



US 71 Lakes Reconstruction

Municipal Streets Seminar

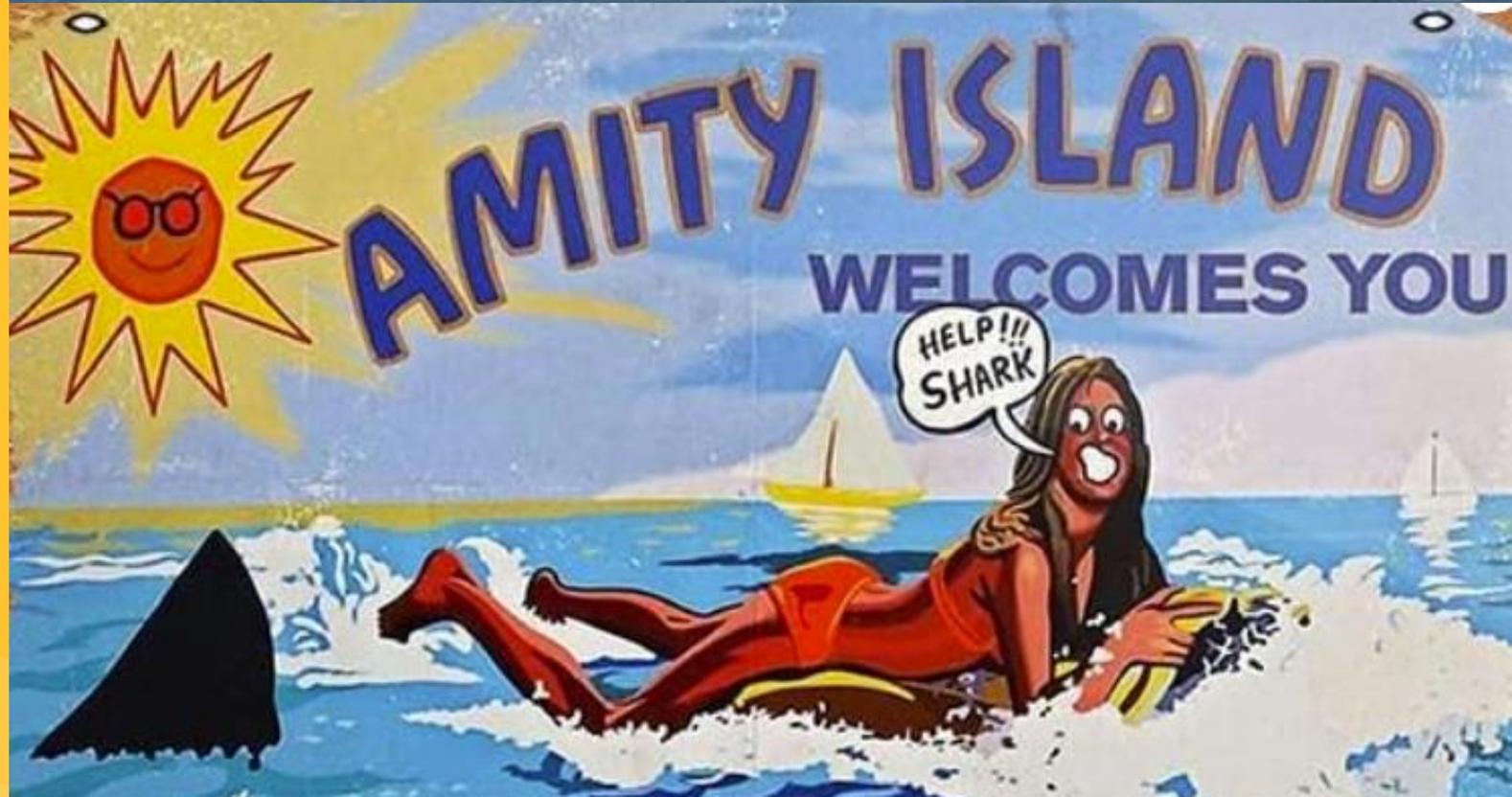


Shane Tymkowicz
District 3 ADE

November 13, 2025

Iowa Great Lakes – Summertime Fun

- Success has a Price
- Dependent on Summer Income
- Memorial to Labor Day is Prime Time
- Decisions Based on Economic Factors
- High Visibility



Project History

- Reconstructed in 2000
- Deterioration by 2007
- Significant Deterioration by mid 2010s



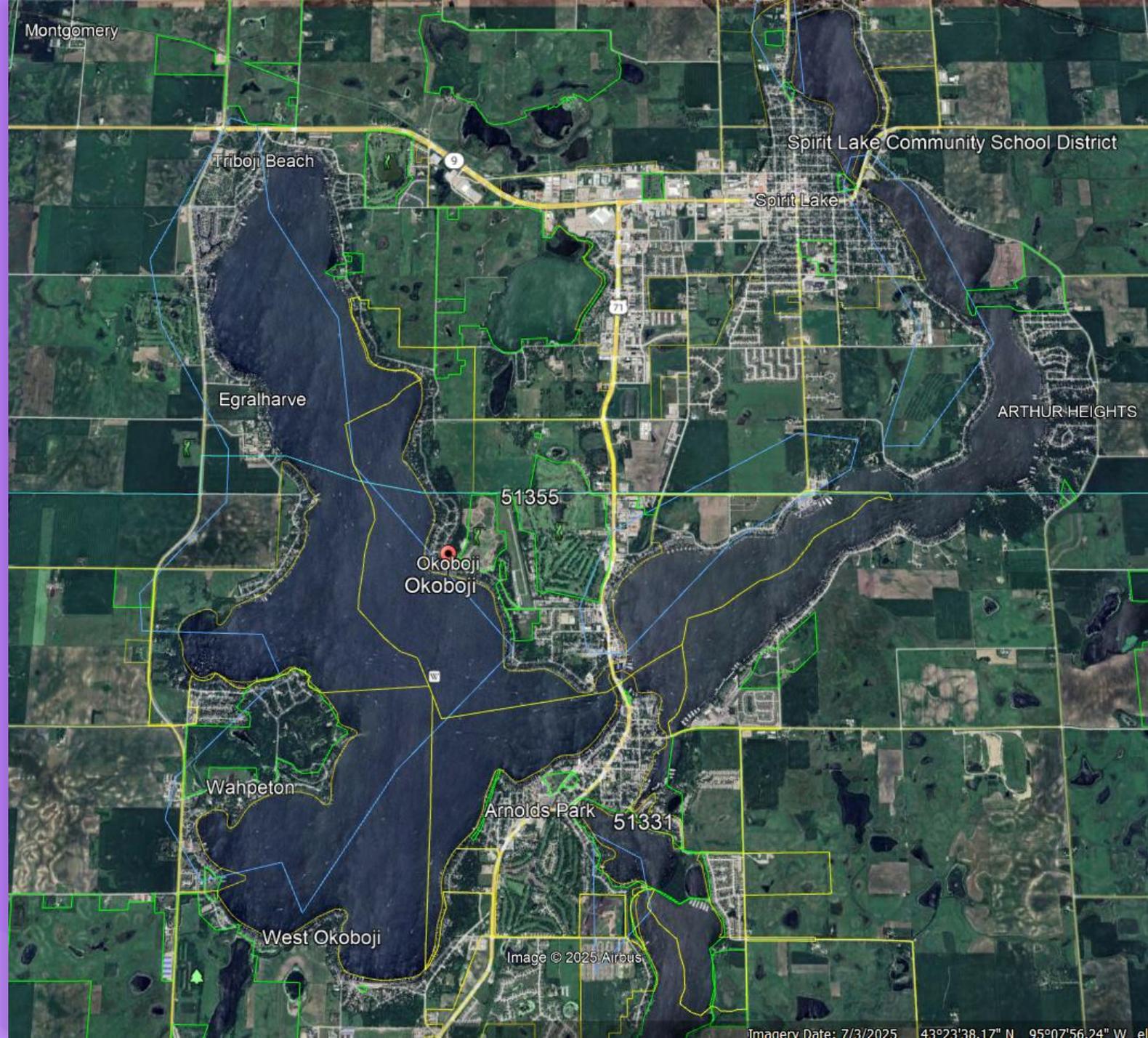
Freeze-Thaw Destroyed Pavement

- Cement Shortage
- Hot Loads
- Extreme Need for Air Entraining Agent
- Air Tests Before Paver Good
- Cores Reveal Low Air
 - <5% - <2% in top half



