

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

2025



Planning &
Design
2025-2026

2026



Construction
2027-2028

2027



Phased to
maintain
access and
keep traffic
moving

2028

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Traffic detours and phasing during construction
- Temporary driveway/business access adjustments
- Property impacts if any right-of-way needs identified

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Public input is key to this project. Engagement opportunities include open houses, online interactive tools, and meetings with corridor stakeholders.

Feedback will directly inform design decisions and construction planning

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

Thursday, November 6, 2025
Willow Creek Golf Course, 935 Park Ln
Le Mars, IA 51031
5-7 PM

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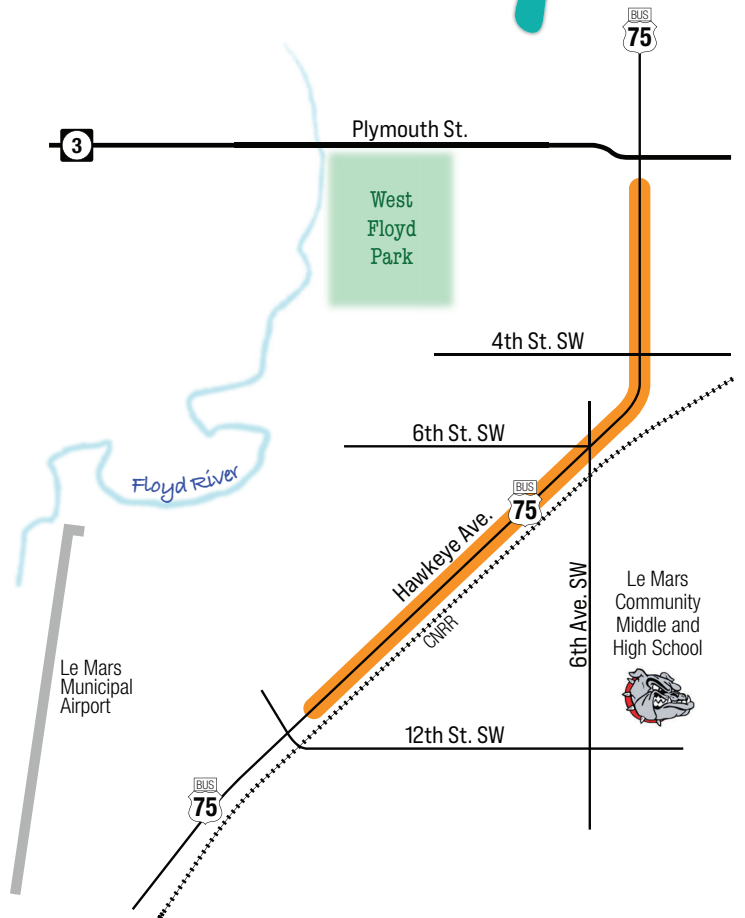
City of Le Mars

BUSINESS HIGHWAY US-75 RECONSTRUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Business Highway US-75, connecting Iowa Highway 3 on the north end to 18th Street SW on the south, is one of Le Mars' most important roadways. It connects neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and major employers while carrying local, commuter, and freight traffic every day. The corridor is also a gateway for thousands of people who come into the community for work, shopping, and activities.

Since its last overlay in 2017, the roadway has continued to deteriorate and faces ongoing safety and congestion challenges. This project will fully reconstruct nearly two miles of the project area to improve safety, provide smoother travel, and create a more welcoming, connected corridor that reflects the future of Le Mars.



PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the Business Highway 75 Reconstruction Project is to rebuild and modernize the corridor so it remains safe, efficient, and accessible for everyone who uses it. The need for the project comes from deteriorating pavement conditions, safety concerns, and the growing demands placed on this vital community and regional route.



FAILING ROADWAY

Pavement wear since the 2017 overlay requires full reconstruction.



SAFETY CONCERNS

Crash history and turning conflicts show a need for safer intersections and crossings.



TRAFFIC FLOW

The corridor carries local, commuter, and freight traffic, creating congestion at key points.



