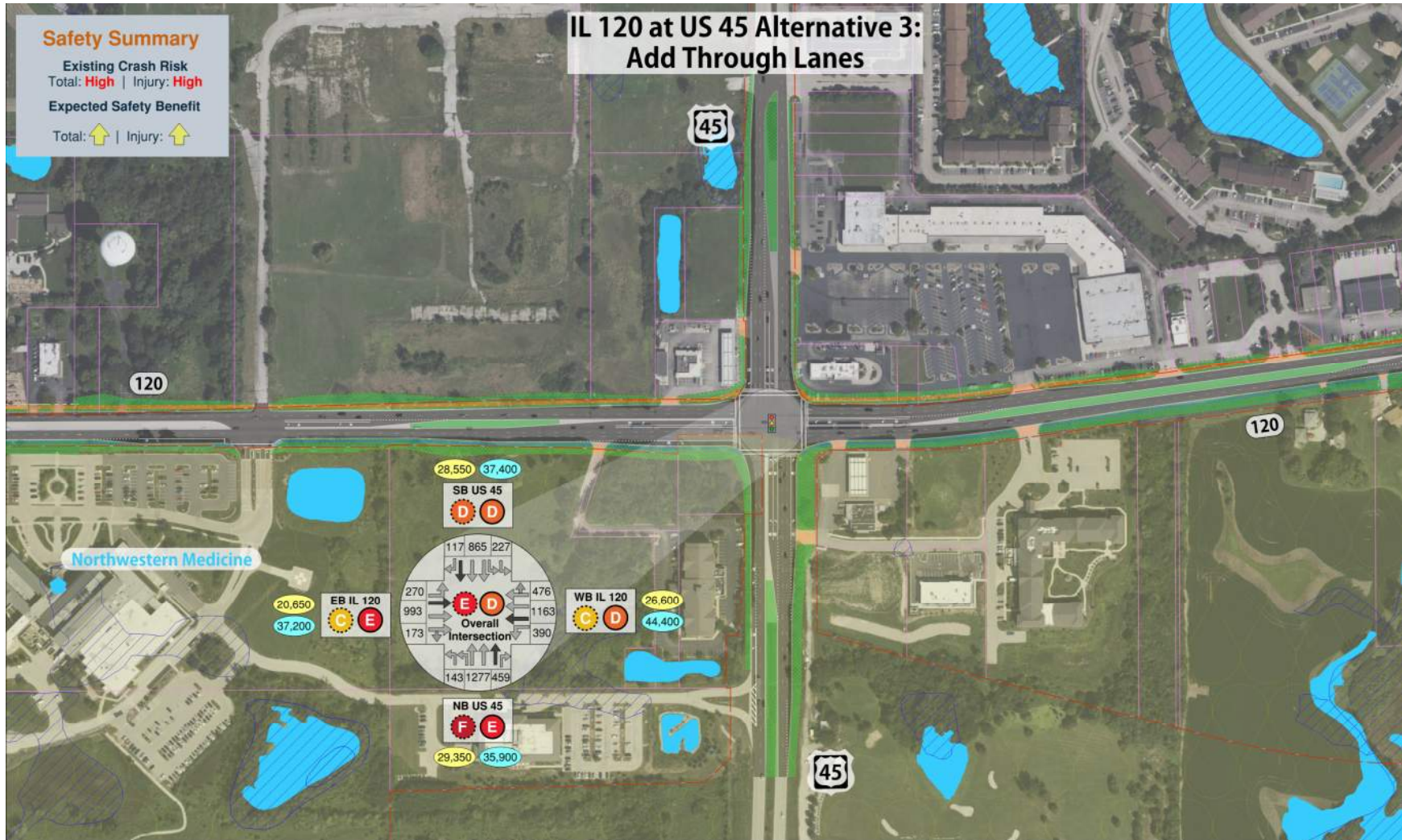
Spot Improvement: US 45– Alt 1



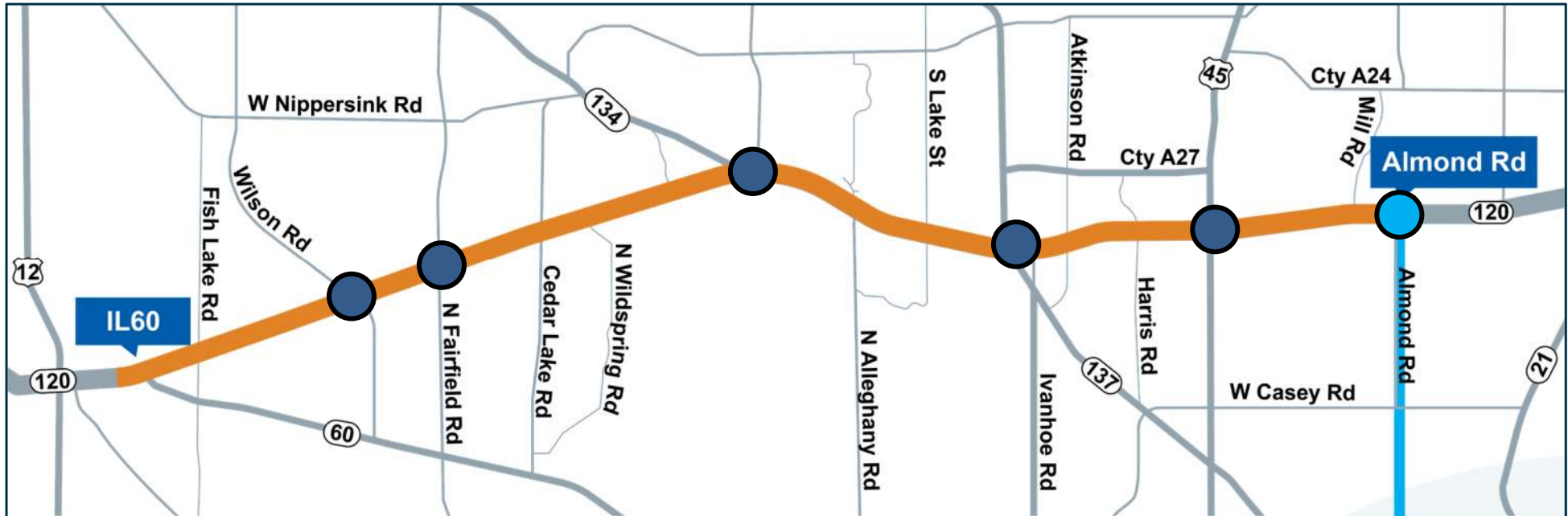
Spot Improvement: US 45– Alt 2



Spot Improvement: US 45– Alt 3



Spot Improvement Locations



- Alternative 1 – Construct $\frac{3}{4}$ Intersection (Restrict Northbound Left)