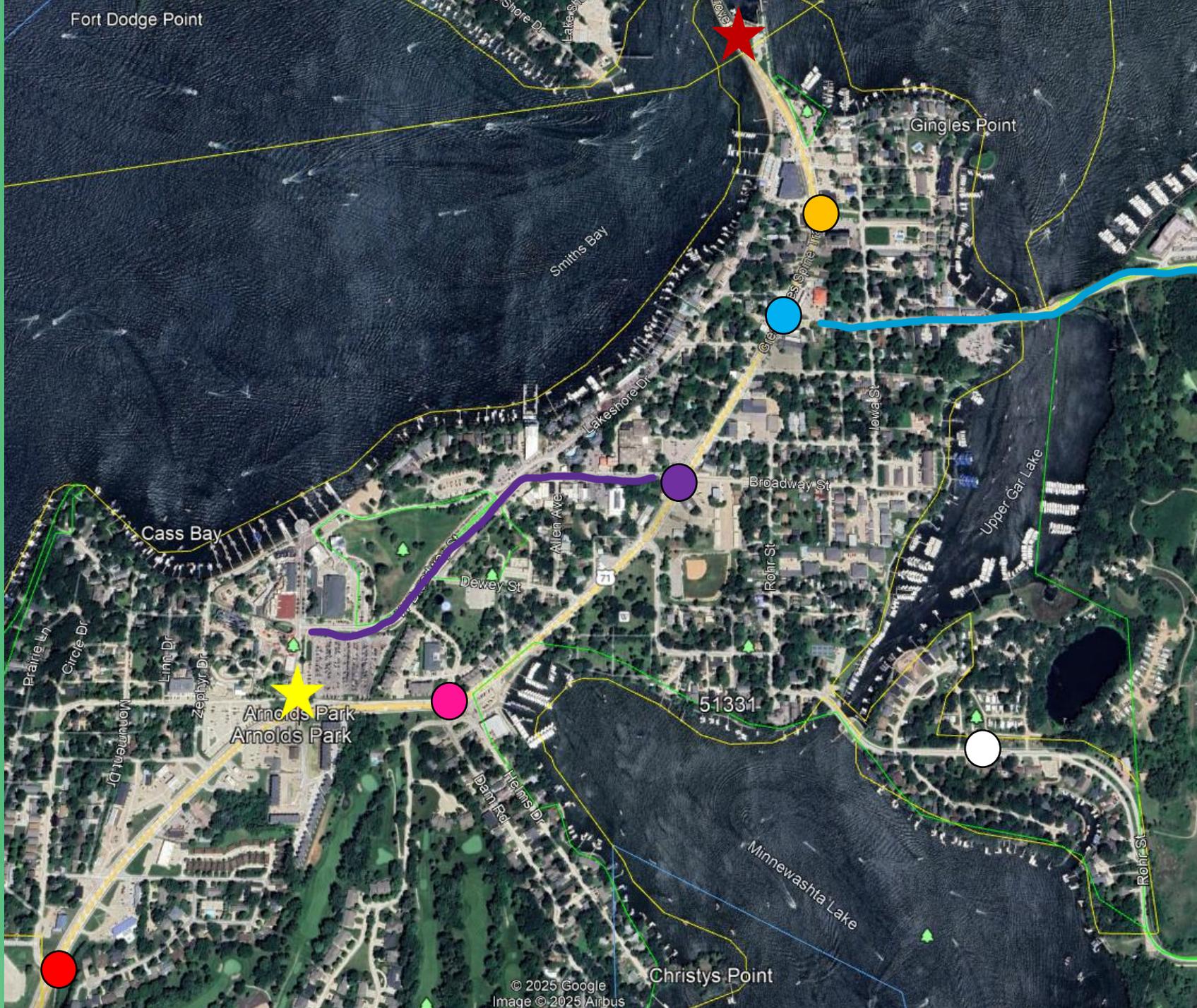
Project Challenges

- Long Detours
- Limited Secondary Routes
- Causeway Critical Connection
- Hospital North of Causeway
- Sewer Pumps North of Causeway
- Business Critical
- Tale of 2 Cities



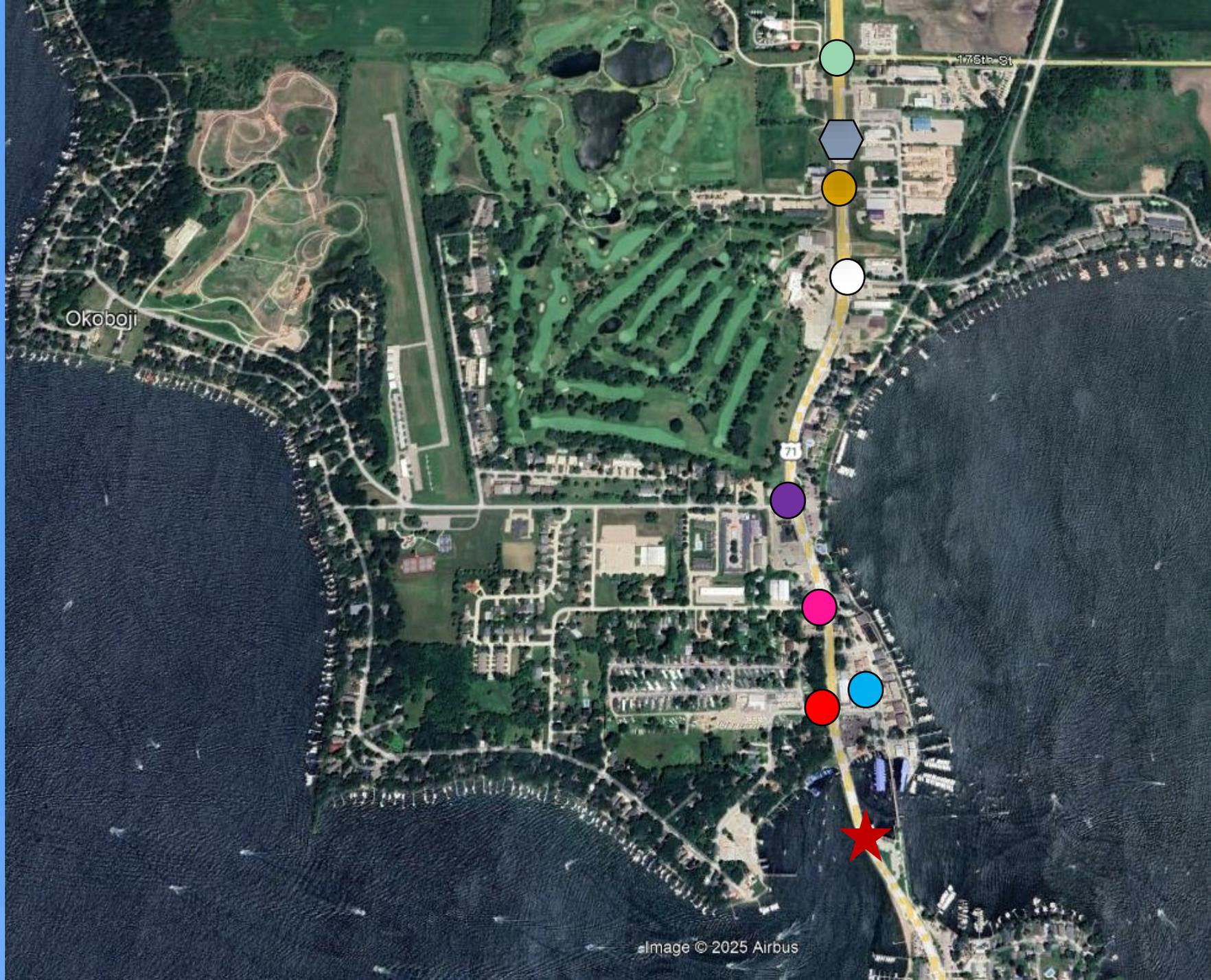
Arnolds Park

- Start Okoboji Grove Rd
- ★ Arnolds Park Entrance
 - Lake St
- Dam Road - Only Access
- Broadway
- Linden Drive (Bypass)
- Rohr Street
- Ackley
- ★ Causeway



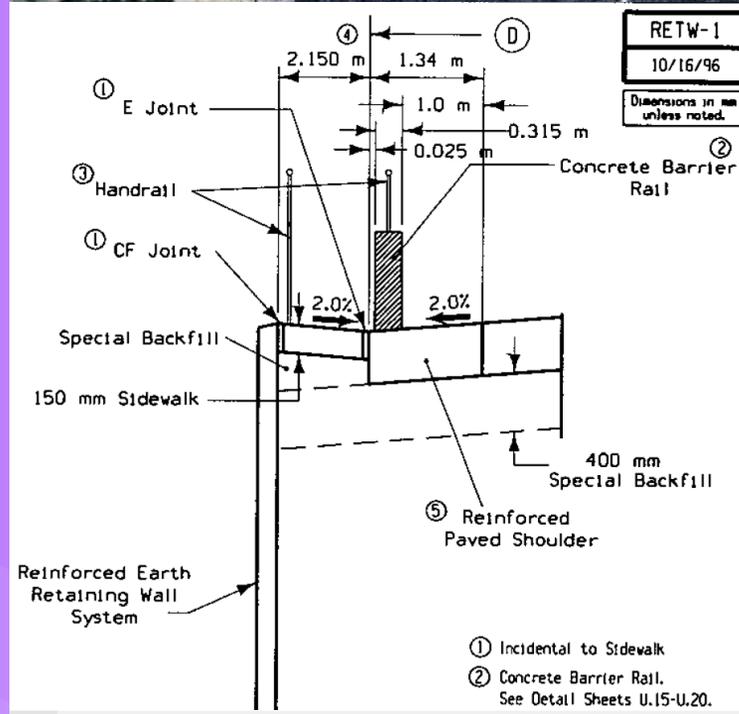
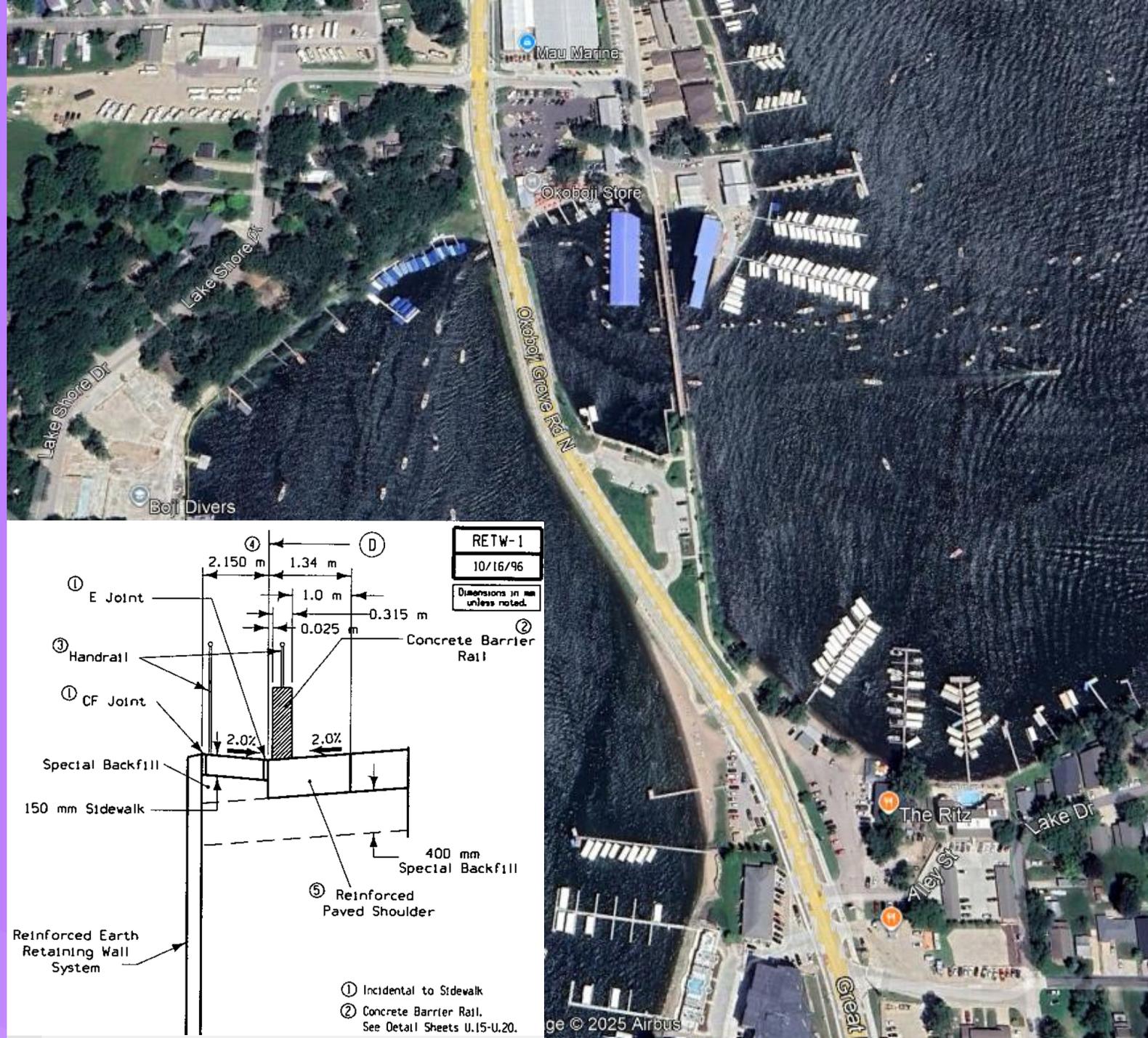
Okoboji

