# Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission



2024
REVIEW & UPDATE
OF VISION 2050

Virtual Public Meetings

February 2024

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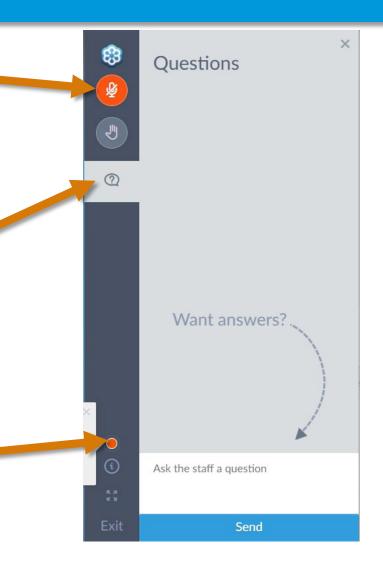
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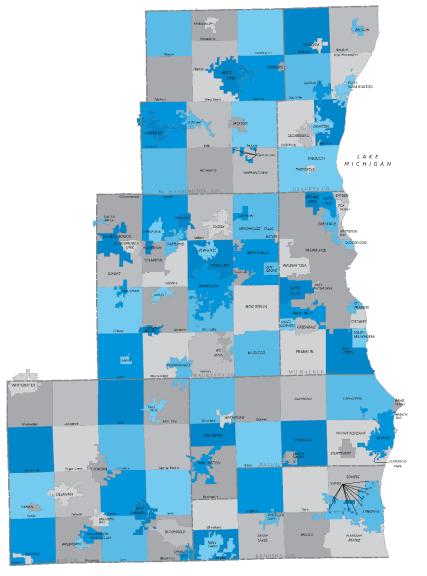


## **About the Regional Planning Commission**

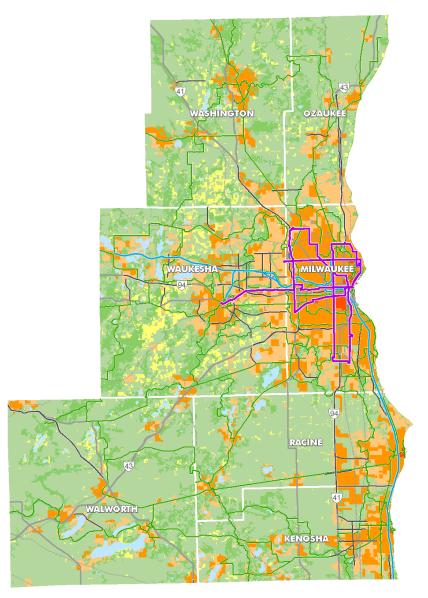
One Region

VISION

- 7 counties
- 147 cities, villages, and towns
- 5% of State's land area,
   35% of State's population and jobs
- Advisory land use and infrastructure planning to local, county, and State governments



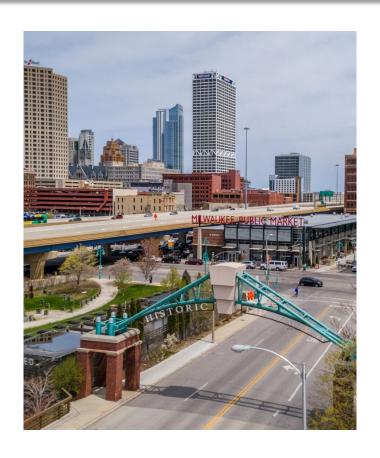
#### What is VISION 2050?



- Region's long-range land use and transportation plan
- Makes recommendations to local and State government regarding land development and transportation
- Outlook to the year 2050

