



WIKADUKE Trail Committee Meeting Summary

September 30, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Na-Au-Say Township Building, 1312 Wheeler Road, Plainfield, IL

Summary

Mike Hoffman with Teska provided a brief history of the WIKADUKE Trail, highlighting elements that have been completed, status of current planning in the corridor, and what remains to be completed (slides are attached).

Fran Klaas with the Kendall County Highway Department noted that this corridor was at one time planned for the Fox Valley Freeway (later shifted west as the Prairie Parkway, which has sense been eliminated from regional plans). He mentioned the importance of the route as there is no contiguous north-south corridor between Route 47 and Route 59 (a 12-mile gap).

He noted that the County maintains jurisdiction south of Plainfield Road to the County Line. The County has included a couple of major projects in the corridor in their 5-year plan including:

- Expanding Ridge Road to 4 lanes between Holt and Black Roads, bidding in 2026 and construction anticipated in 2027.
- Doing Phase 1 engineering to expand the section between Caton Farm Road and Plainfield Road.

He also confirmed the limited access nature of the roadway, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between access points. Some additional access for commercial development may be allowed.



State Representative and Wheatland Township Highway Commissioner Harry Benton was also in attendance. He encouraged intergovernmental coordination and working with IDOT for potential funding given the regional nature of the roadway.

Participants then discussed what was going on within their particular jurisdictions. All communities were generally following the guidelines in the plan. The only major deviation is the road alignment north of Collins Road, which is shown on Oswego's Plan as continuing north on Stewart Road to Rance Road, then swinging east to align with the existing Eola Road/Route 30 intersection.

Highlights

Aurora

- Working with commercial developer on a 4-lane intersection at Eola Road and Route 30.
- The Lincoln Crossing development by Pulte and the Del Webb Lincoln Prairie development are well underway at the northeast corner of Eola Road and Route 30.
- The City adopted a Wolf's Crossing Subarea Plan in 2021 (see land use plan to the right).



Aurora 2021 Wolf's Crossing Subarea Plan

Oswego

- Currently updating their Comprehensive Plan. Current plan shows a WIKADUKE alignment extending from the Stewart/Rance Road intersection bending east to tie to the Eola Road/Route 30 intersection.



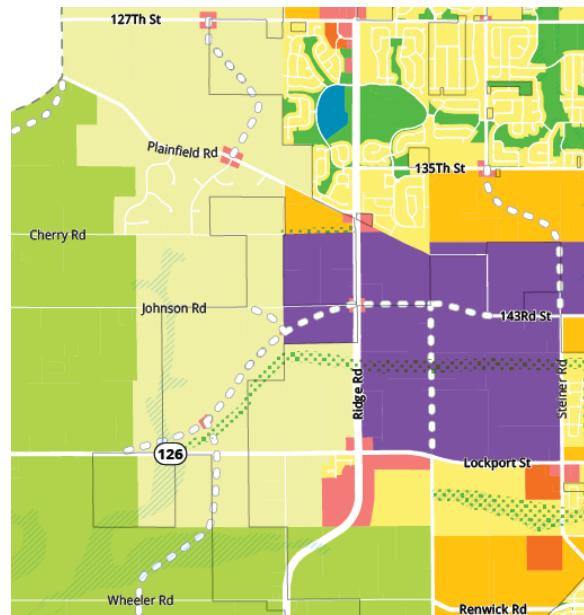
- Development of this connection will occur when property in this area is developed (There is currently no timeline for that).

Oswego Township

- No updates.
- No plans to widen any existing roadways due to lack of funding.

Plainfield

- New industrial development occurring along Ridge Road, coordinating access to the County, and using guidelines in the WIKADUKE Plan.
- Northern Builders has a proposed industrial project that would extend Steiner north of 143rd Street.
- County Line will be extended north of Route 126 to 143rd Street – partially by the Trammel Crow industrial development happening south of 143rd Street.
- A 3-lane cross section is currently planned for 119th Street.
- Have been conversations with Wheatland Twp. regarding 127th Street and Route 30 – very busy due to high school. Will have conversation with IDOT. Initial cost of the intersection improvements is in the 6-to-8-million-dollar range.