- ★ Causeway
- Lakeshore Drive
- Mau Marine
- Depot Ave
- Sanborn
- Stake Out Rd
- Okoboji View
- End Project
- 175th Street



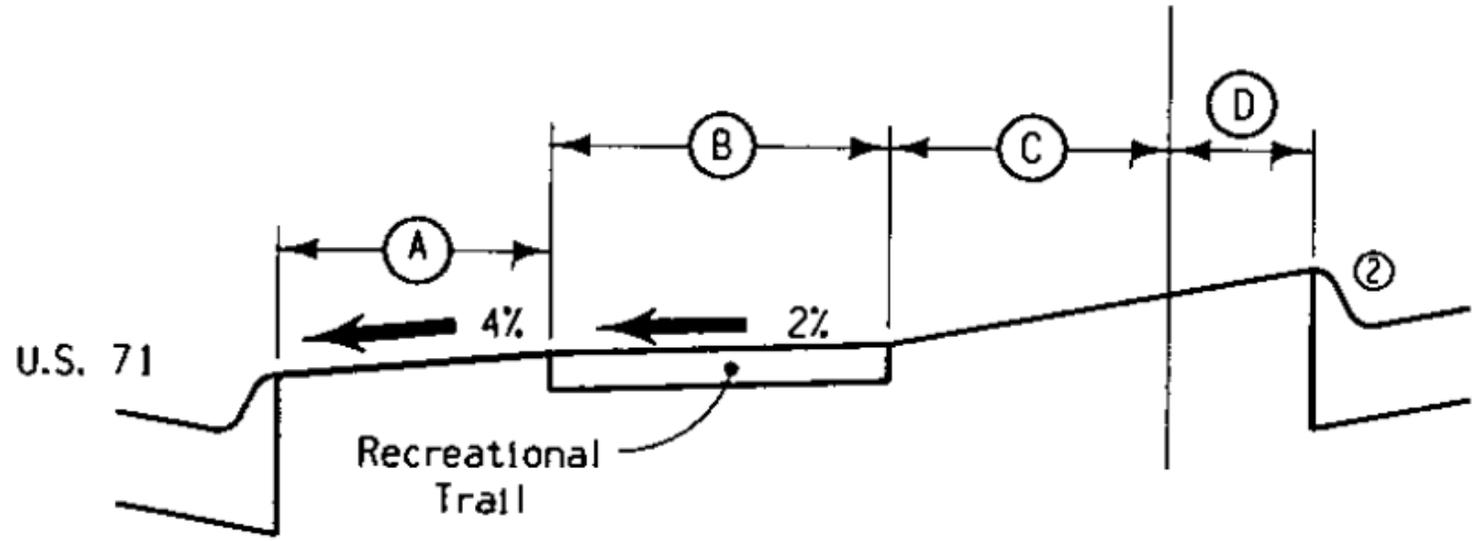
Causeway

- Pavement Deterioration
- Barrier Deterioration
- New Barrier Along Trail
- No Access from Akley to Lake Shore Drive
- If Closed Detour around West Okobojo or East Okobojo



ADA & Aesthetics

- Check of Trails and Sidewalks >50% out of compliance (2% Cross Slope)
- Ped Ramps Failed/Poor Shape
- Both Communities wanted Aesthetic Pavers
- Different Designs/Engineers

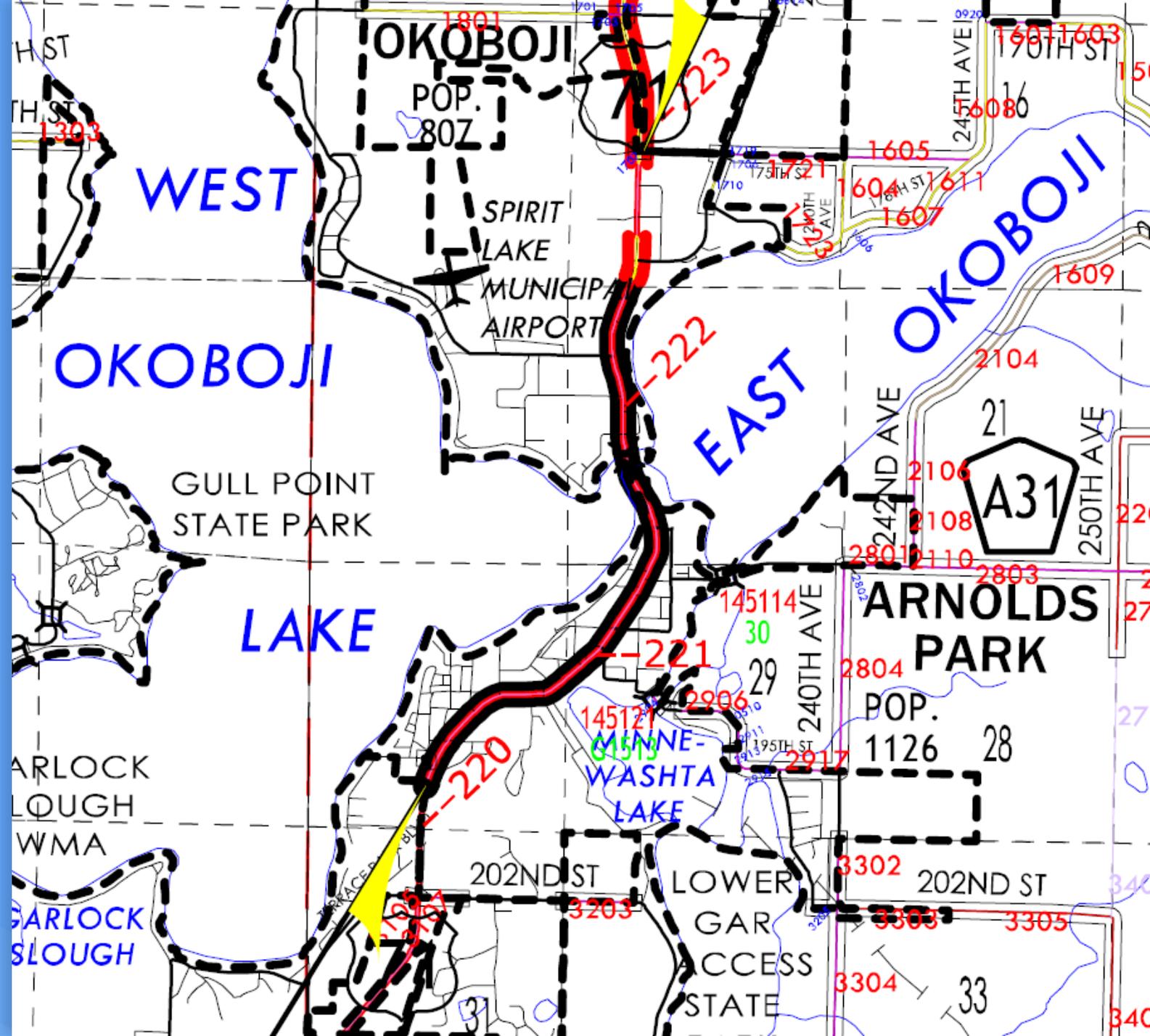


**West Okoboji
DNR
Outstanding
Waterway of
Iowa**



Initial Project Development

- 2016 Discussions with Arnolds Park and Okoboji
- 2017 Concept
- Initial Staging was to keep one direction open and detour the other on IA 86
- Surprise COVID 19 – March 2020 Shutdown



Critical Events

- **Online PIM on March 30, 2021**
- **ROW Process Started**
- **Permitting Under Way**
- **Had a plan to do the single-direction staging**

**U.S. 71 in
Dickinson
County:
Online Public
Meeting**

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The Iowa Department of Transportation is requesting public input for a proposed project on U.S. 71 from Okoboji Grove Road in Arnolds Park to East View Avenue in Okoboji.

The project includes removing and replacing the existing pavement. Many of the existing sidewalks will be replaced. The existing decorative lighting throughout the project corridor will be used as constructed. This project is currently programmed for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Iowa DOT is providing two online meeting formats for public input: live and at your own pace. If you do not have access to the internet, or need assistance viewing the materials, please contact the DOT representative listed to the left.

Live online meeting: March 30, 2021; 5:30 PM

How to Attend: At the meeting time, navigate to iowadot.gov/pim select the project and click on the “**live meeting**” link.

Description: The study team will deliver a presentation to describe the proposed project, followed by a live question and answer session with the project team. Questions submitted can only be typed into the chat box and will be read by the moderator and answered by the project team.

At your own pace online meeting:

Anytime between March 30 – April 21, 2021

How to Attend: Navigate to www.iowadot.gov/pim and click on “**US 71 Meeting Online**”

Description: Experience a self-guided tour of the proposed project and submit comments and questions at any time during the comment period.

Visit the Iowa DOT’s project-related public involvement event website

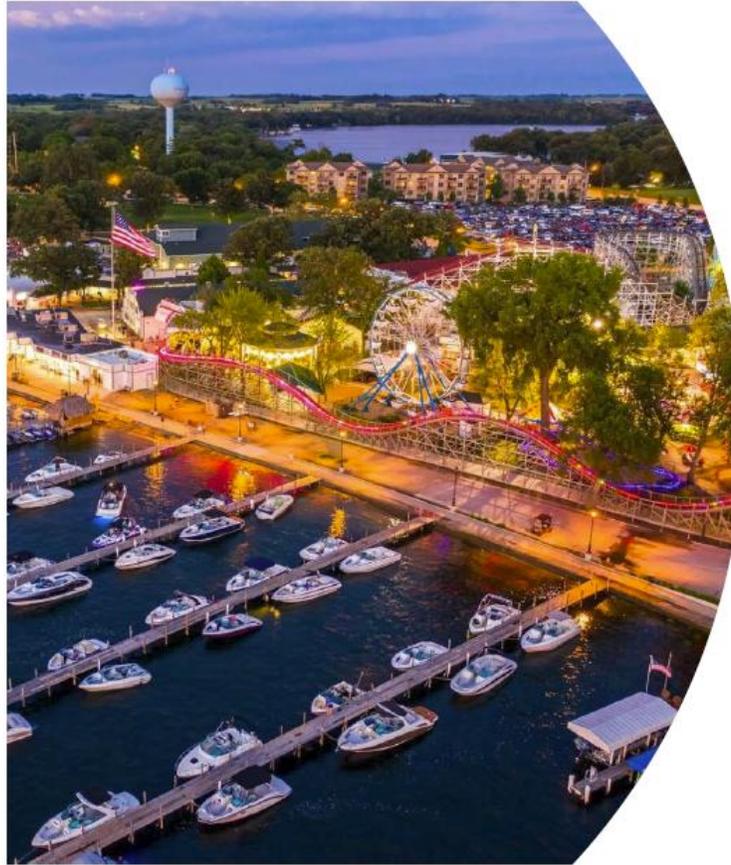
Initial Staging

- Had a plan to do the single-direction staging
- Fall 22 – Fall 23



PIM – Virtual PIM was Good

- PIM on March 30, 2021
- Not much public comment
- Both Cities did not send any comments
- Team was ready to go



**US-71, Okoboji Grove Road in Arnolds
Park to East View Avenue in Okoboji
NHSX-071-9(78)--3H-30**

March 30, 2021
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Surprise!!!