FUTURE GROWTH

The corridor will need to adapt to welcome more residents, manage higher traffic, and meet growing community needs.



COMMUNITY ACCESS

Sidewalk gaps and limited crossings make it difficult to walk or bike safely.



PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD CLOSING 11/21

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SCOPE OF WORK

- ✓ Full roadway reconstruction.
- ✓ Storm sewer and sanitary sewer upgrades.
- ✓ New sidewalks, ADA-compliant crossings, and driveway replacements.
- ✓ Intersection reconfigurations to improve safety and flow.
- ✓ Streetscape and landscaping enhancements.
- ✓ Better pedestrian and bicycle connections to schools, businesses, and neighborhoods

Approximately
\$800,000
\$
in repairs
since 2020

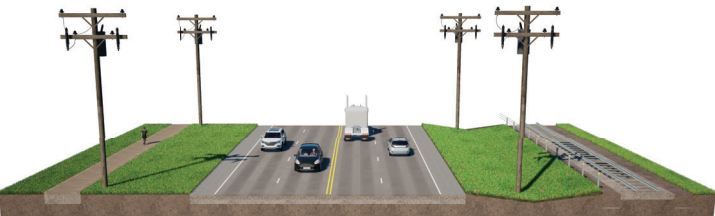
Peak Traffic Operations and Current Conditions

9,500 VEHICLES
per day

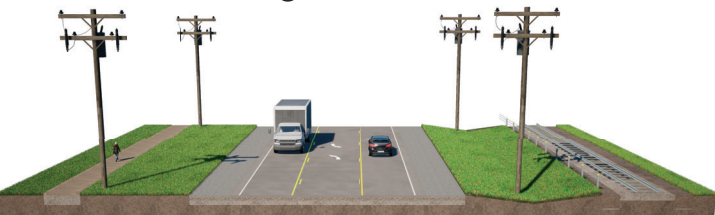
Approximately **5%**
of them being trucks

STREET LAYOUT OPTIONS

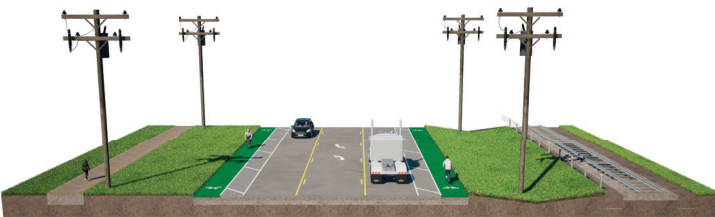
Existing
Maintain Existing Curbs, 4-Lanes



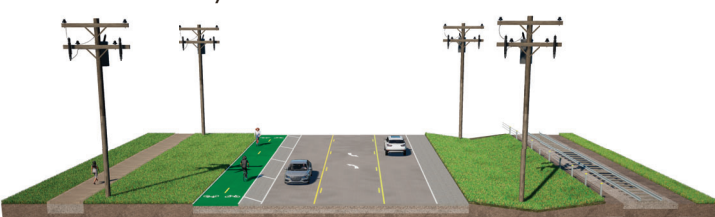
Alternative 1
Maintain Existing Curbs, 3-Lane with TWLTL



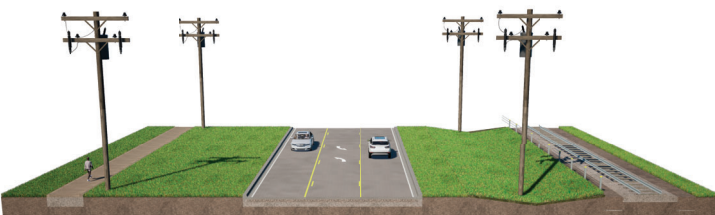
Alternative 2
Maintain Existing Curbs, 3-Lane with TWLTL +
Buffered Bike Lanes



