

GRAND GATEWAY - GRADE SEPARATION STUDY

*Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting #4
July 20, 2023*



AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Project Overview**
- **Public Involvement Review**
- **Alternatives Analysis Review**
- **Top Performing Alternative**
- **Project Funding**
- **Question and Answer Session**
- **Next Steps**



INTRODUCTIONS

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Project Team



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Bill Eldringhoff, *Senior Lead Consultant*



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Elli Cosky, *Senior Project Manager*



Mark Reznicek, *Senior Project Manager*



Dawn Edgell, *Project Manager*



Chelsea Medek, *Architect*

INTRODUCTIONS

CAG Members



Federal Transit Administration

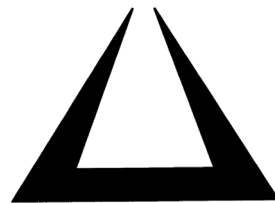


Village of
Elmwood Park

Village of Elmwood Park
Elmwood Park Fire Department
Elmwood Park Police Department
Grand Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Christopher B. Burke Engineering (Village Engineer)
Storino, Ramello & Durkin (Village Attorney)



Department of Transportation and Highways



NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF MAYORS



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago



Regional Transportation Authority



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



Illinois Department of Transportation



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COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) GOALS

WE
ARE
HERE



Actively seek participation from CAG members



Respectfully review and discuss all concerns and project elements

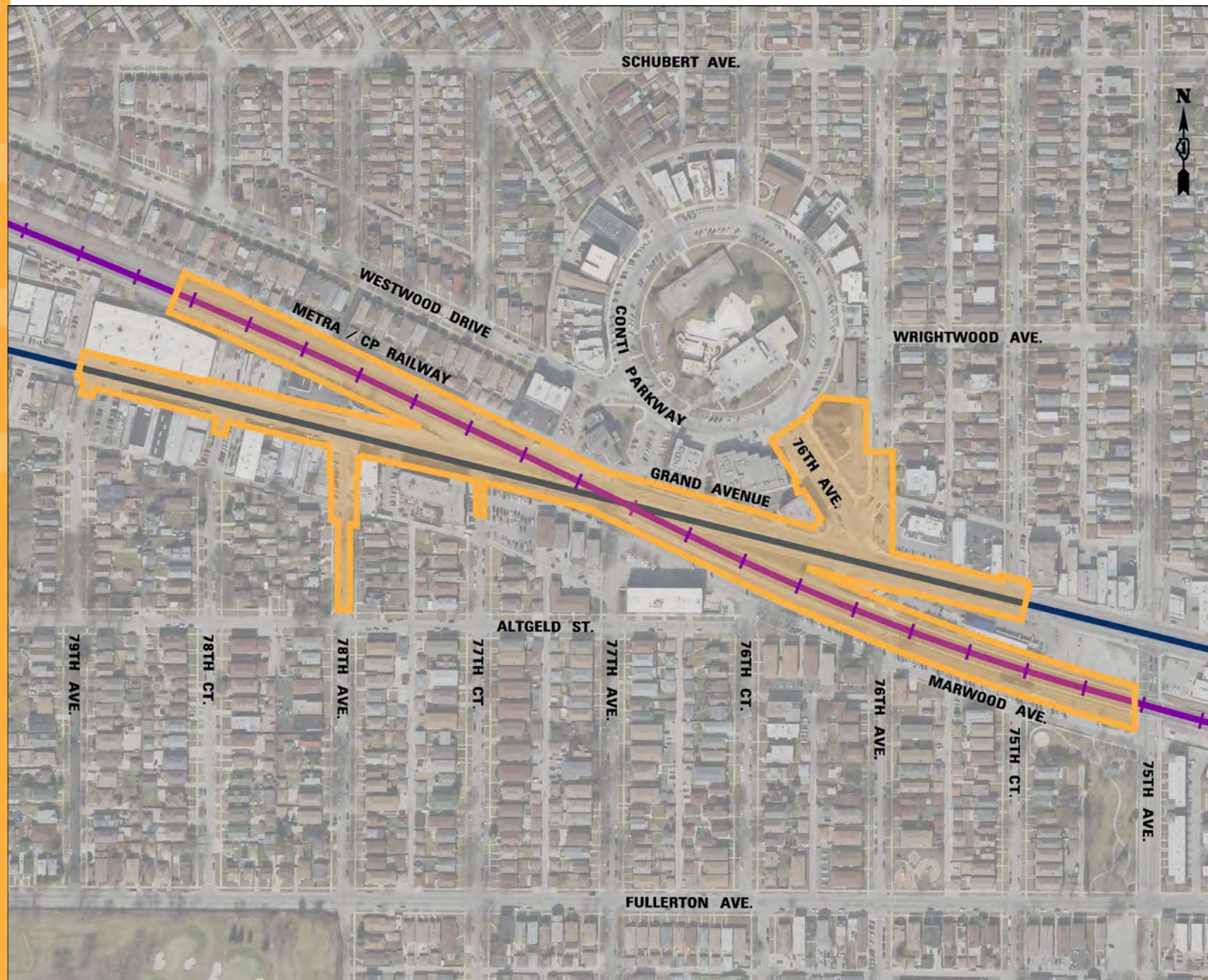


