



## I-55 STUDY

LORENZO ROAD + IL 129

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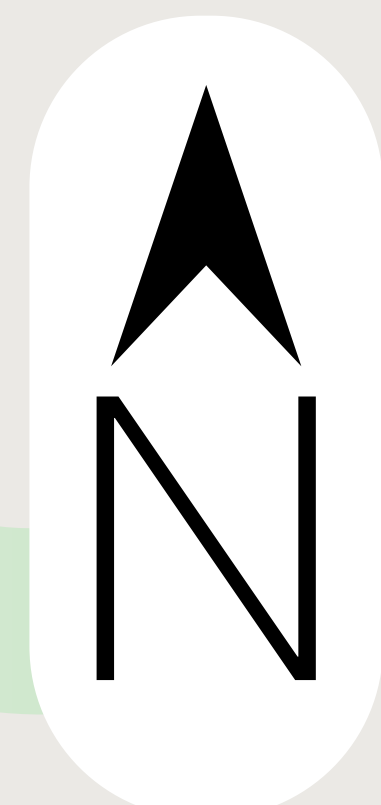


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Lorenzo Road

Wilmington

IL 129

IL 113

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Nature Preserve

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# Purpose & Need



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The **purpose** of the project is to **improve safety, facility condition, and interchange operations** of I-55 between Lorenzo Road and IL 113 (Coal City Road).

The **needs** to be addressed include:

- ✓ IMPROVE SAFETY FOR ALL USERS
- ✓ IMPROVE FACILITY CONDITION AND DESIGN
- ✓ IMPROVE REGIONAL AND LOCAL TRAVEL AND ACCESS