Joliet

- City is currently updating their Comprehensive Plan.
- No commercial development is currently being proposed along Ridge, although commercial zoning is in place.



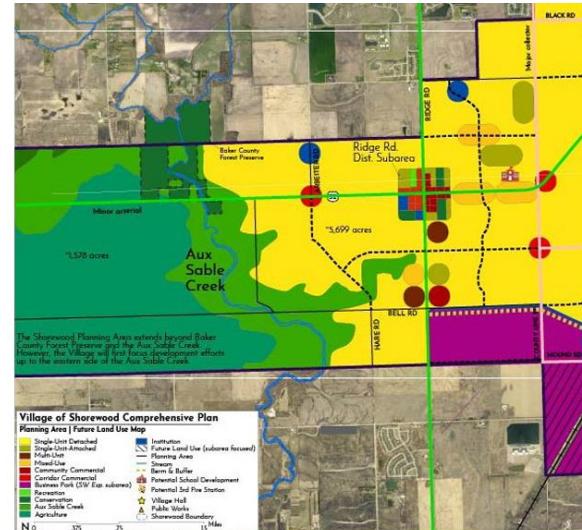
- Some new subdivisions – Deer Crossing has been revived by Ryan Homes (northwest of Ridge and Caton Farm) and Vista Ridge by DR Horton west of Ridge Road along the north side of Caton Farm Road is being developed.
- Extending Theodore Street to Arbeiter Road is still in plans.
- A bike trail exists along the west side of Ridge Road between Black Road and Theodore Street, with a sidewalk on the east side of Ridge Road.

Na-Au-Say Township

- Na-Au-Say Township consulted with municipalities along the corridor regarding future road extensions, improvement plans, land uses and developments.

Shorewood

- Between Mound Road and Bell Road, the area is planned for industrial.
- They have approved a solar farm near County Line and Mound Road.
- I-1 zoning is anticipated (not more intense I-2).
- A mixed-use area is planned at Ridge Road and Route 52 mixed uses, something like Naperville Crossings.



Shorewood 2023 Comprehensive Plan

Minooka

- The planned data center includes significant setbacks/landscape buffer.
- The new intermodal station in Channahon is expected to increase train traffic, which could potentially impede road traffic along Ridge Road in Minooka.
- Holt Road improvements will include a 3-lane cross section to the County Line. Between Ridge Road and Wabena Road improvements will be done with the data center. East to the County Line, only engineering will be done for now.



- The solar project going in along Ridge Road reserved an area for future commercial development at Wildy Road.
- Need a waterline on Holt Road/Shepley Road for the Lake Michigan water for the data center.
- Wildy Road improvements will occur with development.

Seward Township

- Not present.

Conclusion

Participants felt that no major changes were needed and the original WIKADUKE plan was still valid (except for noted land use changes). All agreed to continue to work cooperatively to further the plan. Meeting notes, a copy of the presentation, and a link to the plan will be provided for all participants.

