



LakeCounty
Division of Transportation

Welcome to Lewis Avenue Planning Study Public Information Meeting #1

September 30, 2026 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



LEWIS AVENUE
PLANNING STUDY

Sunset Ave to IL 173

ABOUT THE MEETING

Public Information Meeting Process

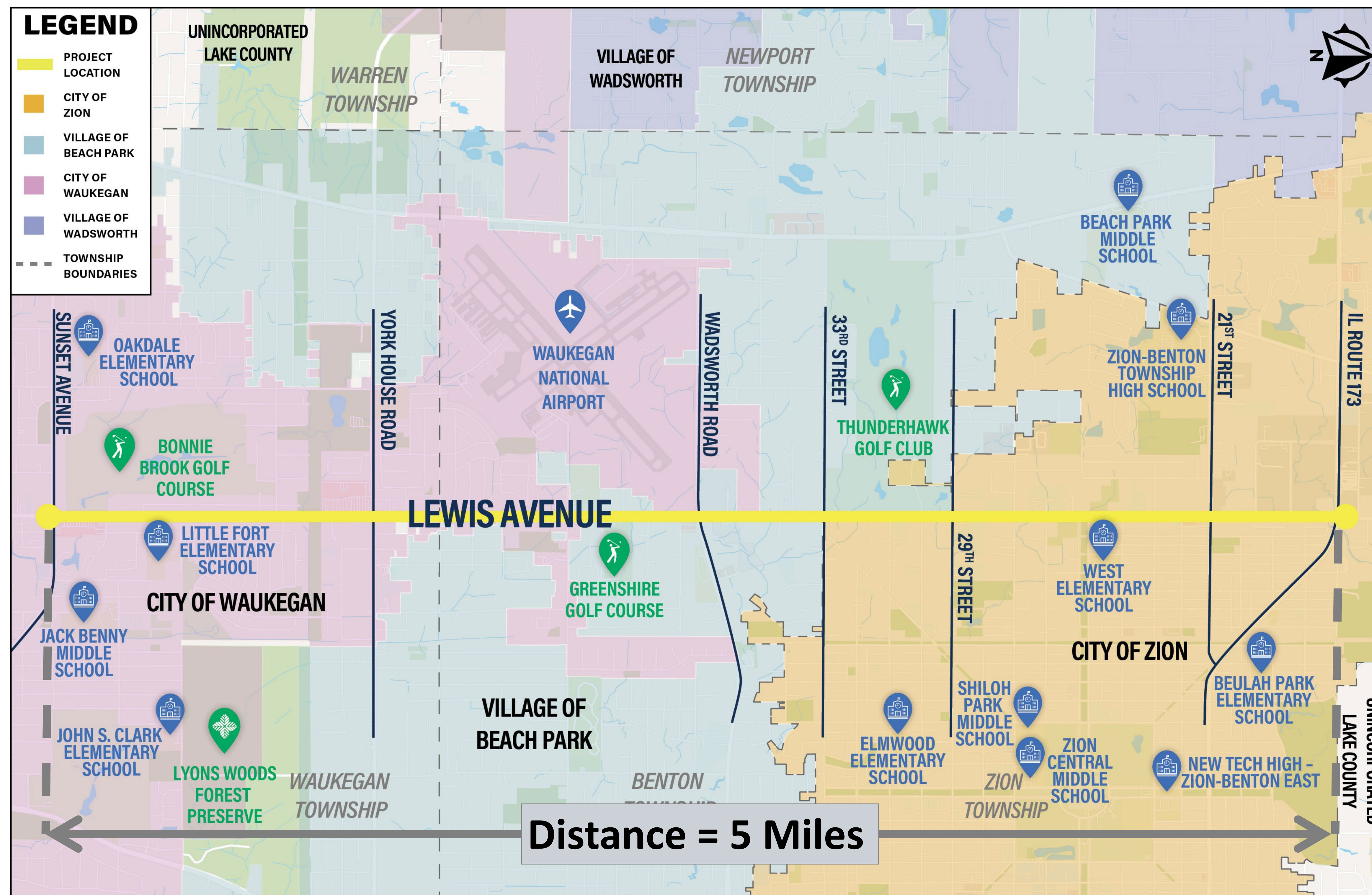
- Sign In
- View Exhibits
- Ask Questions
- Provide Comments