Summarize results of Public Meeting #2 and refinement of the Top Performing Alternative



PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT AREA MAP



PHASE I STUDY TIMELINE



CAG	Community Advisory Group Meeting	PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSE	Targeted Public Comments Closing
PIM	Public Information Meeting	DESIGN APPROVAL	Targeted Design Approval
PH	Public Hearing		

Subject to change

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



PEL:
Planning and Environmental Linkages Study
Funded

1

PHASE I:
Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study
Funded
Anticipated Completion 2024

2

PHASE II:
Contract Plan Preparation and Land Acquisition
Partially Funded
Anticipated Completion 2026

3

PHASE III:
Construction
Partially Funded
Anticipated Completion 2029

4

Public engagement to occur at each stage of the project.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REVIEW

CAG #1

Held virtually:
July 23, 2020

Agenda:

- CAG Goals & Guidelines
- Project Overview
- Project Objectives
- Project Timeline
- Potential Benefits

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) Goals



Actively seek participation from CAG members



Respectfully review and discuss all concerns and project elements



Identify possible options and alternatives to meet project needs



Evaluate impacts associated with each alternative



Reach consensus on a preferred alternative

CAG #2

Held virtually:
February 18, 2021

Agenda:

- Draft Problem Statement
- Draft Purpose & Need
- Criteria for Alternative Analysis
- Workshop: Criteria for Alternative Analysis
- Public Information Meeting #1 Overview

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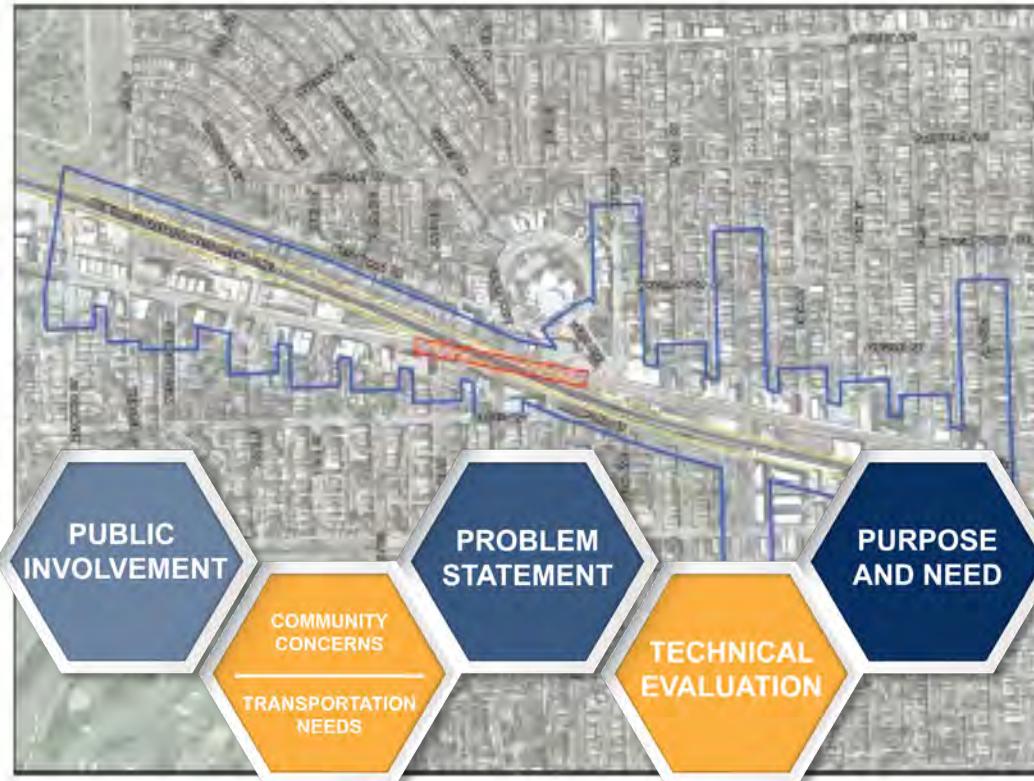
Grand Gateway

