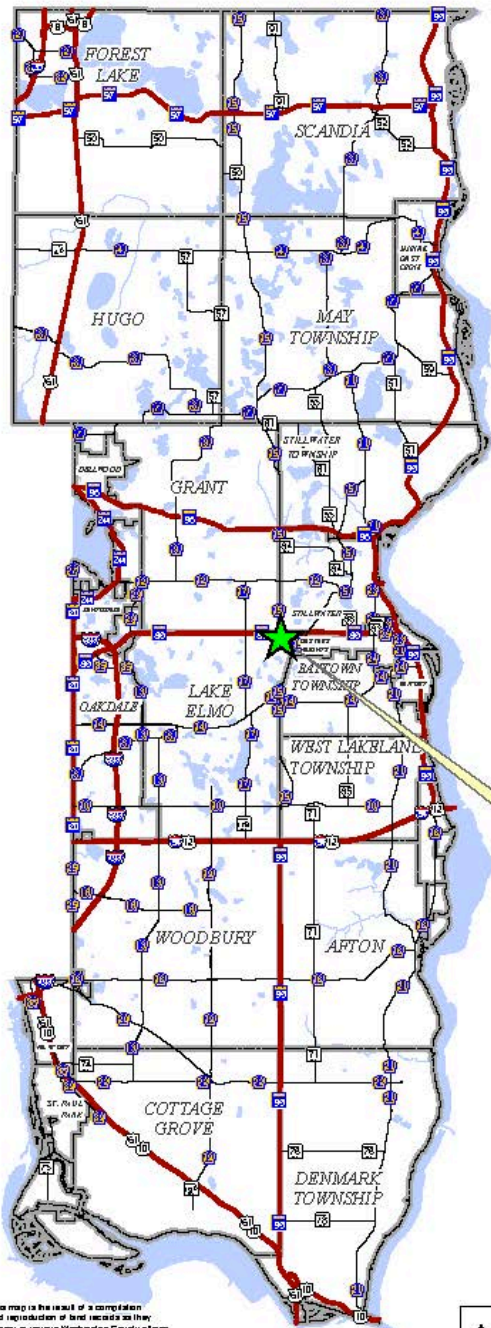




**Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and Manning Avenue/County  
State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15  
Interchange Study Update**

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**CSAH 15 (Manning Ave N) & Hwy 36 - Interchange**  
**Stillwater, Stillwater Twp, Grant, & Lake Elmo**



Scale 1:240,000



# Project Overview



# Project Overview

- TH 36 and CSAH 15 (Manning Avenue)
- Development Opportunities
  - Edge of Current Urban Development
  - Existing Housing, Golf Course, Apple Farm, Commercial Businesses
- Existing system deficiencies
  - Congestion and delays– especially during commute times
  - Unsafe and poorly functioning intersection
    - High Volume
  - Access Management
  - Inadequate intersection spacing
  - Pedestrian facilities
  - Drainage improvement opportunities

# Project Overview

## Why do we need to do something?



Intersection is approaching its full capacity (long delays/frustrations)

**56**

Reported Crashes  
(2011 to 2015)

**1**

Fatality

Intersection ranked

**75**

(out of 8,000)  
based on statewide  
crash cost comparisons

**20%**

increase in traffic  
expected by 2040

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## If we do nothing...



