

Illinois Department of Transportation

IL 120 STUDY

IL 60 to Almond Road

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Public Information Meeting #2
Tuesday, November 10, 2026



Presentation Overview



About the Study



Study Purpose & Need



PEL Study Process



Public & Stakeholder Feedback

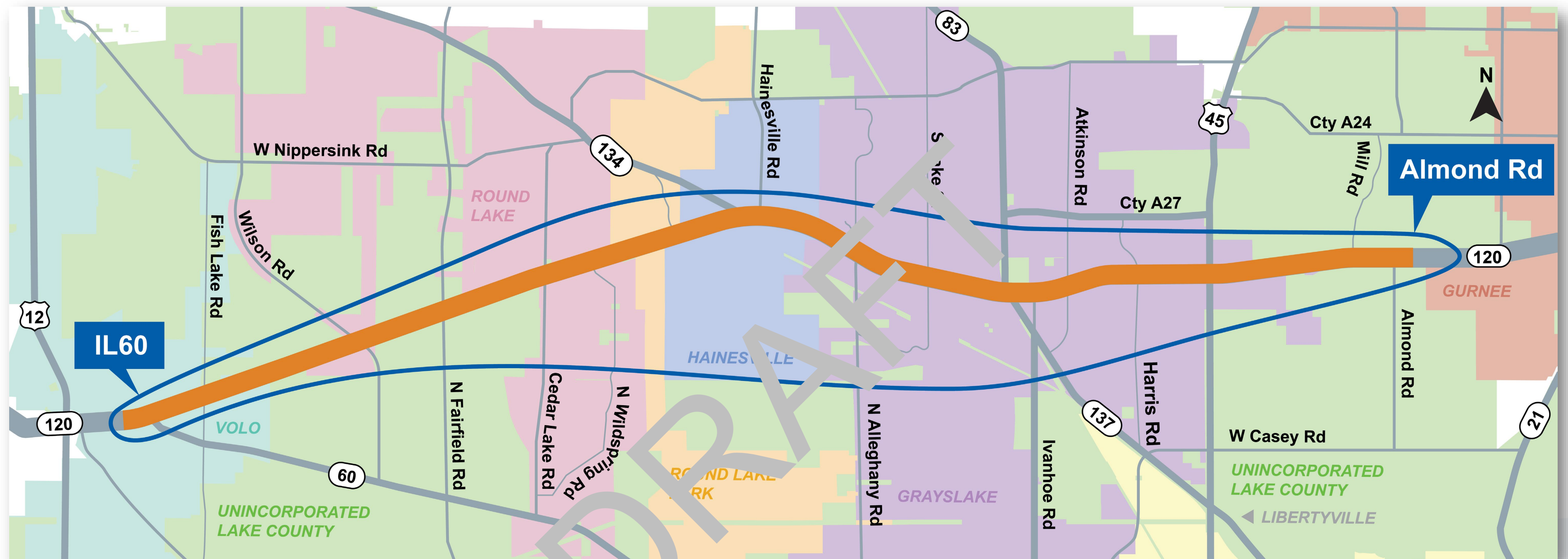


Alternatives & Screening Process



Next Steps & How to Provide Feedback

About The Study



The Illinois 120 PEL Study explores options to address transportation needs along Illinois 120 from Illinois 60 to Almond Road in Lake County.

The **study area** for the PEL is along Illinois Route 120 (IL 120) and Belvidere Road from west of Illinois Route 60 to east of Almond Road, approximately 9 miles.

Study Purpose

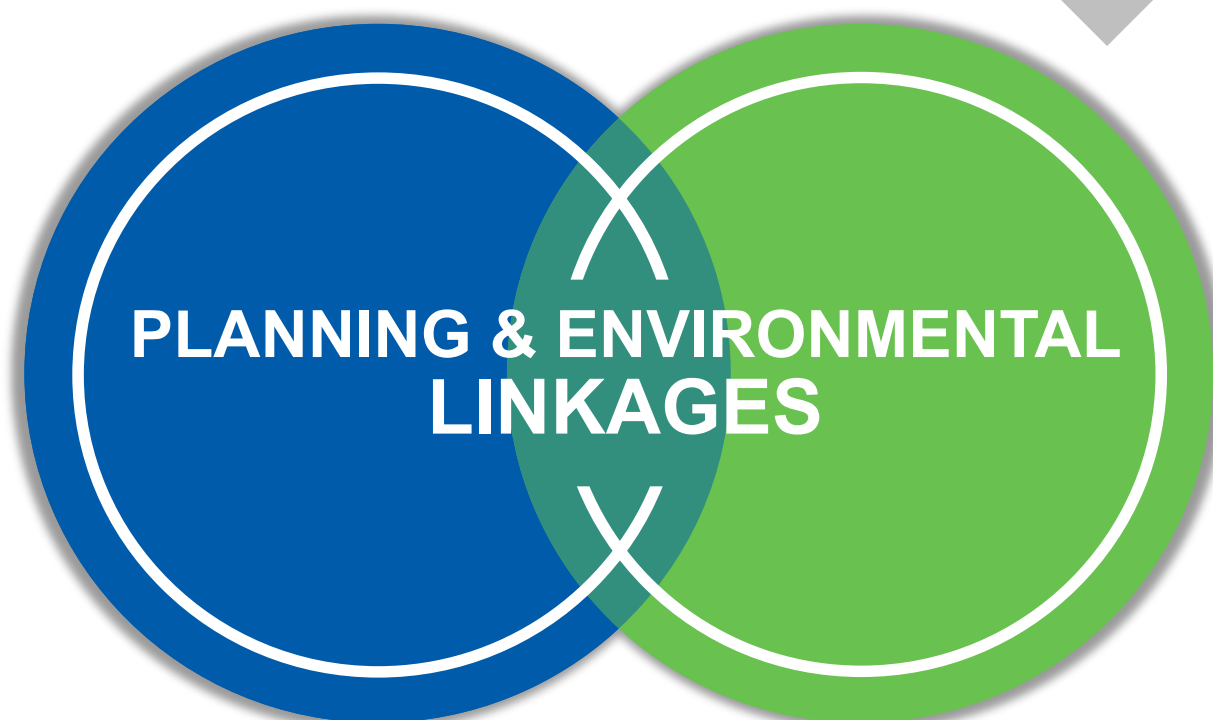
The **purpose** of the PEL study is to improve safety for motorized and non-motorized users, reduce congestion and travel delays, and enhance modal interrelationships along IL 120 from IL 60 to Almond Road.

Study Need

Transportation system improvement(s) are **needed** in the IL 120 PEL Study area to address issues that exist in the IL 120 corridor such as crashes, travel delays and decreased traffic flow, gaps in the pedestrian network, and limited transit connectivity.

What Is A PEL Study?

A **Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)** study is a collaborative approach to decision making used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns. This **integrated** approach considers **environmental, community, and economic goals** early in the planning process and uses this information to streamline the transportation project development and environmental review process.



Integrative approach considers environment, community and economy



Gathers input early to inform transportation project development



Uses collaborative approach to transportation decision-making

Why Use A PEL Study?

