



US 12 Freeway Conversion Study

Parmenter Street Interchange to WIS 19 West
Town of Springfield, Dane County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Southwest Region is conducting a planning study of the US 12 corridor located between the Parmenter Street interchange north of Middleton to WIS 19 West in the Town of Springfield.

WisDOT will hold a **Public Involvement Meeting** on Thursday, June 4, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and would greatly appreciate your attendance. A short presentation will be given at 7:15pm at the **Middleton High School** in the **Student Center**. Come discuss the study, provide background information on the alternatives, engage with the study team, and be a part of the study process.

Why is US 12 being studied?

As growth and development occur throughout the region and State, WisDOT anticipates that traffic along US 12 will steadily increase. With increased traffic volumes, the functional capacities of existing at-grade intersections will deteriorate leading to decreased safety for the traveling public. The purpose of the study is to conceptualize the conversion of US 12 from the Parmenter Interchange to WIS 19 West (Town of Springfield) from an expressway to a freeway. The study will take into account impacts of existing and future land uses, as well as access to the local transportation network.

There are no immediate construction plans or construction funds associated with this study. This study will outline improvement alternatives that, if funded, would be constructed over the coming decades. Even though the actual improvements may be years away, developing a long-term vision will allow WisDOT and local communities to collectively plan for transportation and land use systems that are compatible with each other for the foreseeable future. The end product is an official map to reserve the right-of-way associated with the preferred alternative(s).

Meeting Information

Public Involvement Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2015
7:00 - 9:00pm
(7:15 Presentation)

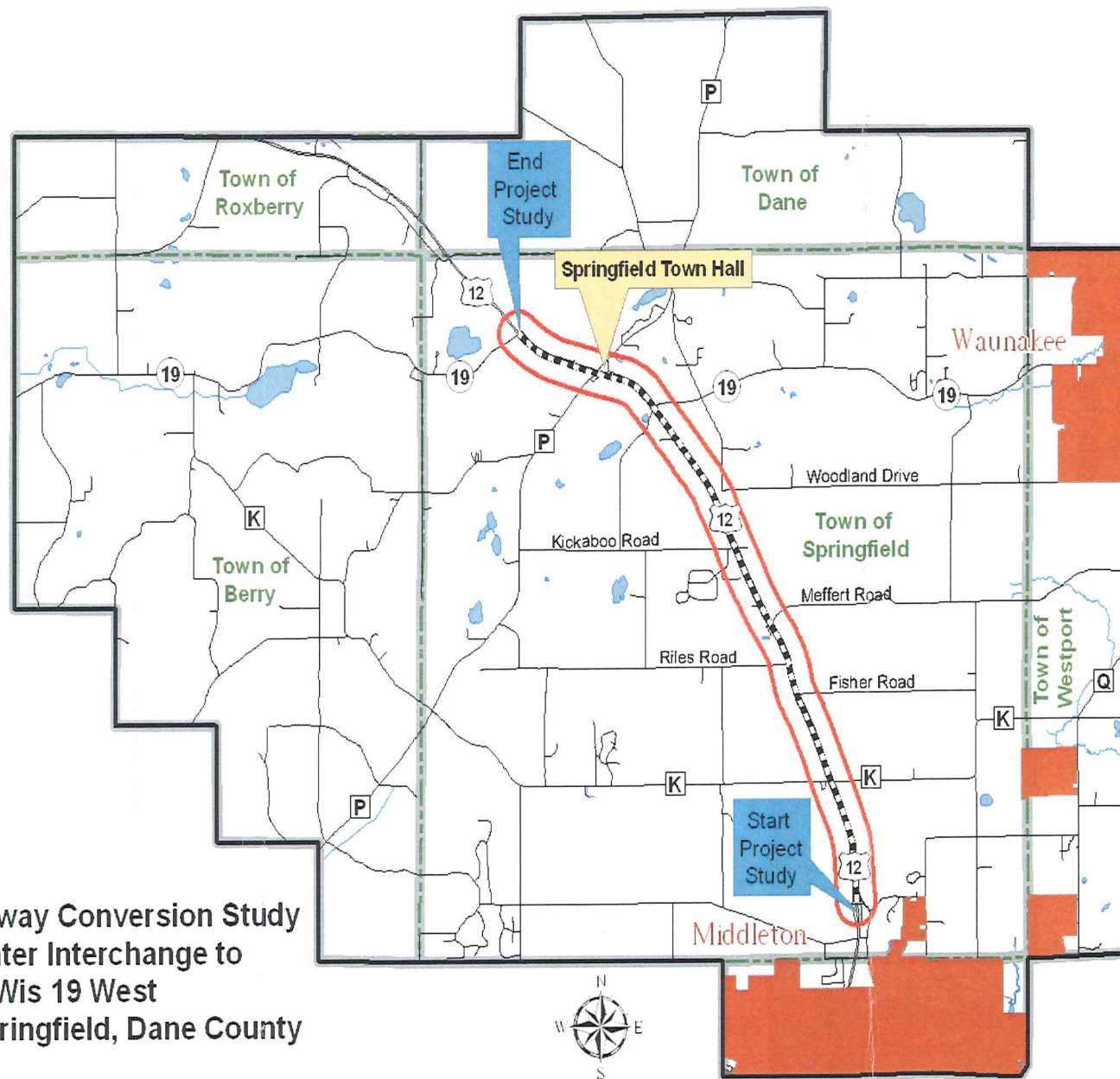
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is conducting the study?

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation – SW Region is initiating the study. WisDOT has hired the consulting firm MSA Professional Services (MSA) to assist them with their efforts. The consulting firm Kjohnson Engineers (KJ) will be working with MSA to complete the study activities.

What does the USH 12 Freeway Conversion Study involve? The most important thing to know is that the USH 12 Freeway Conversion Study is just that, a study. There is no immediate construction planned on USH 12, and no funding allocations have been committed beyond the study phases.

The purpose of study is to conceptualize the conversion of USH 12 from the City of Middleton to STH 19 West into a freeway, taking into account impacts on existing and future land uses, as well as access to the local transportation network. The study will develop strategies and recommendations that integrate land use and transportation systems, so that USH 12 operates well into the future. This will allow both WisDOT and the local communities involved to adequately plan for future land use and local transportation network needs.

What are the limits of the study?

The study limits extend from approximately one mile south of County K in the City of Middleton to STH 19 West in the Town of Springfield, a distance of approximately 6 miles. The study passes through the northernmost portion of the City of Middleton and the Town of Springfield in Dane County.

The USH 12 corridor appears to be operating well in this area. Why are additional studies necessary?

USH 12 serves regional truck and automobile traffic, in addition to providing access to local communities and important connections to other major roadways such as STH 19, USH 14, and the beltline. As development occurs both within and outside of the corridor, the potential travel demands on the corridor will increase. Experience around the state has demonstrated that capacity and safety problems will result if a long-range plan is not developed and implemented. The most important aspect of this study is how to assure the functional integrity of this important arterial into future years.

What types of long-term improvements will the study consider?

The study will include the development of strategies to preserve functionality and increase safety along the corridor, and will examine the feasibility of the conversion of this portion of USH 12 into a limited access freeway.

Recommended long-term strategies include the development of interchanges and the elimination of selected at-grade intersections to safely accommodate increasing traffic in the corridor.

How does this project relate to the North Mendota Parkway project between USH 12 north of Middleton and IH90/94?

The North Mendota Parkway Study was conducted by local governments under the umbrella of Dane County. Although the two studies are unrelated, the ramifications of the North Mendota Parkway have impacted the recommended strategies of the USH 12 Corridor Study through close coordination by both study teams over the years.