## VISION 2050: A "Living" Plan

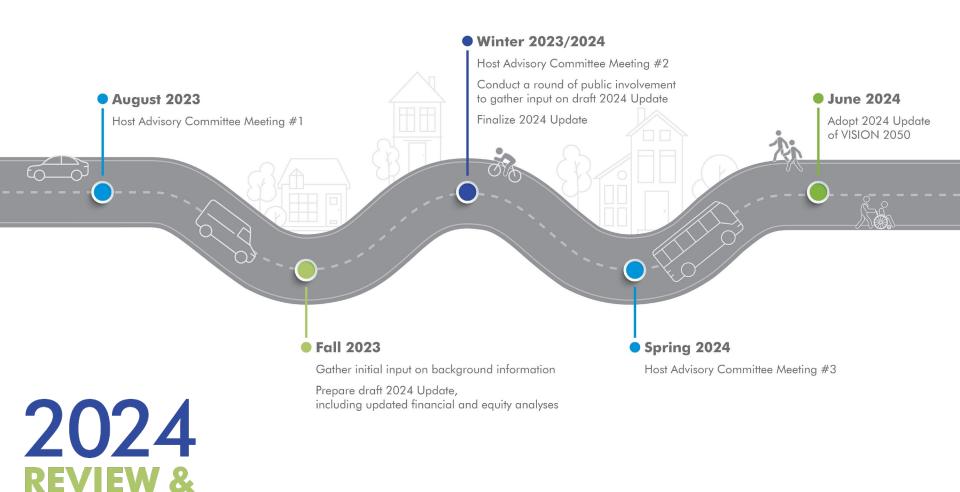
- Originally adopted in June 2016
- Amended three times
- Completed first "interim" review and update in June 2020
- Need to prepare another review and update by June 2024
- Major update will be initiated~2026





## 2024 Review & Update Process

OF VISION 2050



## **How to Provide Input**

- Comments can be submitted through March 14, 2024
  - Website: vision2050sewis.org
  - Email: vision2050@sewrpc.org
  - Mail: P.O. Box 1607
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## 2024 Review & Update Elements

- Review of VISION 2050 Recommendations and Implementation to Date
- Review of VISION 2050 Forecasts
- Review of Transportation System Performance
- ✓ Updated VISION 2050 Recommendations
- Updated Financial Analysis
- Updated Equity Analysis
- Review of Targets for National Performance Measures
- Updated Milwaukee Metro Area Peer Comparison



## **Proposed Plan Updates**

- Staff reviewed current plan recommendations in relation to:
  - Plan implementation to date
  - Long-term impacts associated with recent events and trends
  - Input received to date
- Updates do not represent a major overhaul of the plan
  - Most recommendations have been reaffirmed and believed to be valid for long-range land use and transportation planning efforts



## **Land Use Updates**

#### The plan will continue to recommend:

- Focusing on development in urban centers
- Reversing trend in declining density and providing a mix of housing types and uses
- Preserving primary environmental corridors and productive agricultural land

#### **Proposed changes:**

- Cluster Subdivisions: Minor changes to emphasize encouraging cluster subdivisions outside urban areas
- Sustainability: Note that sustainability recommendations are most closely related to environmental sustainability
- Historic and Cultural Heritage Sites: New recommendation to preserve significant historic and cultural heritage sites

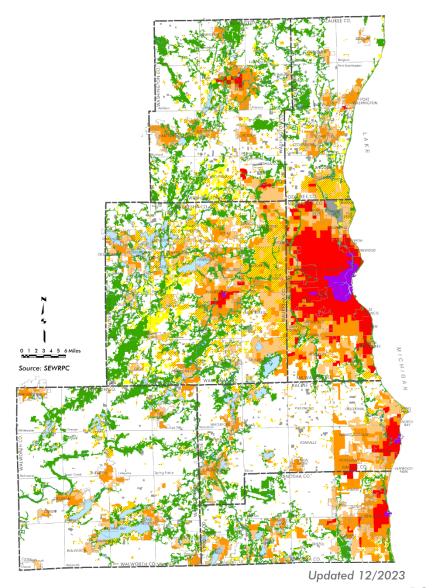




## Land Use Development Pattern







## **Public Transit Updates**

#### The plan will continue to recommend:

- Significant improvement and expansion of public transit, including commuter rail, rapid transit, improved fixed and flexible transit services
- Programs to improve access to suburban employment
- "Transit first" designs on urban streets
- Other initiatives to promote transit use and improve quality of service

#### **Proposed changes:**

- Paratransit: Recommend considering real-time paratransit service
- Microtransit: Highlight microtransit as a way to improve access to suburban employment centers
- Transit Updates: Recognize future transit system updates may be needed as studies progress and needs evolve