- Had a message from ROW
- Landowner wanted to discuss access for business



New Plan

- Meet with Okoboji and Arnolds Park
- Public Town Hall
- Trashed Single Direction Plan
- Now focus on 2-way access as much as possible
- Restage entire plan
- Work was Fall 22 to Fall 23
- Letting 4/19/22
- High Contractor Risk

LETTING DATE
04-19-2022

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Value Engineering Saves. Refer to Article 105.14 of the Specifications.

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	Total Net Project Length	13,645.00	2.584

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2043 AADT	18,800	V.P.D.	
20-- DHV	--	V.P.H.	
TRUCKS	3	%	
Total Design ESALs	--		

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REVISIONS	

TOTAL	452
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	17-30-071-010
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ROADWAY DESIGN	
	I hereby certify that this engineering document was prepared by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Iowa. Date: 1/31/2022 Signature: Douglas G. Holle Printed or Typed Name: Douglas G. Holle My license renewal date is December 31, 2023. Pages or sheets covered by this seal: All sheets with the exception of N.1-N.59, U.1-U.22 and V.1-V.13

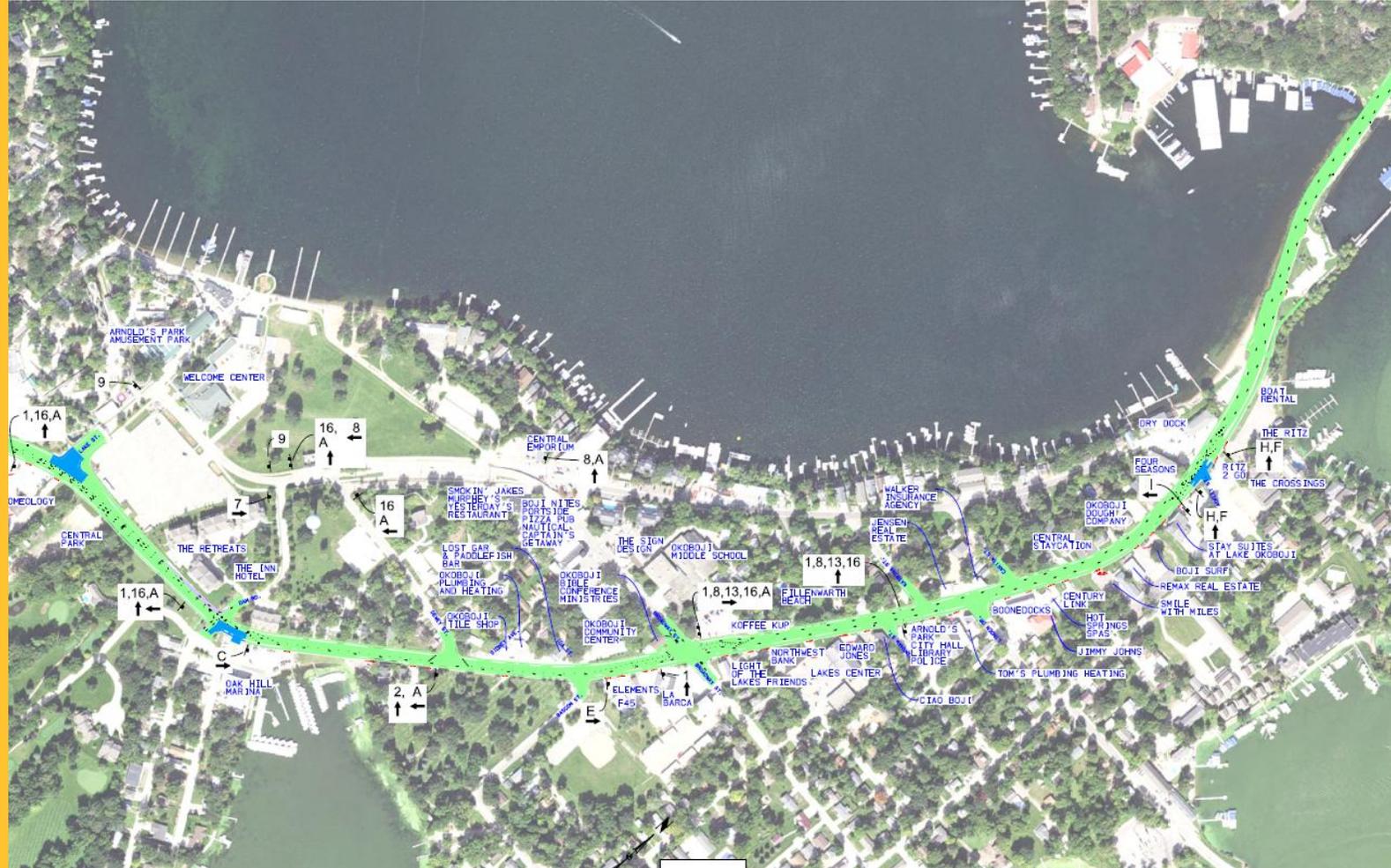
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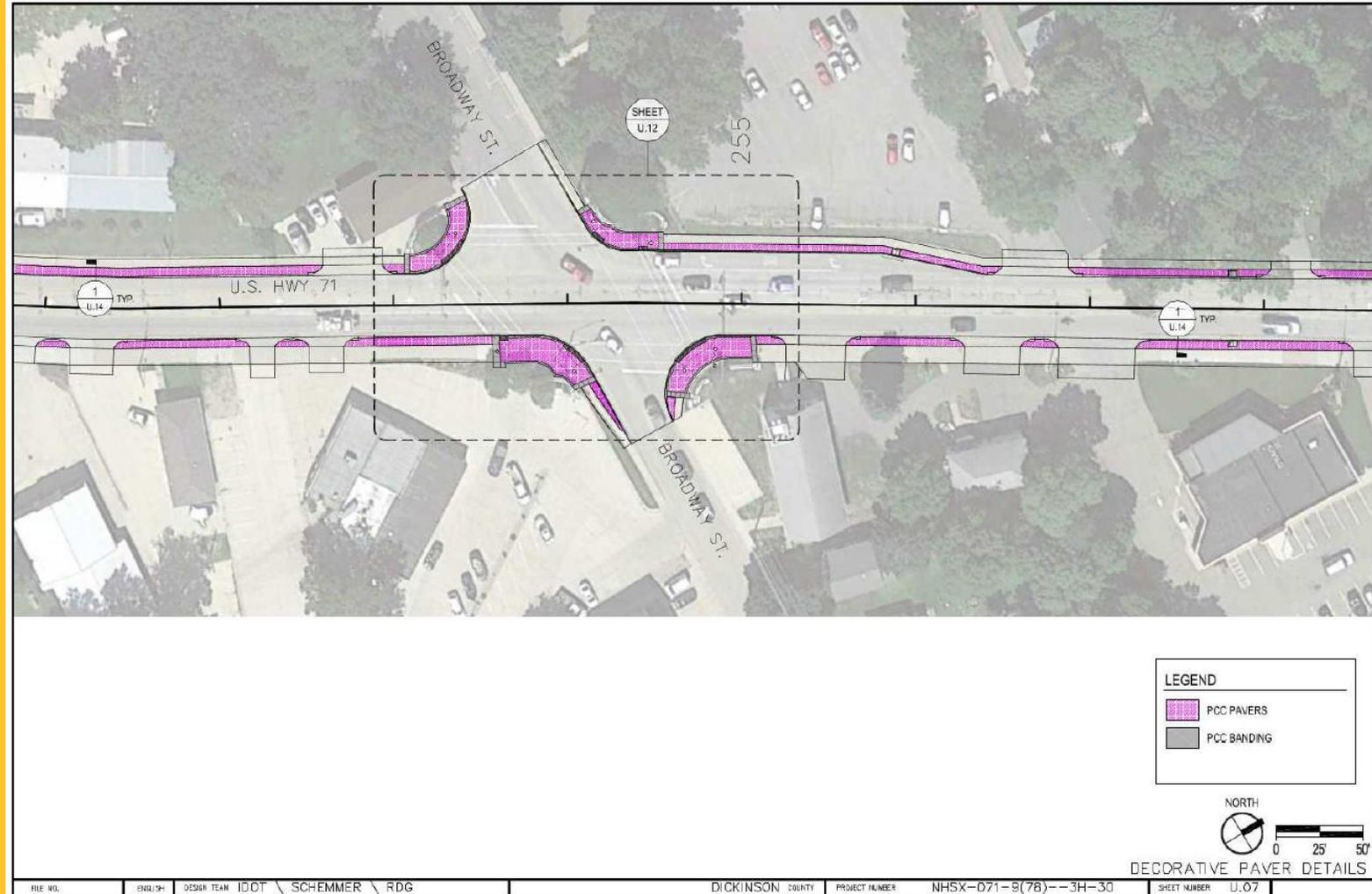
Reality Check Letting Results

- Low bid was \$23.2 Million
- Way over the engineering estimate
- Decision to reject bid
- Restage for 3rd Time
- Meeting with Okoboji and Arnolds Park
- AGC comments
- Realize focus was on time, aesthetics, and risk



New Plan (Again)

- Reduce Contactor Risk
- Make Appropriate Time for Aesthetics
- Meet Critical Needs of Business and Cities
- Minimize Causeway Closure
- Maximize Public Coordination
- Make Sure Constructable (ICPA & AGC)



October 2022 Letting

- September Pre-Bid
- Construction Start Spring of 2023 and end Spring 2025
- Estimate \$18.3
- CVC \$19.6
- Saving of \$3+ Million
- Partnership – We are in this together
- CVC – Partnership
- As-Builts and Survey
- Intake vs Paving

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SHEET NUMBER A.1

What was Different

- Split work over an additional season
- Added time for brick pavers
- Reviewed staging for constructability
- Detour US 71 – Local Access
- Reviewed Sites
- Letting allowed time for the contractor to prepare
- Intake Top Removal
- Incentives – Causeway Closure

Incentives & Sites

Keep Promises to Communities

- Site 1 - Completion 5/25/23 - \$3000/day (Stage 1)
- Site 2 - Specified Start 9/5/23 – 80 Calendar Days - \$3000/day (Stage 2)
- Site 3 – Causeway Closure 9/18/23 28 Calendar Days \$20,000/day
- Site 4 – Completion Date 5/24/24 - \$3000/day (Stage 3)
- Site 5 – Specified Start 9/3/24 – 80 Calendar Days - \$3000/day (Stage 4 – Substantial Completion)
- Site 6 – Completion Date 5/16/25 - \$3,000/day

Working with the Communities

- In this Together
- Kick-Off Meeting
- Flyer by Stage



Sanborn Ave
Okoboji View Ave
Okoboji

WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU FIND?

