








2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Online Mapping Results

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Overview

- An online mapping tool was available to the public to comment on multimodal issues within the SLATS Metropolitan Planning Area
 - Available via the Virtual Room www.slats2045lrtp.com
- Mapping issues include:
 -  Driving
 -  Public Transportation
 -  Bicycling
 -  Walking
 -  Other (such as development related issues, land use, etc.)
- Participants were asked to select, from a dropdown menu, a general category that described their issue, concern, or potential project
- Participants could provide optional, opened ended comments describing the concern

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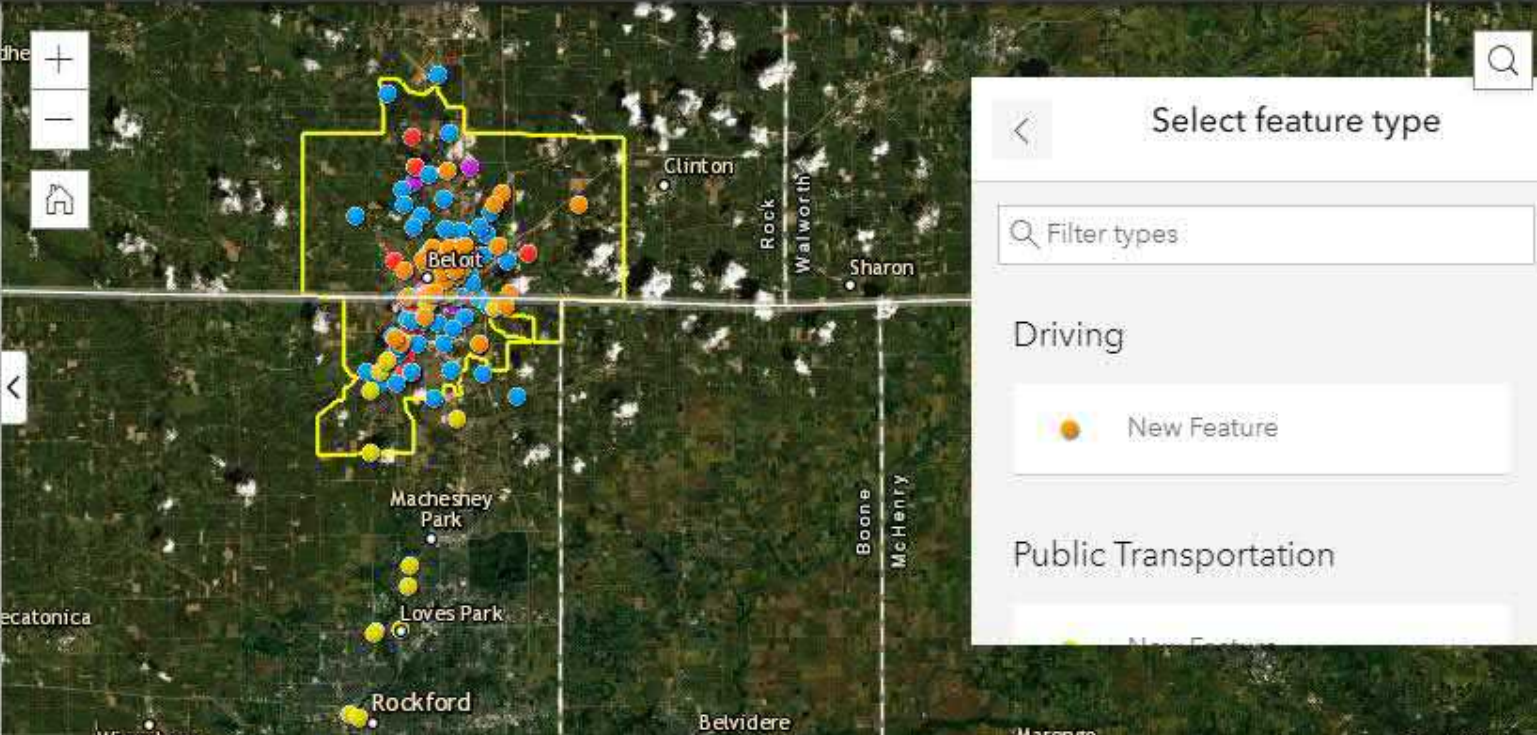
Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS)

2045 LRTP Issues Identification

Thank you for your participation!

Please follow these instructions to identify transportation related issues within the SLATS Metropolitan Planning Area:

1. Click on "Add feature" and scroll down to select Driving, Bicycling, Walking, Transit, or Other category.
2. Click on the map, or use the address search button, to identify the location of your concern (zoom in/out as needed).
3. From the Dropdown menu, select the **Concern** (required) that best describes your issue and use the **Description** box (optional) to provide details.
4. Click "Add" to record your response and repeat these steps to identify additional issues.








Online Mapping Summary

The following pages display the location of the markers, and corresponding comments (if provided). The first two maps show the location of all the markers placed on the maps. The following sections summarize the markers, by mode, and include a summary of comments.

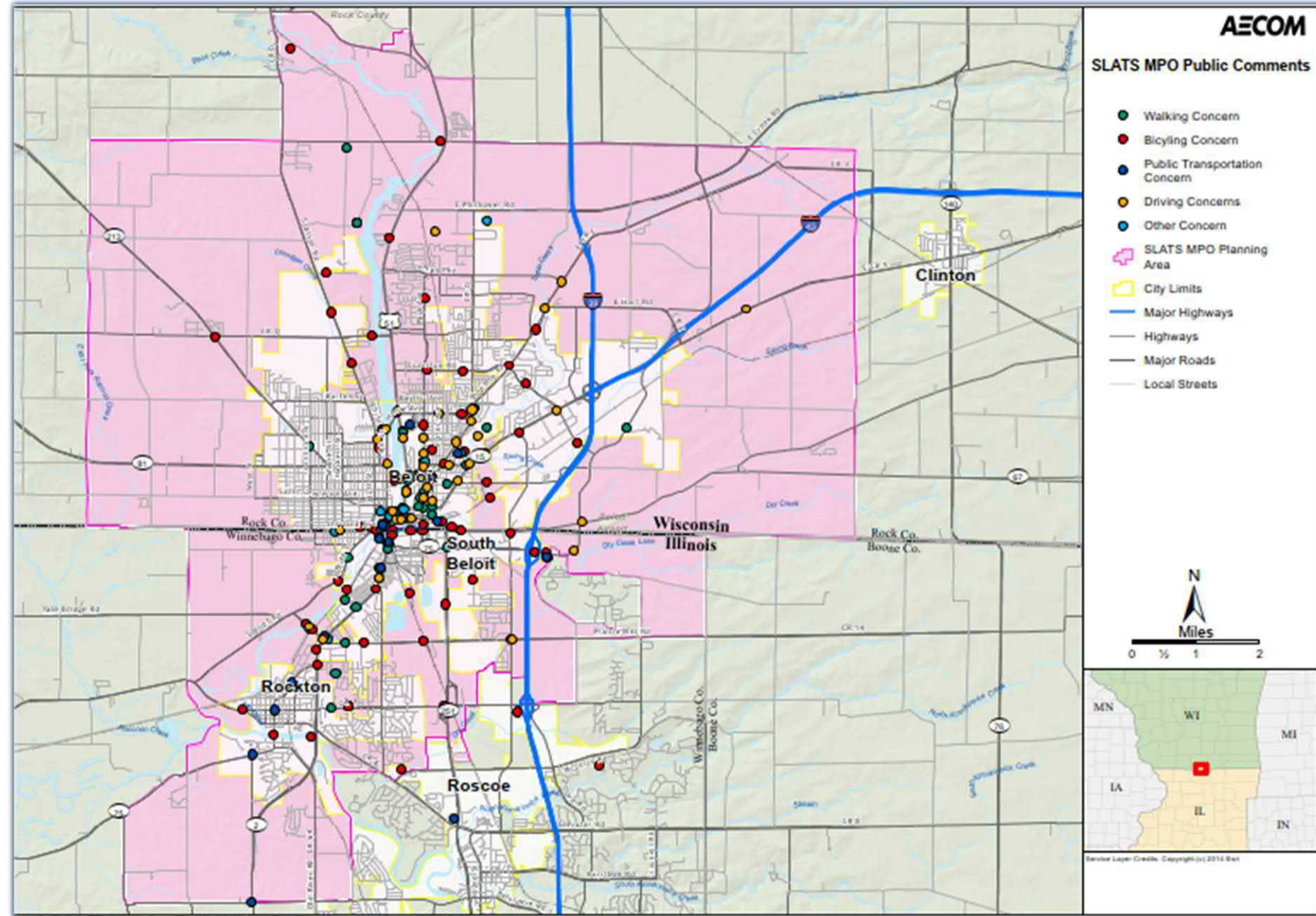
In total, **205 markers were placed on the maps** to identify issues, concerns, or potential projects within the SLATS region.