#### **Public Transit Services**

#### TRANSIT SERVICES

RAPID TRANSIT LINE

**EXPRESS BUS ROUTE** 

COMMUTER RAIL LINE & STATION

COMMUTER BUS ROUTE & PARK-RIDE

INTERCITY RAIL

VISION

STREETCAR LINE

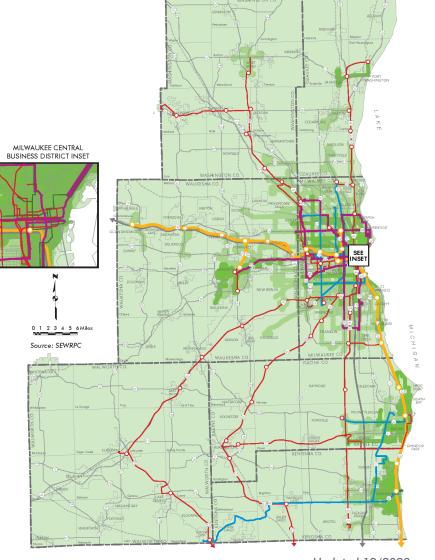
LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE AREA AND PEAK FREQUENCY

**EVERY 15 MINUTES OR BETTER** 

LESS FREQUENT THAN EVERY 15 MINUTES

ONE DAY ADVANCE-RESERVATION

SHARED-RIDE TAXI





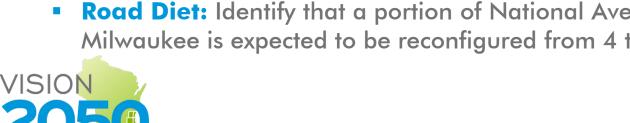
## Streets & Highways Updates

#### The plan will continue to recommend:

- Keeping arterial street and highway system in a state of good repair
- Incorporating complete streets concepts to accommodate all users
- Strategically expanding arterial capacity and address residual congestion
- Consider reducing the number of travel lanes on certain multilane roads
- Minimizing total traffic crashes, along with fatalities and serious injuries

#### **Proposed changes:**

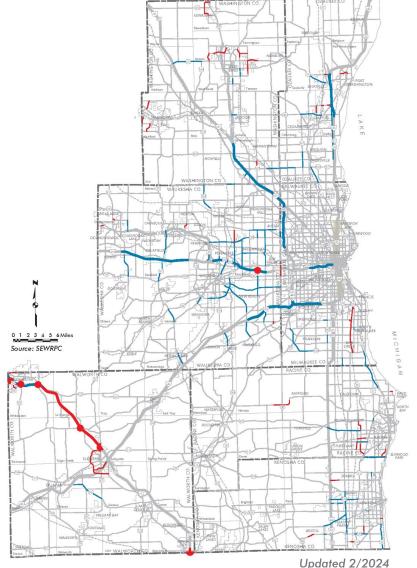
- **Resiliency:** Acknowledge a need for resiliency of stormwater infrastructure to prevent roadway washout and collapse
- **EV Charging:** Recommend expanding the electric vehicle (EV) charging network and accommodating other energy choices
- Road Diet: Identify that a portion of National Avenue in Milwaukee is expected to be reconfigured from 4 to 2 lanes





## **Streets & Highways System**

- **NEW ARTERIAL**
- ARTERIAL TO BE WIDENED WITH **ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANES**
- PRESERVE EXISTING CROSS-SECTION
- NO RECOMMENDATION WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THIS SEGMENT OF IH 43 SHOULD BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH OR WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LANES
- **NEW INTERCHANGE**
- **FULL INTERCHANGE WHERE A HALF** INTERCHANGE CURRENTLY EXISTS





## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Updates**

#### The plan will continue to recommend:

- Expanding the on-street bicycle network, including enhanced bicycle facilities in key regional corridors
- Expanding off-street paths to provide a well-connected network
- Providing sidewalks in areas of existing or planned urban development
- Expanding bike share and dockless scooter programs

#### **Proposed changes:**

- Bicycle Network: Incorporate bicycle network changes associated with recently completed efforts
- Sidewalks: Note the potential impact on implementing sidewalks due to Wisconsin court decision
- Accessibility: Emphasize accessible facilities per new ADA Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines





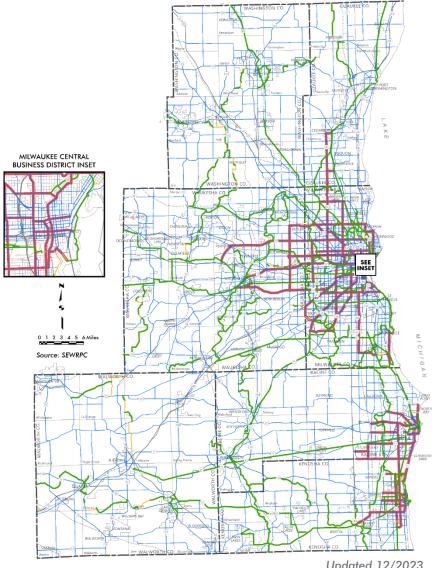
## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Network**