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR? [TRY OUR A-Z INDEX](#)

LAKES 71 CONSTRUCTION

- HOME
- ABOUT THE PROJECT
- PROJECT SCHEDULE
- CONTACT US

Iowa's Great Lakes region provides a unique playground for Iowans and visitors from around the U.S. and the world. Getting around the region is about to get safer as a project from the Iowa Department of Transportation and the city of Arnolds Park is set to begin in 2023.

Starting in 2023, we'll be replacing the pavement on U.S. 71 and the sidewalks from Okoboji Grove Road in Arnolds Park through Okoboji View Avenue in Okoboji. The safety updates include the replacement of the barrier rail that separates vehicles from pedestrians on the causeway.

The project is scheduled to be completed in four phases over two years. Road work will occur during the Iowa Great Lakes region's "off-peak" tourist season (before Memorial Day and after Labor Day).

PROJECT UPDATES

SPRING 2023 CONSTRUCTION (STAGE 1 OF 4)
Begins March 10, 2023, and will be completed before the 2023 Memorial Day weekend.
Will include intersection reconstruction in Arnolds Park and Okoboji. All intersection construction will be half at a time, to avoid closure of the entire intersection.

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|--|---|
| Arnolds Park intersection reconstruction locations: | Okoboji intersection reconstruction locations: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Okoboji Grove RoadBent DriveLake StreetDam Road (east half)Ackley Street | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lake Shore DriveSanborn AvenueOkoboji View Avenue |

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U.S. 71 KICKOFF EVENT
March 7 at 6 p.m.
Pavilion at Arnolds Park

Hosted by the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.



<https://iowadot.gov/lakes71/Home>

In It Together

- [Okoboji Web Site](#)
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Highway 71 Reconstruction

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AUGUST 28, 2023: NEW INFORMATION BELOW:

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FALL 2023 CONSTRUCTION (STAGE 2 OF 4)

Begins September 5, 2023 with a complete closure of the causeway (Ackley St. to Lake Shore Dr.) on September 18. The causeway closure will last four weeks. Will include intersection reconstruction in Arnolds Park and Okoboji.

Arnolds Park reconstruction locations:

- NB from Benit Dr. through Broadway St.
- Bascom St.
- Ackley Street through Lake Shore Dr. (Causeway)

Working with the Businesses

- Business Signing
- Staging Access
- Business Meetings



Working with the Public

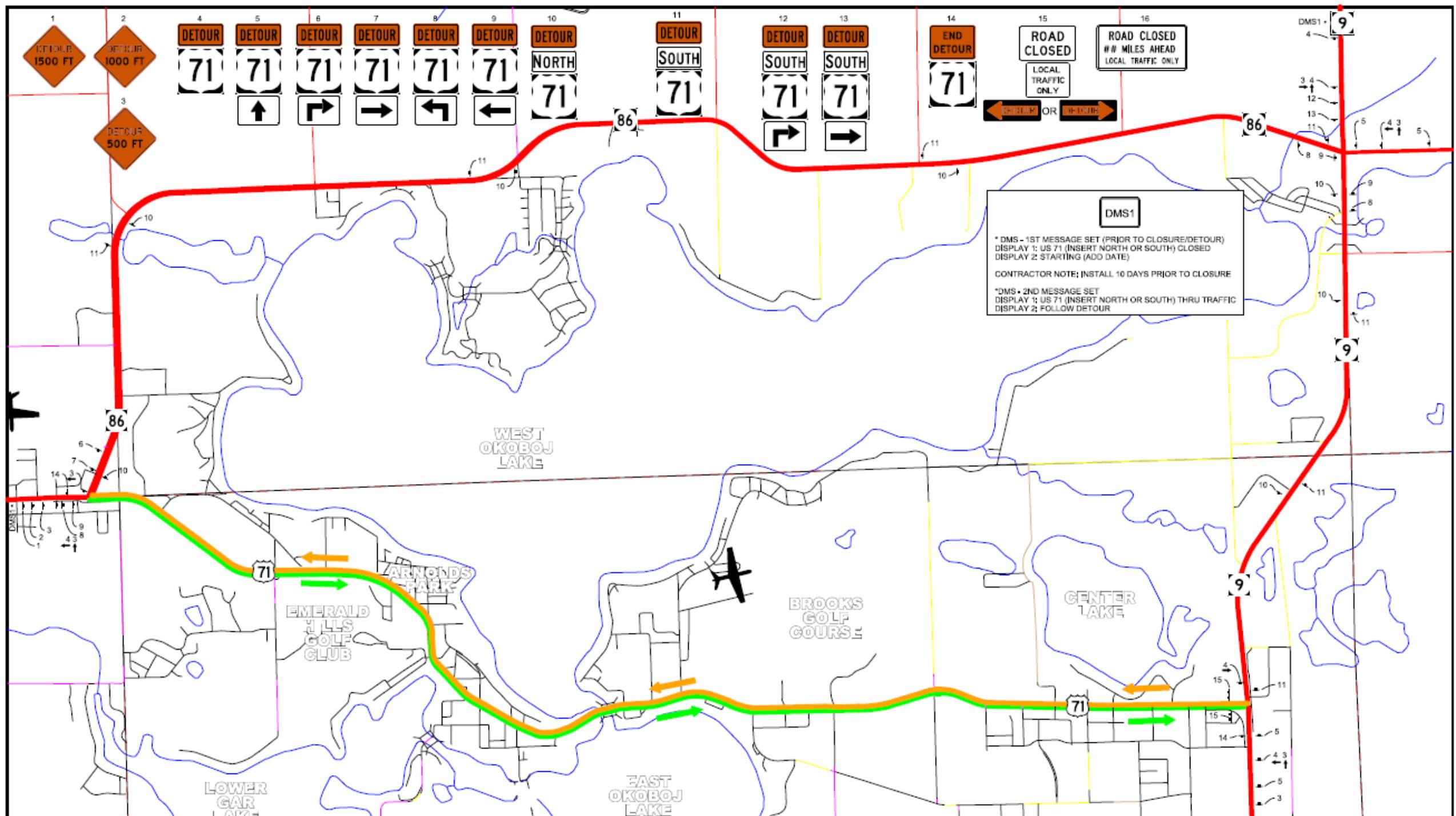
4 Cameras Placed Along Corridor with live video access





LAKES 71 RECONSTRUCTION

Stage 1 Spring 2023



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DMS1

* DMS - 1ST MESSAGE SET (PRIOR TO CLOSURE/DETOUR)
DISPLAY 1: US 71 (INSERT NORTH OR SOUTH) CLOSED
DISPLAY 2: STARTING (ADD DATE)

CONTRACTOR NOTE: INSTALL 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CLOSURE

*DMS - 2ND MESSAGE SET
DISPLAY 1: US 71 (INSERT NORTH OR SOUTH) THRU TRAFFIC
DISPLAY 2: FOLLOW DETOUR

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LAKE

EMERALD
HILLS
GOLF
CLUB

ARNOLD'S
PARK

WEST
OKOBOJ
LAKE

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OKOBOJ
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BROOKS
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Stage 1 – Critical Intersections for Access

Okoboji Grove Road

Benit Drive

Lake Street

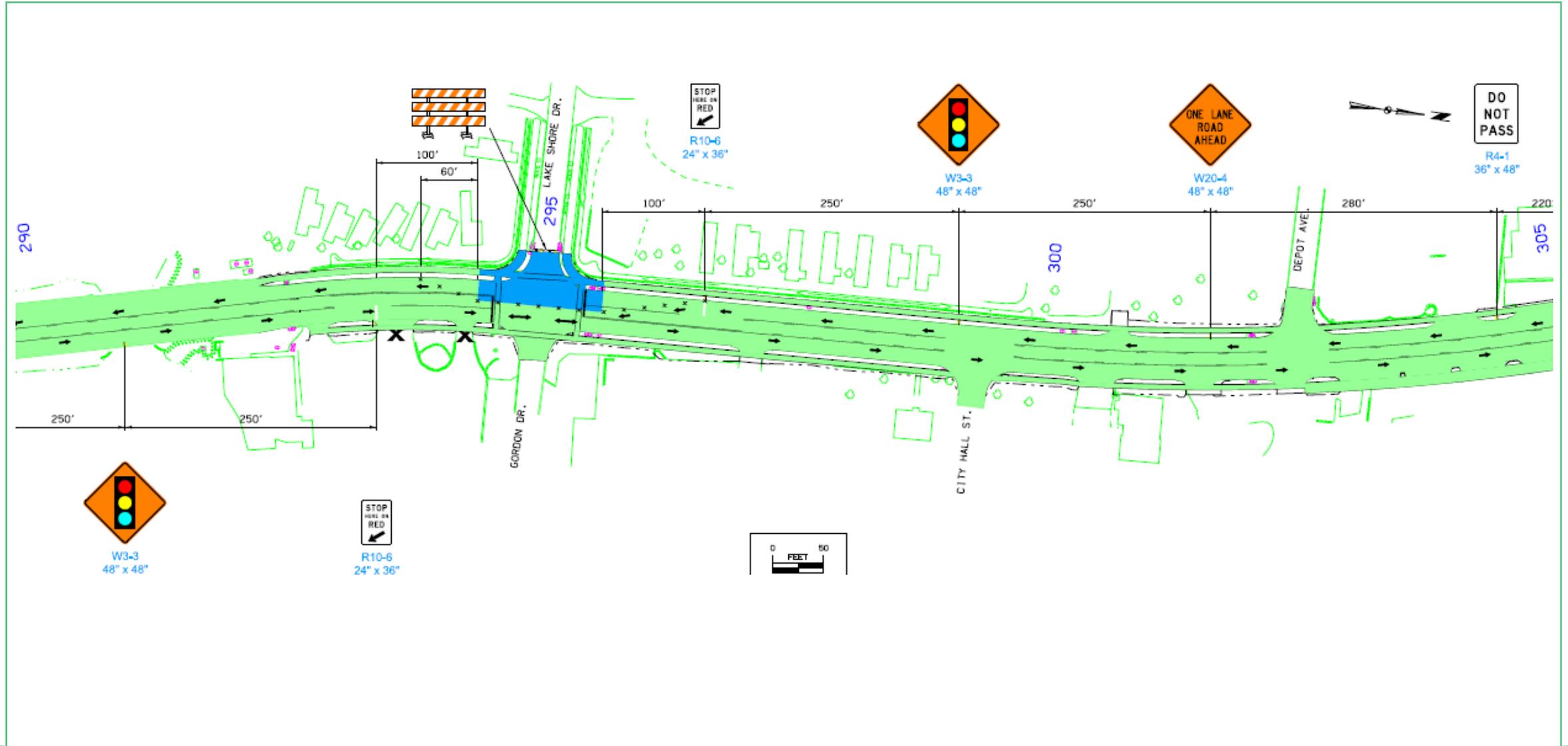
Dam Road

Ackley

Lake Shore Drive

Sandborn

Extensive Use of Portable Signals





LAKES 71 RECONSTRUCTION

Stage 2 Fall 2023

Major Work

- September 5th Start
- September 18th
Causeway (28) days
- Arnolds Park
 - Broadway & Linden
- Okoboji
 - Mainline