Purpose of the Public Information Meeting

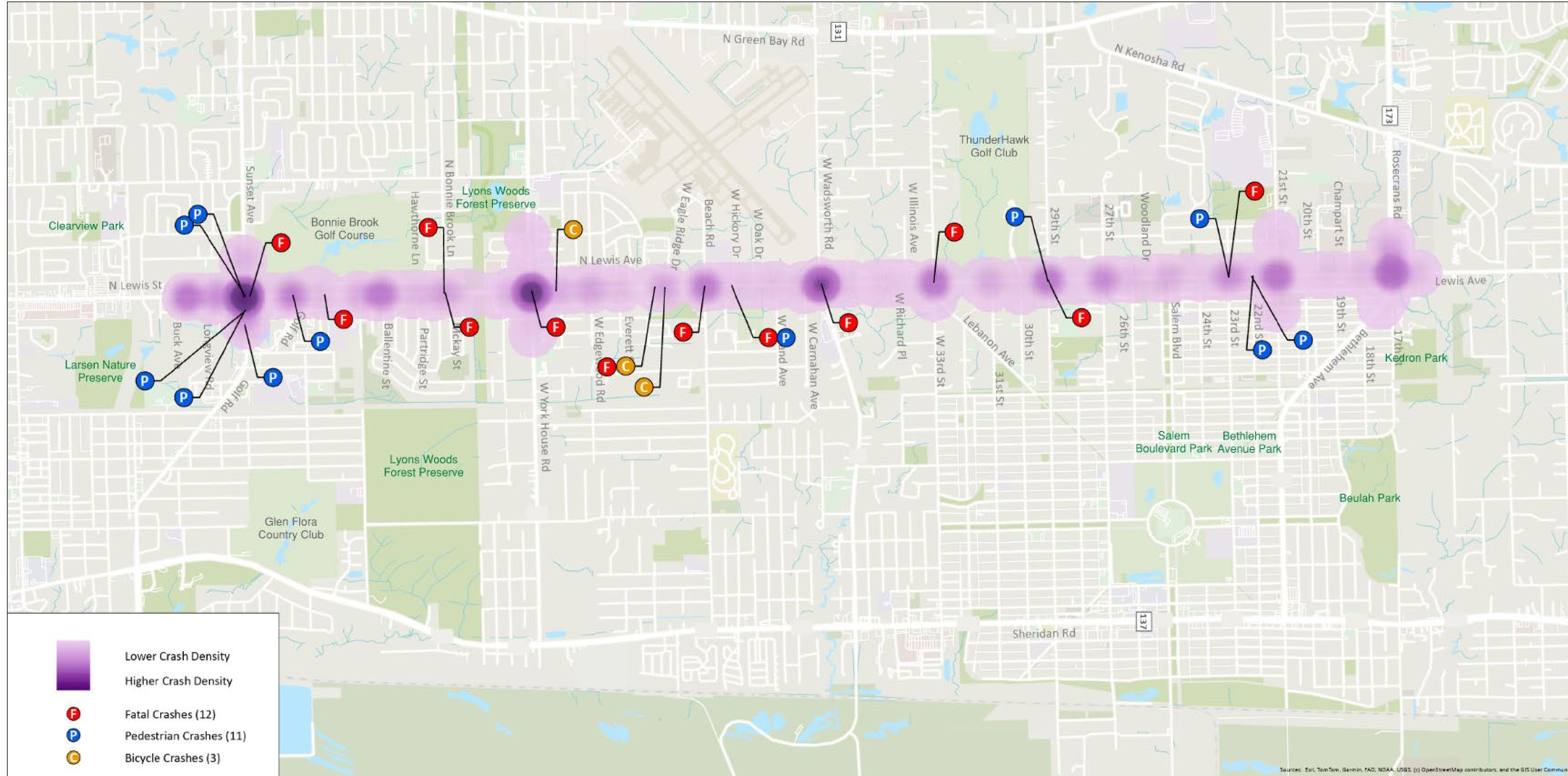
- Inform the Public of the Project
- Gather Feedback from the Public



LOCATION MAP & STUDY AREA



CRASH STATISTICS



1,065 Crashes
5-Year Study
Period

Equates to
1 Crash Every
1.7 Days

Equates to
1 Injury Crash
Every 5 Days

Lewis Avenue experiences crash rates that are two times greater than expected when compared to similar roads in Lake County, IL

CRASH STATISTICS SUMMARY

Number of Crashes



TOTAL CRASHES

1065



TOTAL INJURIES

365



MAJOR INJURY

30



FATAL CRASHES

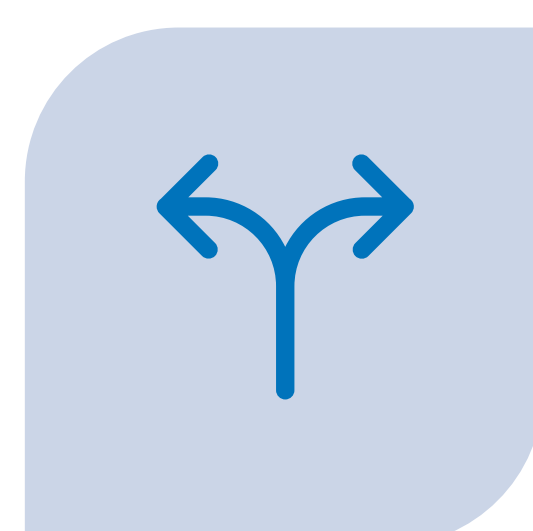
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Types of Crashes