Purpose and Need

Grand Avenue at Metra/Canadian Pacific Railroad

November 2020

FAU 1376
Cook County
Elmwood Park
Job No. P-91-029-17



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #1



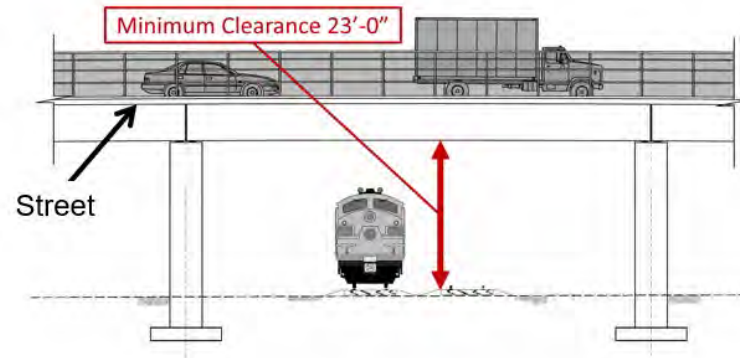
Held virtually:
April 21, 2021

Participants:
88

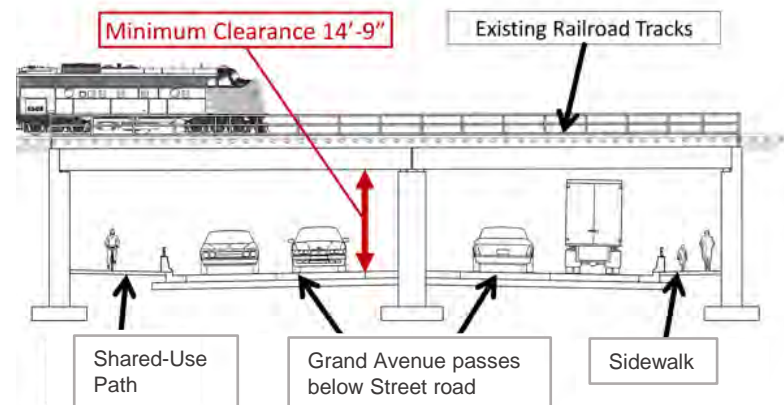
Agenda:

- Project Overview
- PEL Study
- Draft Problem Statement
- Draft Purpose & Need
- Breakout Sessions