Spot Improvement: Almond Road

Almond Road Spot Improvement: 3/4 Intersection

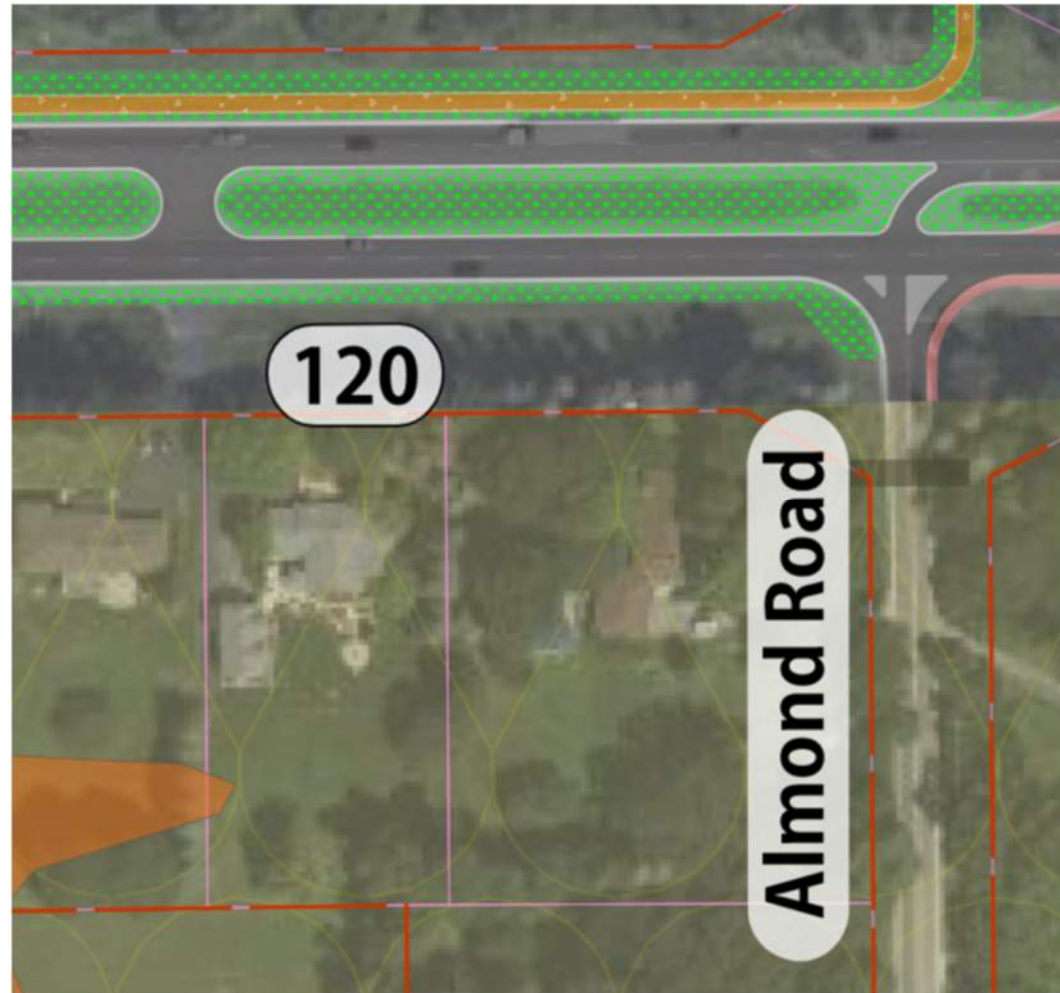
Safety Summary

Existing Crash Risk