A PEL Study serves as the foundation of future project studies and enables the following planning elements to be adopted into later environmental review processes:

- Approved Purpose and Need
- Screening of alternatives
- Decision on methodologies for analysis

Benefits of a PEL Study



Helps identify future project selections



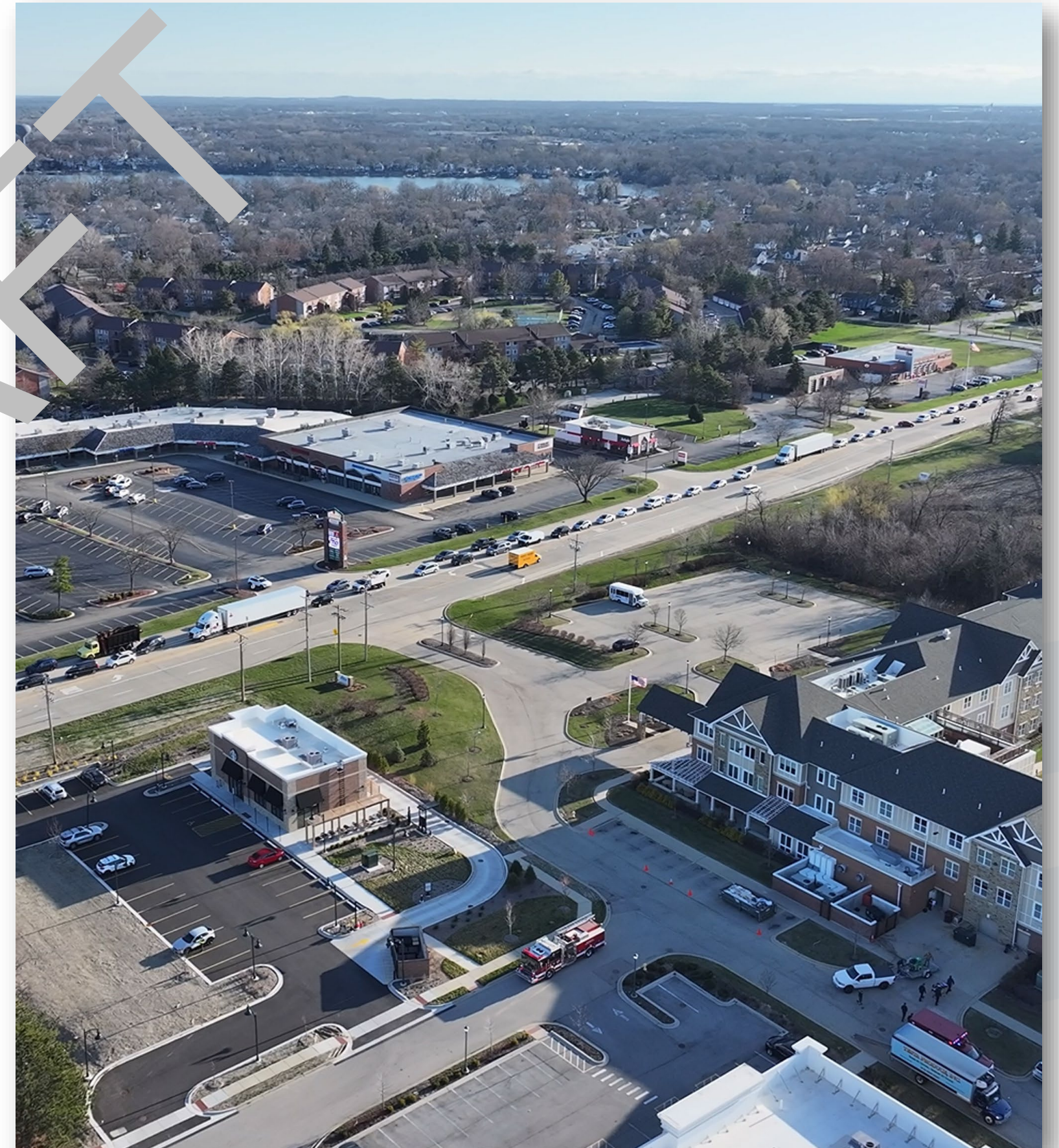
Accelerates project development and successful delivery



Finds opportunities to avoid or minimize environmental impacts



Encourages meaningful community and stakeholder engagement



Public Information Meeting #1

- **April 23, 2024**
 - 165 Attendees
- The project and existing conditions were introduced.
- The Goals & Objectives of the project were shared.
- Public input was collected to aid in the development of preliminary alternatives.
- Applications for the Community Advisory Group were received
- Project materials were made available on the study website.



Community Advisory Group (CAG)

The Illinois Department of Transportation has held **four** Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings. The CAG provides insight into community issues and concerns and feedback on potential solutions for the transportation needs within their community.

Members include:

- Local officials
- Transportation professionals
- Community leaders
- Environmental advocacy groups
- Businesses
- Residents



What We've Heard So Far

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING | RECAP

- Improve Mobility
- Improve Safety
- Reduce Commute Times
- Reduce Environmental Impacts

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP | RECAP

- Improve Non-Motorized Facilities
- Promote Access to Businesses
- Prioritize Preserving Natural Resources
- Identify Short Term Safety Improvements

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April 23, 2024
165 Attendees

CAG Meeting #2
August 29, 2024
45 attendees

CAG Meeting #4
April 6, 2026
95 attendees

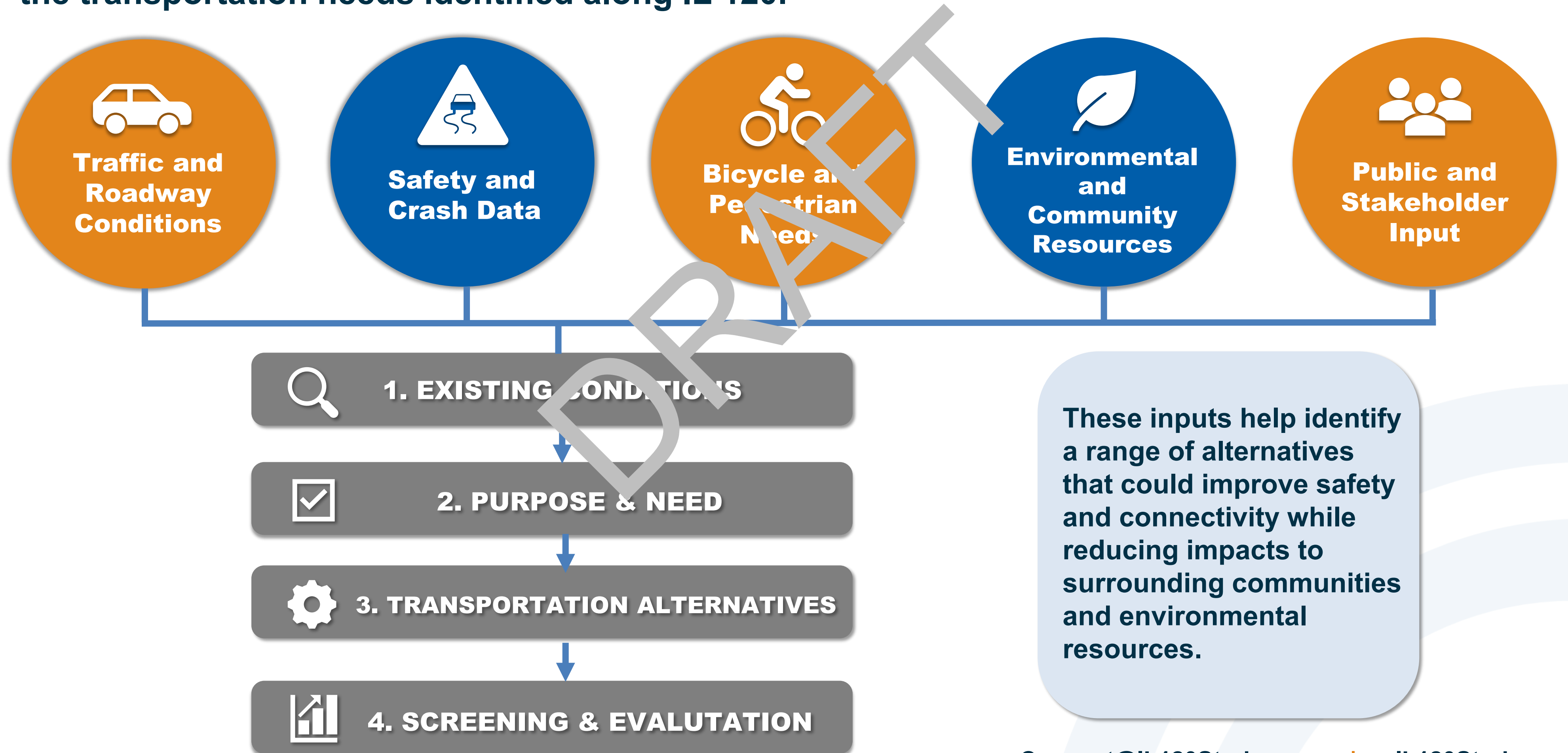
CAG Meeting #1
May 9, 2024
30 attendees

CAG Meeting #3
August 7, 2025
35 attendees

Public Information Meeting #2
November 10, 2026

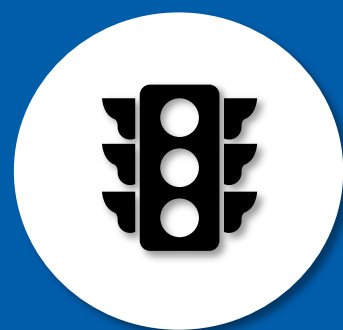
Developing Alternatives

Transportation alternatives were developed using technical analyses, stakeholder input, and public feedback to address the transportation needs identified along IL 120.