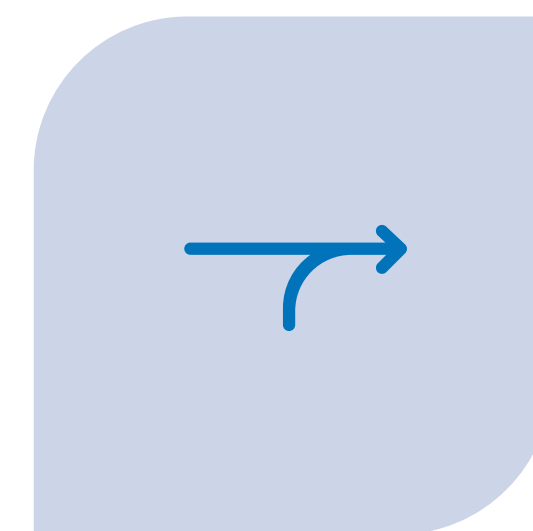
FRONT TO REAR

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TURNING

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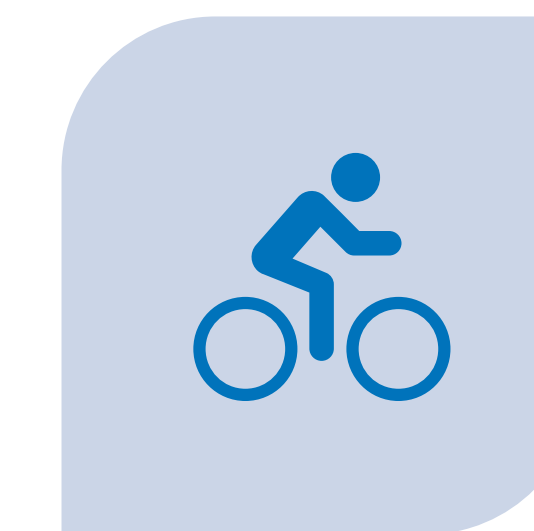
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PEDESTRIAN

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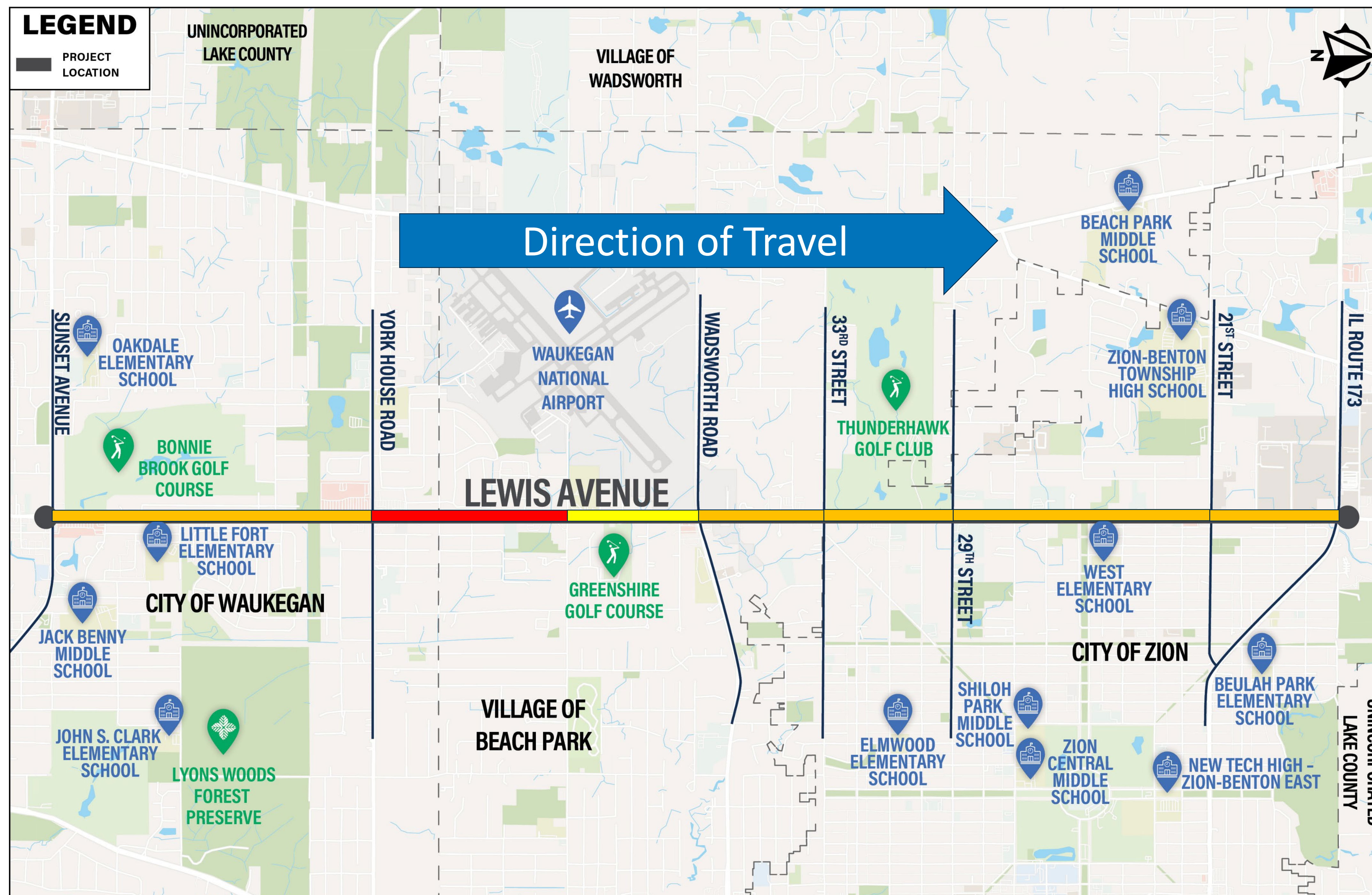
PEDALCYCLIST