Location of All Issue Markers (markers placed on map)

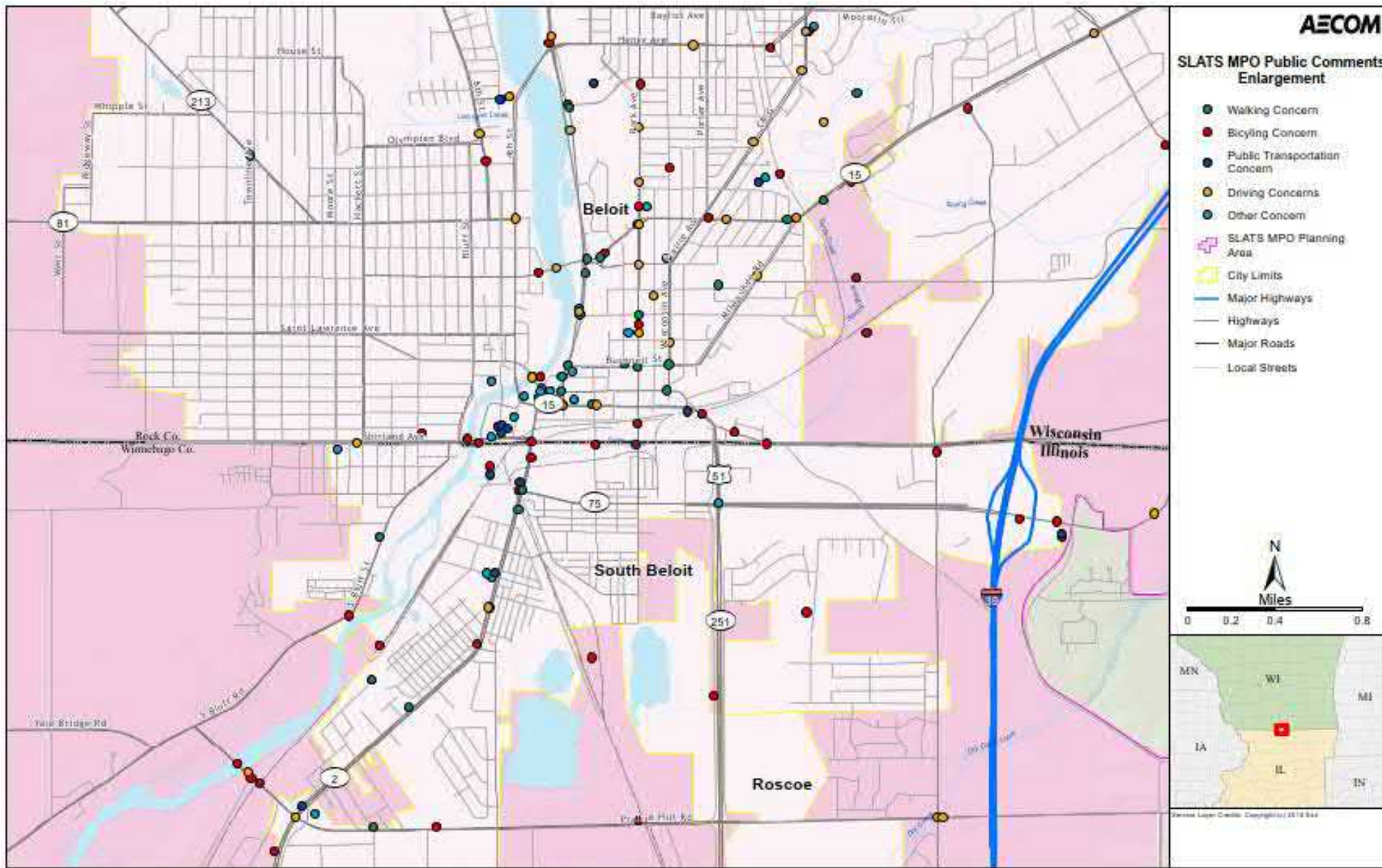
• Total (205)

-  Driving (39)
-  Public Transportation (27)
-  Bicycling (76)
-  Walking (44)
-  Other (19)

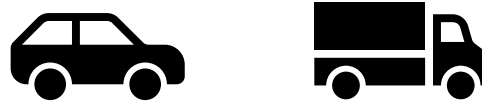
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Location of All Issue Markers (zoom in of downtown Beloit)



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Driving Markers (39)

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**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Driving Concerns**

- New roadway connection needed
- Travel speeds are too fast
- Too many access points along road
- Truck/Freight
- Safety concern
- Other

