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***Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation
Policy Board
and the***

Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority

Presentation to the

***Iowa Transportation Commission
October 12, 2021
Waterloo, Iowa***

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Developing Strong Local Government through Regional Cooperation

U.S. Highway 63 Corridor



- Redefined corridor, safer, aesthetically pleasing, and accommodating for all modes
- Millions in development has occurred along the corridor
- \$44M in roadway improvements
- **Thank you** for programming over \$35M towards this corridor



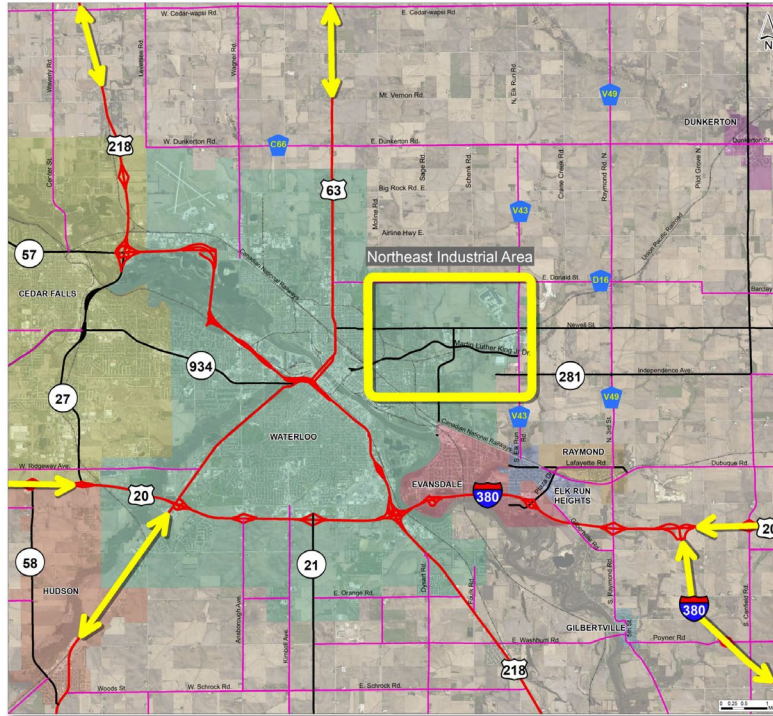
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Northeast Industrial Access



- Planning Study completed in 2019
- Several feasible alternatives identified to address safety, capacity, and traffic access
- Up to \$60M in feasible alternatives identified
- Next step: NEPA phase
- \$480k in STBG programmed through MPO for NEPA phase



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Feasible Alternative Examples

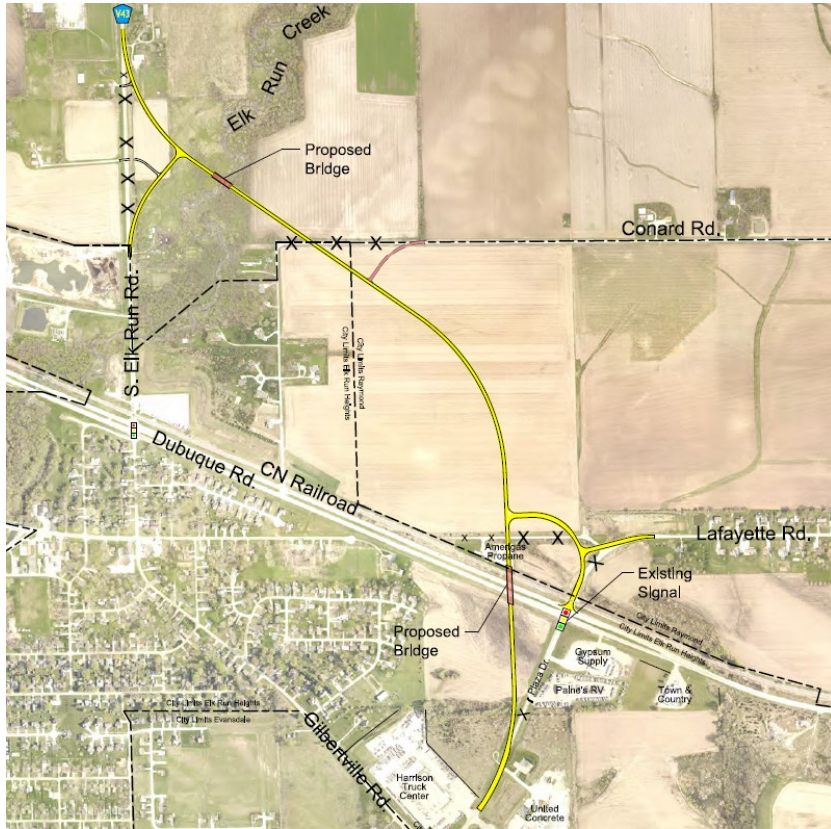


- Plaza Dr/Elk Run Rd capacity improvements
 - High truck traffic (15%)
 - Dedicated left- and right-turn lanes
 - Additional through lanes
 - Traffic signal for I-380 eastbound exit
 - \$2M cost estimate