In It Together Stage 2

- Kick Off Meeting
- Okobojo Web Site
- Arnolds Park Web Site
- Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce
- Envelope Stuffer

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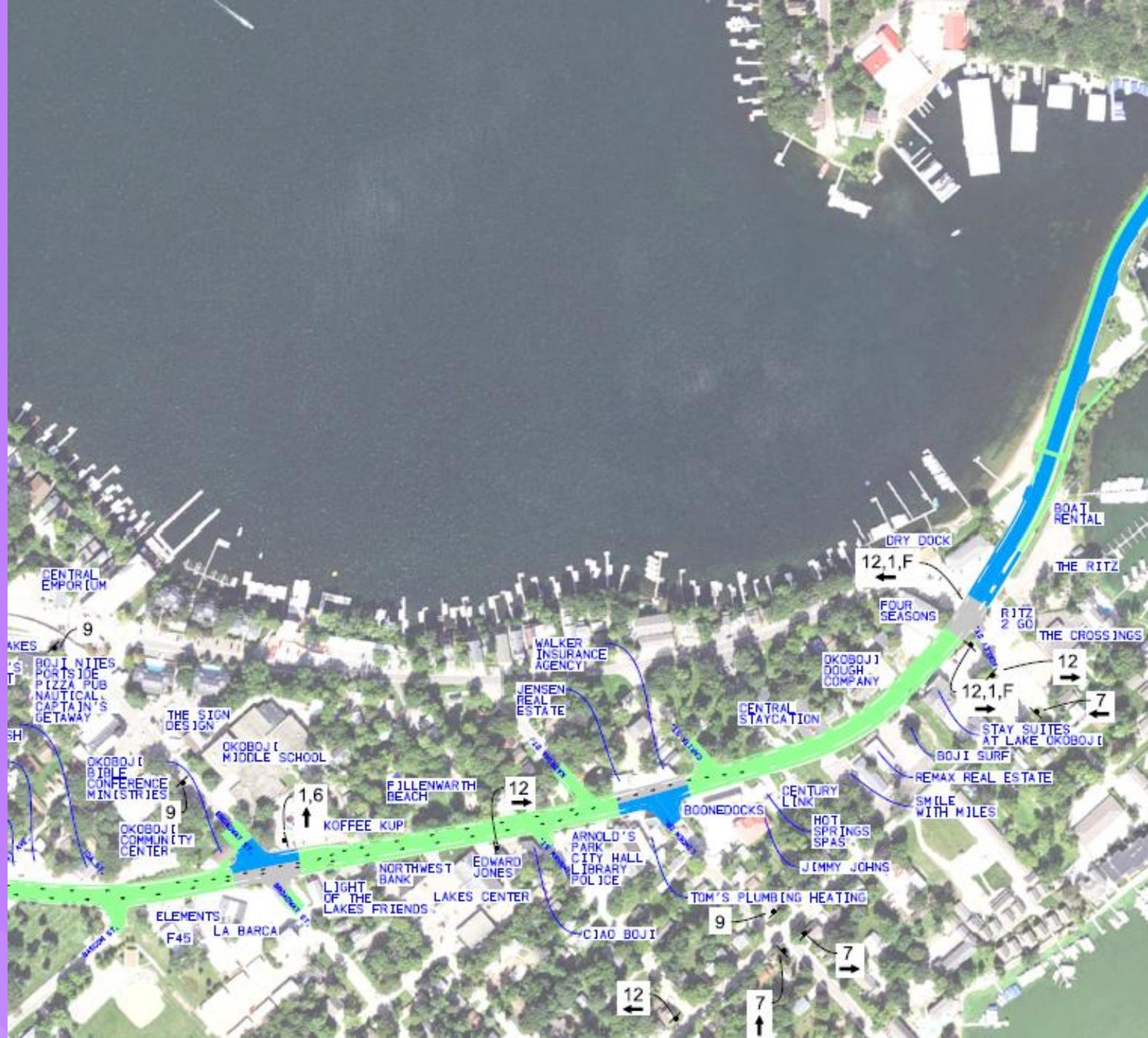
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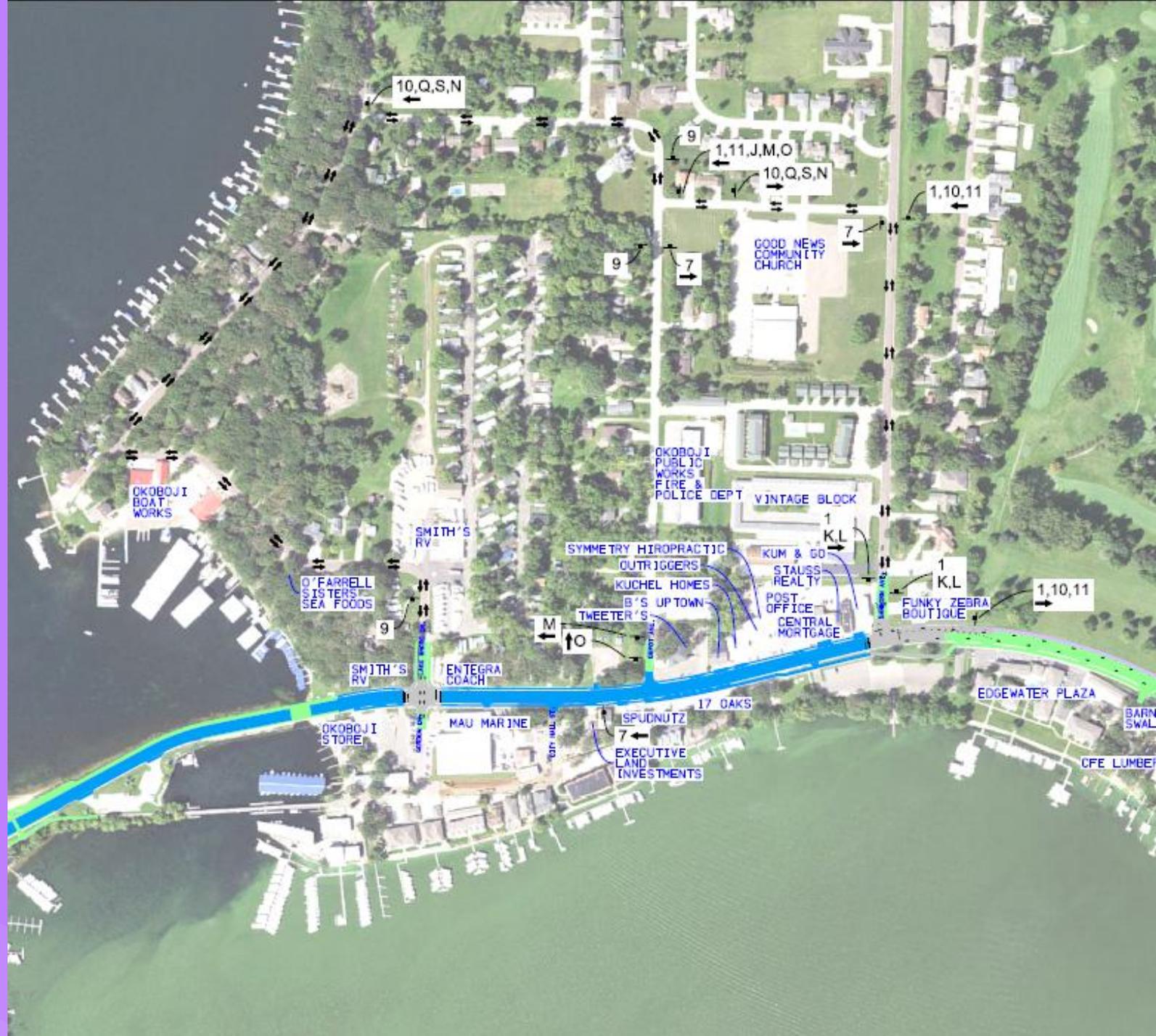
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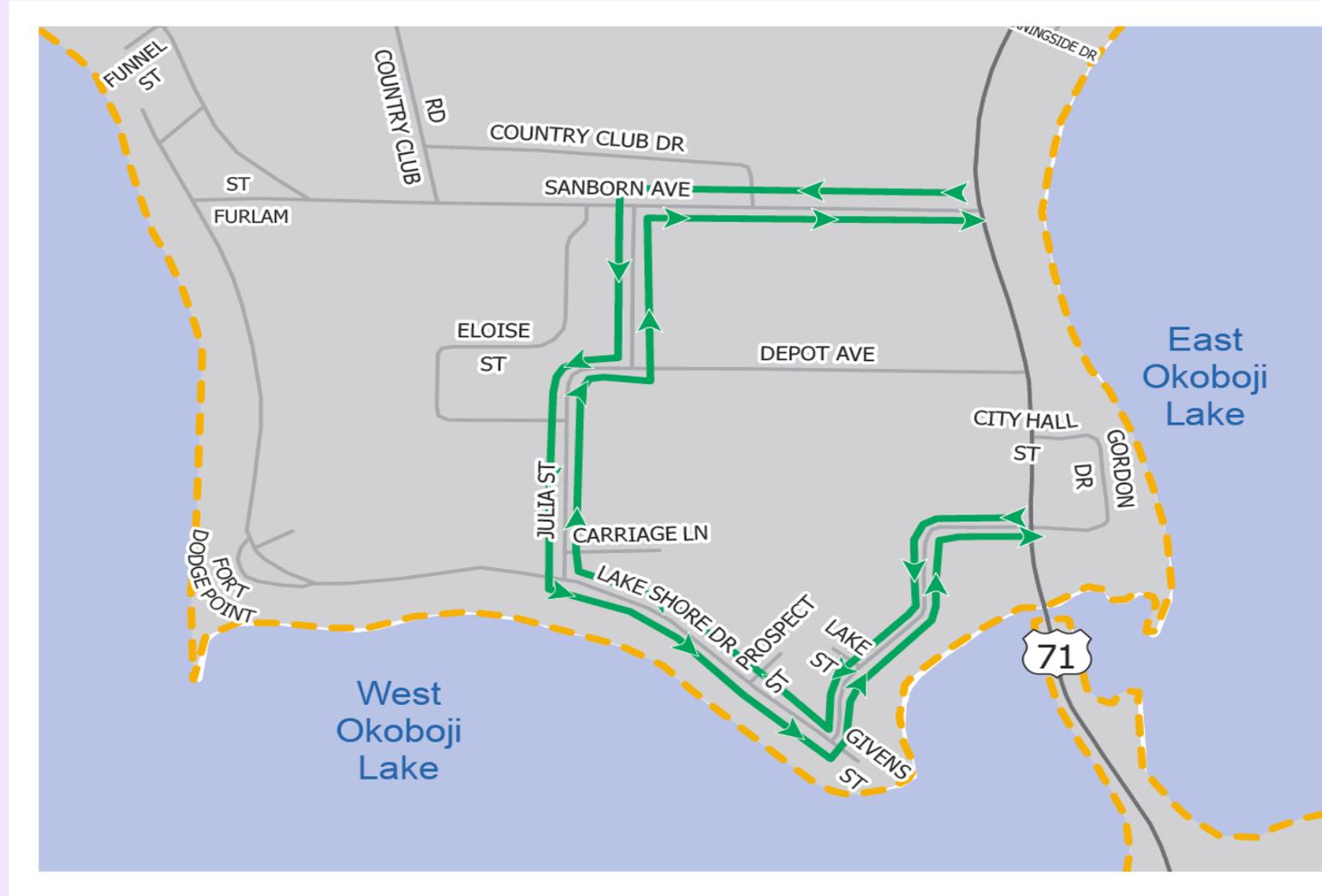
Major Work