Attendees

Kendall County

Matt Asselmeier
Christina Burns
Fran Klaas

City of Aurora

Tracey Vacek
Brian Witkowski

Village of Oswego

Rod Zenner

Village of Plainfield

Jake Melrose

**City of Joliet**

Jayne Bernhard

Francisco Jimenez

Village of Shorewood

Matthew Kostbade

Village of Minooka

Dan Duffy

Oswego Township

Brian LeClercq

Rob Delong

Oswego Township Highway Commission

Claude Ainsworth

Na-Au-Say Township

Eric Bernacki

Seward Township (Absent)**State Representative**

Harry Benton

Teska Associates

Mike Hoffman

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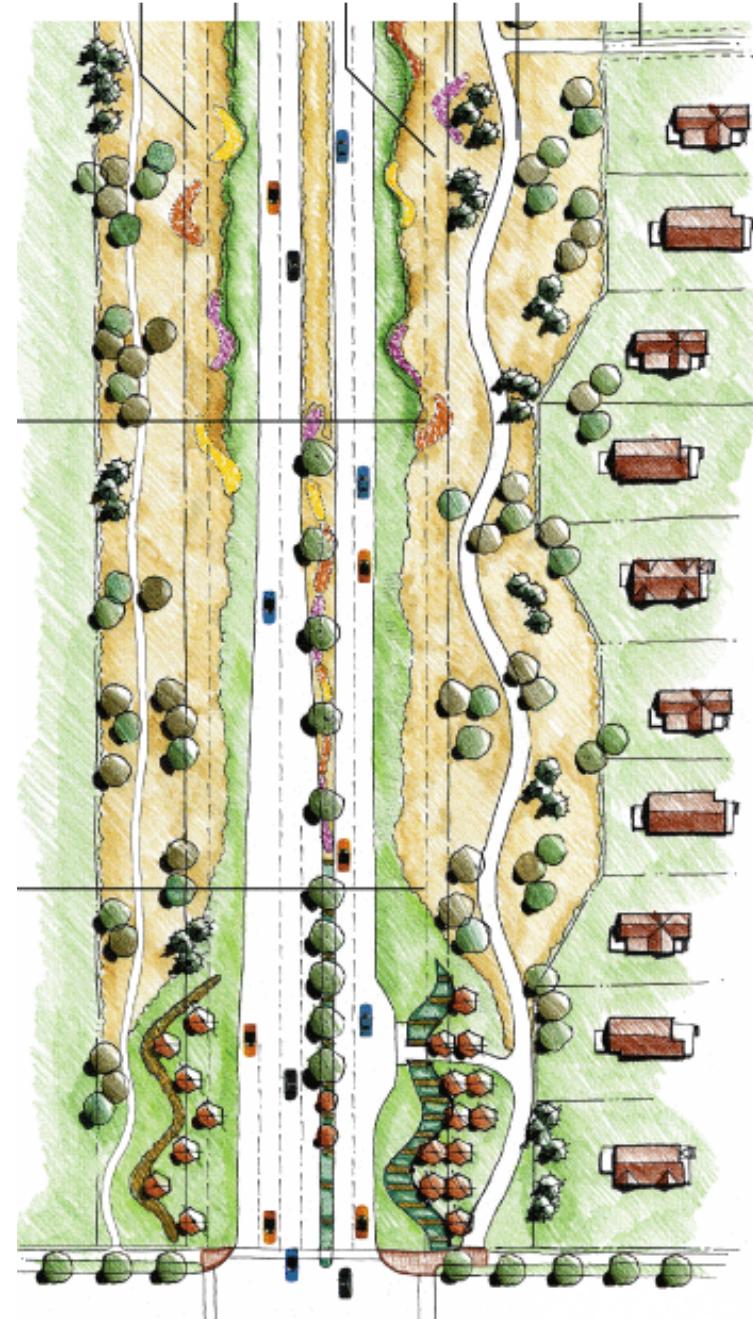