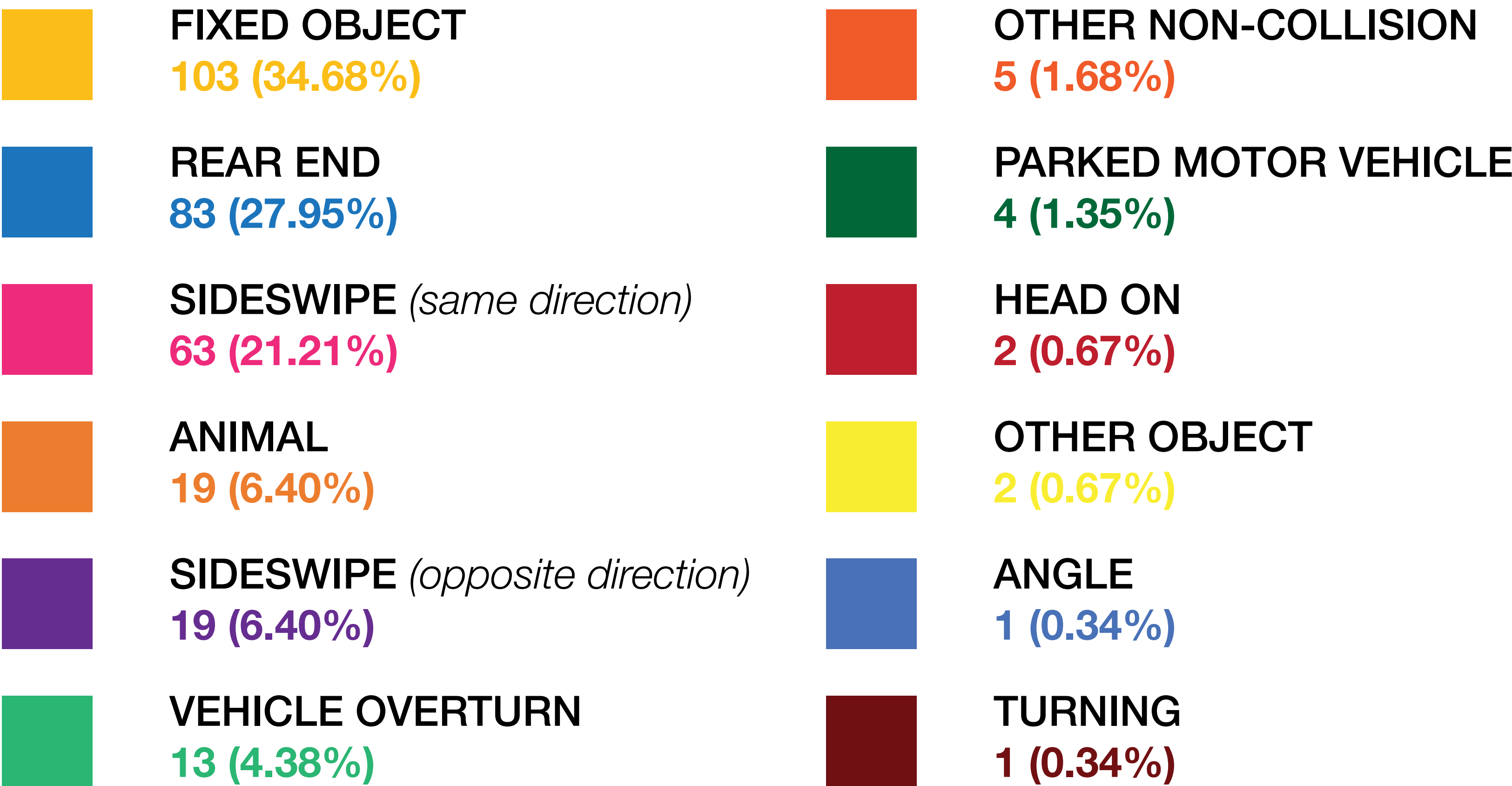
# Crash Analysis



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297 crashes  
between 2018-2022