*Delays will become  
intolerable*



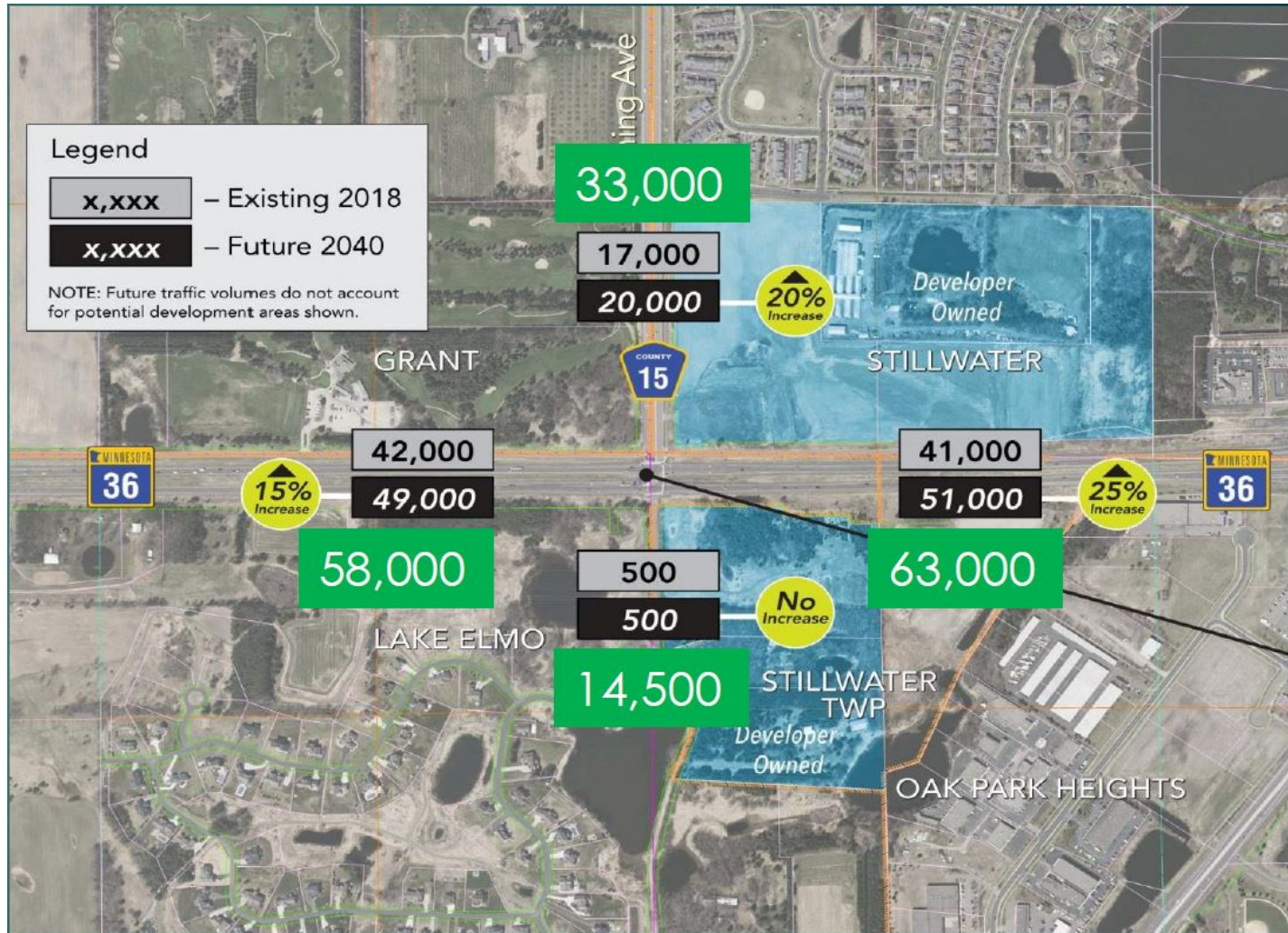
*Traffic trying to turn  
onto Manning will spill  
back onto Hwy 36*



*Crashes will likely  
increase*



# Project Overview



# Project Goals

- Improve Capacity, Safety, and Operations
- Maintain/Improve Local Access
- Constructability/Financially Responsible Project
- Maintain Federal Requirements for Funding
  - North Frontage Road Connection
  - Maintain multiuse trail connection
- Maintain long-term transportation goals

# Project Partners/Stakeholders

- Washington County, FHWA, MNDOT
- Grant, Lake Elmo, Oak Park Heights, Stillwater, Stillwater Township, Brown's Creek Watershed District
- 2 residential neighborhoods
- 2 developers – Legends & Sanctuary
- Applewood Golf Course and Aamodt Apple Farm
- Public – including local and regional users
- Pedestrians and multimodal users



# Project Schedule

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN & TRAFFIC ANALYSIS				
	PRELIM. DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL DOC.			
		FINAL DESIGN & RIGHT OF WAY		
			BIDDING	
				CONSTRUCTION



# Interchange Study

Project Management Team (PMT) Meeting Monthly  
Local Advisory Team (LAT) and Stakeholder  
Meetings at Progress Points

- Identify needs
- Identify high level impacts
- Traffic modeling
- Screen alternatives
- Public feedback
- Identify preferred interchange