Roadway Overpass Example



Roadway Underpass Example



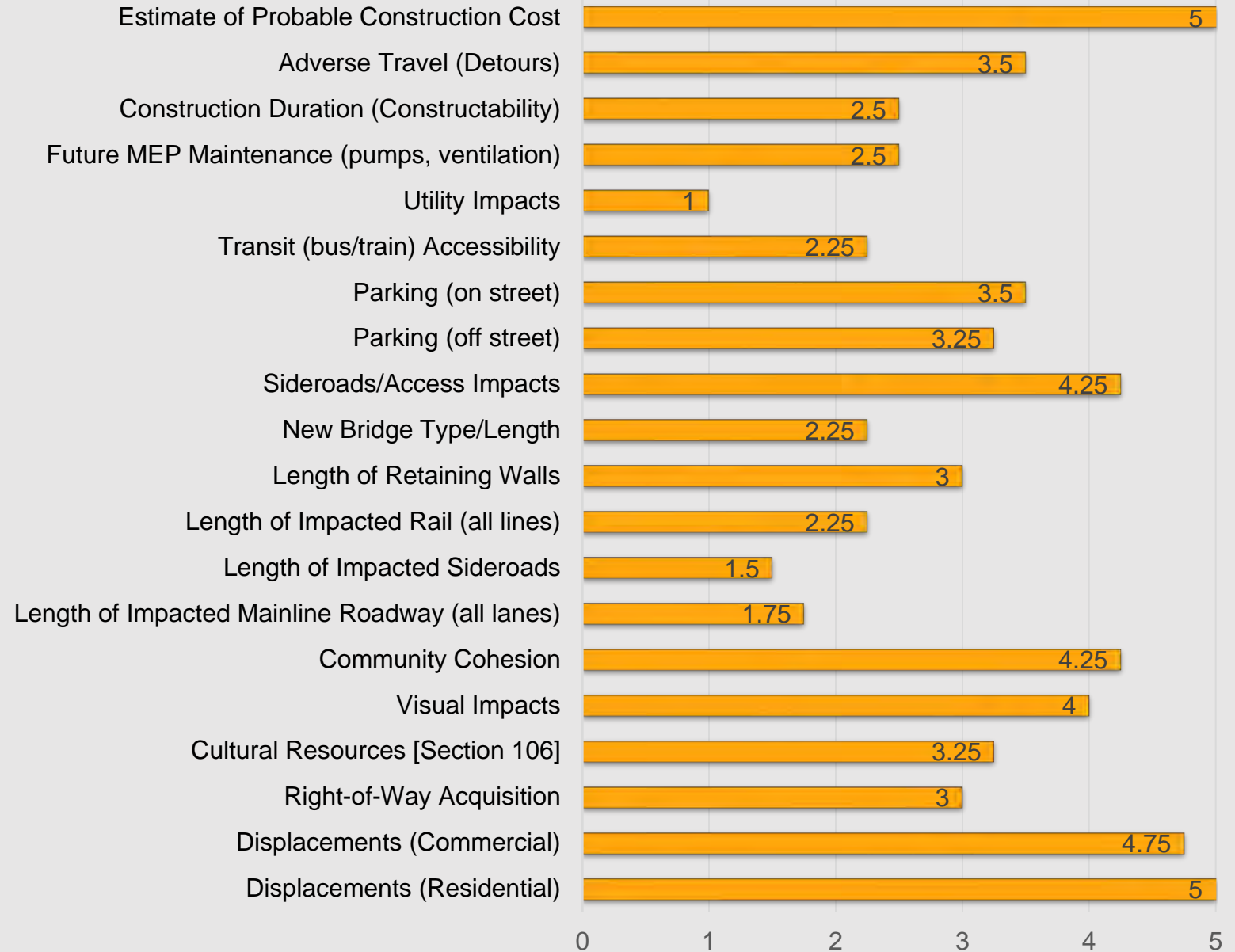
CAG #3

Held virtually:
December 7, 2021

Agenda:

- Reviewed Six Alternatives
- Discussed Alternatives Comparison
- Discussed Evaluation Criteria Weight of Importance
- Public Information Meeting #2 Preview

Evaluation Criteria Weight of Importance



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING #2



Held in-person:
May 24, 2022

Participants:
87

Agenda:

- Project Overview
- Schedule of Project
- Public Information Meeting #1 Overview
- Community Advisory Group Meetings Overview
- Alternatives Analysis
- Criteria for Evaluation
- Next Steps