Total: **Low** | Injury: **Low**

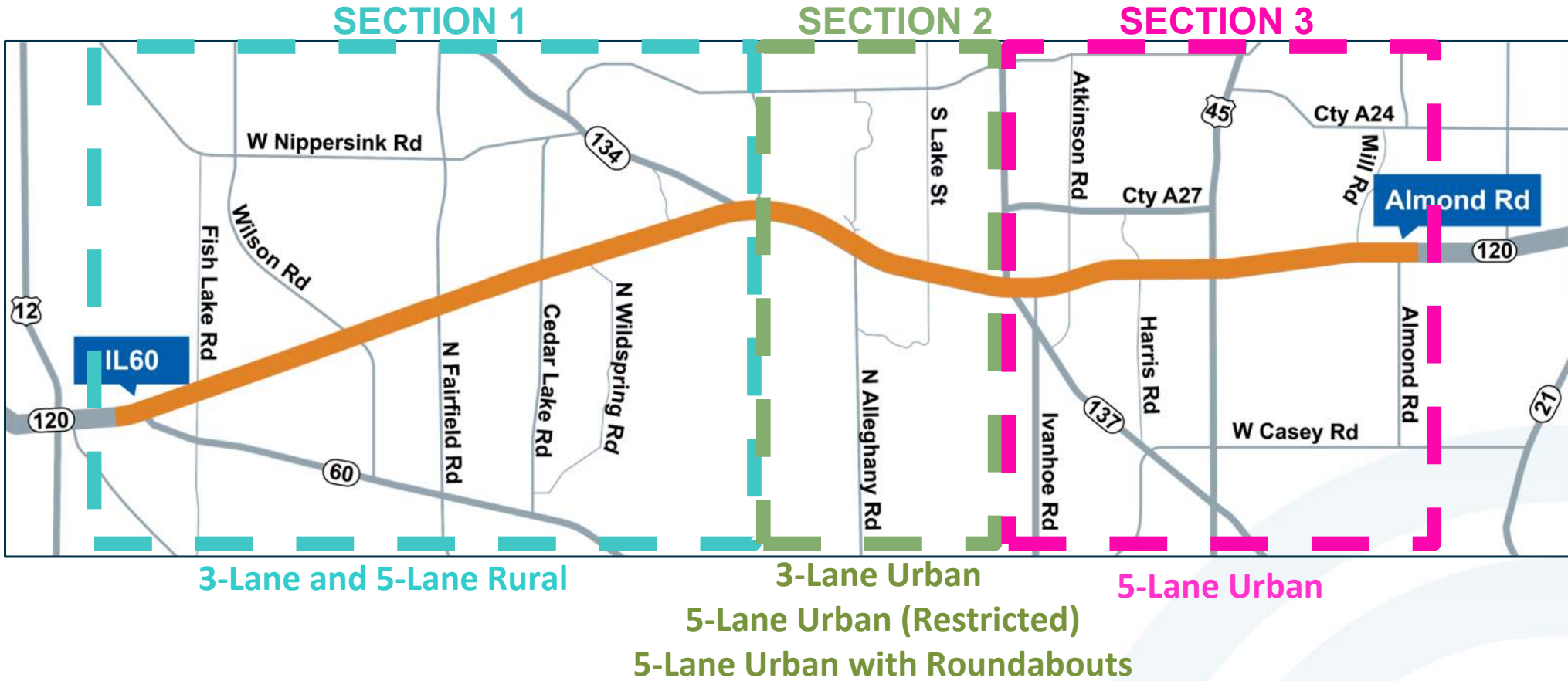
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Corridor Improvements