- September 5th Start
- September 18th
Causeway (28) days
- Arnolds Park
 - Broadway & Linden
- Okoboji
 - Mainline Causeway to Sandborn



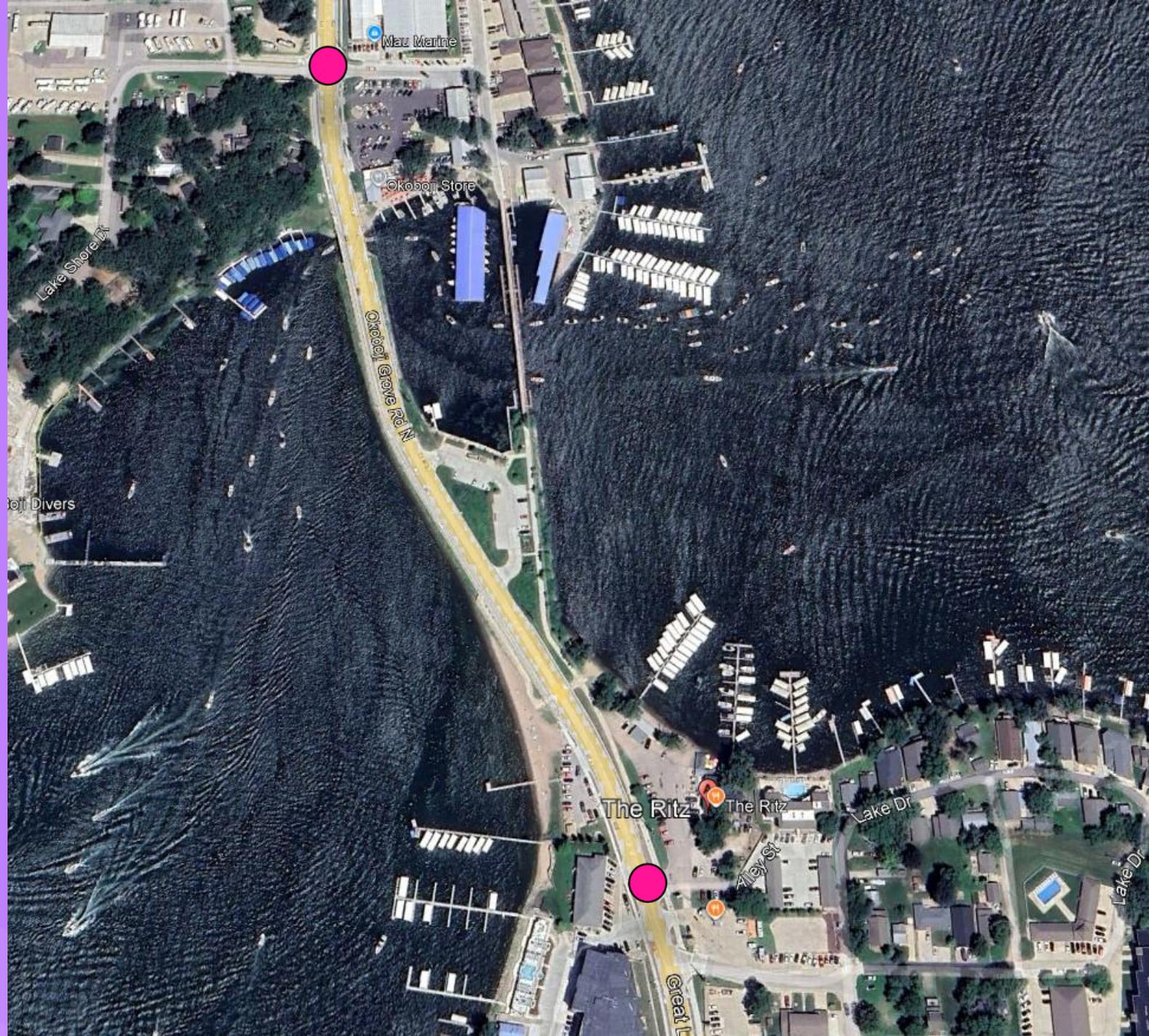
Major Work

- Mainline Causeway to Sandborn
- Local Access Detour
- Overlap with Causeway Work



Causeway

- September 18 Start
- Akley to Sandborn Intersections
- 28 Days - \$20k/day
- Must Maintain Emergency Access 24/7
- Site is Complete when returned to 2-way traffic
- Barrier could be completed later
- 18 mile detour