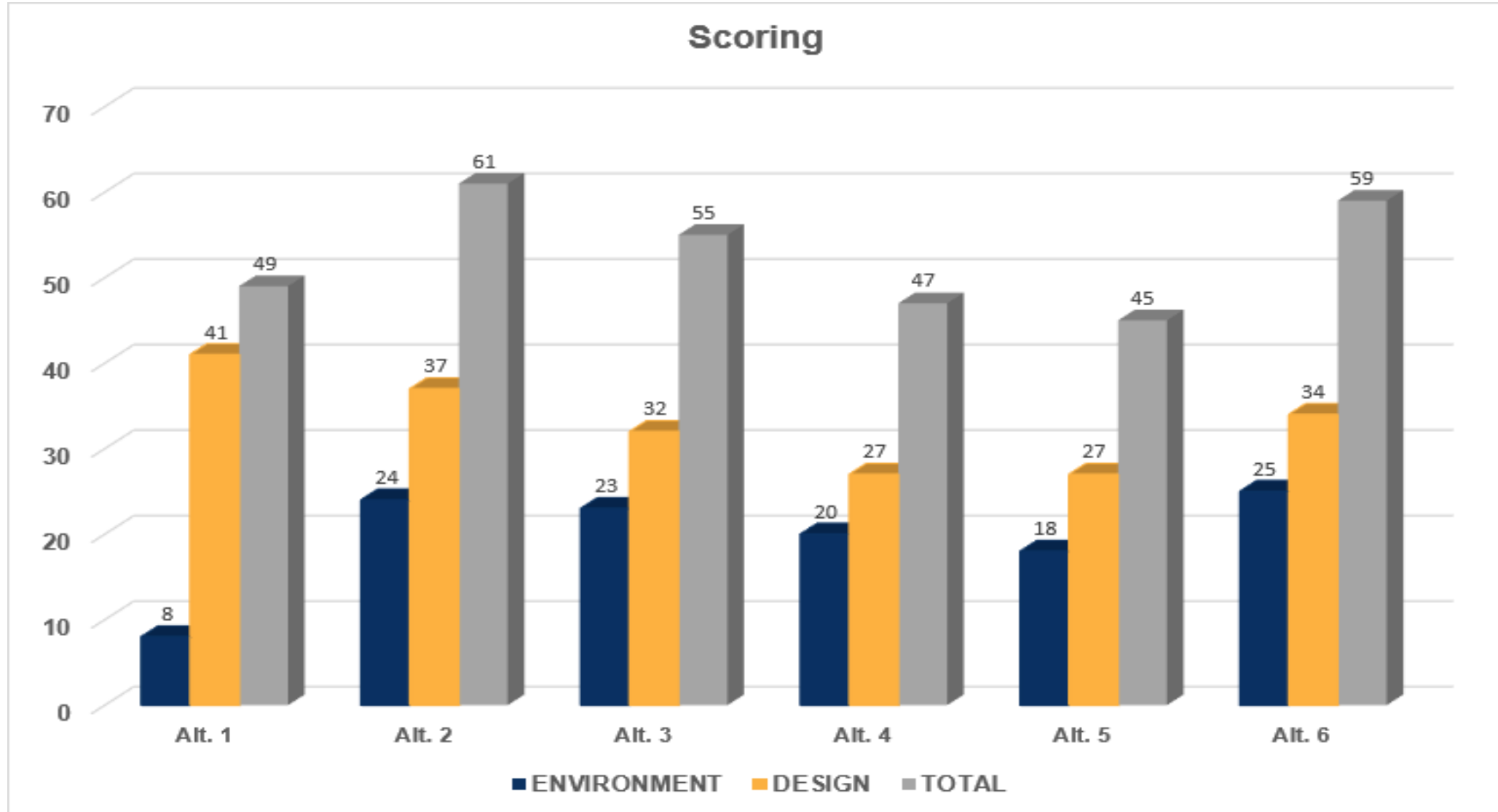
ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS REVIEW