Types of Alternatives Considered

Alternatives were grouped into **categories** based on the type and scale of the improvement being considered.



SPOT IMPROVEMENTS

Targeted improvements at specific locations considered:

- Roundabouts
- Additional turn lanes
- Traffic signal modifications
- Grade separations



ON-ALIGNMENT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements generally located **along** the existing corridor.

- Additional travel lanes
- Access improvements
- Safety enhancements
- Improved roadway operations



OFF-ALIGNMENT ALTERNATIVES

New roadway alignments **outside** of the existing corridor.

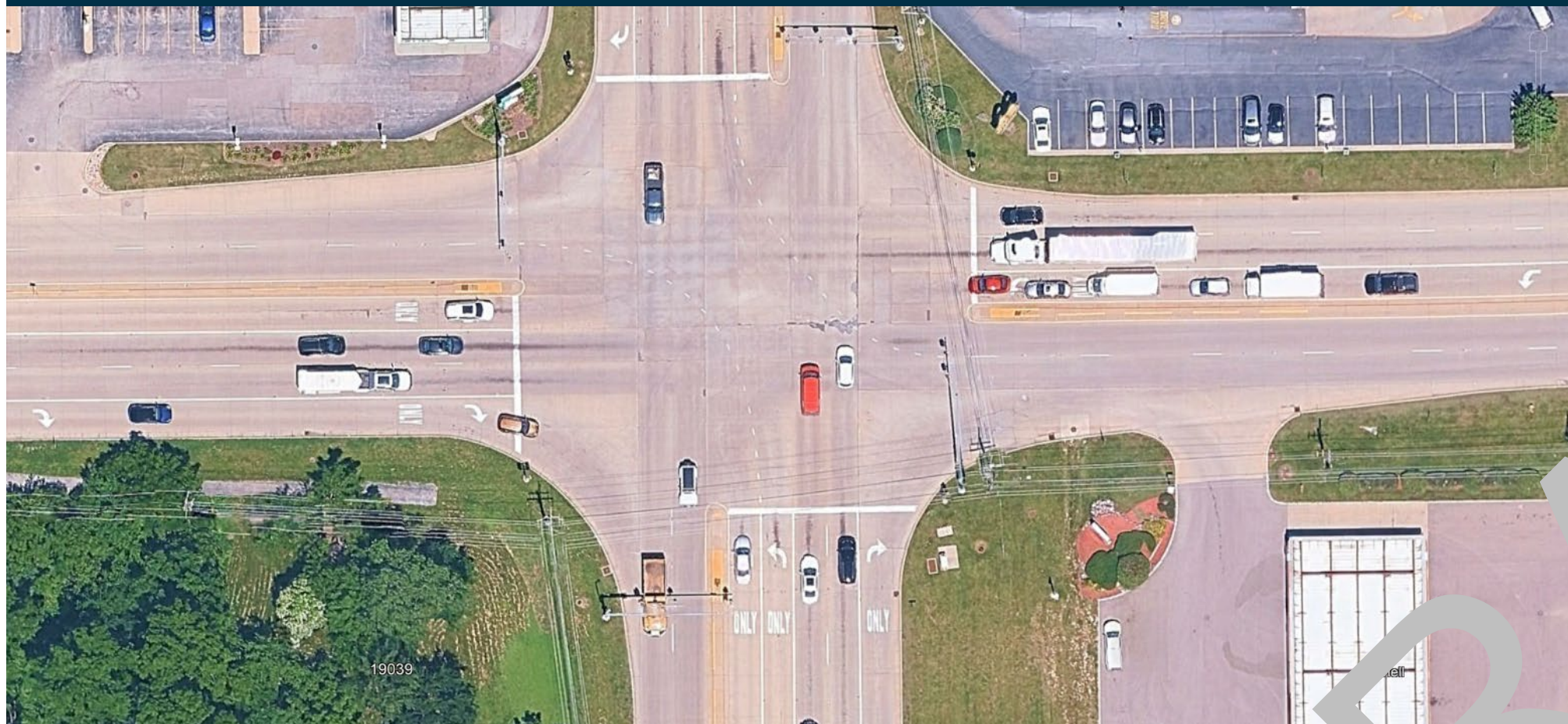
- Alternative roadway routes
- Bypass concepts
- New corridor connections



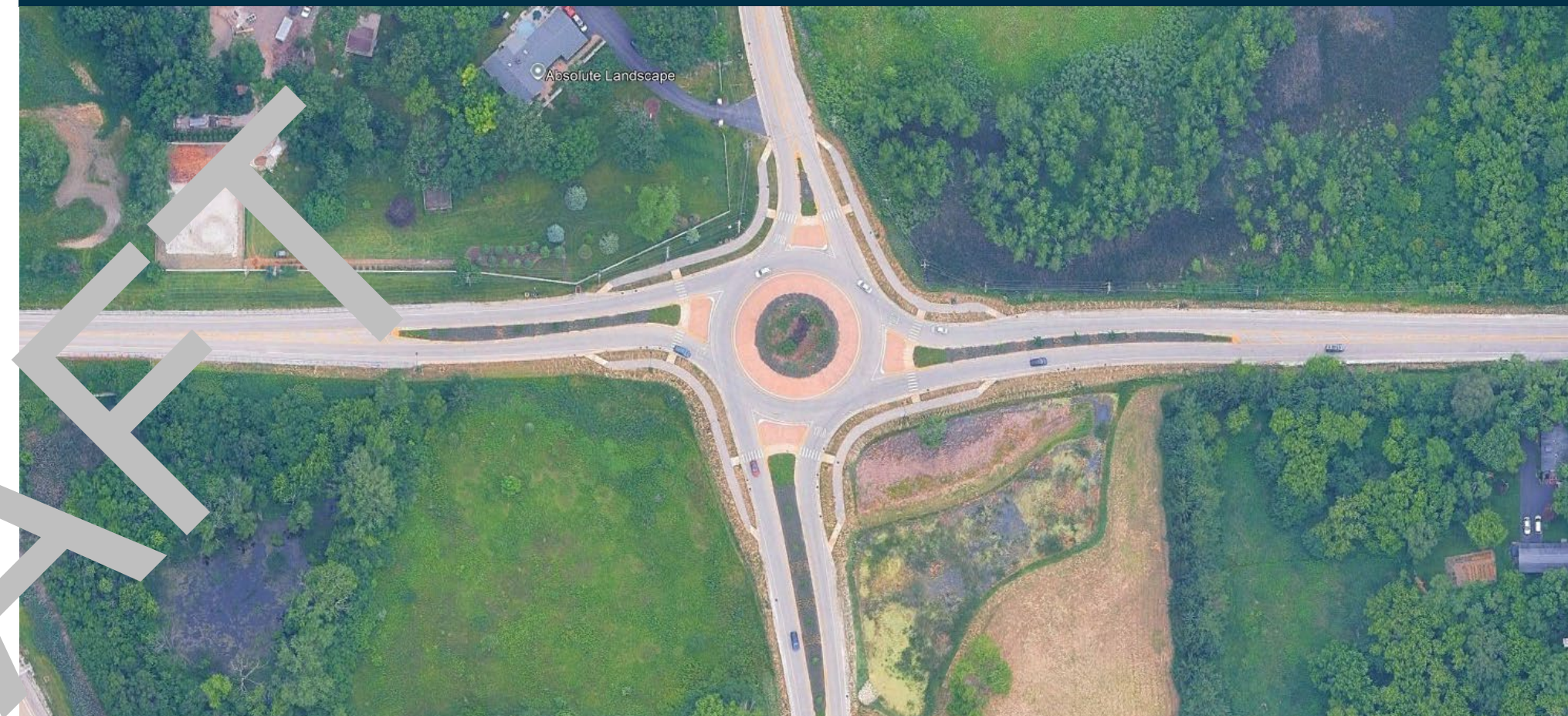
All alternatives include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, like shared use paths and sidewalks.