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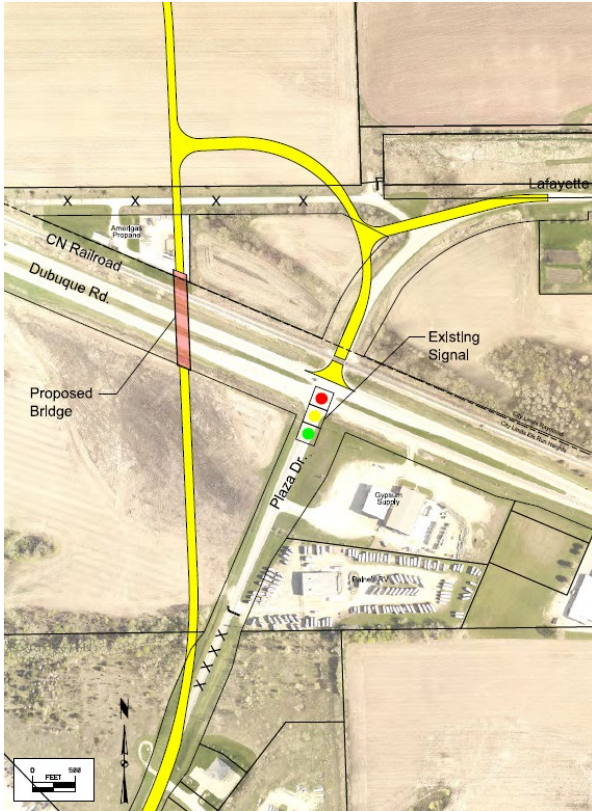


- Plaza Dr/Elk Run Rd new alignment
 - Grade separation over CN Railroad and Dubuque Rd
 - Improved flow to Northeast Industrial Area
 - Designated freight route
 - \$18M cost estimate



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IA 58 and Greenhill Rd Single Point Interchange



- \$36 million construction estimate
- Additional state and/or federal funding needed for this important project
- Cedar Falls is willing to partner with the Iowa DOT
- The MPO respectfully requests the Transportation Commission program funds for this important project



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IA 150 Corridor

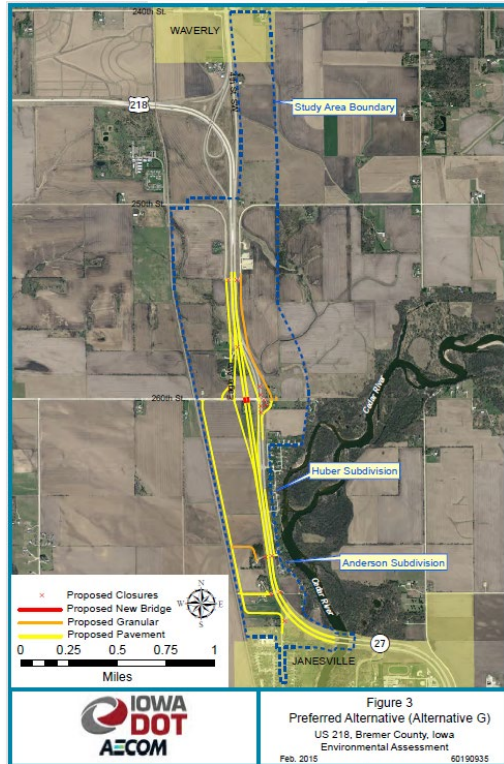


- The INRTA, Buchanan County, and City of Independence **thank the Iowa Transportation Commission** for programming funds in FY'22
 - Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
 - Matches \$100k in regional STBG funds
 - I-380 north to Oelwein



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U.S. Highway 218 – Janesville to Waverly



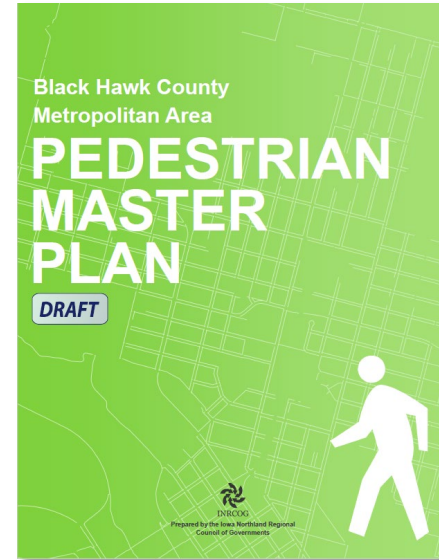
- The INRTA, Bremer County, Black Hawk County, and City of Janesville **thank the Iowa Transportation Commission** for programming funds in FY'23-25
 - Interchange at 260th St
 - Replacing the 7th St Bridge in Janesville



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Other Transportation Planning Activities

- MPO Pedestrian Master Plan *(Fall 2021)*
- MET Transit fixed-route restructuring *(Summer 2022)*
- Black Hawk County Water Trails Master Plan
- Safe Routes to School Outreach Coordinator
- Cedar Valley Interactive Trail Map *(Spring 2022)*



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Aviation in Waterloo & NE Iowa

Thank you for the strong commitment to Iowa's Commercial Service and General Aviation Airports

- Department reorganization and hiring of Aviation Bureau Director
- Update of Iowa's State Aviation System Plan
- Airport Marketing & Air Service Sustainment Programs
- Commercial Service & General Aviation Infrastructure (CSVI & GAVI) Programs
- Iowa Public Airports Association (IPAA) looks forward to working with the Commission and the Aviation Bureau to implement the State Aviation System Plan



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Request a Renewed Commitment to Iowa's Aviation System Plan for Infrastructure Investment

- Support IPAA's request of a one-time investment of \$100M of COVID funds to support Iowa's investment in aviation infrastructure
- Support for a long-term commitment for on-going infrastructure investments
 - 10-year \$165M, or \$16.5M per year
- Support IPAA's Legislative request for support & passage of 2020's HF 2573 for waiving the taxes from aircraft parts & labor
- Support IPAA's request for:
 - Increasing the Passenger Facility Charge from \$4.50 to \$8.50
 - Indexing the PFC for construction cost inflation
- Expand the Runway Markings & Pavement Maintenance Programs to include CSAs that enplane under 100k passengers annually
- Partner with Iowa's airports with a 5% matching share to FAA and AIP funded projects

Thank you!



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