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2019 – 2023 Crash Analysis Timeframe



TRAVELING SPEED – NORTHBOUND



Traveling Speed was determined by using the 85th Percentile Speed which is the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles travel, when the roadway is open and weather conditions are favorable.

Source: Federal Highway Administration

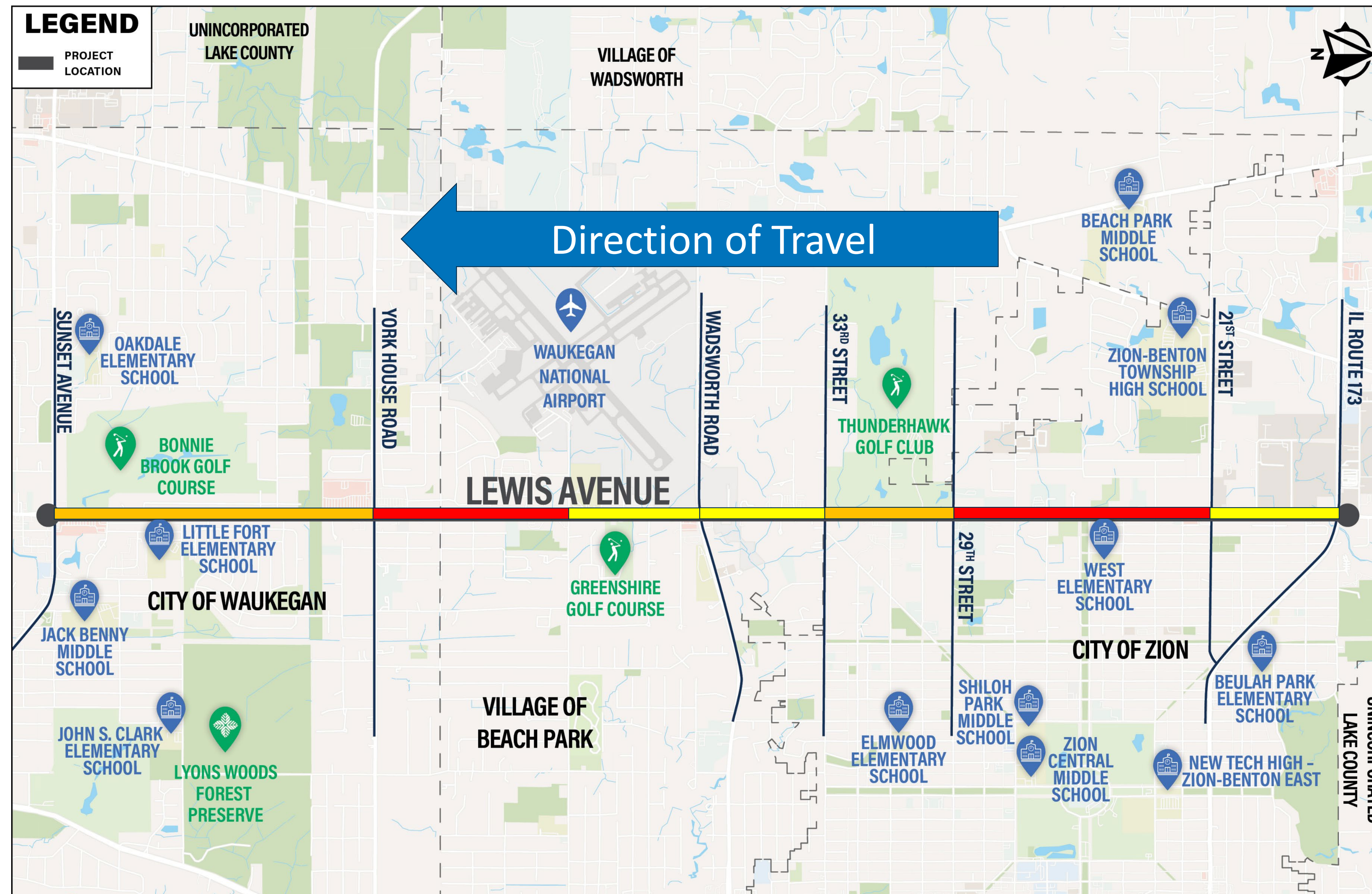
Northbound
Traveling Speed Over
the Posted Speed Limit