WIKADUKE Trail Corridor Meeting

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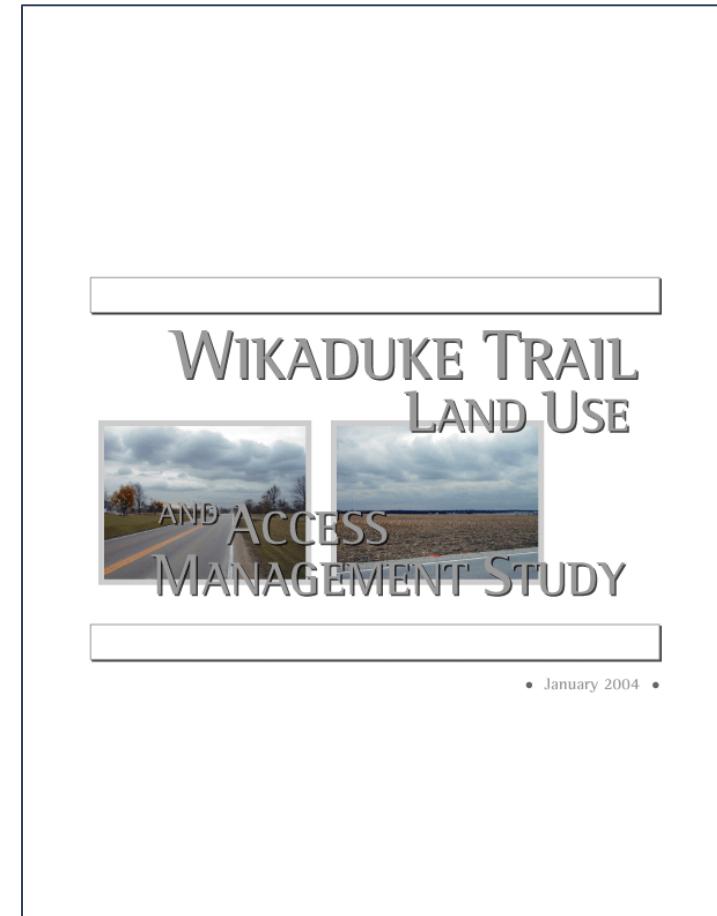
Meeting Agenda

1. Introduction
2. WIKADUKE Trail Plan History and Summary
3. What has been completed
4. Current Comprehensive Plans and development proposals
5. What remains
6. What's Next



WIKADUKE Trail Plan History and Summary

- WIKADUKE is a joint effort to create a regional corridor, recommended by IDOT, to connect north-south traffic from I-88 to I-80.
- It was built on an earlier study: the WIKADUKE Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) Study, completed by IDOT in September 1999.
- The study was first initiated in August 2002 by the Village of Plainfield and Kendall County and was completed in January 2004.
- The study was funded by IDOT grant plus local matching funds from participating municipalities, townships, and counties along the corridor.



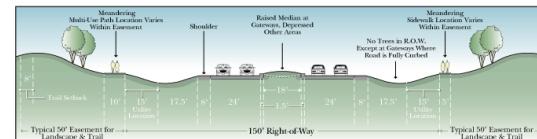
WIKADUKE Trail Plan History and Summary

- The proposed corridor aims for road alignment includes existing rights-of-way along Ridge Road and Stewart Road extending north to Eola Road.
- The study consists of a summary of the 1999 IDOT SRA Study, a policy framework, land use development, roadway character and land use design components, access policy issues, and implementation options.

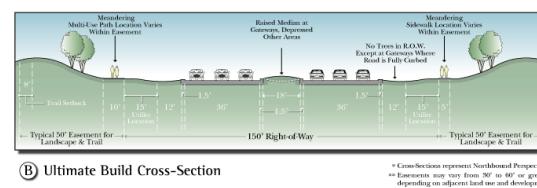


WIKADUKE Trail Plan History and Summary

- Key features and recommendations:
 - Multi-modal design: both motor vehicles plus non-motorized traffic via multi-use paths
 - Design standards for aesthetics, greenways, buffering, and identity for various segments
 - Preservation of open space and environmental features where possible, integrating them into land use planning
 - Access management to preserve safety and traffic flow



