



**CONNECT 2  
(NORTH-SOUTH TRANSIT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT)**

# LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Milwaukee County Transportation and Transit Committee  
March 5, 2024



# BRINGING CONNECT BRT TO 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET





# TIMELINE



**2020 - 2022**  
Feasibility Study



**2023 - 2025**  
Environmental Review  
and Design



**2026 - 2028**  
Construction



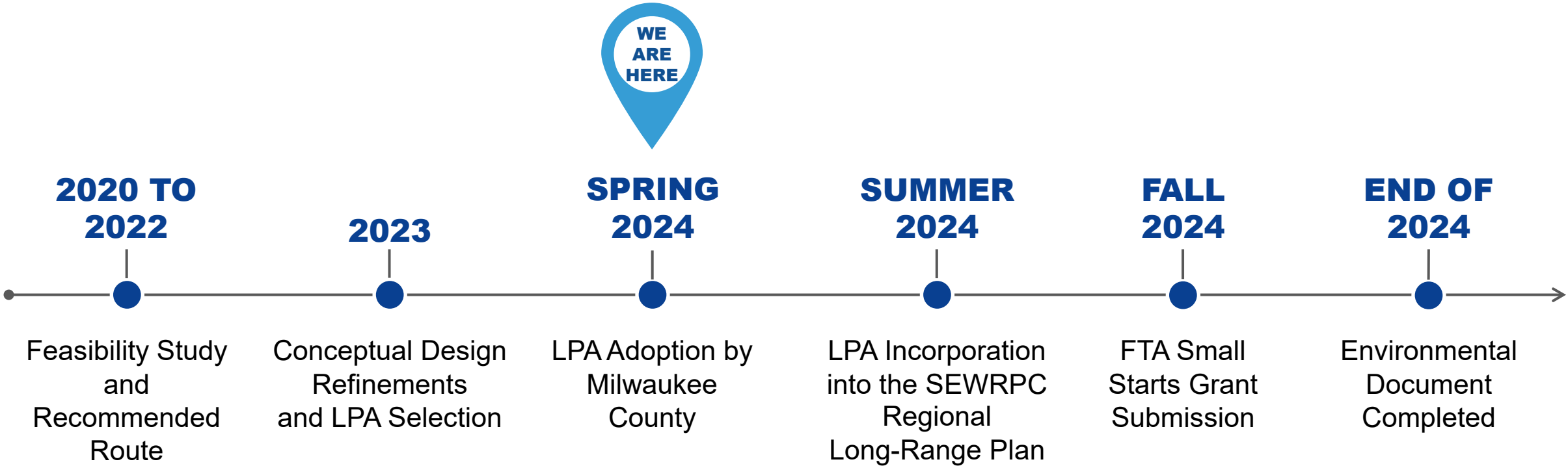
**2028**  
Earliest BRT  
Open to Service



# WHY NOW



LPA adoption by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors demonstrates local support for the project, a critical step for the FTA environmental review.



Note: These steps are necessary to receive federal funding.

# HOW THE LPA WAS DEVELOPED



## Feasibility Study Recommendation

- Bus rapid transit
- Route, with end points at Bayshore and IKEA
- Station locations
- Mix of inside (*center*) running dedicated bus-only lanes and outside (*right*) running dedicated bus-only lanes



## Conceptual Design Refinement

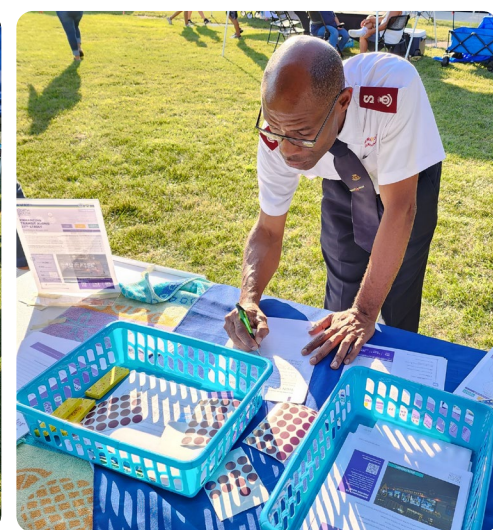
- Minor adjustments to routing at north and south ends to stay on public roads
- Minor station location adjustments
- Outside (*right*) running dedicated bus-only lanes

Note: Refinements continuing as additional engineering and environmental assessments are completed.





# — OUTREACH —



2020 to March 2024

**6** Rounds of Public Input

**130** Stakeholder Meetings

**10** Public Meetings

**9** Advisory Committee Meetings

**14** Community Events





# TODAY'S RESOLUTION

## Summary of the LPA for CONNECT 2 (North-South Transit Enhancement Project)

<b>Route length</b>	18 miles
<b>Number of stations</b>	32 destinations with 64 individual platforms
<b>Runningway</b>	Dedicated outside-running lanes and mixed traffic operations
<b>Vehicle type</b>	New, 40-foot, clean diesel buses with right-door loading
<b>Branding</b>	MCTS CONNECT branding
<b>Frequency of service</b>	10 minutes (peak)
<b>Capital cost</b>	\$148 million per Feasibility Study (will be updated)
<b>O&amp;M cost (annual)</b>	Operations and maintenance costs are anticipated to be cost-neutral to the MCTS system



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