Public Open House

# Open House Comments

## Current/future issues

- Need for an interchange
- Pedestrian/bike access across 36
- Housing development concerns
  - Legends neighborhood
    - Increased traffic from development
    - Signal at 62<sup>nd</sup>
  - Sanctuary neighborhood
    - Noise impacts



# Alternatives

## AT-GRADE CONCEPTS














































	Dismissed	Continue To Analyze
No Build	×	
No Build + Remove North Frontage Road	×	
R-Cut Inside Merges	×	
R-Cut With Traffic Signals	×	
Quad Intersection In SE	×	
Green T	×	

## GRADE SEPARATED CONCEPTS

	Dismissed	Continue To Analyze
SW Loop With Frontage Rd		●
Standard Diamond With Auxiliary Lanes		●
Tight Diamond With Auxiliary Lanes	×	
Trumpet In SE Quad	×	
Trumpet In SW Quad	×	
NW And SW Loops With Frontage Rd		●
Split Diamond With Two-Way Frontage Rd	×	
Single Point	×	
Diverging Diamond	×	
SE Loop		●
Tight Diamond With North Frontage Rd	×	
High T	×	

NOTE: At-grade concepts do not meet traffic demands or improve safety.



Comparison Category	Description	TH 36/Manning Ave Interchange Alternatives				
		SINGLE LOOP	DOUBLE LOOP	LOOP IN SE QUAD	STANDARD DIAMOND	DOUBLE ROUNDABOUTS
Interchange Operations	Meets acceptable overall LOS/delay	 NR - 5 sec/veh SR - 5 sec/veh	 NR - 10 to 15 sec/veh SR - 5 sec/veh	 NR - 5 sec/veh SR - 5 sec/veh	 NR - 15 to 20 sec/veh SR - 15 to 20 sec/veh	 NR - 15 to 20 sec/veh SR - 15 to 20 sec/veh
Hwy 36 Operations	Yields acceptable operations along Hwy 36 relative to Stillwater Blvd interchange	 EB - longer distance	 EB/WB - longer distance	 B - closer distance, lower entry speed	 EB/WB - avg weave areas	 EB/WB - avg weave areas
Overall Safety	Minimizes vehicle to vehicle conflict points on heavy moves	 Limited conflicts (+)	 EB left/SB Thru conflict (-) WB off ramp loop (-)	 Limited conflict points (+) EB off ramp loop (-)	 EB left/SB right conflict (-)	 Reduced crash severity (+) Multilane, potential sideswipe (-)
Connection to Stillwater Blvd	Allows for natural connection and continuity of Manning Ave (pulls trips off Hwy 36)	 Natural connection	 Natural connection	 Difficult connection	 Difficult connection	 Less conventional connection
Traffic Ranking		#1	#2	#4	#5	#3
Local Access (NW Quad)	Allows for convenient local access and adequate space for developable land	 Better access than existing	 No access to Manning	 No access to Manning	 No access to Manning	 Better access than existing
Local Access (NE Quad)	Allows for convenient local access and adequate space for developable land	 Use 62nd St	 Direct access	 Use 62nd St	 Use 62nd St	 Use 62nd St
Local Access (SE Quad)	Allows for convenient local access and adequate space for developable land	 Direct access	 Direct access	 Difficult access, less space	 Difficult access, less space	 Good access, less space
Local Access Ranking		#1	#2	#5	#4	#3
Cost	Minimize construction costs (base cost is \$10 to \$12 Million)	 Impacts powerlines & pond	 Impacts powerlines and pond	 Avoids SW quad	 Avoids powerlines & pond	 Requires large/long walls
Right-of-Way	Minimize Right-of-Way needs	 Three quadrants	 Two quadrants	 Three quadrants	 Four quadrants	 Four quadrants
Cost/Impact Ranking		#3	#2	#1	#4	#5

Legend:

Less Favorable



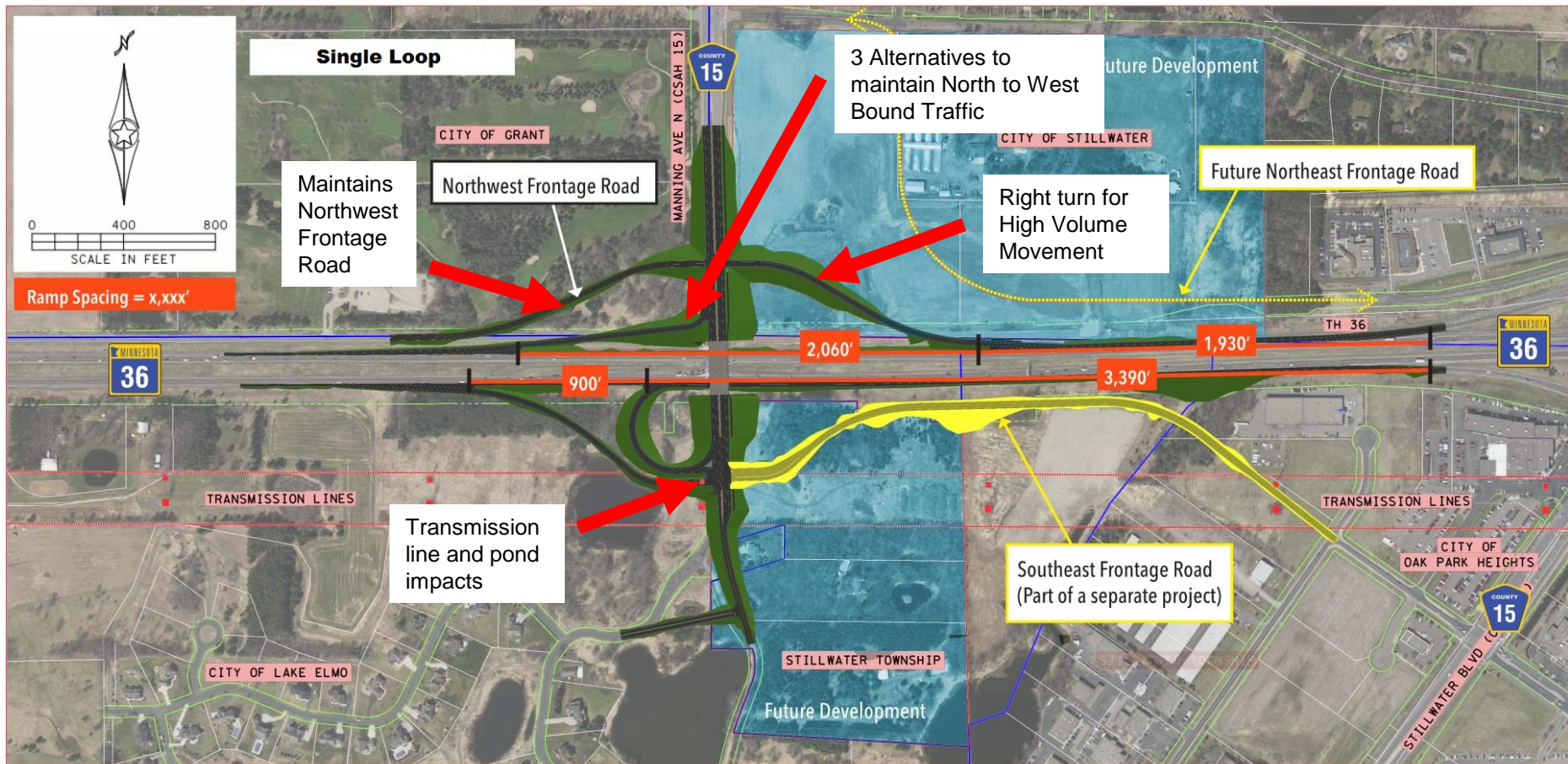
Moderately Favorable



Most Favorable



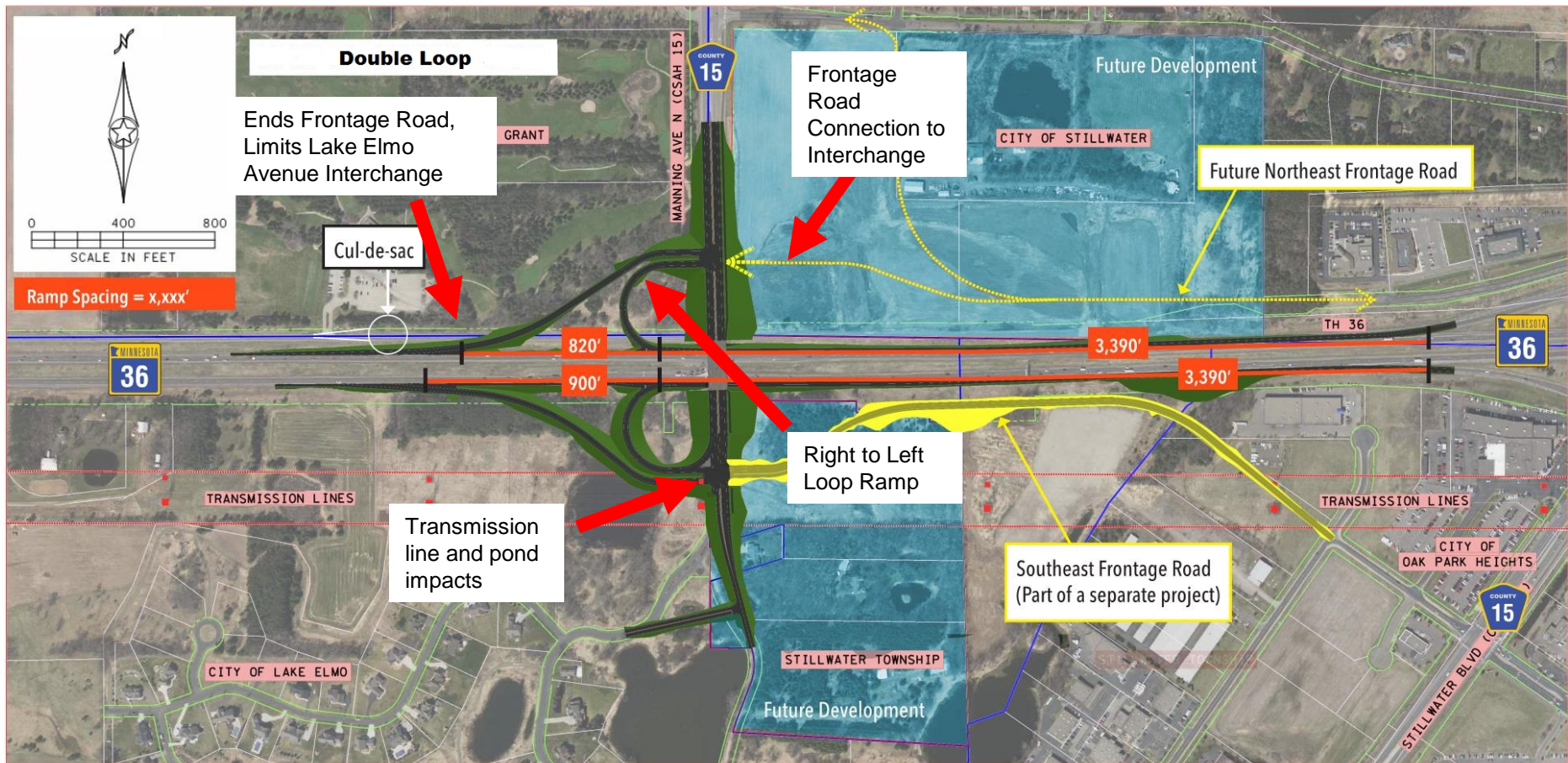




CONCEPT - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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# Project Funding

- Expense
  - \$25-30 million
- Anticipated Funding
  - \$7 million in federal funding – Regional Solicitation
  - 10-20% local contributions per the county cost participation policy
  - Currently no State funding
    - Requested State Bonding
  - Will continue to seek additional funding

# Potential Local Costs

- Relocation/reconstruction of local access
- Sound/noise barrier
- Cost of signal legs at local streets
- Future/potential frontage roads local/developer
- % of construction cost for mobilization, engineering services, traffic control
- Retaining wall to minimize impacts
- 50% of trails
- 50% of curb and gutter
- Right of way

# Next Steps

- Investigate Single and Double loop options
  - Further design, geotechnical, environmental impacts/documentation, construction limits, costs
- Work with Partners/Stakeholders
  - Maximize benefits and minimize impacts
  - Identify preferred interchange design and develop Layout
  - Resolution of support



# Questions?