(A) Initial Build Cross-Section

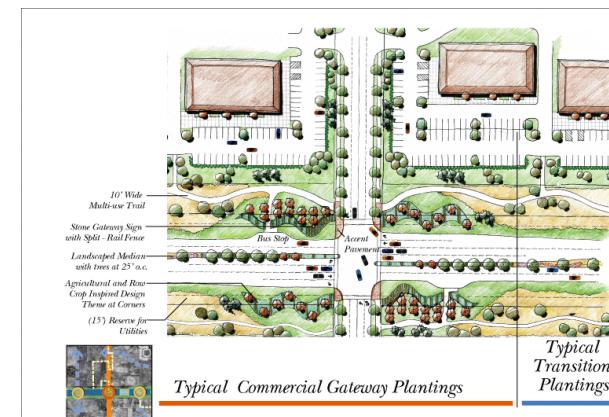


(B) Ultimate Build Cross-Section

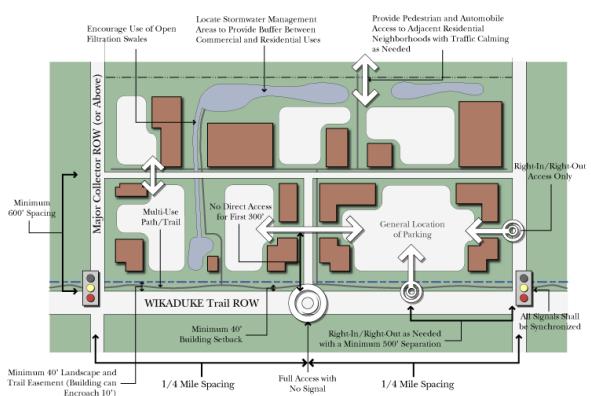
■ **Roadway Cross-Sections | WIKADUKE Trail | November 2003** ■
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■ **Greenway Gateway Perspective | WIKADUKE Trail | November 2003** ■
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■ **Greenway Gateway Landscaping | WIKADUKE Trail | November 2003** ■
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■ **Regional Commercial Center Guidelines | WIKADUKE Trail | November 2003** ■
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What Has Been Completed

- Numerous residential subdivisions in Plainfield, Joliet, and Minooka (with accompanying roadway and buffer improvements).
- 143rd St Extension to Johnson and Industrial/Warehouse in Plainfield (143rd extension east extension to Rt 126 also under construction).
- Curved section between Rt 126 and Wheeler Rd and signalizations at Rt 126 and Rt 52.
- Commercial development (Caton Farm - Plainfield South High School).
- Warehouse in Minooka along I-80 and new QuikTrip gas station. Roadway enhancements between I-80 and Holt Rd.
- Energy Generation
 - Kendall Dynegy Plant
 - Solar Farms in Minooka and Shorewood