+ SLATS MPO Planning Area

City Limits

Major Highways

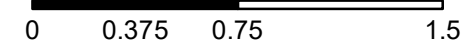
Highways

Major Roads

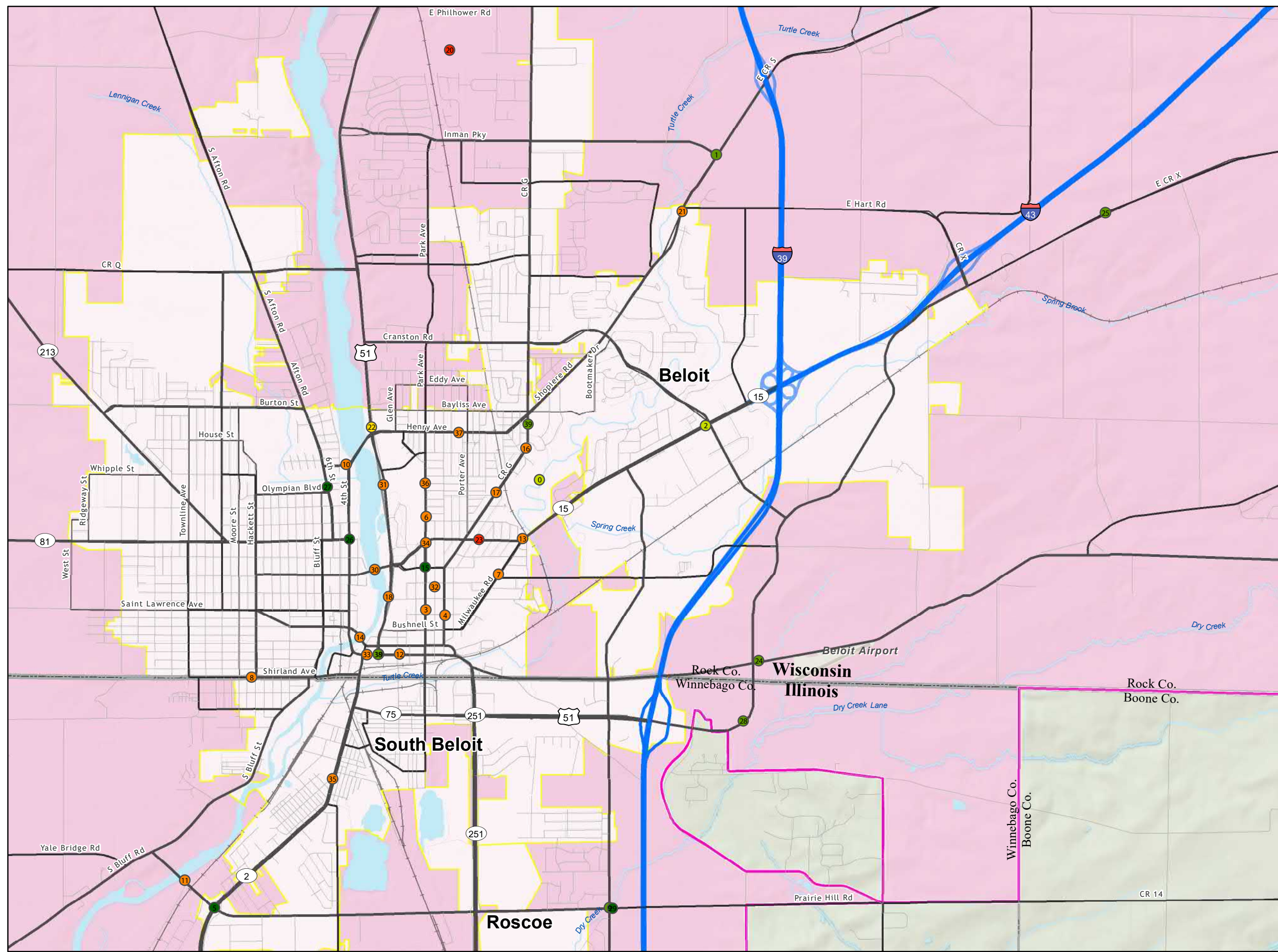
Streets



Miles



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  **Driving Marker Open-Ended Comments** (page 1 of 3)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
1	Safety concern	please add roundabout
2	Truck/Freight	There are way too many trucks on Hwy 81 traversing through Beloit's Residential neighborhoods. WI State Hwy 81 needs to be relocated; These trucks cause congestion and speeds on Milwaukee Rd. from Lee Lane to the White Ave./Milwaukee Rd. are excessive.
3	Travel speeds are too fast	Drivers speed down road like there's no tomorrow
4	Travel speeds are too fast	Very loud to live on this street with all the road noise
5	Other	Hard to gauge oncoming traffic when making a left here
6	Travel speeds are too fast	Cars go pretty fast in this stretch
7	Travel speeds are too fast	Lots of speeding cars, right between a park and school
8	Travel speeds are too fast	Cars go fast here
9	Safety concern	Hard to tell if right turners are supposed to stop or not. I think this intersection might be too wide
11	Travel speeds are too fast	Fast speeds make it hard to turn in or out of the driveway
12	Travel speeds are too fast	Broad street is just too broad. Cars fly down it.
15	Other	Unnecessary traffic signal. Please consider stop signs or, better yet, a roundabout to slow traffic and to keep it moving.

  **Driving Marker Open-Ended Comments** (page 2 of 3)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
18	Travel speeds are too fast	This short stretch of highway from White Ave to Public St is turned into an impromptu racetrack for some.
19	Truck/Freight	The fact that truck routes run through the downtown core prevent and hamper us as a city from creatively programming our downtown.
21	Travel speeds are too fast	The stretch of Shopiere south of the interstate to Cranston is treated poorly by drivers as they usually disobey posted speeds.
22	Too many access points along road	There is a large amount of cross-highway traffic accessing the fast food restaurants and other commercial businesses at this spot.
23	New roadway connection needed	This stretch of White would be ideal for a larger boulevard similar to Riverside Dr.
24	Safety concern	This is becoming a more heavily trafficked intersection and could utilize some improvements.
25	Safety concern	Improved signage at this intersection as it is a bit of a blind turn due to road slope.
26	Other	This intersection should be redesign to improve flow.
27	Other	Lane markings are very confusing through this stretch of road.
28	Safety concern	Road here is so wide with relatively little traffic that's it confusing for some drivers - I've seen multiple drivers on the wrong side of the road in this stretch here.
29	Other	A roundabout here could be nice
30	Travel speeds are too fast	People race across the bridge here

  **Driving Marker Open-Ended Comments** (page 3 of 3)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
31	Travel speeds are too fast	Cars are really loud, making this stretch of the park not very pleasant to walk on
32	Travel speeds are too fast	Drivers like to go fast down Harrison
33	Travel speeds are too fast	Too much traffic noise downtown makes it kind of unpleasant to be there
34	Travel speeds are too fast	Seems like cars go way to fast rrough this interseciton, making it hard for other road users
35	Travel speeds are too fast	Keep the kids safe by reducing driving speeds during school dropoff/pickup hours.
38	Safety concern	The need for a dedicated turn signal on Broad Street for those turning north onto Pleasant Street is crucial. Blind spots are abundant here for those making a turn.
39	Safety concern	Lack of pavement markings allows drivers to create multiple lanes of traffic



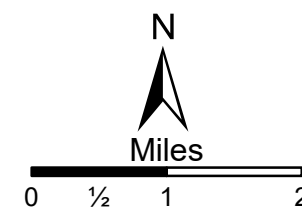
Bicycling Markers (76)