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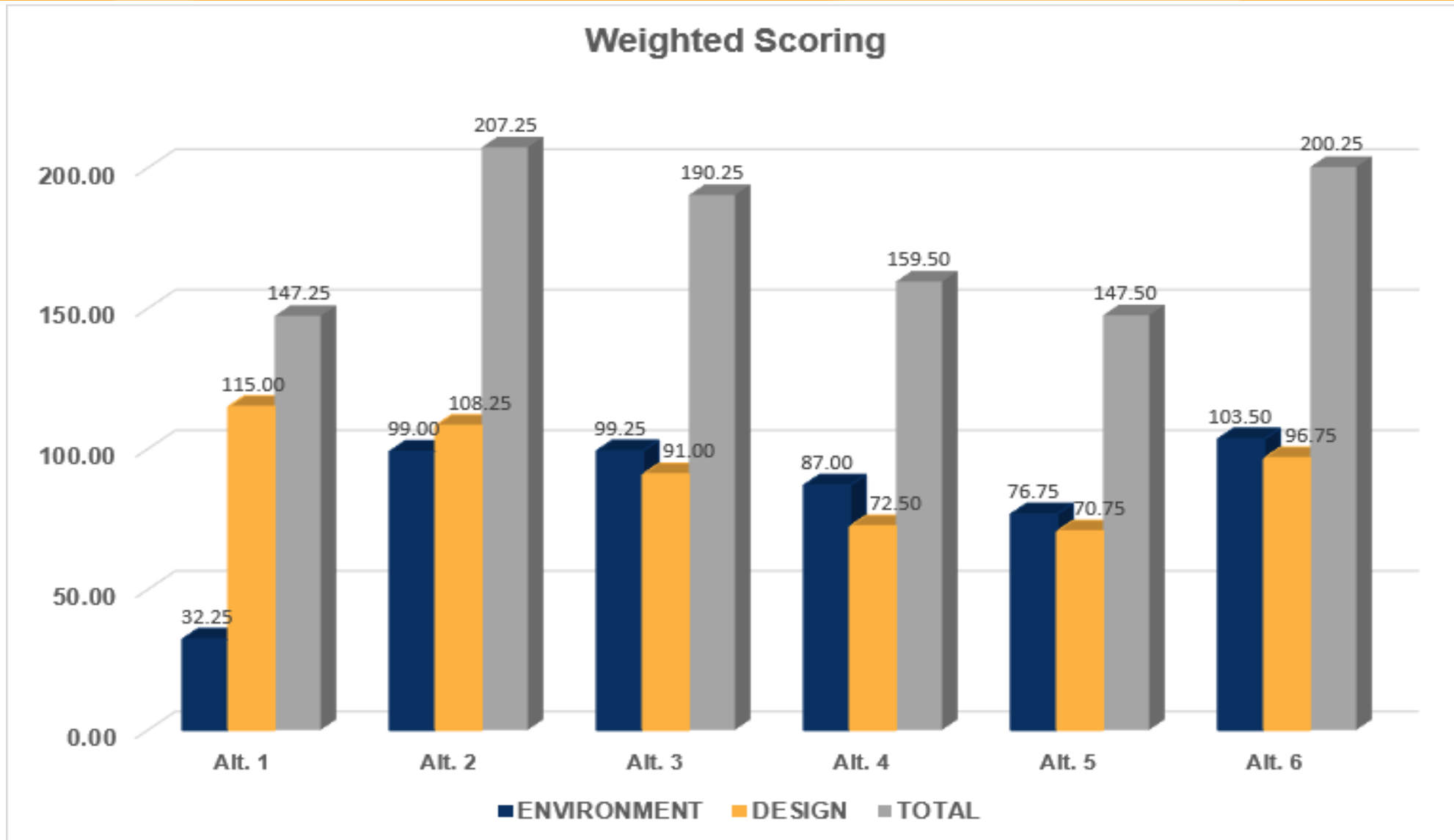


- **Alternative #1: Grand Avenue over Railroad**
- **Alternative #2: Grand Avenue Under Railroad**
- **Alternative #3: Lowering Grand Avenue & Raising Railroad**
- **Alternative #4: Railroad Over Grand Avenue**
- **Alternative #5: Railroad Under Grand Avenue**
- **Alternative #6: Lowering Railroad & Raising Grand Avenue**