Corridor Alternatives



Corridor Improvement: Section 1 – IL 60 to IL 134



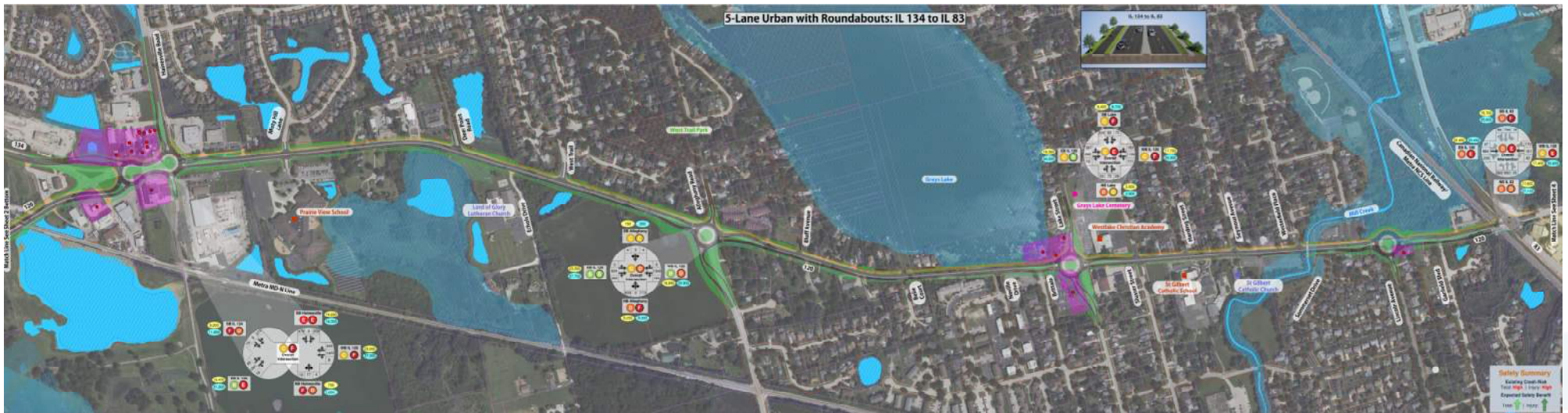
Corridor Improvement: Section 1 – IL 60 to IL 134



