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Feb. 12 - Mar. 5, 2021 Virtual Open House Summary

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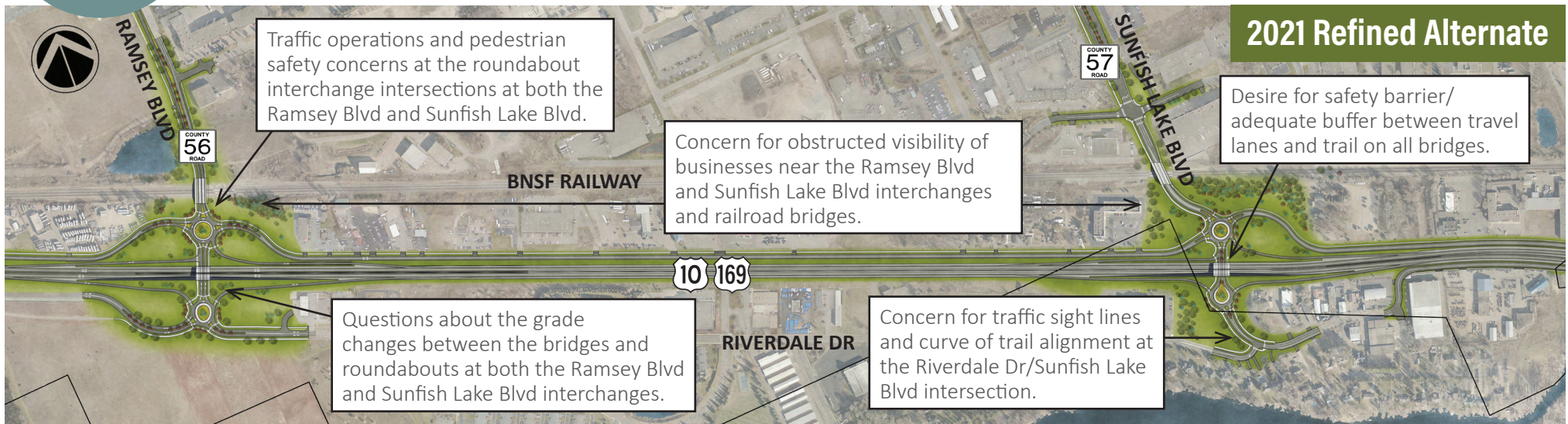
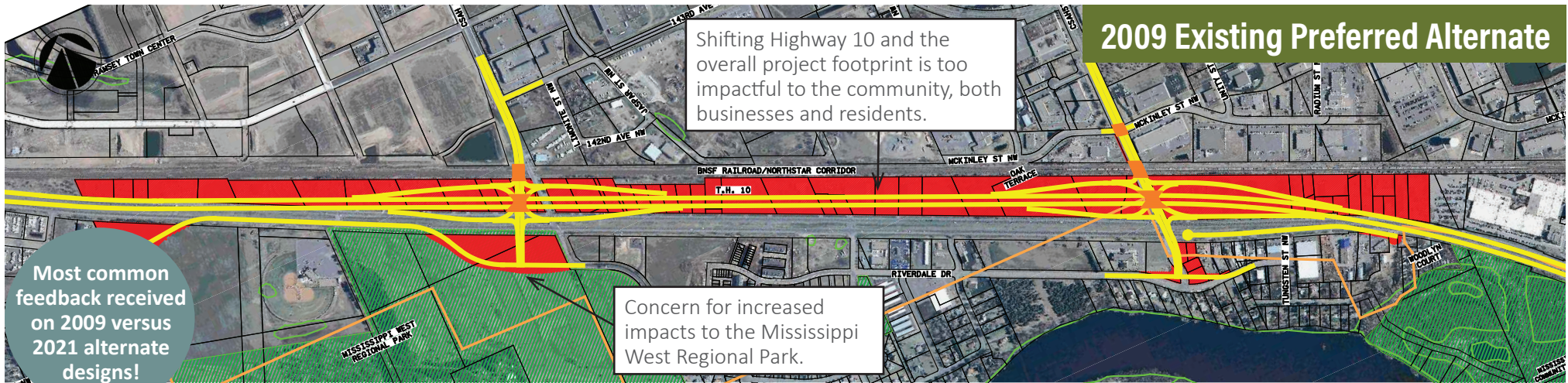
Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and the City of Ramsey hosted a public information and comment period from Feb. 12 to Mar. 5, 2021. During this time information was available on the project website about the project purpose and need, the 2009 existing preferred alternate, the 2021 refined alternate, and more. Public feedback was collected through an online comment card, online interactive comment map, or at the live virtual open house hosted by the project team on Feb. 18, 2021.