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS



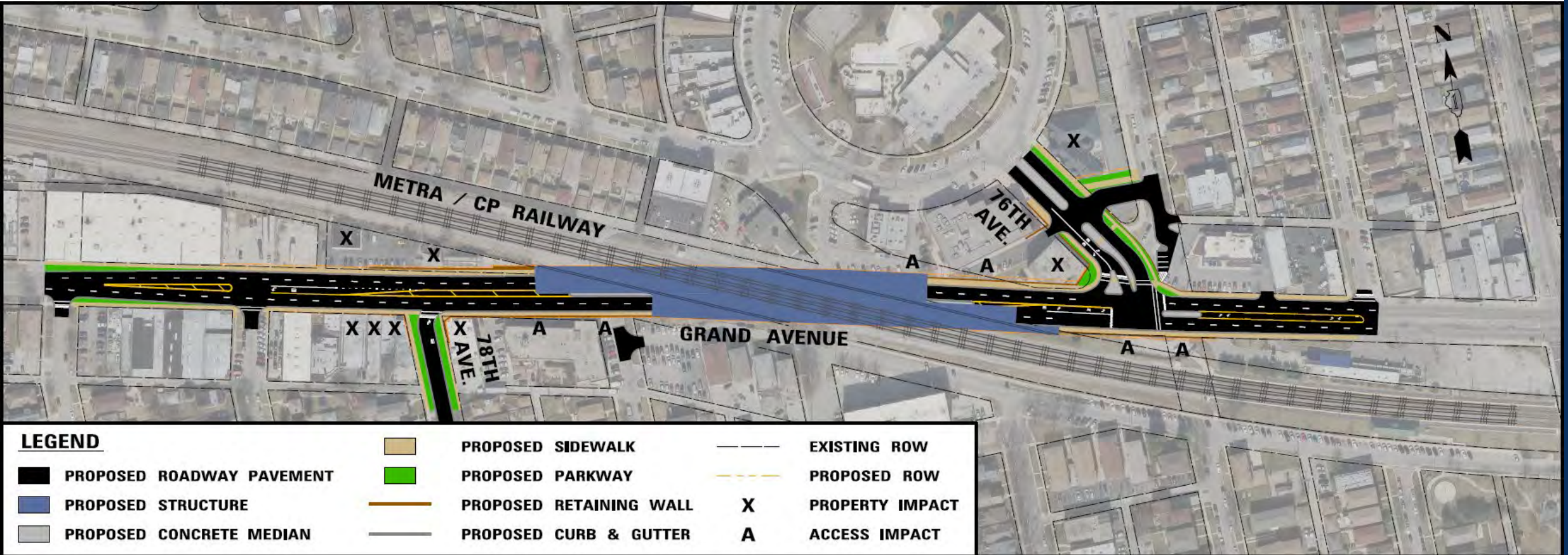
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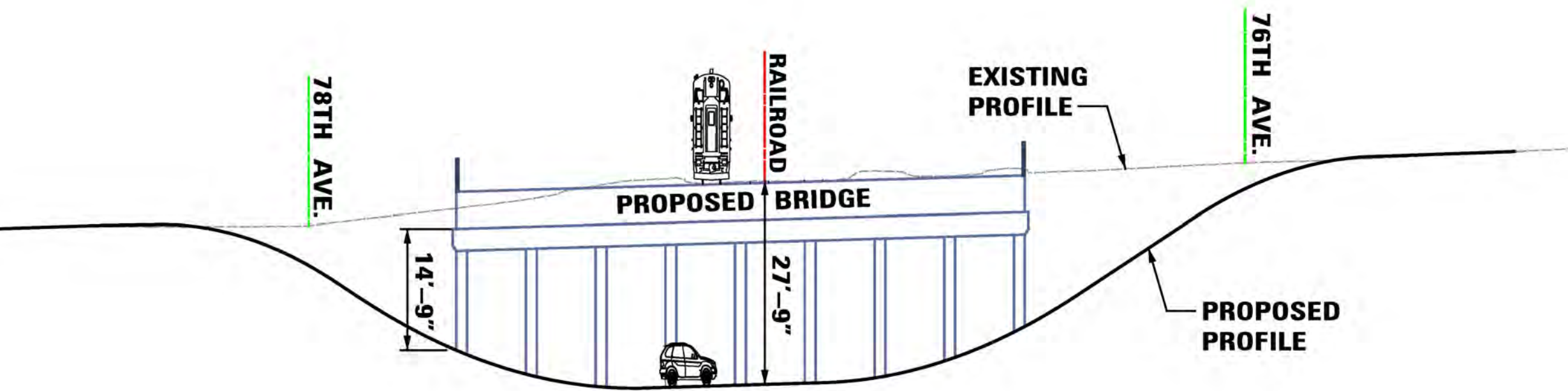


TOP PERFORMING ALTERNATIVE

TOP PERFORMING ALTERNATIVE: ALTERNATIVE #2



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SINCE PUBLIC MEETING #2



Top Performing Alternative: Alternative 2

- Based on public input, stakeholder input, and the project design team's analysis, Alternative 2 is the Top Performing Alternative. Approval from IDOT is still required pending review.