Less than 10 mph
10 to 20 mph
Greater than 20 mph

Higher speeds lead to
more severe crashes



TRAVELING SPEED – SOUTHBOUND



Southbound
Traveling Speed Over
the Posted Speed Limit

Less than 10 mph
10 to 20 mph
Greater than 20 mph

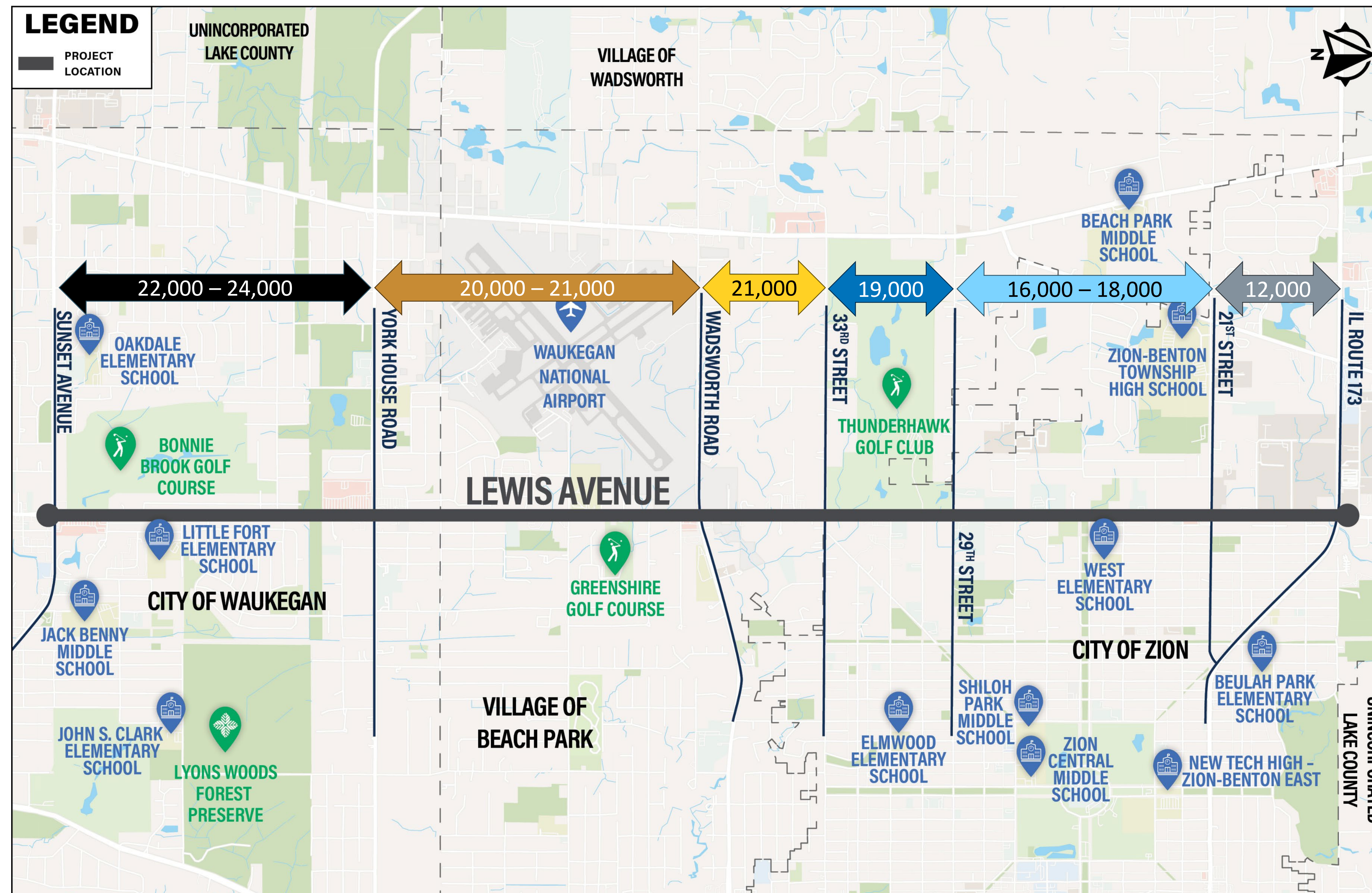
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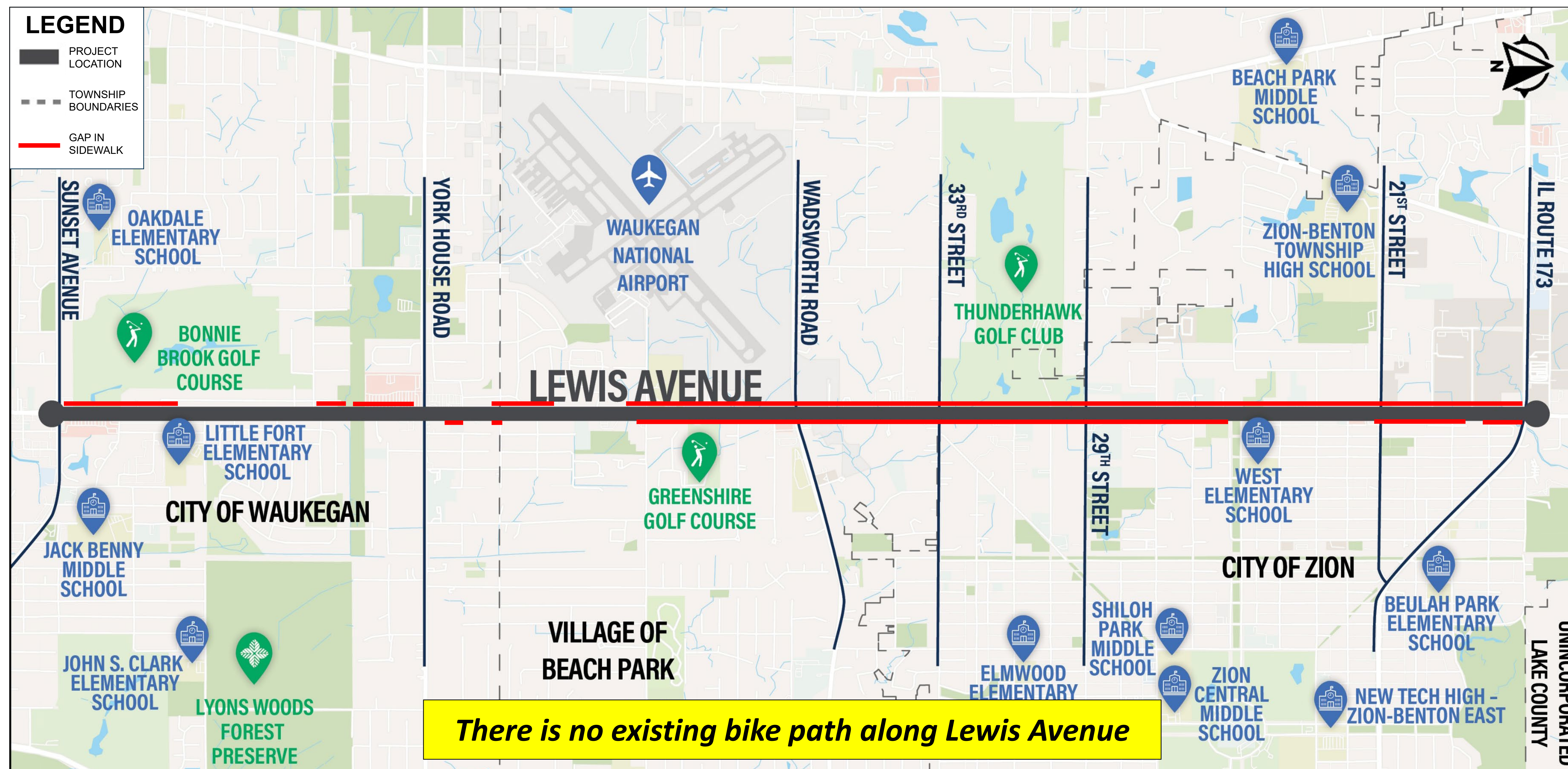
AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC (ADT)