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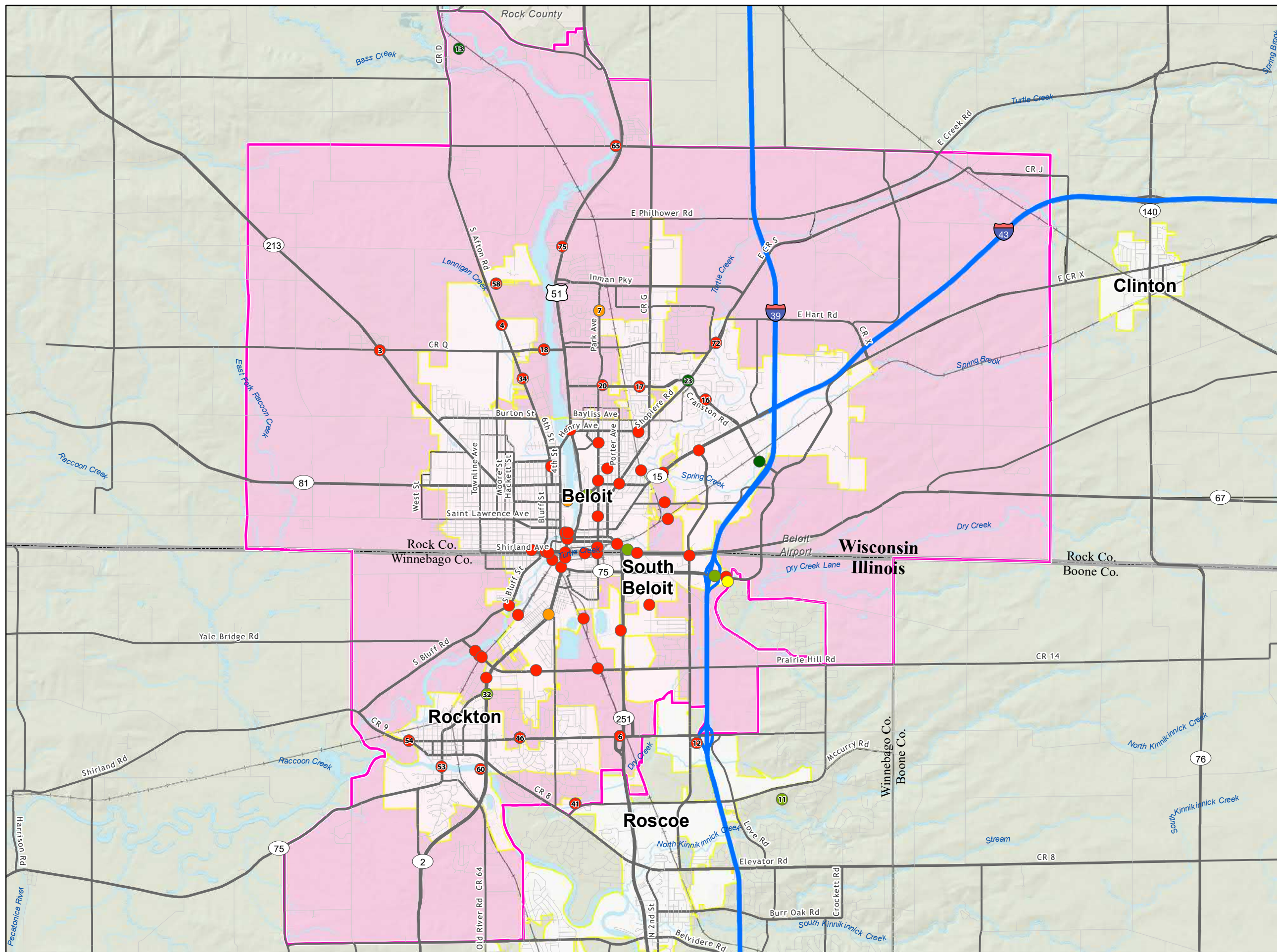
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**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Bicycle Concerns**

- Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane
- Address a safety issue (describe)
- Add bike rack parking
- Terrain makes it difficult to bike
- Other
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- City Limits
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- Highways
- Major Roads
- Streets

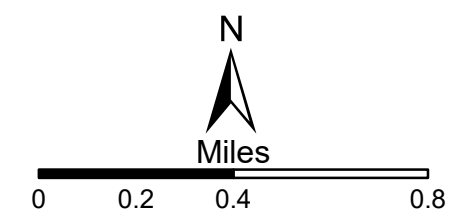


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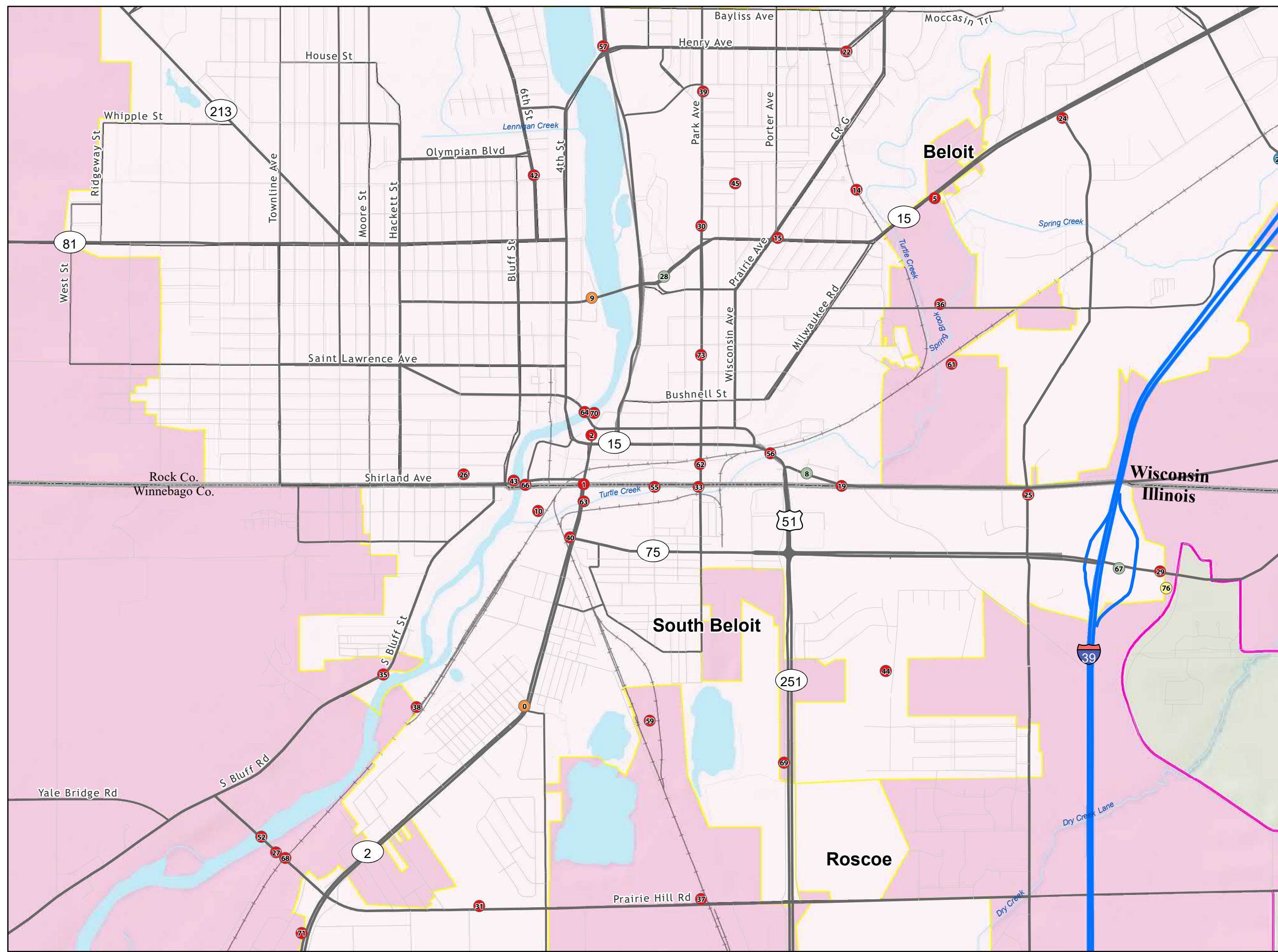