Corridor Improvement: Section 2 – IL 134 to IL 83



Corridor Improvement: Section 2a – IL 134 to IL 83



Corridor Improvement: Section 3 – IL 83 to Almond Road



Open Workshop

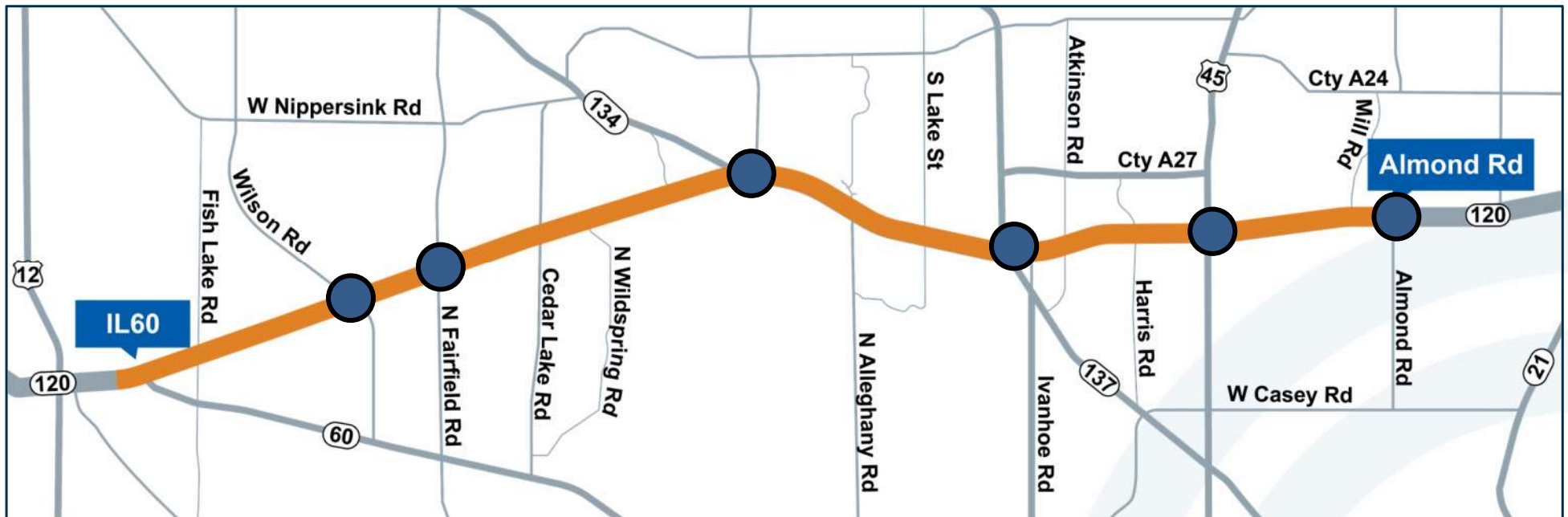