**OFF-STREET BICYCLE PATH** 

ARTERIAL STREET OR HIGHWAY WITH **BICYCLE ACCOMMODATION (IF FEASIBLE)** 

NON-ARTERIAL STREET CONNECTION TO OFF-STREET BICYCLE NETWORK

RECOMMENDED CORRIDOR FOR **ENHANCED BICYCLE FACILITY** 





## TDM, TSM, and Freight Updates

- Travel Demand Management (TDM)
  - CommuteWISE: Recommend continuing and expanding the CommuteWISE program to promote alternatives to driving alone
  - FlexRide Milwaukee: Update to reflect FlexRide Milwaukee in the recommendation that encourages government entities to partner with private-sector shared mobility service providers
  - **E-bikes:** Recognize the role of e-bikes in supporting ability to commute by bike
- No major changes to the Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Freight Transportation elements

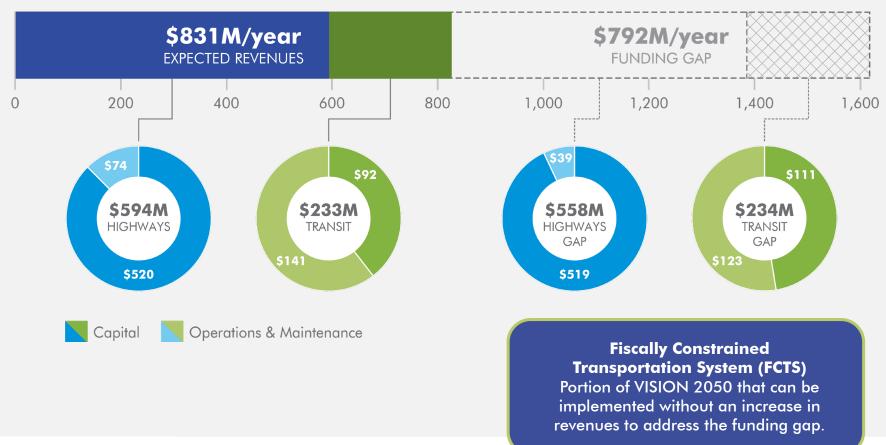


#### **Financial Analysis**

Average Annual Millions of 2022\$, 2025-2050

#### \$1.623B/year

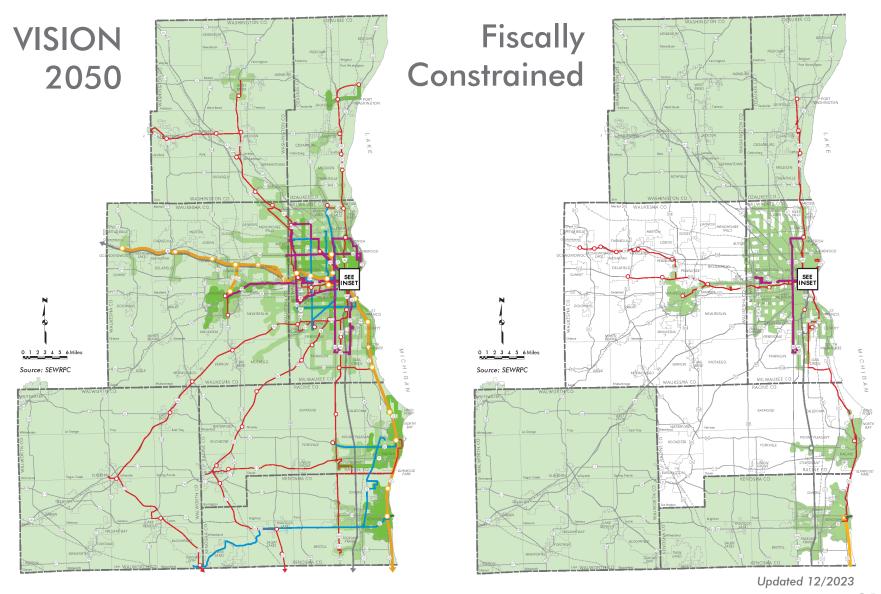
INVESTMENT NEEDED FOR VISION 2050 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Note: Total expected revenues include \$4M/year for bicycle/pedestrian funding. No funding gap is expected in the bicycle/pedestrian element.