**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Bicycle Concerns
(Downtown Beloit)**

- Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane
- Address a safety issue (describe)
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Bicycle Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 1 of 5)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
3	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Reduce speed to 45 mph and add bike lanes Newark to Burton, both directions
4	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Complete link for Peace Trail off road path from Big Hill Park into City of Beloit
5	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Connect a bike trail along Milwaukee Rd from White Ave to Fruzen Middle School
6	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Connect Rockton Rd bike path to Stone Bridge Trail
7	Address a safety issue (describe)	Park Ave from Inman to Elmwood needs offroad path or bike lanes on road
8	Terrain makes it difficult to bike	Manchester St is in such disrepair that potholes make cycling dangerous
9	Address a safety issue (describe)	Have street sweeper in Beloit more frequently clean existing bike lanes in Beloit
10	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Connect bike path behind new stadium in Beloit to Nature at the Confluence in South Beloit
11	Terrain makes it difficult to bike	Narrow road, limited road shoulder, high traffic area. kids and adults use the Ledges Pool and Golf Course
12	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike path ends by Walmart. Needs to at least connect to the Stone Bridge Trail. Also should extend to NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus 5605 E. Rockton Road. Roscoe
13	Other	Pursue any opportunities to extend Peace Trail for multimodal connection between Janesville and Beloit
19	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Stateline Road is very narrow for cyclists and full of potholes for vehicular traffic



Bicycle Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 2 of 5)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
21	Other	Street Sweeper needs to keep bike lanes clear of debris more frequently on Cranston Rd. to Gateway Blvd.
22	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Put a bike lane on Shopiere Rd Cranston Rd.
23	Other	Do a Road Diet on Shopiere Rd. (from 4 lanes to 2 lanes) up to where the bike lane starts on Shopiere.
24	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Willowbrook Rd. needs a Road Diet to go from 3 lanes to 2 lanes with a bike lane on each side of the Rd.
25	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Willowbrook needs a Road Diet with bike lanes on both sides of the Road all the way south to Mc Curry Rd.
26	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Shirland needs a Road Diet to go from 3 lanes to 2 lanes with bike lanes on both sides of the Road
27	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Major employer (Chemtool) with no good way to bike there
28	Terrain makes it difficult to bike	Lots of debris in the bike lanes here
29	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	A way to bike to the van galder bus stop could be nice to access transportation outside the region
30	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Good bike lanes along park avenue could be nice, it seems like this road is a lot wider than it needs to be
31	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike path should be extended west to end of prairie hill road
32	Terrain makes it difficult to bike	Should be a way to cross IL-251 on a bike here to connect neighborhoods to downtown rockton



Bicycle Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 3 of 5)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
33	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	This could be a good north/south route to connect wisconsin and illinois
34	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	No good route from here to big hill
35	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Create bike path on W side of the rock river to go north and south
36	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Could be nice to have bike facilities along colely to get city offices in this area
37	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Extend stone bridge trail to south beloit city park
38	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike trail from Beloit to Rockton along the rail corridor
41	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Connect Kelley Meyers park NE to stone bridge trail
43	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	A bike lane across river on Shirland Avenue would be nice
44	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike path to connect neighborhoods
45	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike lanes on wisconsin
46	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Rockton Road bike lanes would be nice to connect stone bridge to downtown rockton
47	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Rockton Road bike lanes would be nice to connect stone bridge to downtown rockton



Bicycle Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 4 of 5)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
48	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Rockton Road bike side path would be nice to connect stone bridge to downtown rockton
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50	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Rockton Road bike side path would be nice to connect stone bridge to downtown rockton
51	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Rockton Road bike side path would be nice to connect stone bridge to downtown rockton
52	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike/pedestrian access when this bridge is replaced
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54	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike/pedestrian access when the bridge is repalced
55	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	There's been talk about repairing this bridge for bikes for years - Would be nice if it could happen
56	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike/pedestrian access when the bridge is rebuilt
57	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Extend bike trial north along highway 51 to janesville
58	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike trail along this road to big hill park trail
59	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Connect south beloit city park to the bike network



Bicycle Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 5 of 5)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
60	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Bike/pedestrian bridge over rock river to the sports complex
61	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	There needs to be bike lanes in the College Park neighborhood and a traffic light on the corner of Park and Bushnell
62	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	The pathways for cyclists to travel from South Beloit into Beloit near and around downtown Beloit are dangerous and need signage and lanes.
63	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	This is a dangerous narrow area for bicyclists and needs a lane, pathway or signage in both directions between Beloit and South Beloit
64	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike lanes to bridge across rock river
65	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike path over rock river as part of next bridge rebuild
66	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Extend riverside bike trail further south along the rock river - Would be great if this could connect with the trail in Rockford
67	Terrain makes it difficult to bike	Add bike lanes over I-90 to get to Van Galder Stop
68	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike lanes/side path under the railway bridge
69	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	A bike path along 251 could be a good asset to a network that extends south.
70	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Extend the riverwalk south through downtown
71	Improve/Extend a bike trail or on-street lane	Add bike sidepath along 2



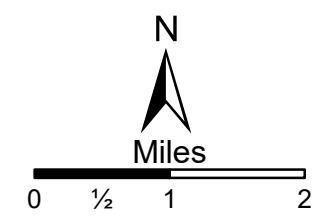
Walking Markers (44)