Open Workshop Discussion

Discussion Questions

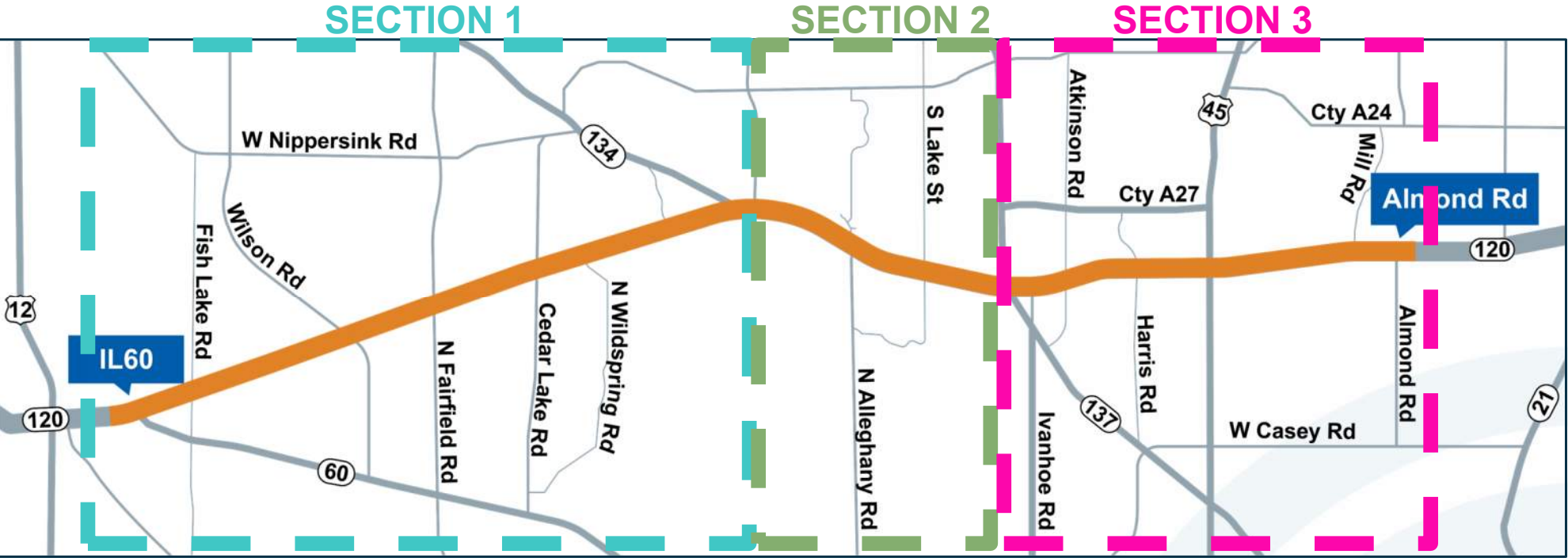
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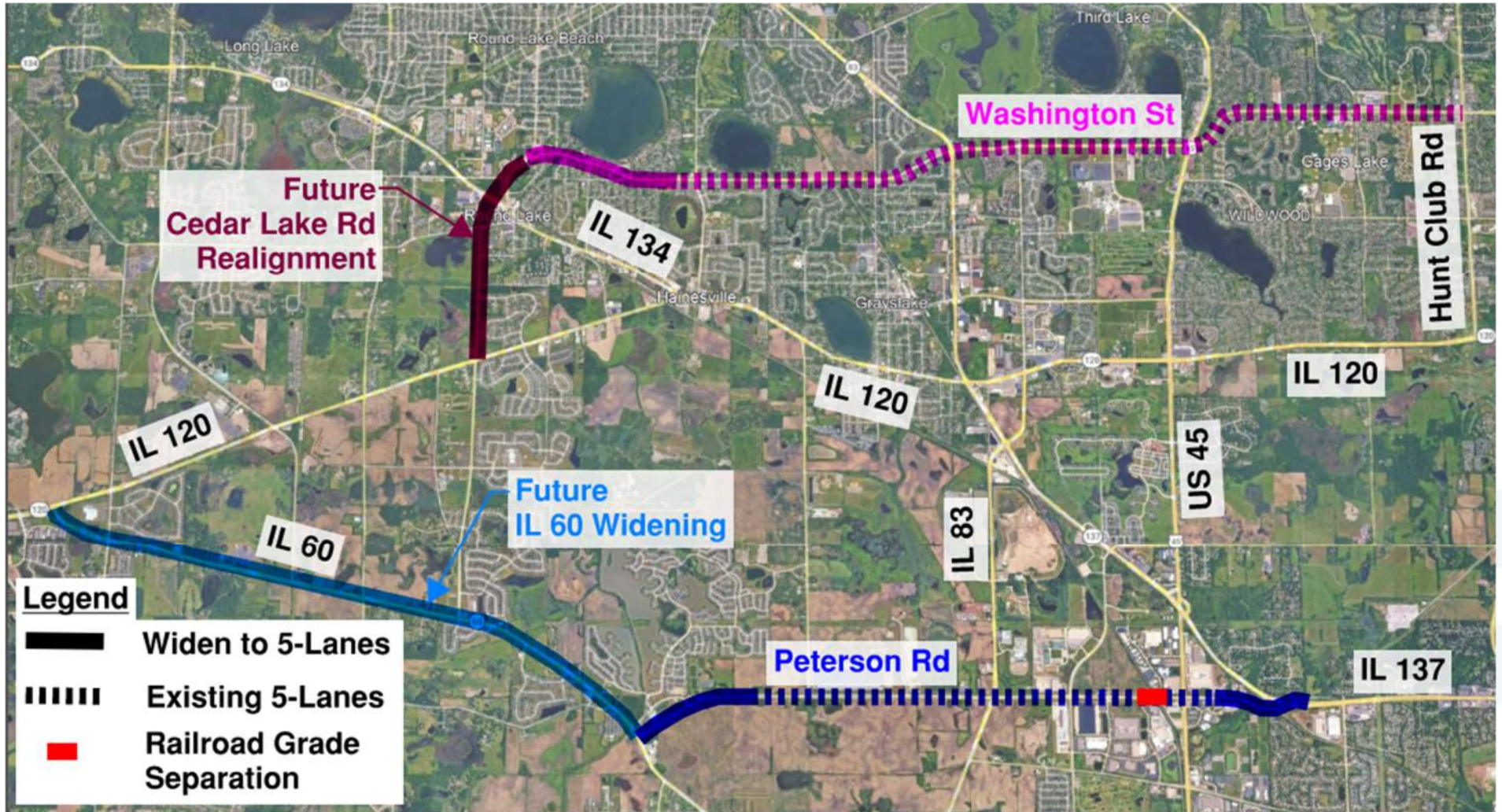