Values shown are the approximate average number of vehicles per day



GAPS IN NON-MOTORIZED CONNECTIVITY



PROJECT OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Increase safety
- Provide non-motorized transportation connectivity
- Provide for existing and future traffic along the corridor
- Analyze existing drainage, pavement conditions, and other issues along Lewis Avenue

PROJECT SCOPE:

- Understand the issues along the corridor and why improvements are needed
- This study will evaluate roadway improvement options and opportunities for intersection improvements, new bike paths, new sidewalks, and drainage improvements
- Decide which options should move forward into detailed engineering studies
- Future improvements are anticipated to occur with multiple construction projects along the corridor

WHAT IS A PEL STUDY?

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

A planning study that represents a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that:

Considers environmental and community goals early in the planning process.

Uses the information, analysis, and products developed during the planning process to inform and streamline future Phase I preliminary engineering study.



WHY USE A PEL STUDY?

Develop a roadmap for the Lewis Avenue Planning Study and identify potential future projects



Complete preliminary plan alternatives and environmental review processes to streamline future projects within the study limits:



Identify key project stakeholders



Draft Purpose & Need with federal and state concurrence



Basic description of the environmental setting



Decision on methodologies for analysis



Screening of alternatives



Allows project to be eligible for potential state and federal funding



ROLE OF THE PUBLIC



**BRING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE
OF THE PROJECT AREA**



**HELP INFORM
PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED**



**PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON AND
SUGGEST POTENTIAL
ALTERNATIVES**



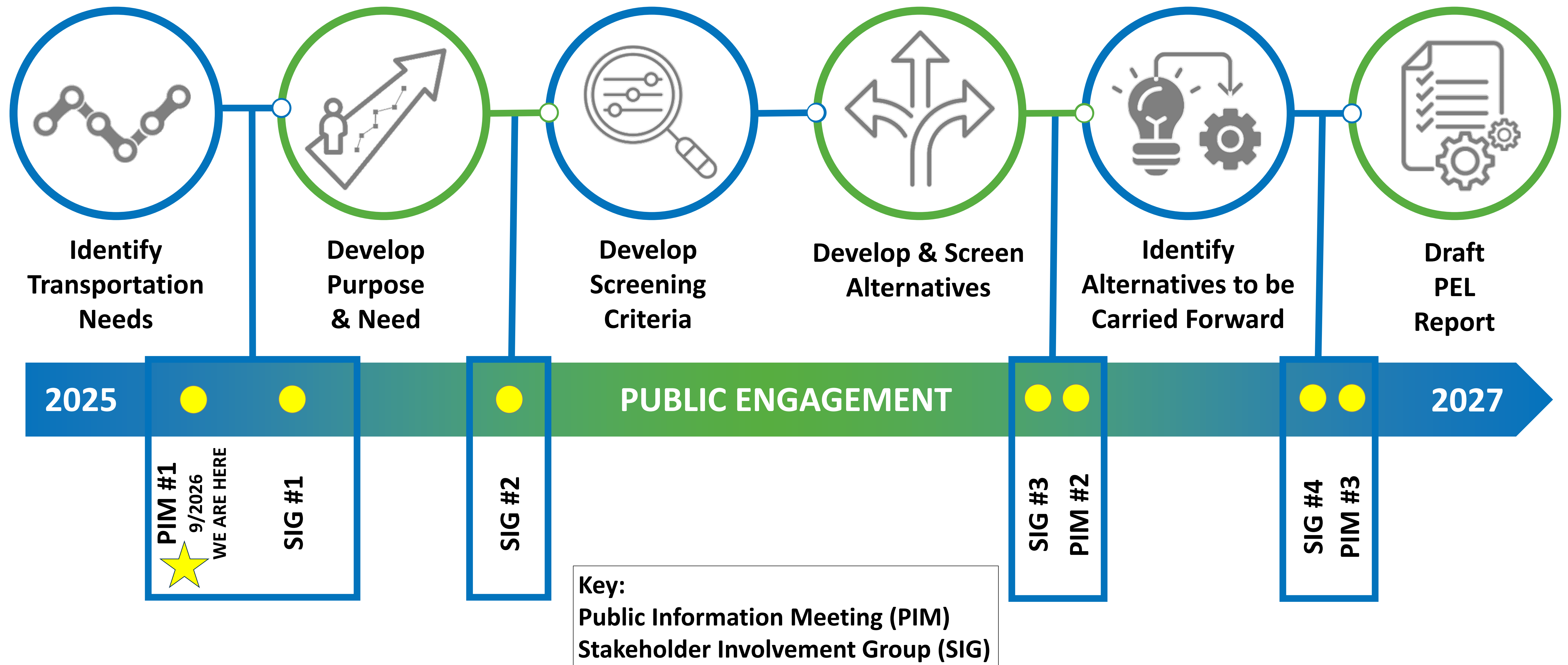
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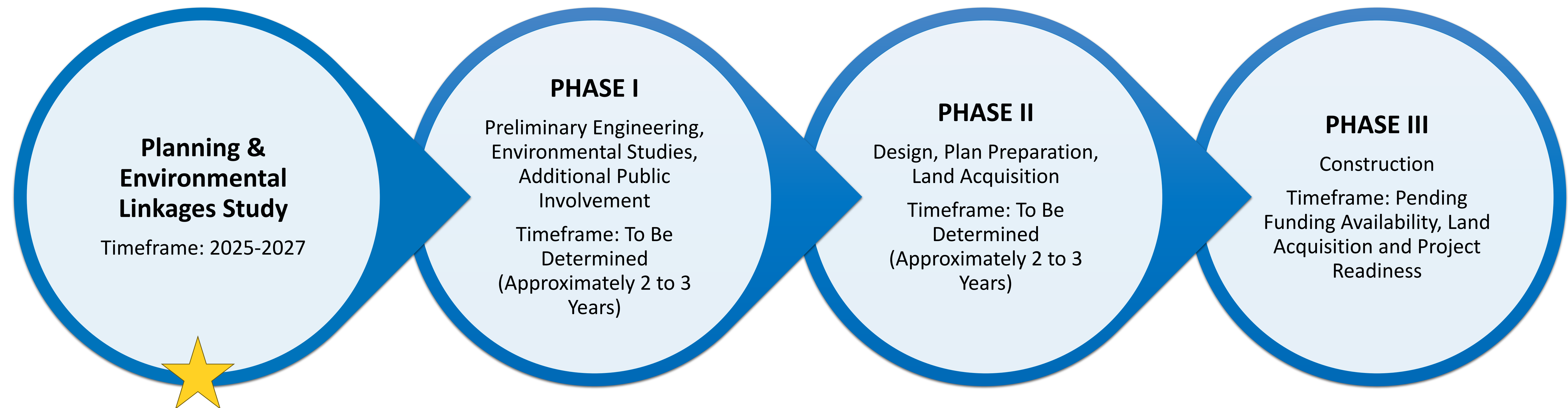
**BUILD CONSENSUS AND
STREAMLINE FUTURE
PHASE I ENGINEERING
STUDIES**