Spot Improvement Options

Option 1
Add Additional Lanes



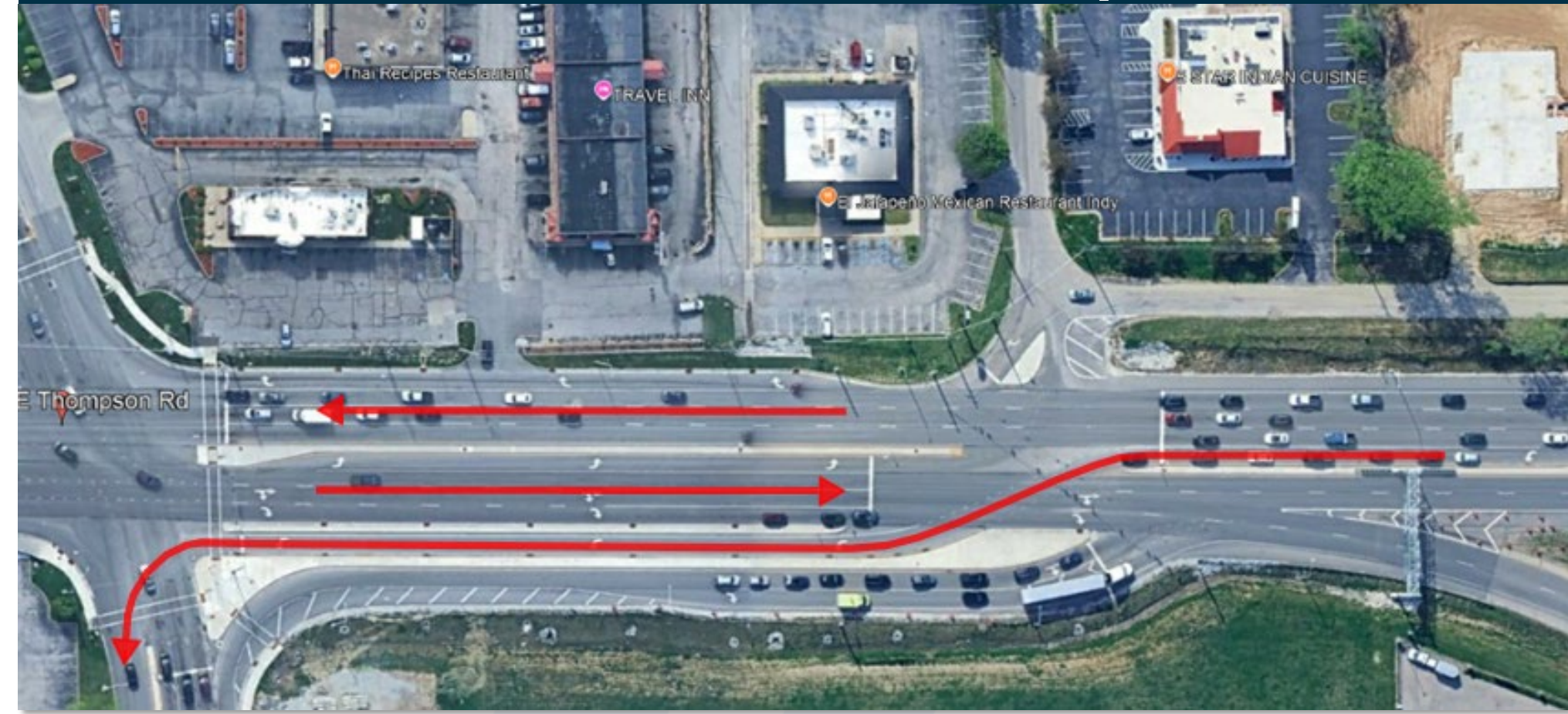
Option 2
Roundabout



Option 3
Grade Separate

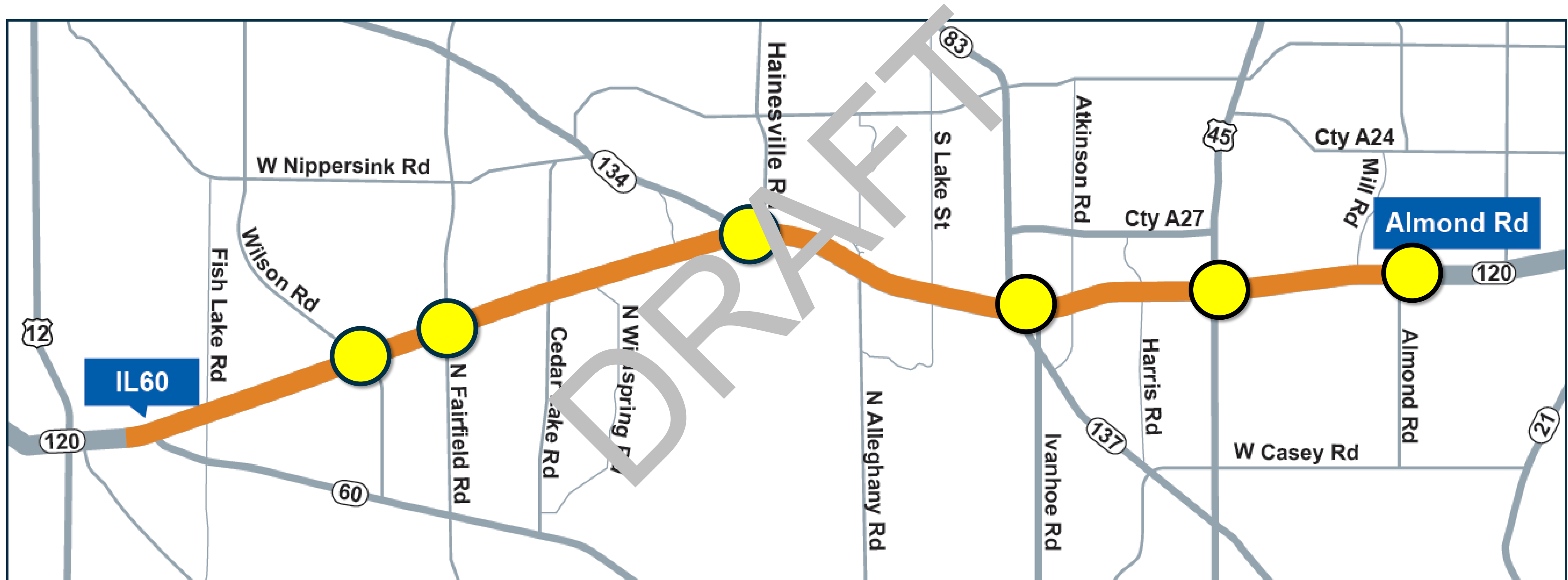


Option 4
Alternative Intersection Options



Summary of the Alternatives

Spot Improvement Locations



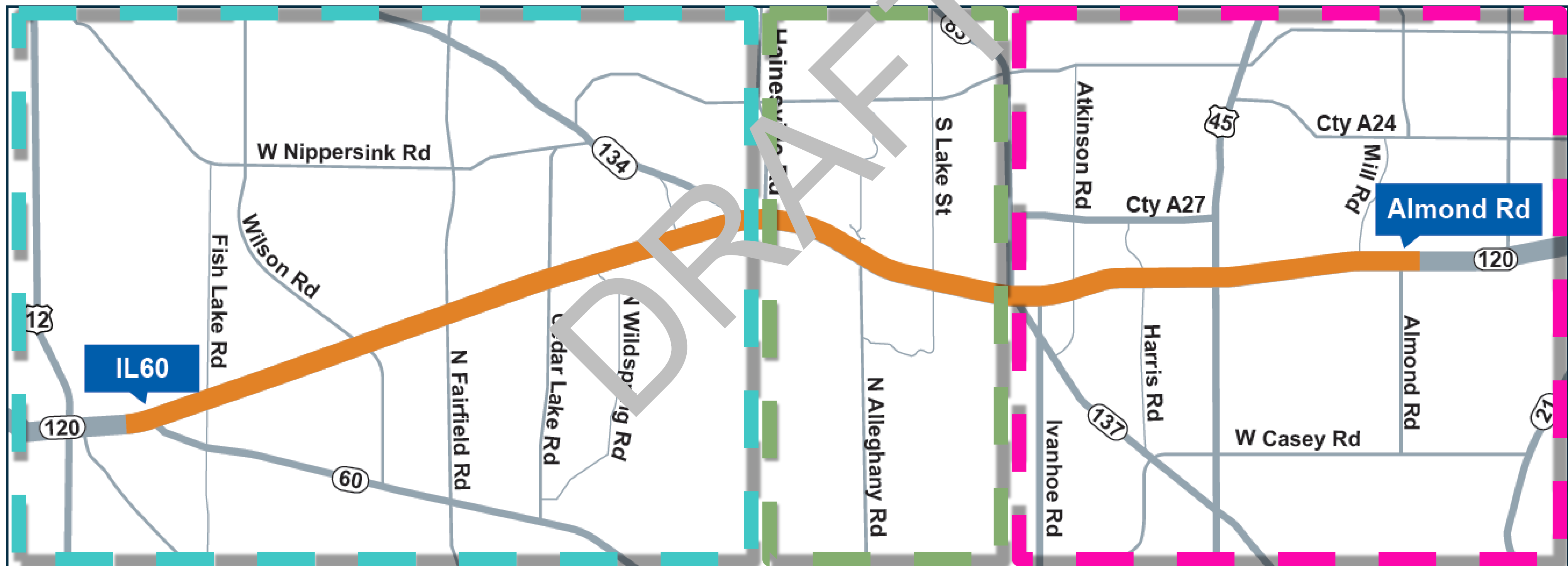
Summary of the Alternatives