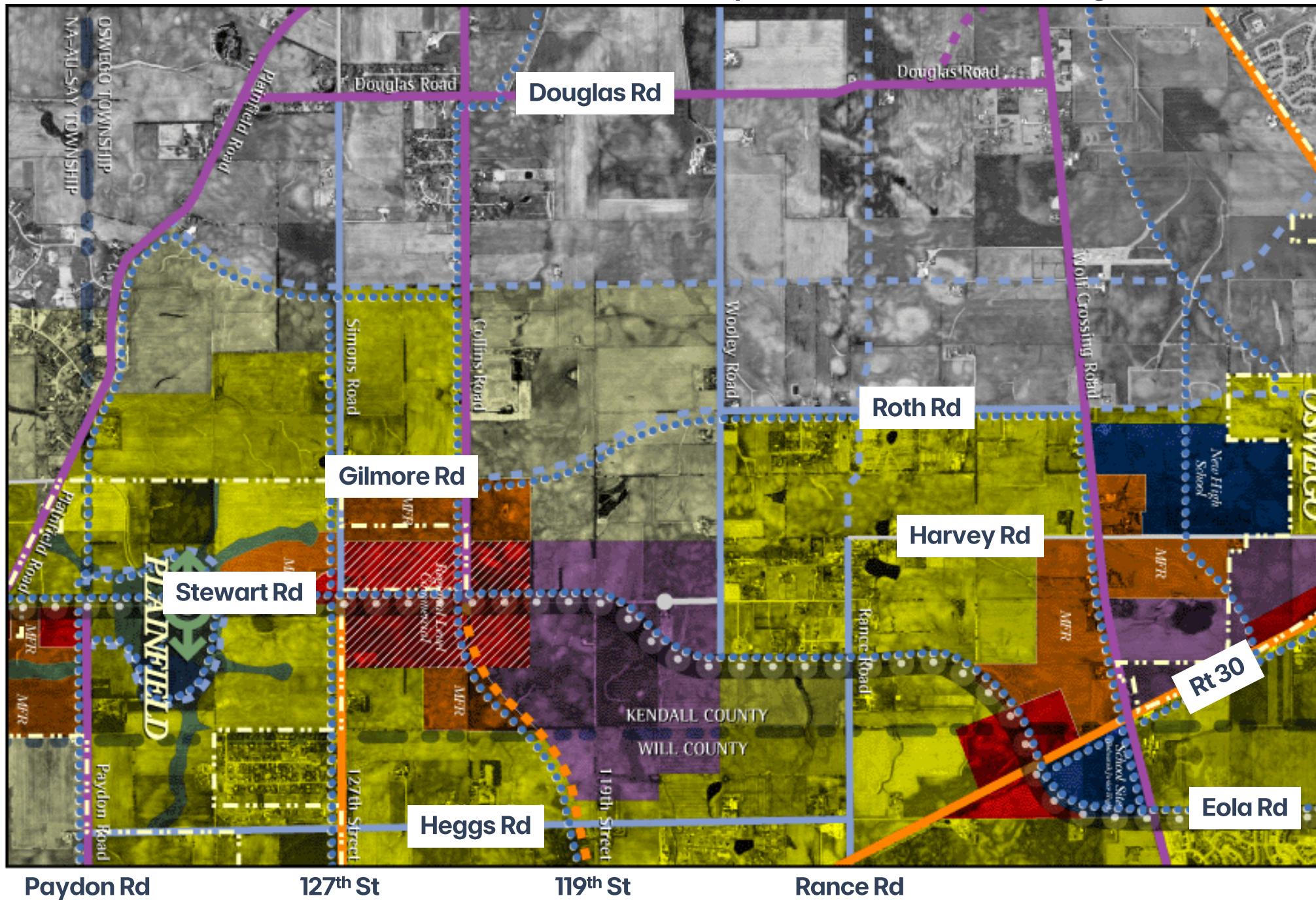
Current Comprehensive Plans and Development Proposals

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| Oswego |  | Plan update in progress |
| Plainfield |  | Plan approved in 2024 |
| |  | Plan proposes additional industrial development and agricultural buffer to the south near Joliet |
| Joliet |  | Plan update in progress |
| Shorewood |  | Plan approved in 2023 |
| |  | Plan shows mixed use node at Ridge Rd and Rt 52, some additional residential to the Aux Sable Creek |
| Minooka |  | Plan approved in 2024 |
| |  | Plan shows some additional industrial, with new Data Center proposal |

Plainfield Rd Simmons Rd Collins Rd

Wooley Rd

Wolf Crossing Rd



FUTURE LAND USE Ultimate Plan

RESIDENTIAL TYPES:

-  Single-Family
(1.1 to 3 DU/AC)
-  Estate (1 DU/AC or Less)
-  **MFR** Multiple-Family
(3.1 to 18 DU/AC)

COMMERCIAL TYPES:

 Neighborhood
 Regional

Open Space

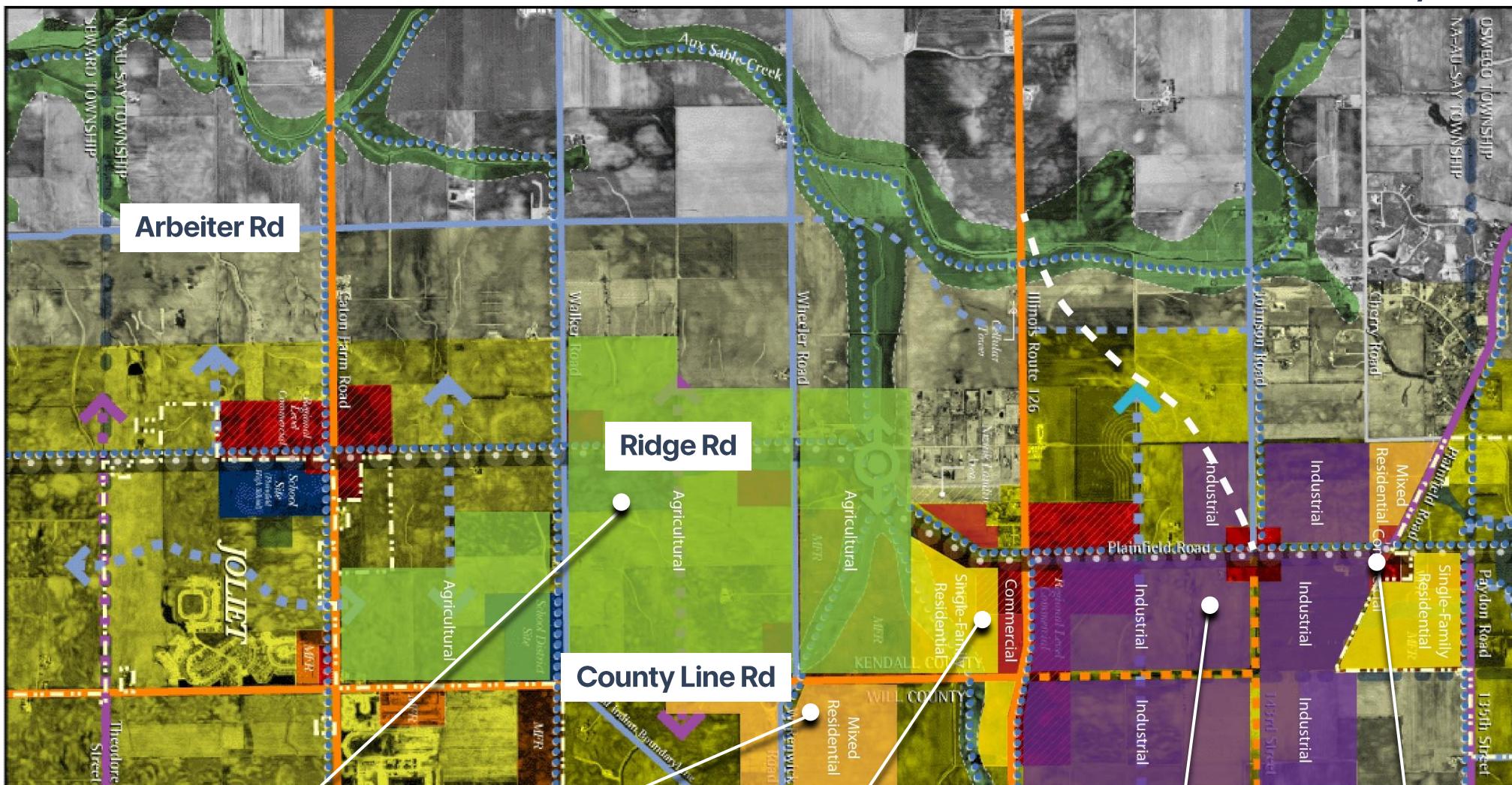
Office/Research/Industrial
Civic/Institutional

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS:

- Expressway
- Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Wikiduke Trail

Oswego Township





Theodore Rd

Agricultural

Mixed Residential

Single-Family Residential

(2024 Plainfield Comprehensive Plan)

Industrial

Commercial

(2024 Plainfield Comprehensive Plan)