What was asked?

Respondents were asked about support for each alternate.



10 of 11 written online responses and majority of verbal comments collected at the virtual open house **supported the 2021 Refined Alternate.**





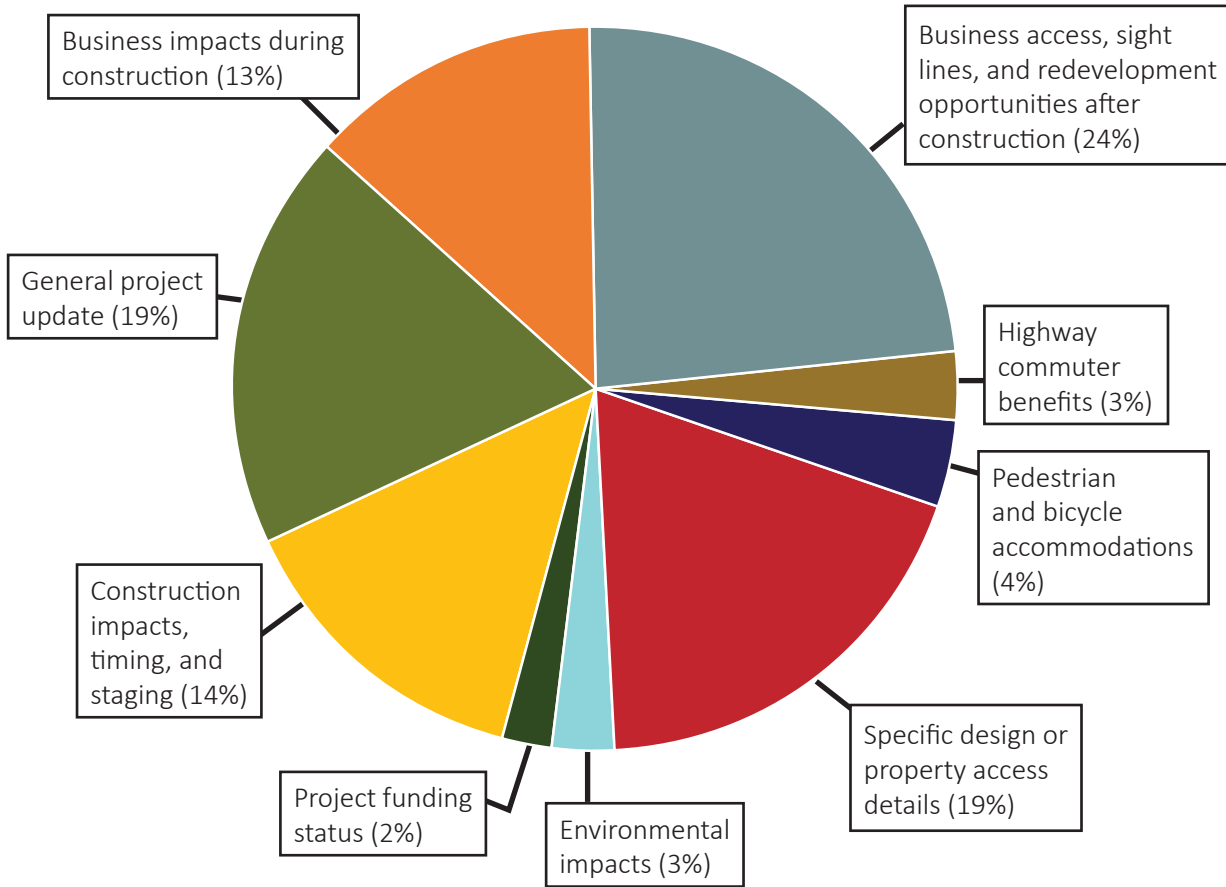
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188 registered and/or visited the project website

Common interests, questions, or concerns shared during the virtual open house and through feedback opportunities on the project website.