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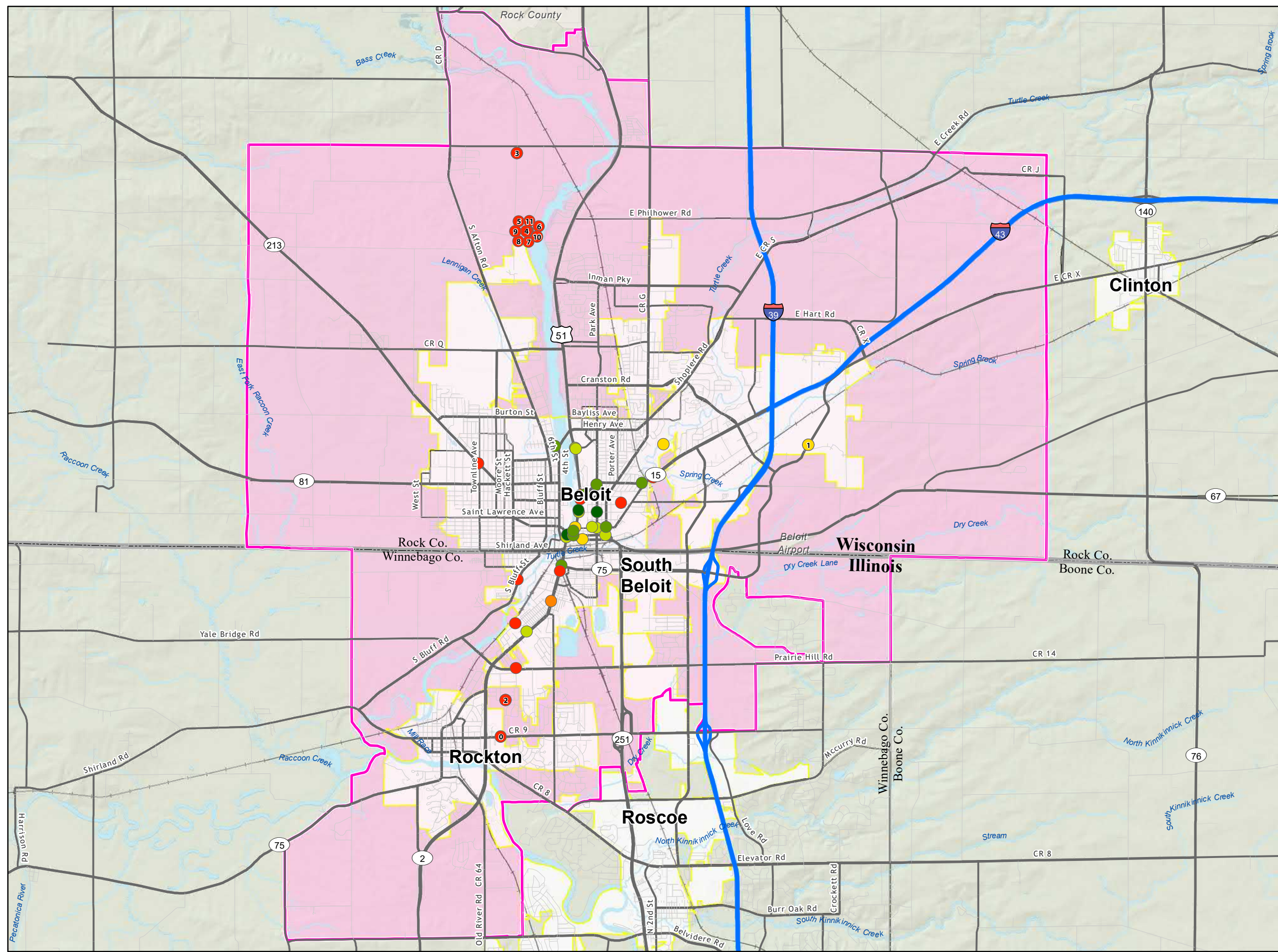
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**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Pedestrian Concerns**

- Extend or add sidewalk
- Improve existing sidewalk
- Terrain makes walking difficult
- Address safety issue
- Provide more time to cross street
- Other
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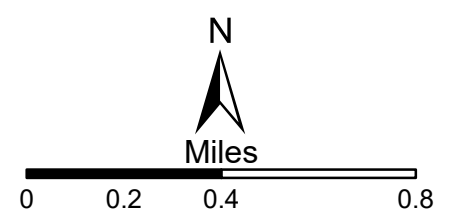


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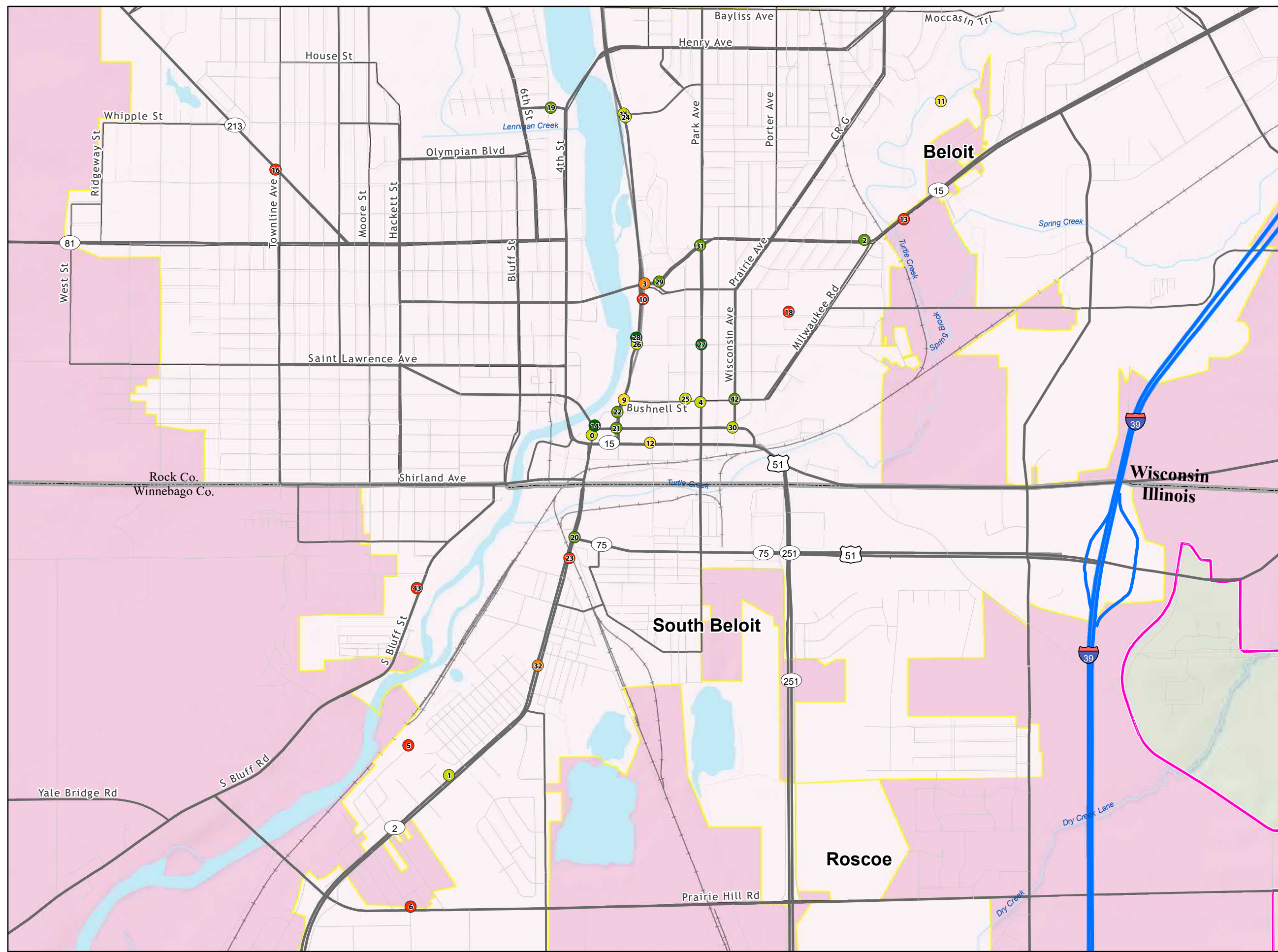


**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Pedestrian Concerns
(Downtown)**

- Extend or add sidewalk
- Improve existing sidewalk
- Terrain makes walking difficult
- Address safety issue
- Provide more time to cross street
- Other
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Walking Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 1 of 4)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
0	Address safety issue	Restrict and enforce NO BICYCLES on downtown Beloit sidewalks...danger to pedestrians
1	Address safety issue	No sidewalks in this area of 251 - I see kids walking to school right next to traffic going 50+mph
2	Provide more time to cross street	Crosswalk was removed here when they repaved the road
3	Improve existing sidewalk	Missing a pedestrian signal on east side
4	Address safety issue	Hard to cross the street here - crosswalk is faded, and cars don't stop, despite this being right between a part and a school
5	Extend or add sidewalk	Could add sidewalk through american legion park to connect neighborhoods
6	Extend or add sidewalk	No sidewalk on N side of prairie hill road right next to school
7	Extend or add sidewalk	limited sidewalks in vicinity of school
8	Terrain makes walking difficult	Hard to cross the street to get to the park on the other side
9	Terrain makes walking difficult	Would be nice to have a way to cross the street on foot here instead of having to walk down to the traffic light
10	Extend or add sidewalk	No Sidewalk on east side of street
11	Terrain makes walking difficult	A pedestrian bridge over some part of the turtle creek here could be nice for recreation