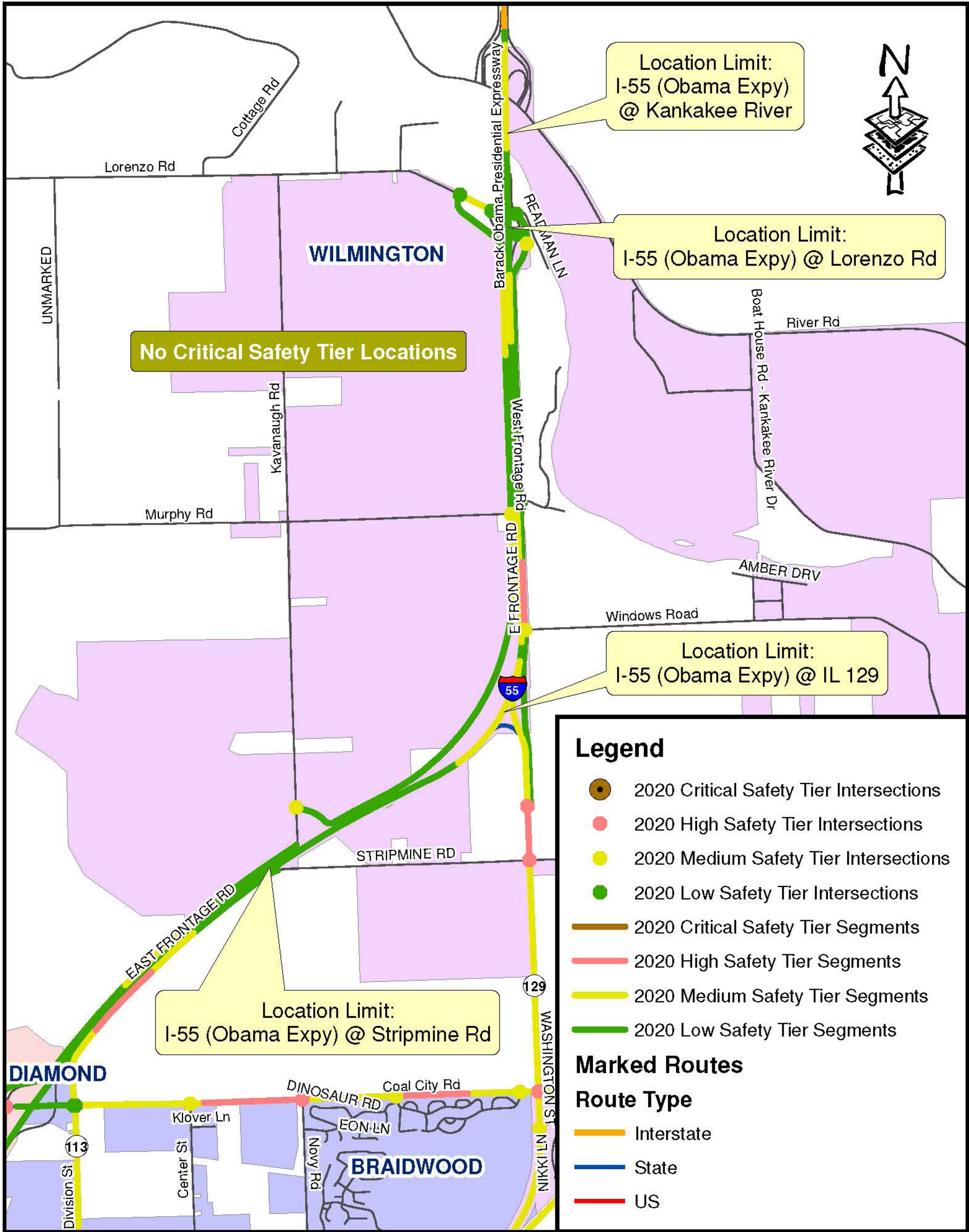
# 2020 Safety Tier Locations



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Safety Tiers categorize roadway segments and intersections based on their level of safety performance and opportunity for improvement, providing a rating for relative comparison. The Safety Tiers include a Critical High, Medium, Low or Minimal designation. Safety Tiers allow transportation officials to understand relative performance of a location compared to similar types of roadways or intersections. For example, a rural 2-lane roadway segment would be compared to other similar types of rural 2-lane roadways statewide and would not be compared to an urban multi-lane facility. The Safety Tiers allow more locations to be identified and analyzed for similar roadway features and potential crash trends.