On-Alignment Alternatives

SECTION 1

SECTION 2

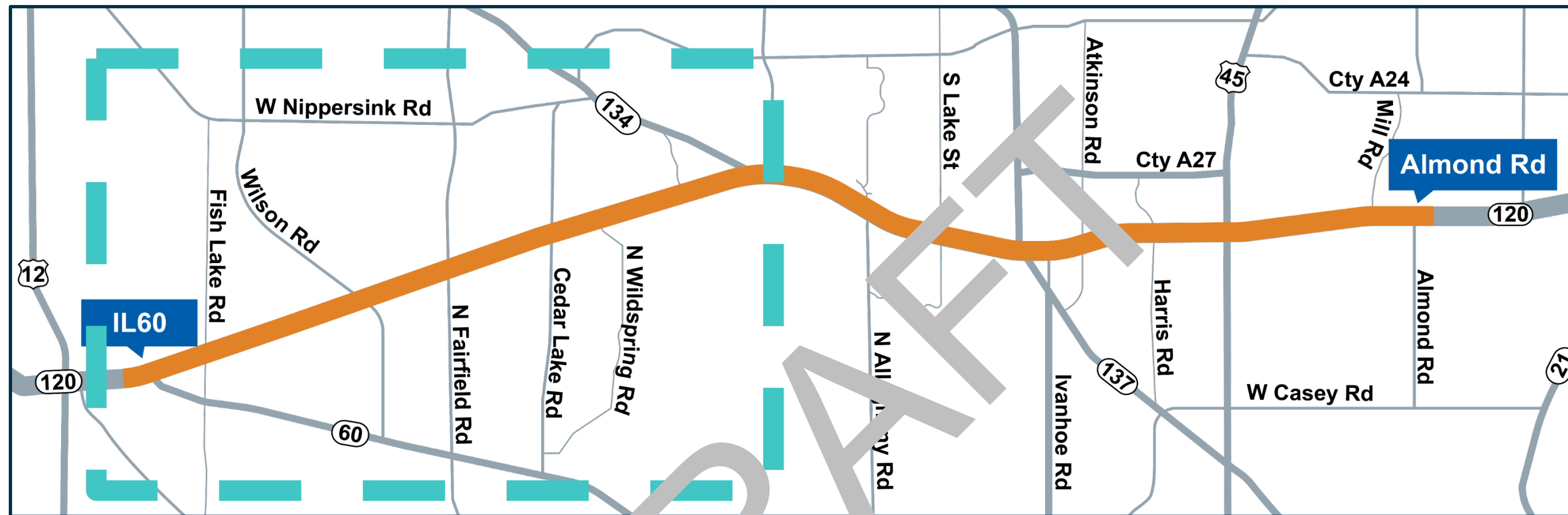
SECTION 3



On-Alignment Alternatives

Section 1

SECTION 1 - IL 60 to IL 134 / Hainesville Road



Principal Arterial – 3 Lane Rural



Principal Arterial – 5 Lane Rural

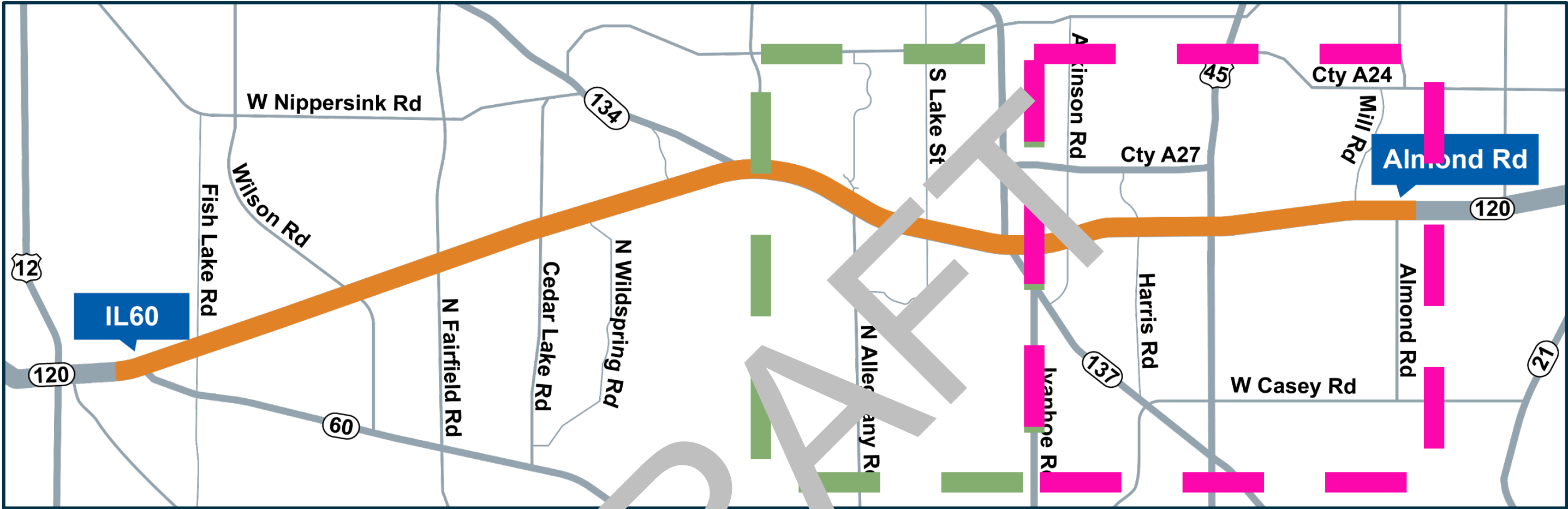


On-Alignment Alternatives

Sections 2 & 3