Walking Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 2 of 4)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
12	Terrain makes walking difficult	Wide street is hard to cross safely
13	Extend or add sidewalk	No sidewalk on east side of Milwaukee
14	Other	Traffic signals do not seem coordinated or in sync to allow pedestrians to cross when pressing the indicator button.
15	Address safety issue	This is an unsafe location for pedestrians to navigate across the highway.
19	Provide more time to cross street	Improve crossing for pedestrians/bicyclists
20	Provide more time to cross street	Need crossing improvements for pedestrians at this intersection
21	Provide more time to cross street	Automatically turn on crosswalk signals for pedestrians without having to hit a button city-wide
22	Provide more time to cross street	Start walk signal a couple of seconds before cars downtown like they do it bigger cities
24	Address safety issue	Cars don't stop very often for pedestrians here, need better traffic control or slower speeds to allow pedestrians to cross more easily.
25	Address safety issue	Plow sidewalks please
26	Address safety issue	Very hard to cross the street here as a pedestrian! Please add crosswalk
27	Other	Please paint the crosswalks across park ave more often - Paint has worn off



Walking Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 3 of 4)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
28	Other	Adding trees near this stretch of the riverwalk would make walking/biking more pleasant.
29	Provide more time to cross street	Add a cross-walk here to get to water tower park!
30	Address safety issue	Make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street here please
31	Provide more time to cross street	Seems like this is a hard intersection to cross on foot
32	Improve existing sidewalk	Improve the existing crosswalk for kids, currently there's no flashing lights here, just the signs
33	Extend or add sidewalk	Small gap in peace trail here - not the highest priority, but would be nice if it were connected
34	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
35	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
36	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
37	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
38	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
39	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap



Walking Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 4 of 4)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
40	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
41	Extend or add sidewalk	Connect peace trail gap
42	Provide more time to cross street	hard to cross on foot here with all the traffic
43	Extend or add sidewalk	Fix the sidewalk gap so kids can walk to school along bluff



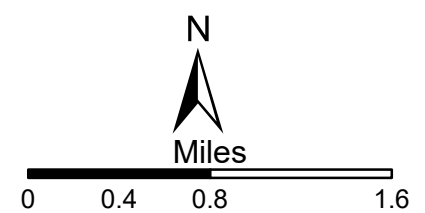
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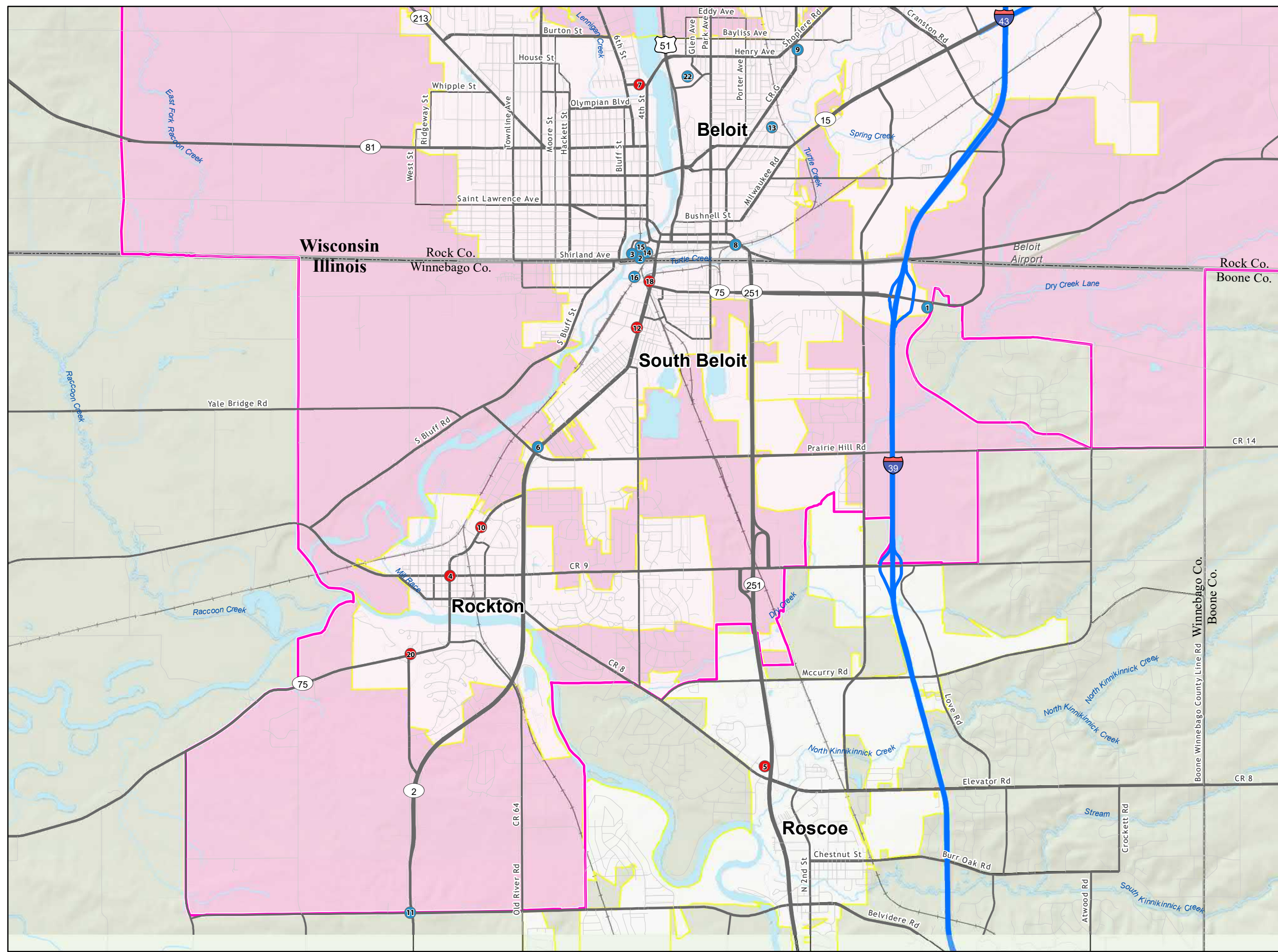
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SLATS MPO Public Comments Public Transportation Concerns

- Add bus stop here
- Other
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Public Transportation Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 1 of 2)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
0	Other	There is no transit transportation system in Edgerton. Edgerton needs public transportation for individuals that don't have access to transportation to get to things like jobs, appointments, groceries, etc.
1	Other	Bus times could better match Van Galder service to provide connectivity outside of the region
2	Other	Bus stop is just a tad bit too far outside of downtown
3	Other	Partner with the snappers to run bus routes after home games to reduce the amount of drunk driving after the game.
4	Add bus stop here	Consider service between beloit and Rockton
5	Add bus stop here	Bus service along 251 south to rockford
6	Other	Bus service along 2 south to rockford
7	Add bus stop here	With the construction of the new Boys & Girls Club, as well as the location of the Kolak Education Center; a bus stop is necessary here.
8	Other	The utilization of local rail for an intra-city streetcar, etc. would add significant character to the region.
9	Other	Increase bus service frequencies city-wide
10	Add bus stop here	Major employer, would be good to have access for jobs for folks from Beloit without a car
11	Other	Add bus route (similar to beloit-janesville express) that connects down IL-2 to downtown rockford