Additional Agency Coordination

- The proposed grade separation would span the entire width of Metra's right-of-way to allow for future flexibility and expansion of Metra service.
- Metra committed \$10 million in Federal capital funding toward construction of the grade separation and promised their continued support.

Engineering Design Revisions

- Alternative 2 design was further revised to incorporate the grade separation spanning the entire width of Metra's right-of-way.
- The significant result of this design change is the effect on the Elms Funeral Home.
- The impact to their parking area would make it impossible to operate their business. Consequently, the Elms Funeral Home is now considered a commercial displacement.



PROJECT FUNDING

PROJECT FUNDING – PHASE I



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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



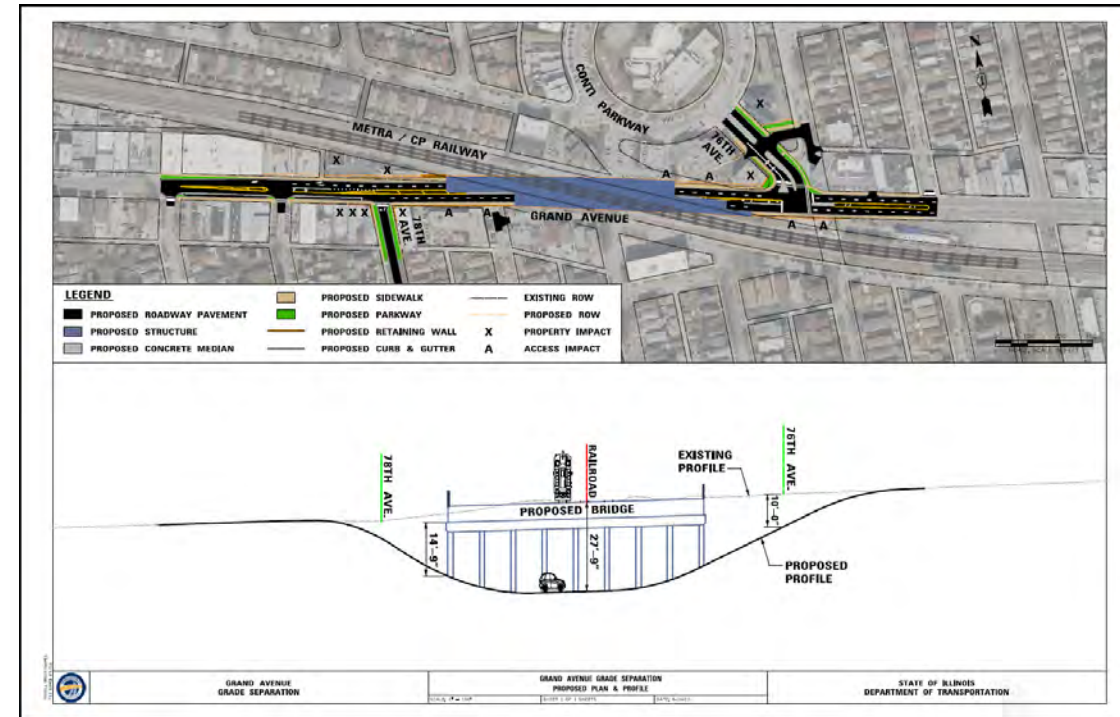
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PUBLIC HEARING



A Public Hearing will be held in the Spring of 2024 (Target).

The Public Hearing is the final opportunity for the public to comment on the Top Performing Alternative.



PHASE I STUDY TIMELINE



- **Finalize concept design and supporting analyses**
- **Continue coordination**
- **Prepare Engineering and Environmental Reports**
- **Host Public Hearing - Spring 2024 (Target)**
- **Complete Phase I Study - December 2024 (Target)**

Your continued involvement and input is important to this project!

Thank you!

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