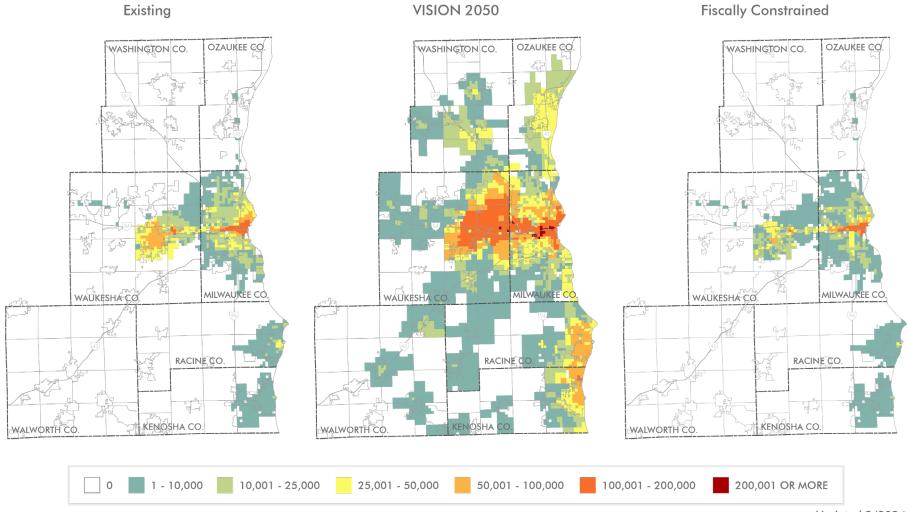
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## **Fiscally Constrained Transit**

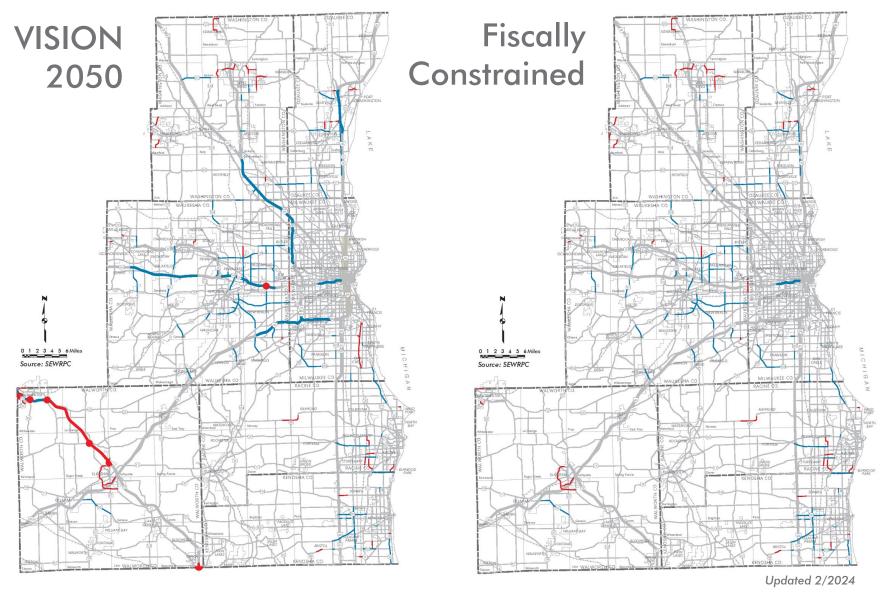


## **Impacts of Fiscally Constrained Transit**

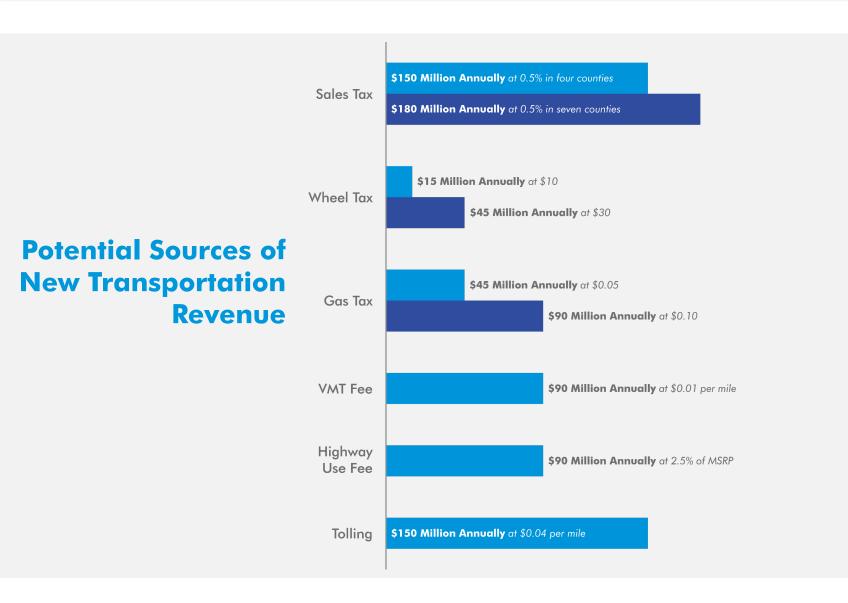
#### **Jobs Accessible in 30 Minutes via Transit**