SECTION 2 – IL 134 / Hainesville Road to IL 83

SECTION 3 – IL 83 to Almond Road



Principal Arterial – 3 Lane Urban

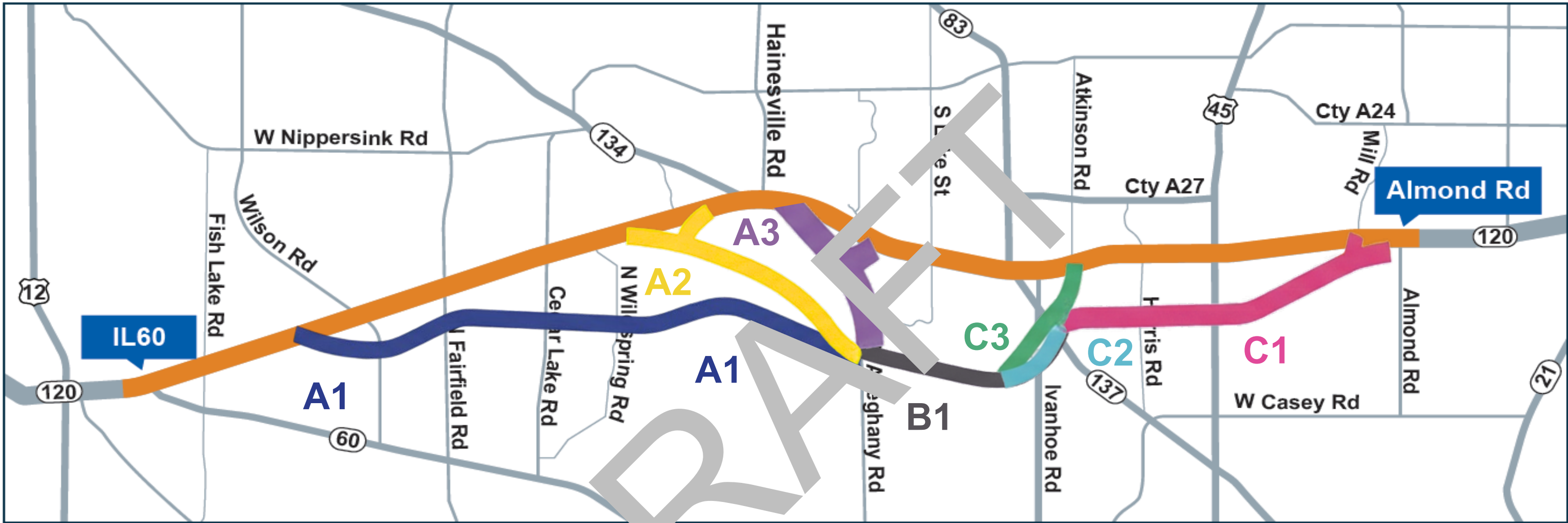


Principal Arterial – 5 Lane Urban



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Off-Alignment Alternatives



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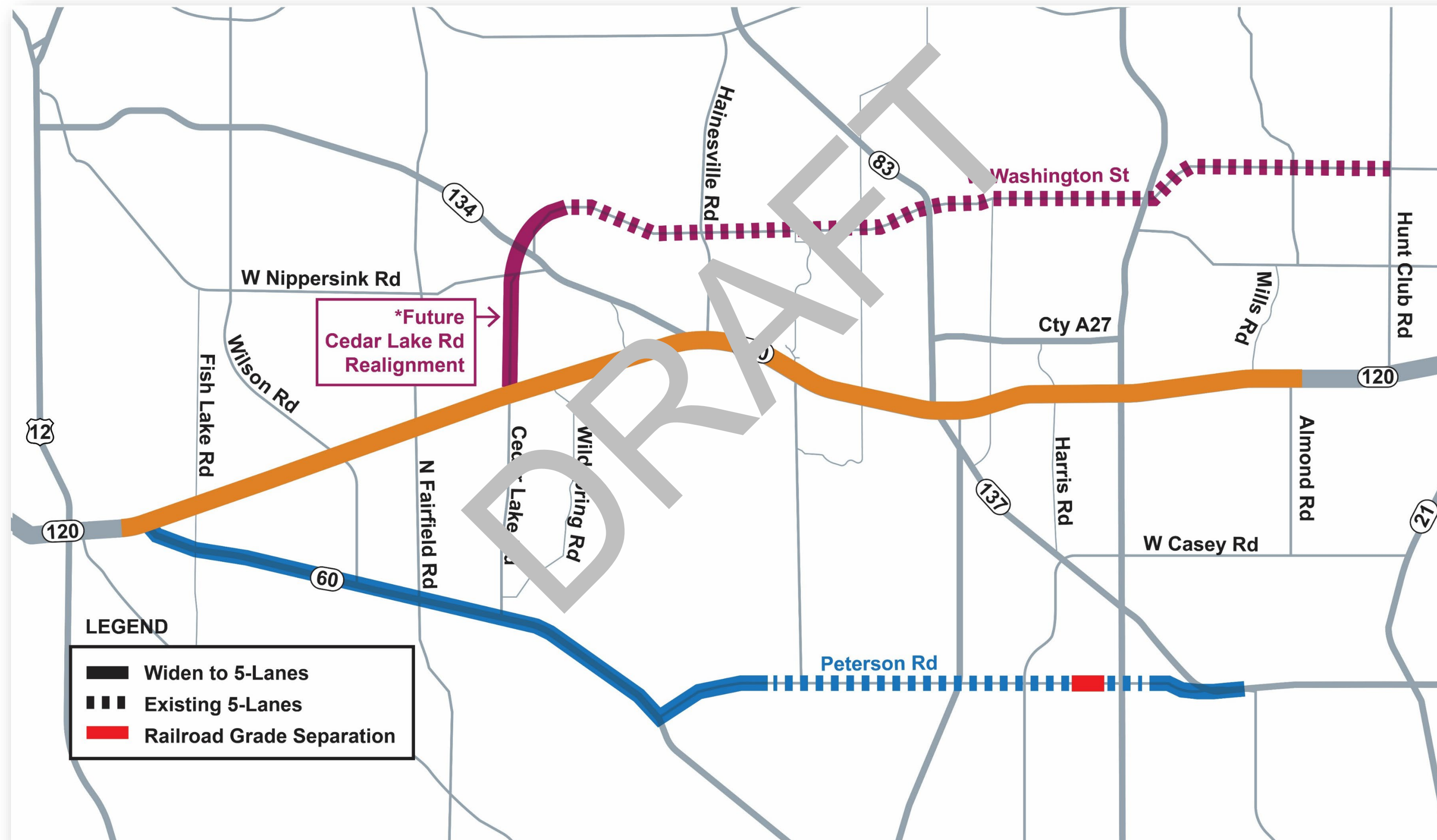