 **Public Transportation Marker Open-Ended Comments** (page 2 of 2)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
12	Add bus stop here	Could be a good stop on a route that goes through south beloit with the businesses and services (post office, library) located in the vicinity
13	Other	Provide evening bus routes to place like piggly wiggly
14	Other	Add a monthly bus pass option for frequent users - currently it's a regressive system for those with less
15	Other	Transportation is a basic need for people in Beloit - bus service should be free like our public parking is
16	Other	Connect and re-introduce trolley to Rockford trolley used by the park district as a viable transportation option.
17	Add bus stop here	Connect to rockford with a bus service from beloit
18	Add bus stop here	Bus stop near nature at the confluence
22	Other	monthly or annual bus pass option



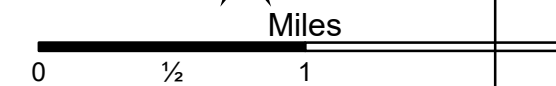
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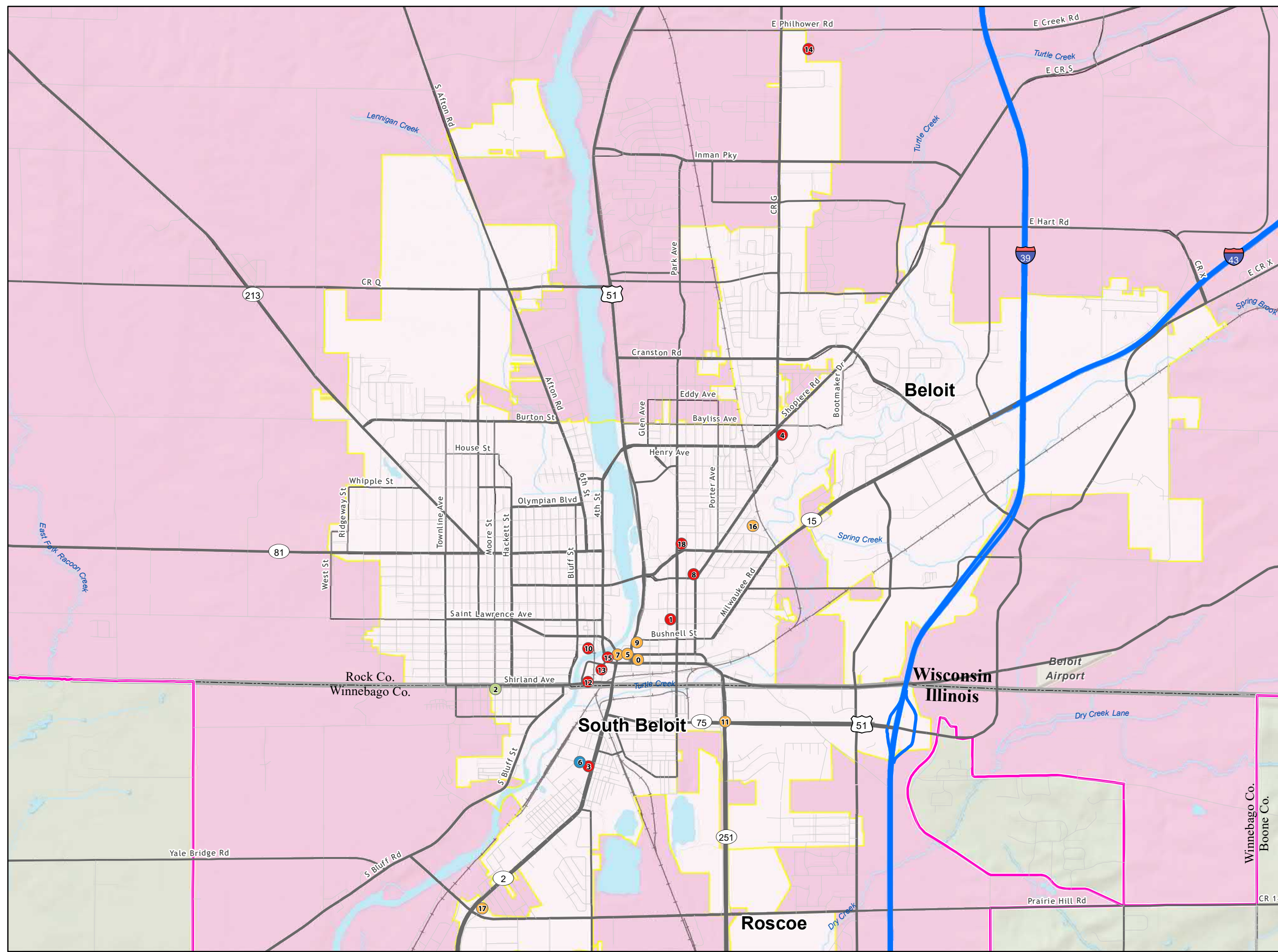
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**SLATS MPO Public Comments
Other Concerns**

- Land use/Development related issue
- Economic development opportunity
- Transportation related issue (not previously covered by other options)
- Other
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 Other Marker Open-Ended Comments (page 1 of 2)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
0	Economic development opportunity	Underutilized Parking
1	Land use/Development related issue	Plan and implement ideas that will encourage and enable people to ride bicycles or walk, rather than rely solely on motor vehicles
2	Transportation related issue (not previously covered by other options)	Streets seem a lot wider and more expensive to build/maintain here than they need to
3	Land use/Development related issue	Parking seems excessive, land would be better used for more businesses
4	Land use/Development related issue	Seems like this huge parking lot is never even half full
5	Economic development opportunity	Try having more events where the streets are closed off to bring people to this area.
6	Other	Road seems to be excessively wide - isn't this more costly too build and maintain?
7	Economic development opportunity	Charge for parking to increase city revenue and increase turnover of parking spots
8	Land use/Development related issue	Parking lot could be turned into more productive development
9	Economic development opportunity	Empty lot
10	Land use/Development related issue	Great location that's just a parking lot
11	Economic development opportunity	This intersection should be a focus for both Beloit and South Beloit to improve creating a stronger sense of place via signage, etc. to let people know you have finally arrived to the region.

 **Other Marker Open-Ended Comments** (page 2 of 2)

ID	Concern	Open-Ended Comment
12	Land use/Development related issue	Signage for parking throughout Beloit is vitally important especially as things continue to grow (i.e. ABC Supply Stadium).
13	Land use/Development related issue	Lots of space taken up by parking lots, could be put to better use for the city with all the new investment going on in this area.
14	Land use/Development related issue	Implement policies to reduce the amount of sprawl in our region
15	Land use/Development related issue	Encourage policies that revitalize existing housing stock while providing affordable housing for non-traditional households
16	Economic development opportunity	Underutilized old school, would love to see kids back inside!
17	Economic development opportunity	Vacant property
18	Land use/Development related issue	Former grocery store, now vacant. It was a good, walkable source of fresh food in this community.