## **Fiscally Constrained Highways**



## **Bridging the Funding Gap**



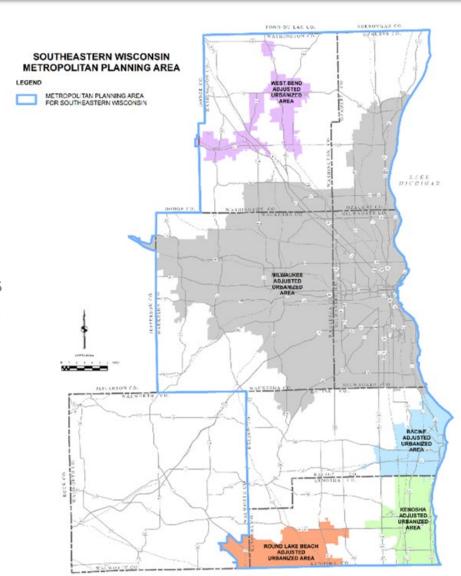
## Review of Federal Performance Targets

#### Federally required to:

- Report transportation system performance using national performance measures
- Establish short-term areawide targets annually or every four years and monitor progress
- Voluntarily establish long-term targets based on desired system performance in VISION 2050

#### **2024 Update includes:**

- Progress in achieving targets
- Updates to long-term targets (due to corrections or better data)
- Identifying short-term targets for the current performance cycle



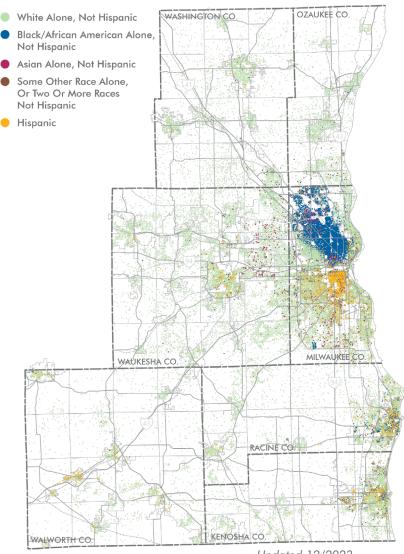
Note: While all of Walworth County is not subject to the MPO planning requirements, it is included within the Commission's seven-county Region and as a practical matter is included in all regional transportation planning activities.

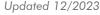
## **Equity Analysis**

#### Why look at equity?

Education and income disparities between people of color and white populations. In the Milwaukee metro area, these disparities are more pronounced than almost any peer metro in the United States.

- Are the impacts of VISION 2050 and the FCTS shared fairly and equitably?
- Will the plan help to reduce these disparities?





Note: Population densities and racial/ethnic demographics are based on the 2020 U.S. Census

## **Equity Analysis**

#### What is included?

- 5 related evaluations of the transportation system
  - Transit Service Area
  - Transit Service Quality
  - Accessibility to Jobs and Activity Centers
  - Highway Improvement Benefits and Impacts
  - Air Pollution Impacts

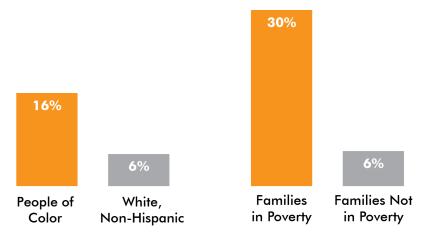
#### Traditionally underserved populations