11 Days

\$340,000

Priceless





Contractor Drive

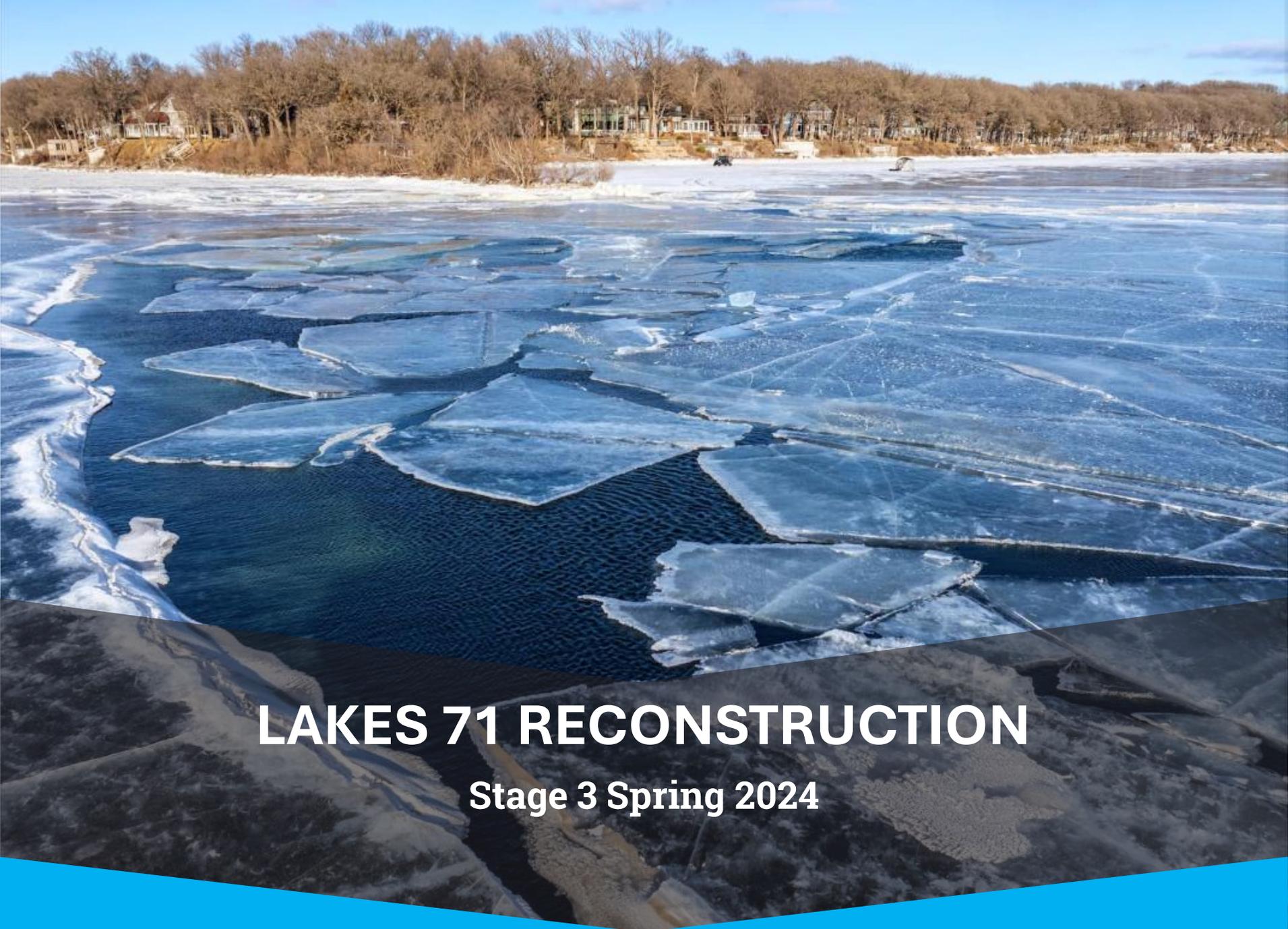


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LAKES 71 RECONSTRUCTION

Stage 3 Spring 2024

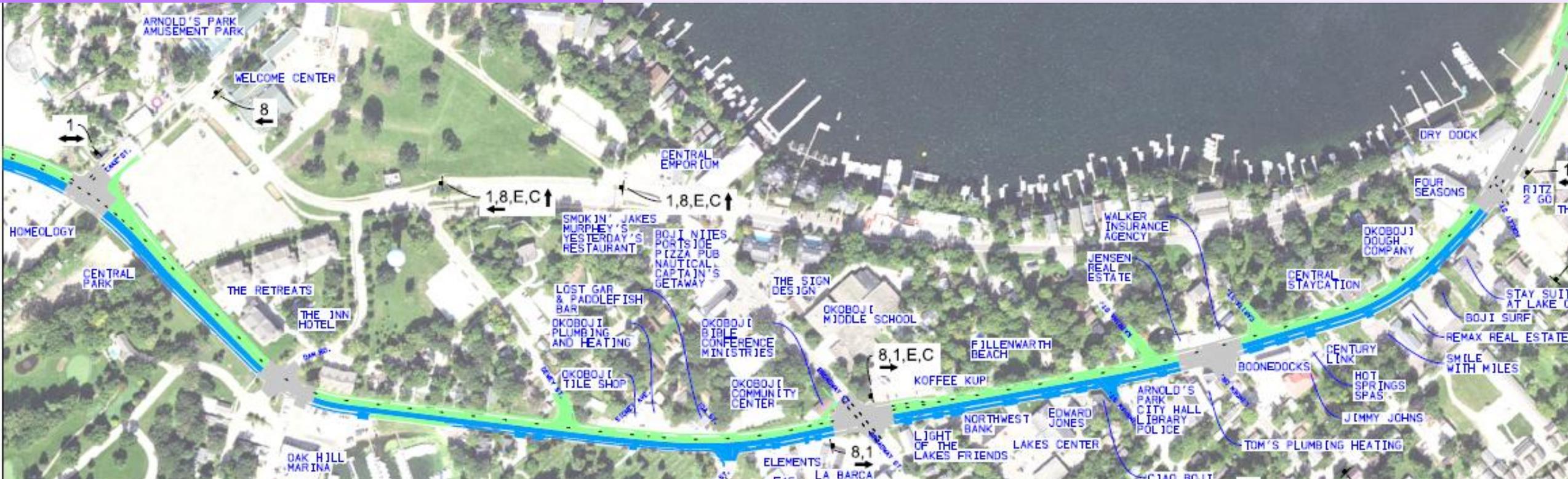
In It Together Stage 3

- Kick Off Meeting
- Okoboji Web Site
- Arnolds Park Web Site
- Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce
- Envelope Stuffer



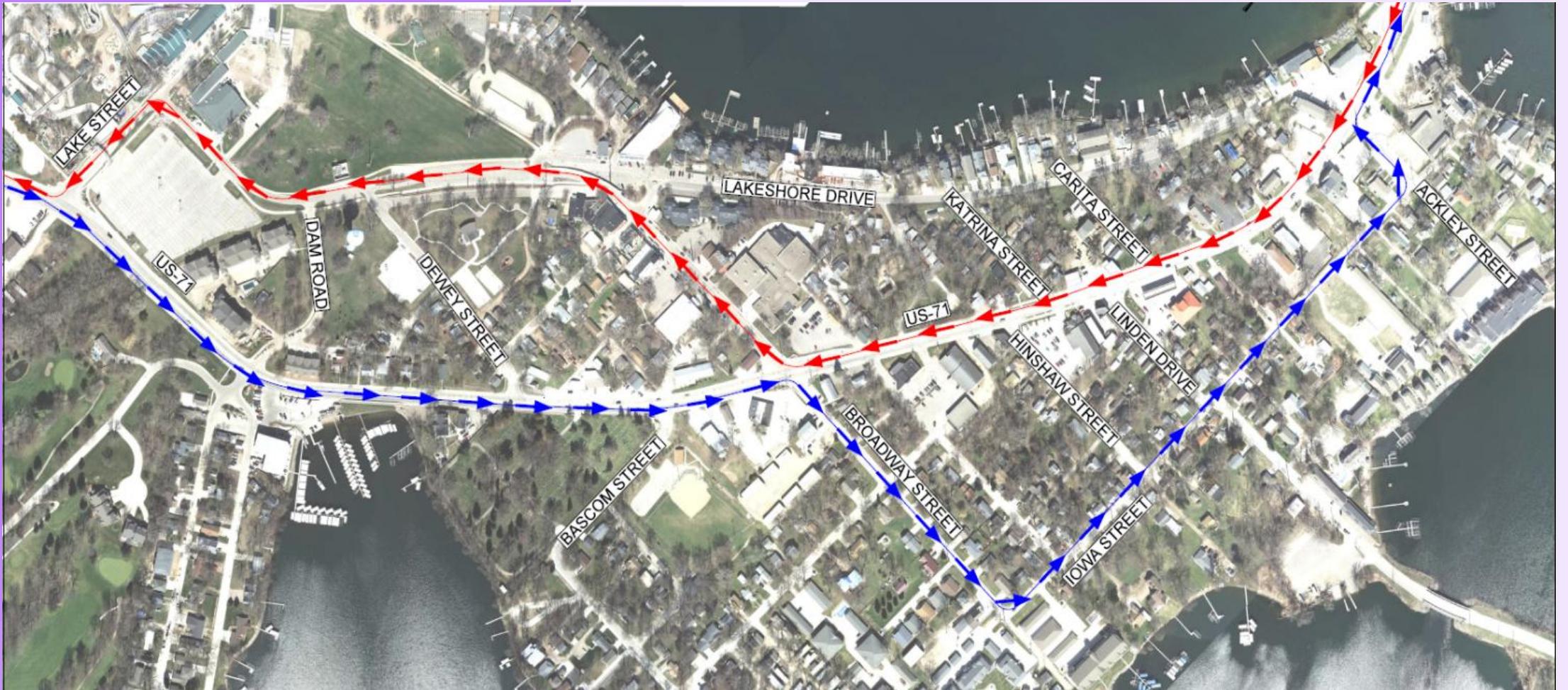
- Arnolds Park – Pave NB
- Local Access Using Intersections
- Detour US 71 (Broadway – Iowa – Ackley)

Major Work



- Allowed one side to be detoured
- Give Contractor Room
- Not overwhelm side Streets

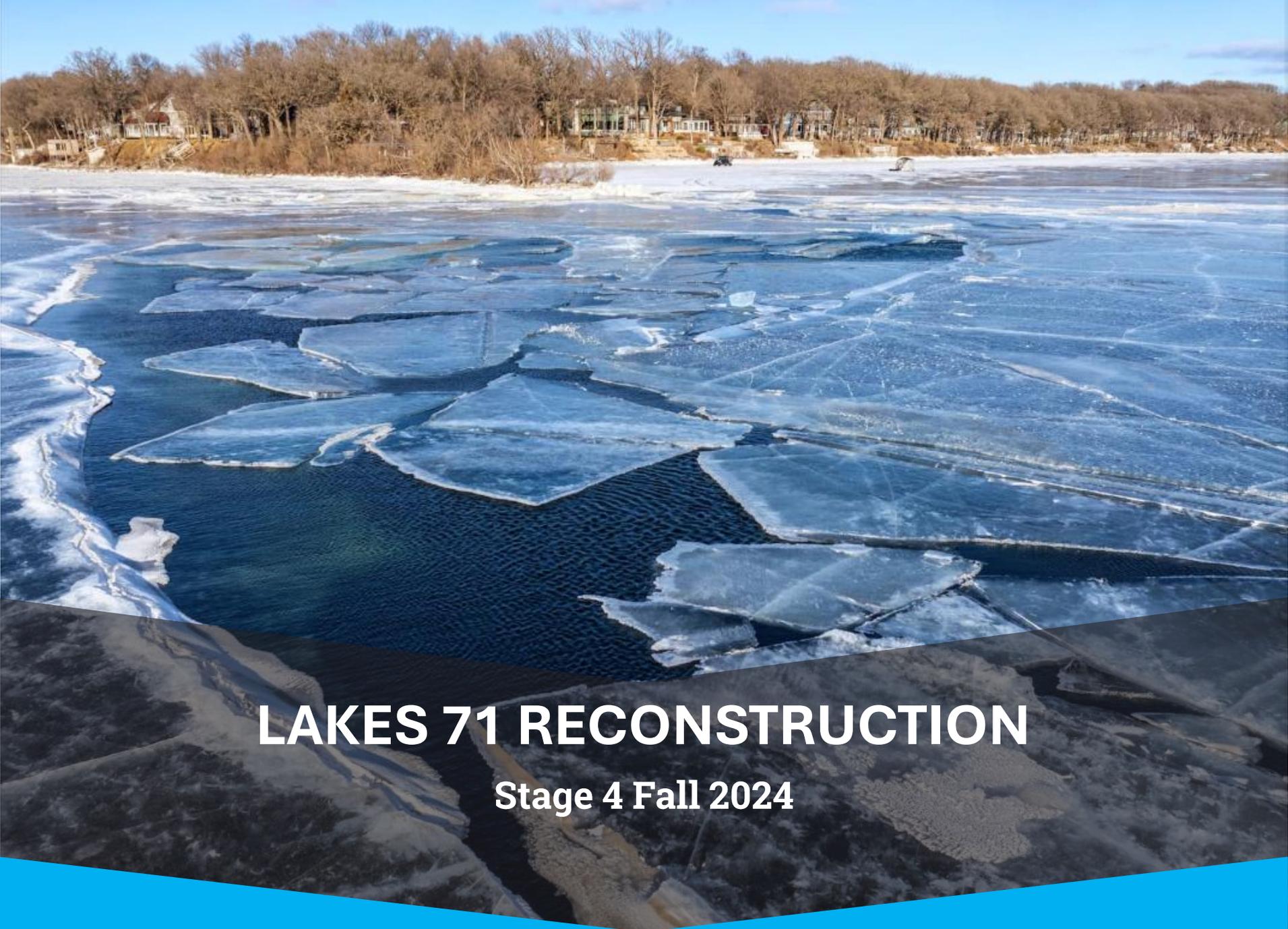
Detour US 71 by Stage



- Okoboji – Pave NB
 - Signals

Major Work





LAKES 71 RECONSTRUCTION

Stage 4 Fall 2024

In It Together Stage 4

- Kick Off Meeting
- Okoboji Web Site
- Arnolds Park Web Site
- Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce
- Envelope Stuffer



- Arnolds Park – Pave SB
- Local Access Using Intersections
- Detour US 71 SB (Broadway – Lake)

Major Work



- Okoboji – Pave SB
 - Signals

Major Work



November 1 – Ribbon Cutting





340 Okoboji Grove Rd N

AT LAKE OKOBOJI

NEVER LAUGH AT
YOUR WIFE'S CHOICE
YOU MAY BE
STAYING HOME

Bees

LAKES 71 RECONSTRUCTION

Stage 5 Spring 2025

Clean Up

Job Done

ACPA National Award Winner