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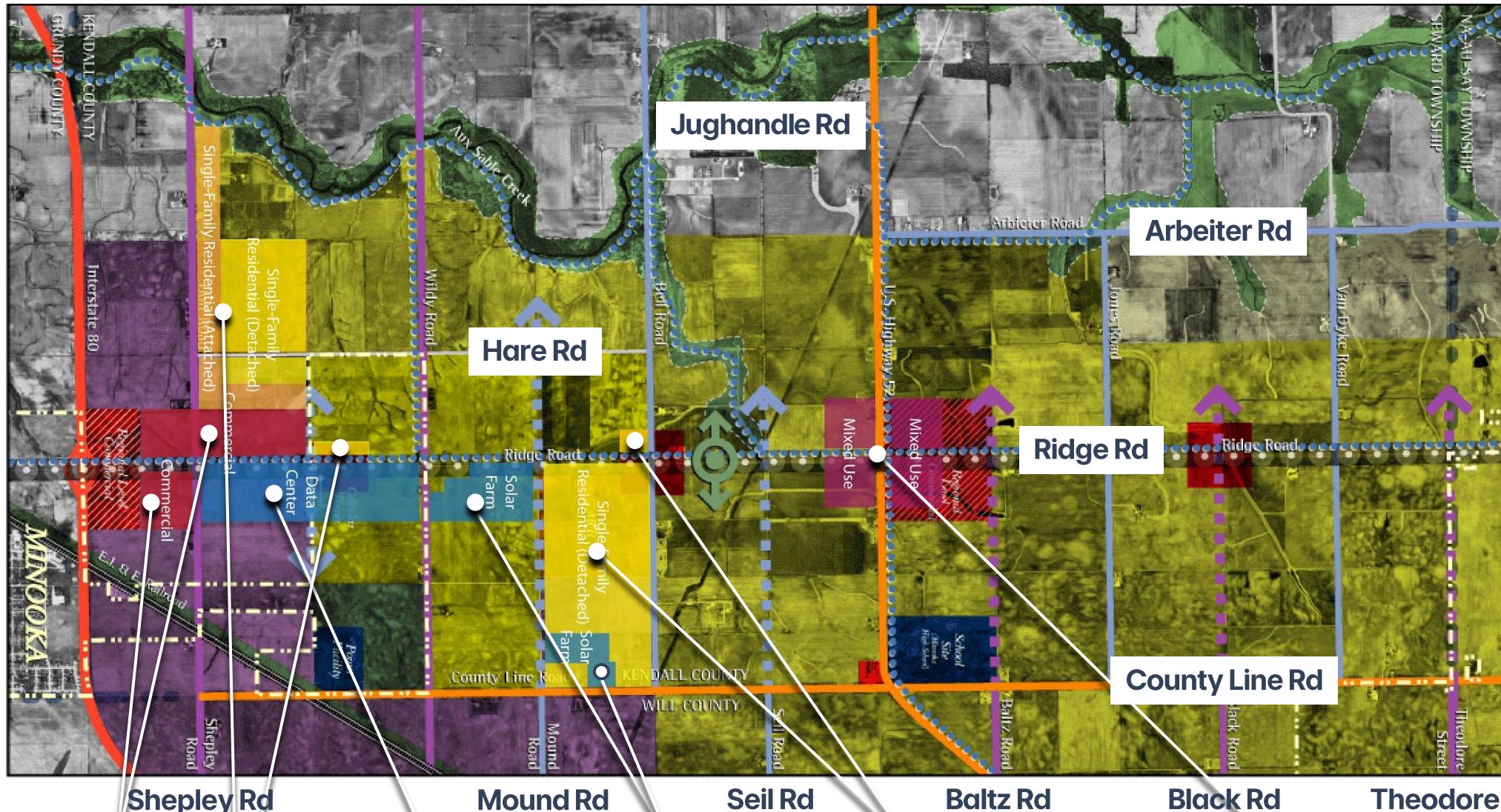
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- Wilkaduke Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Pathway Bridge Crossing Locations

Na-Au-Say Township





Commercial
Single-Family Residential

Data Center
(Minooka)

Solar Farm
(Shorewood)

Single-Family Residential
(2023 Shorewood Comprehensive Plan)

Mixed Use
(2023 Shorewood Comprehensive Plan)

(2024 Minooka Comprehensive Plan)

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Seward Township



What Still Remains

- Connection in Oswego/Aurora to Eola
- Roadway capacity improvements
- Intersection Improvements (Caton Farm, Plainfield Road)

What's Next

- Any major changes to access plan?
- Any major changes to key design suggestions
- Ways to continue cooperative planning?



Thank You

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