- People of color
- Lower-income populations, defined as:
  - Families with incomes less than the federal poverty level
  - Families with incomes less than 2x the federal poverty level, which provides a more inclusive picture of economic insecurity
- People with disabilities
- Each compares traditionally underserved populations with the remainder of the population
- New Census and American Community Survey data used



#### **Locations and Travel Patterns**





About 65%

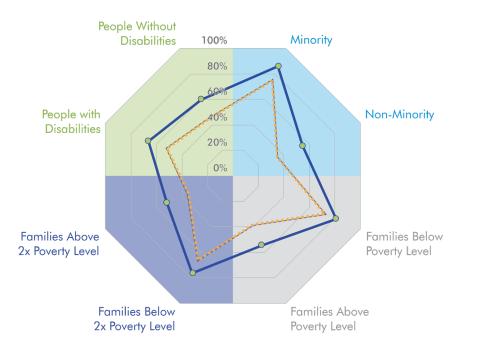
of Milwaukee County families in poverty indicated they had access to a car for travel, compared to 91% of families not in poverty.



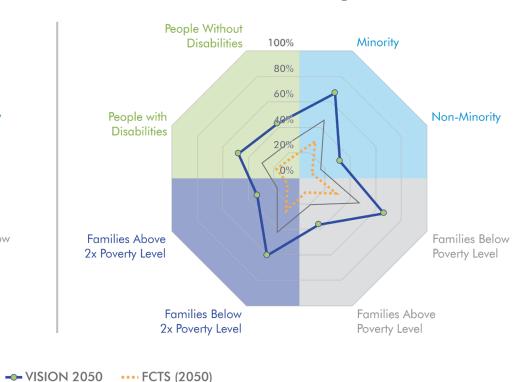
#### Impacts of Transit Service Changes

— Existing (2023)

#### % of Populations within Transit Service Area



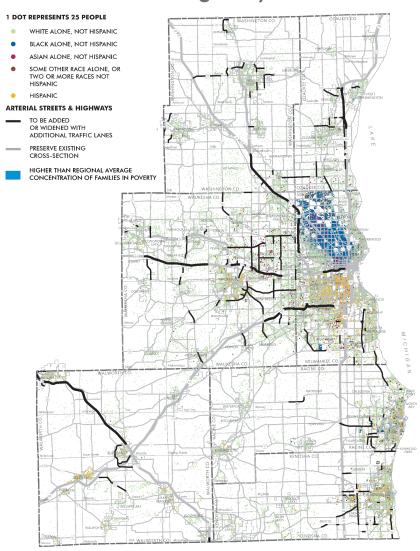
## % of Populations with Access to Quality Transit



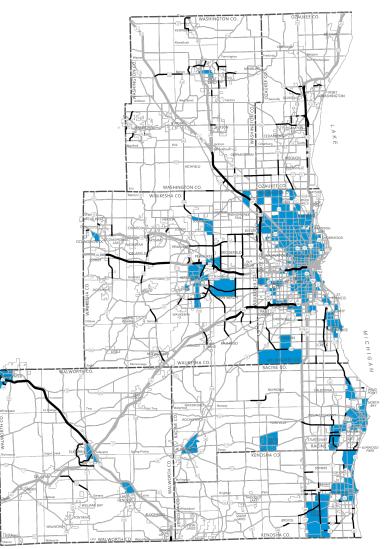
While transit service area would stay roughly the same under the FCTS, everyone's access to quality transit would decrease

## **Impacts of Arterial Improvements**

# Race/Ethnicity and VISION 2050 Highway Element



# Families in Poverty and VISION 2050 Highway Element



## **Equity Analysis Results**

#### What were the key findings?

No population group would disproportionately bear the impact of planned freeway and surface arterial capacity improvements

VISION 2050 would significantly improve transit access for historically underserved populations to jobs, healthcare, education, and other activities

These groups are expected to be impacted most by declines in transit under the FCTS unless more funding is provided

For an interactive map directory with detailed findings, visit

Transportation 

Equity at <a href="https://www.vision2050sewis.org/2024-update">www.vision2050sewis.org/2024-update</a>

#### **Next Steps**

- February/March: Public & Stakeholder Input
  - Gather input on draft 2024 Update and updated financial analysis, equity analysis, and performance targets
  - Web-based engagement, virtual public meetings, community partner engagement, and formal comment period
- April: Final Meeting of Advisory Committees
  - Review comments and consider 2024 Update approval
- May/June: Commission Consideration
  - Review and consider 2024 Update adoption



## Comments accepted through March 14

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