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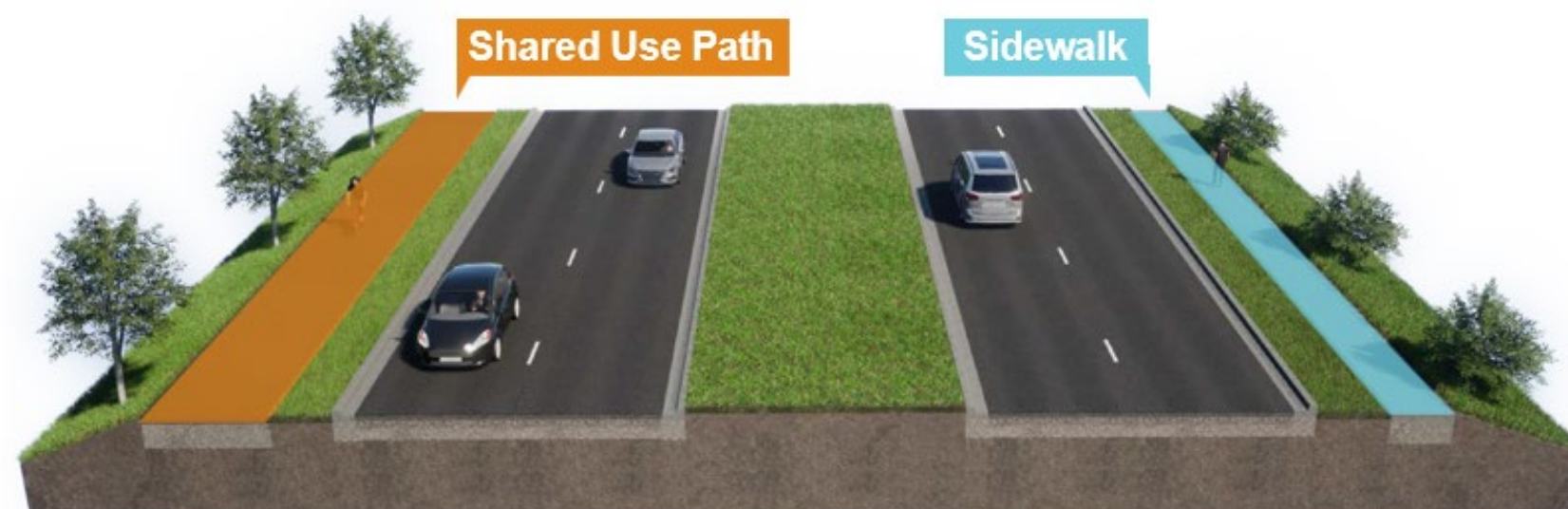
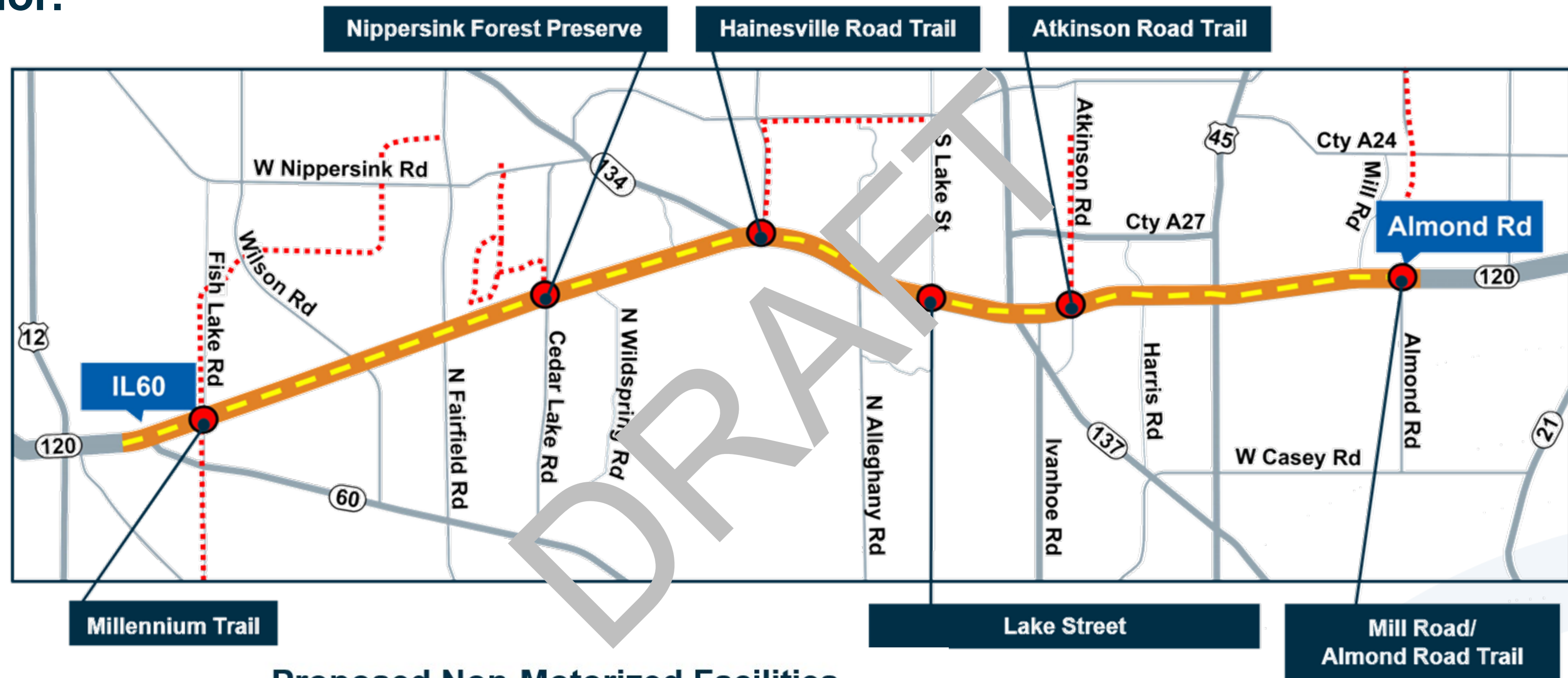
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Alternate Roadway Routes