Feedback on Corridor Improvements



Other Alternatives Evaluated

Other Alternatives Map



Other Alternatives Evaluated

- **Improve Peterson Road**

- Widen from 3-Lane to 5-Lane & Grade Separate Tracks near US 45
- Impact on IL 120 Traffic & Safety
 - Corridor Wide Daily Traffic Volumes: Build 2050 for proposed corridor results for IL 120
Existing **15%↑** | No-Build **2%↓**
 - Operational Benefit: Limited Effect
Safety Benefit: No Effect
- Purpose & Need: Not Met

- **Improve Washington Street**

- Widen from 3-Lane to 5-Lane
- Extensive property impacts
- Impact on IL 120 Traffic & Safety
 - Corridor Wide Daily Traffic Volumes: Build 2050 for proposed corridor results for IL 120
Existing **23%↑** | No Build **6%↑**
 - Operational Benefit: No Effect
Safety Benefit: No Effect
- Purpose & Need: Not Met

Discussion Questions

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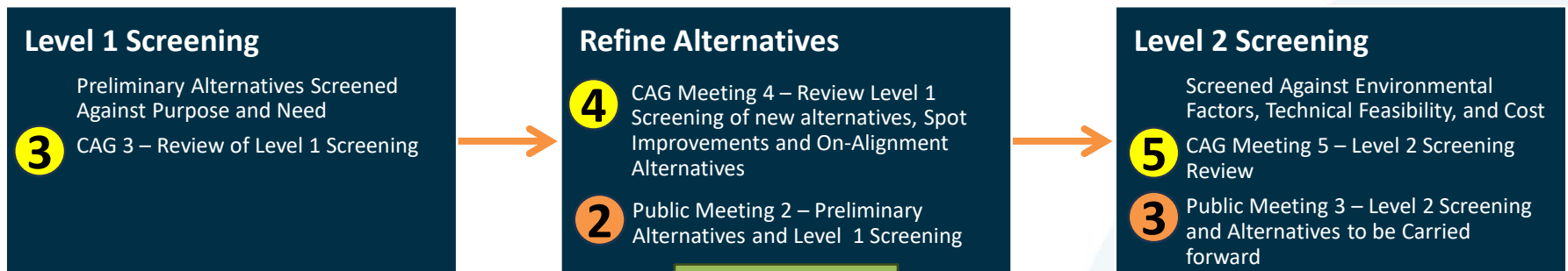
Overall Next Steps

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- Next Public Information Meeting
 - Anticipated Summer/Fall 2026
- Next CAG Meeting (CAG #5)
 - Anticipated Fall 2026
 - Presentation of Level 2 Screening Results
- Public Information Meeting 3
 - Anticipated Winter 2026/2027



- Public Meetings
- CAG Meetings



We are here

Open Comment

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Resources

www.il120study.com



- Central source for information
- Study updates
- Meeting schedule
- Opportunities to submit comments or questions

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