Relationship to the project area	Quantity	Percent
Resident	77	41%
Property/business owner	26	14%
Work in the area	5	2%
Project team/staff	24	13%
Other	56	30%

What's next?

Spring 2021 - Online open house to share the recommended alternate, 3D interchange visuals, and more!

Summer/Fall 2021 - Noise wall analysis

Winter 2021/22 - Business/property owner engagement and public open house to share design and aesthetic details and anticipated construction staging.

2021-2022 - Preliminary and final design

2022 - Right-of-way acquisition process

Fall 2023 - 2025 - Construction

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Project team responses to common questions or concerns:

Concern that the proposed roundabouts and frontage roads cannot accommodate large truck, trailer, or RV movements.

The project design team uses software that simulates turning movements of all truck and trailer types to ensure the curvature of the roundabouts and frontage roads can safely and efficiently accommodate them. Both alternatives accommodate truck types known in the project area.

Questions and concerns about the roadway grades between the proposed bridges and roundabouts.

The roundabouts will be built up in elevation to meet requirements and industry best practices for minimum and maximum slopes to and from the bridge crossings of Highway 10 and the BNSF Railway at both Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard.

Concern that the proposed interchanges and bridges will obstruct views between highway traffic and surrounding businesses.

New grade separations will change the existing sight lines in the areas surrounding Highway 10's intersections with Ramsey Boulevard and Sunfish Lake Boulevard. However, the interchanges and frontage road connections will provide for safer and more reliable access for business patrons and freight deliveries between Highway 10 and the local businesses. Upcoming engagement in Spring 2021 will share visuals and details of the proposed interchanges and an understanding of sight lines after construction. The project team will continue to work with property and business owners to address concerns to the extent possible.

Are the proposed bridges and roundabouts set up for future expansion needs?

The project is being designed to address projected traffic capacity for the next twenty-five years. Project planning and designs include bridge structures and right-of-way preservation to accommodate future expansion needs.

Concerns for pedestrian and bicyclist safety at the proposed roundabouts.

In many situations, roundabouts provide advantages over traffic signals and stop signs, including traffic speed reduction to 15-20 mph, fewer injury and fatal type crashes, reduced conflict points between pedestrians and vehicles, and shorter crossing distances for pedestrians that focus on one direction of traffic at a time with the center refuge medians between travel lanes. See the "Why Roundabouts" info graphic on the project web page for more information.

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Project team responses to common questions or concerns continued:

Will the proposed pedestrian/bicycle connections be sidewalks or trails?

The project team is striving for 10' wide trails throughout the project area with local sidewalk connections where necessary. Regional trail connections will be accommodated with a 10' trail route.

On the bridge crossings, desire for safety barriers or adequate spacing between travel lanes and pedestrians and bicyclists.

It is an important goal for the project team to plan and design for safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle travel throughout the project area. Industry best practices for barriers and spacing between pedestrians and vehicles will influence final design of the project. Watch for more details and visuals at upcoming engagement opportunities!

Will noise walls be considered as part of the project?

Per federal regulations, the project team is required to conduct an analysis to determine if noise walls are warranted because the proposed improvements are increasing capacity on the highway. If any noise walls are warranted, the benefiting properties will be engaged following completion of the noise wall analysis by Fall 2021. More information on noise wall requirements and the process will be provided at the next public engagement opportunity in Spring 2021.

Questions about construction timing and staging in general and in relation to the city of Anoka Highway 10 project.

The city of Anoka Highway 10 project will start construction in the Spring 2022 and is anticipated to be complete Fall 2023. Construction of the Ramsey Gateway project is anticipated to begin Fall 2023 and be complete in 2025. Construction staging and timing information will be shared with the public towards Fall/Early Winter 2022 when more design details are known. Access to homes and businesses will be always maintained. Leading up to and during construction, consistent communication will provide weekly updates and detour maps.

When will Highway 10 in the west side of Ramsey be addressed?

Highway 10 from western extent of this current Ramsey Gateway project (Traprock St NW) to the western city limits of Ramsey does not yet have a determined date for a future study. However, the city of Ramsey is participating in the Elk River Highway 10 Corridor Study that starts at the city border between Ramsey and Elk River. To learn more, visit the "Other Regional Projects" tab on the virtual open house site.

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