Non-Motorized Considerations

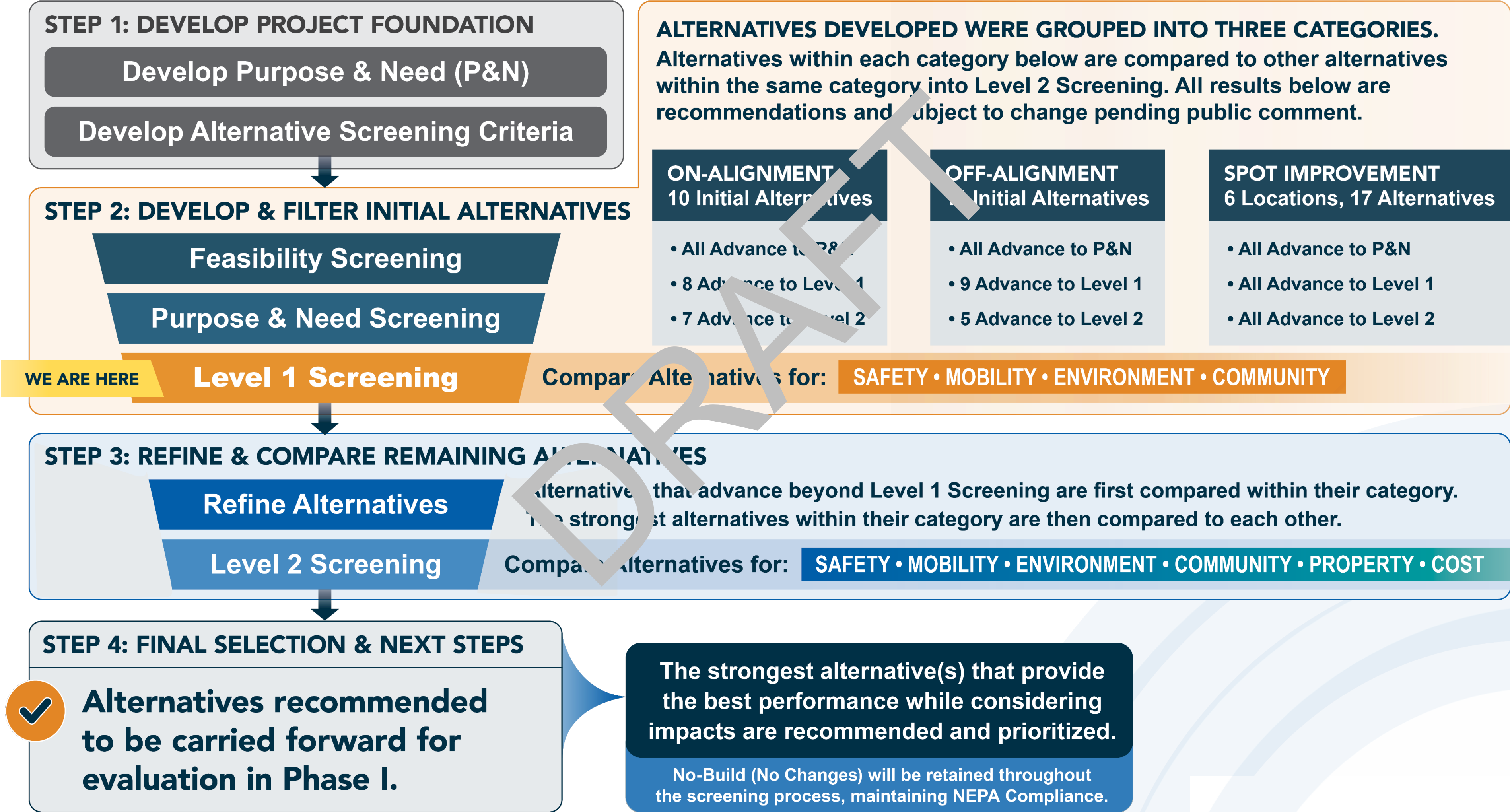
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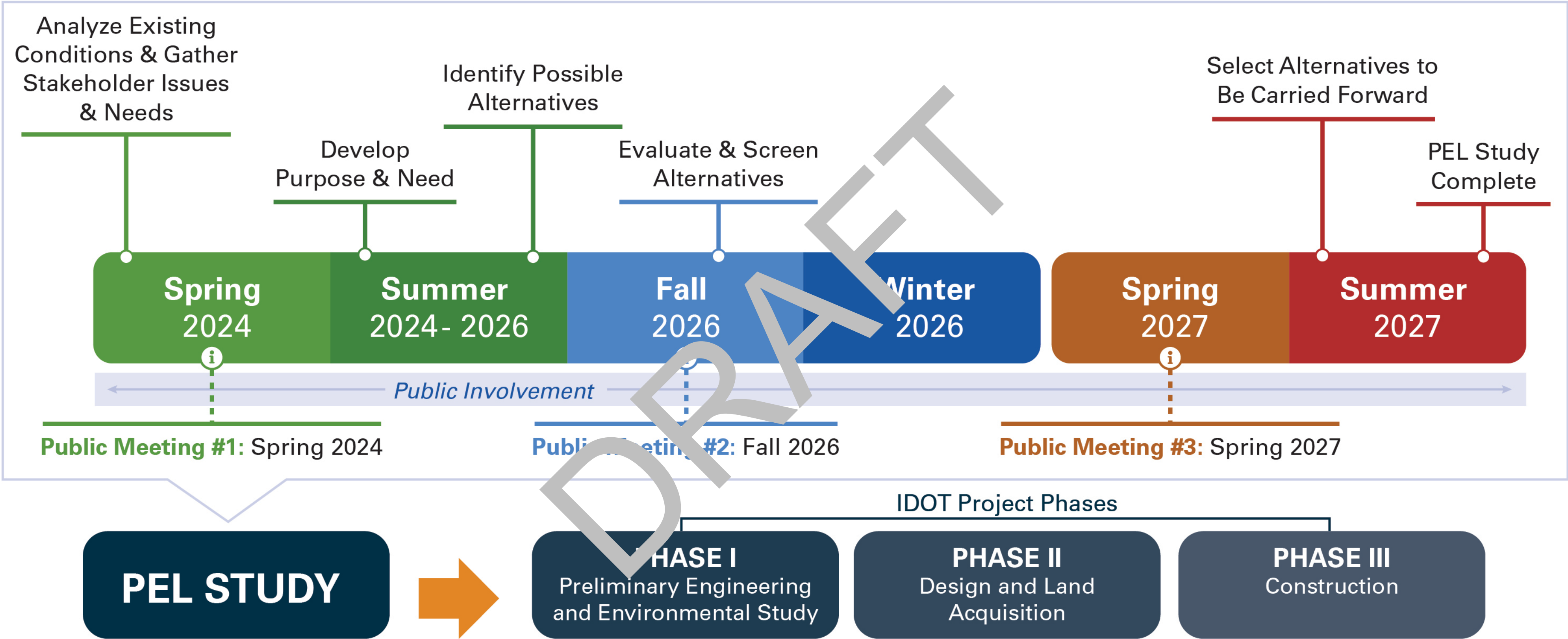
Legend

- Potential Bike/Ped Connection
- Existing Trail

Alternate Development & Screening Process



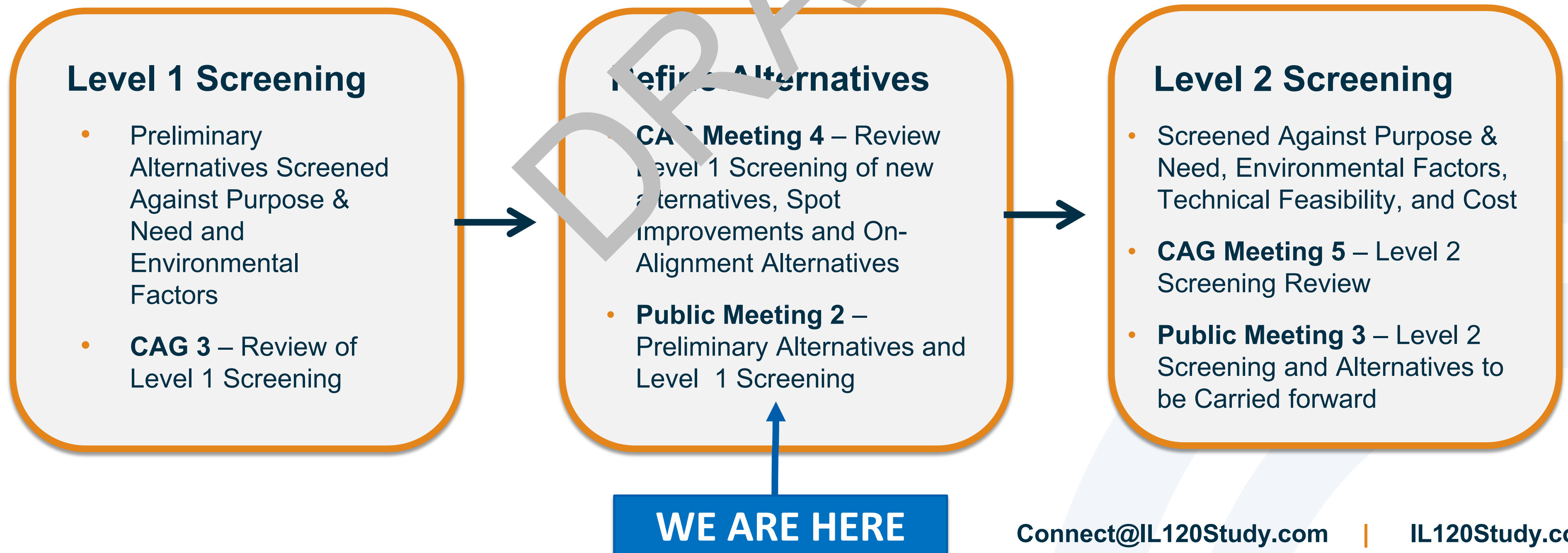
PEL Study Schedule



*Pending Project Readiness and Funding Availability.

Next Steps

- **Community Advisory Group (CAG Meeting) #5**
 - Anticipated Winter 2027
 - Presentation of Level 2 Screening Results
- **Public Information Meeting #3**
 - Spring 2027
 - Level 2 Screening and Alternatives to be carried forward



WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

We want to hear from you about transportation and community needs in this area!
The comment period is open until **Thursday, December 10, 2026**

 **Fill Out a Comment Form**

 **Request to Join the
Community Advisory Group**

 **By Email:** Connect@IL120Study.com

 **By Mail:** Illinois Department of Transportation
201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096
Attn: Bureau of Programming
Corey Smith, P.E.

Scan the QR code or
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meeting materials or for
more information.