PEL TIMELINE & MILESTONES



OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE



**WE ARE
HERE**

The Planning & Environmental Linkages Study may propose multiple projects. The timeframe for each project may be independent of the other proposed projects.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING COMMENTS

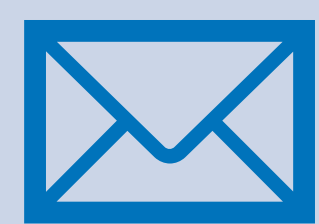
**Submit written comments at the Public Information Meeting,
online, by email, or by mail by October 28**



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**Scan the QR Code
to submit
comments online**



STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT GROUP (SIG)

What is the SIG?

SIG members serve as project advocates for the community they represent.

What are the SIG Responsibilities?

Attend the 4 SIG Meetings throughout the PEL Process.

Work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek general understanding.

Provide feedback on design alternatives.

Interested in joining the Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG)?

Talk with the Project Team.

Complete the SIG Member Application Form by October 16th, 2026.

STAY CONNECTED

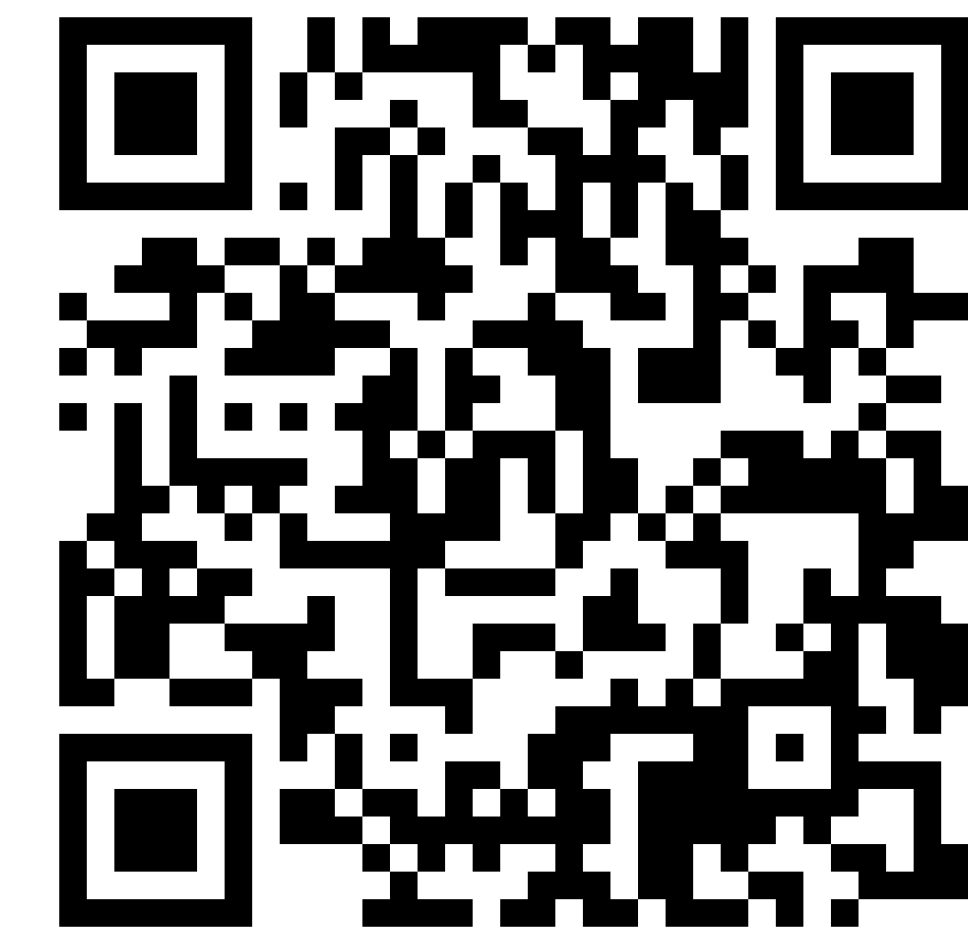
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