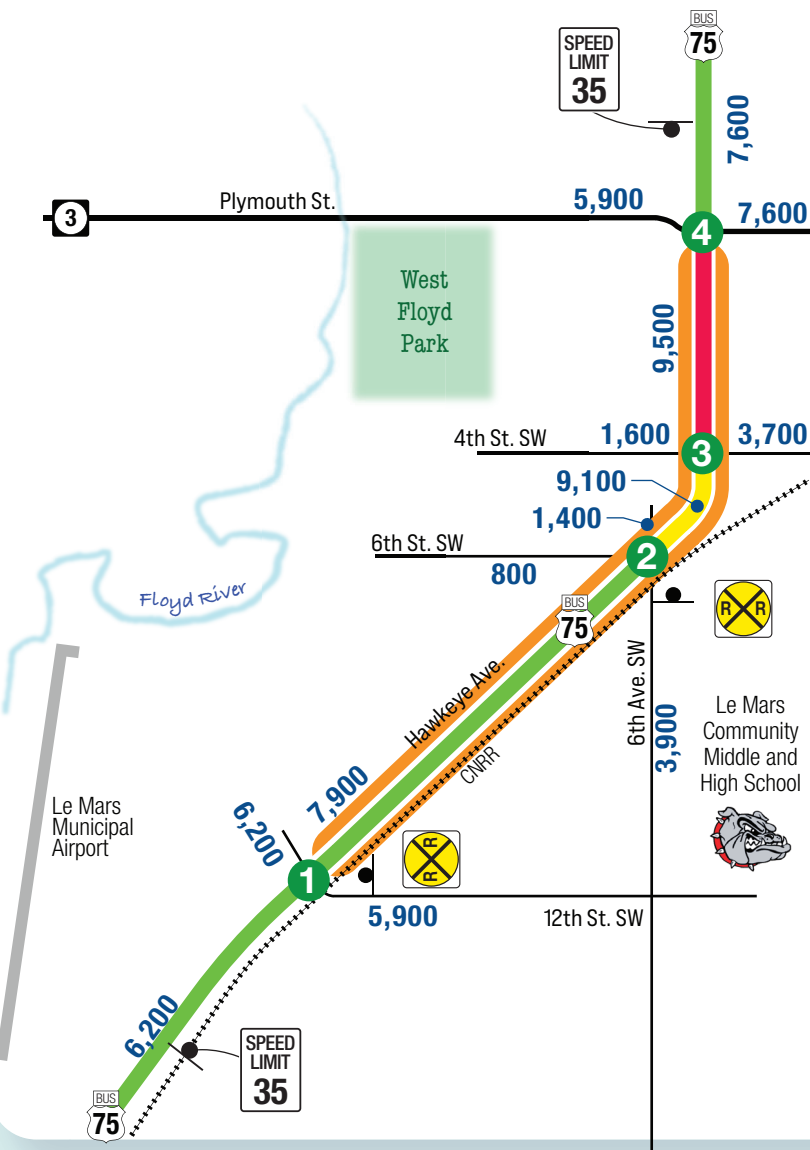
Alternative 3
Maintain Existing Curbs, 3-Lane with TWLTL +
Buffered Cycle Track



Alternative 4
Reconstruct Curbs, 3-Lane with TWLTL

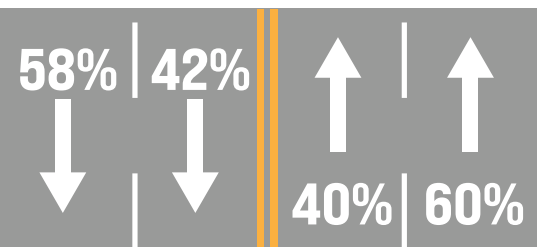


TRAFFIC & SAFETY FINDINGS



- LEGEND**
- XXXX = Daily Traffic Volumes
 - Study Corridor
 - X = Study Intersection
 - Crash Rate <1.00
 - Crash Rate 1.00 - 2.00
 - Crash Rate >2.00

Traffic Distribution by Lane Average



VEHICLES EXCEEDING 35MPH SPEED LIMIT