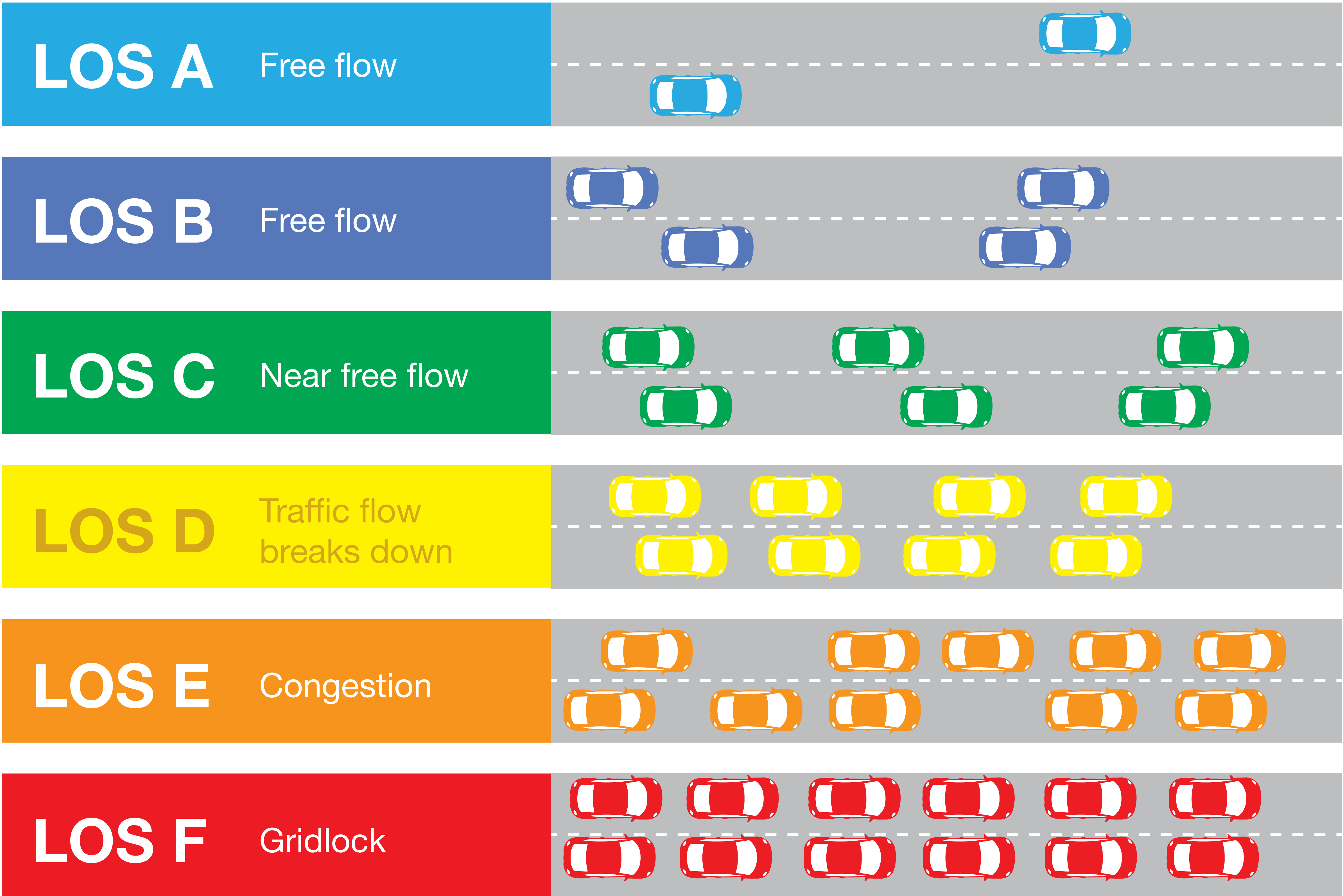


# Level of Service (LOS)



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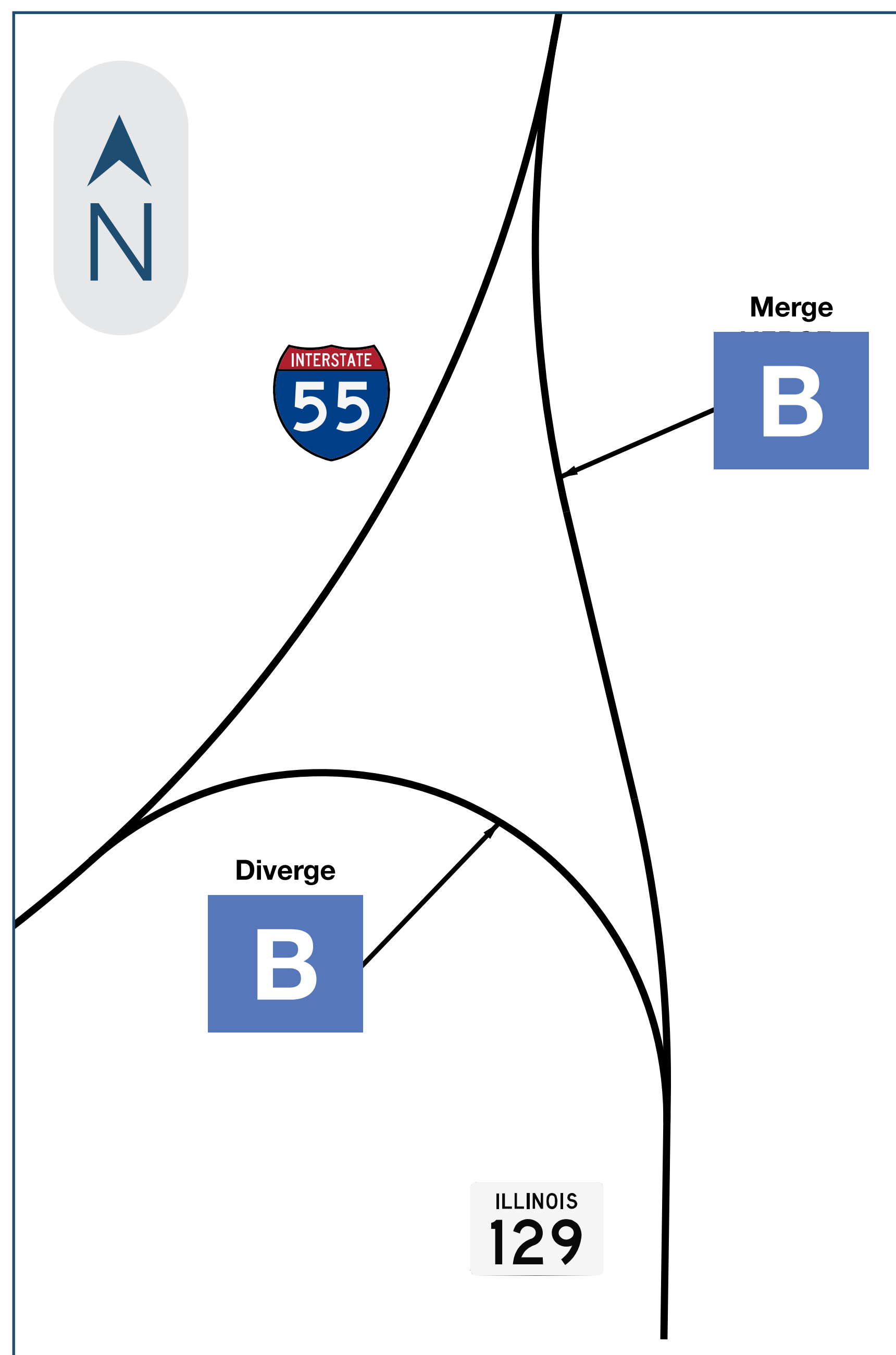
# Traffic Levels IL 129



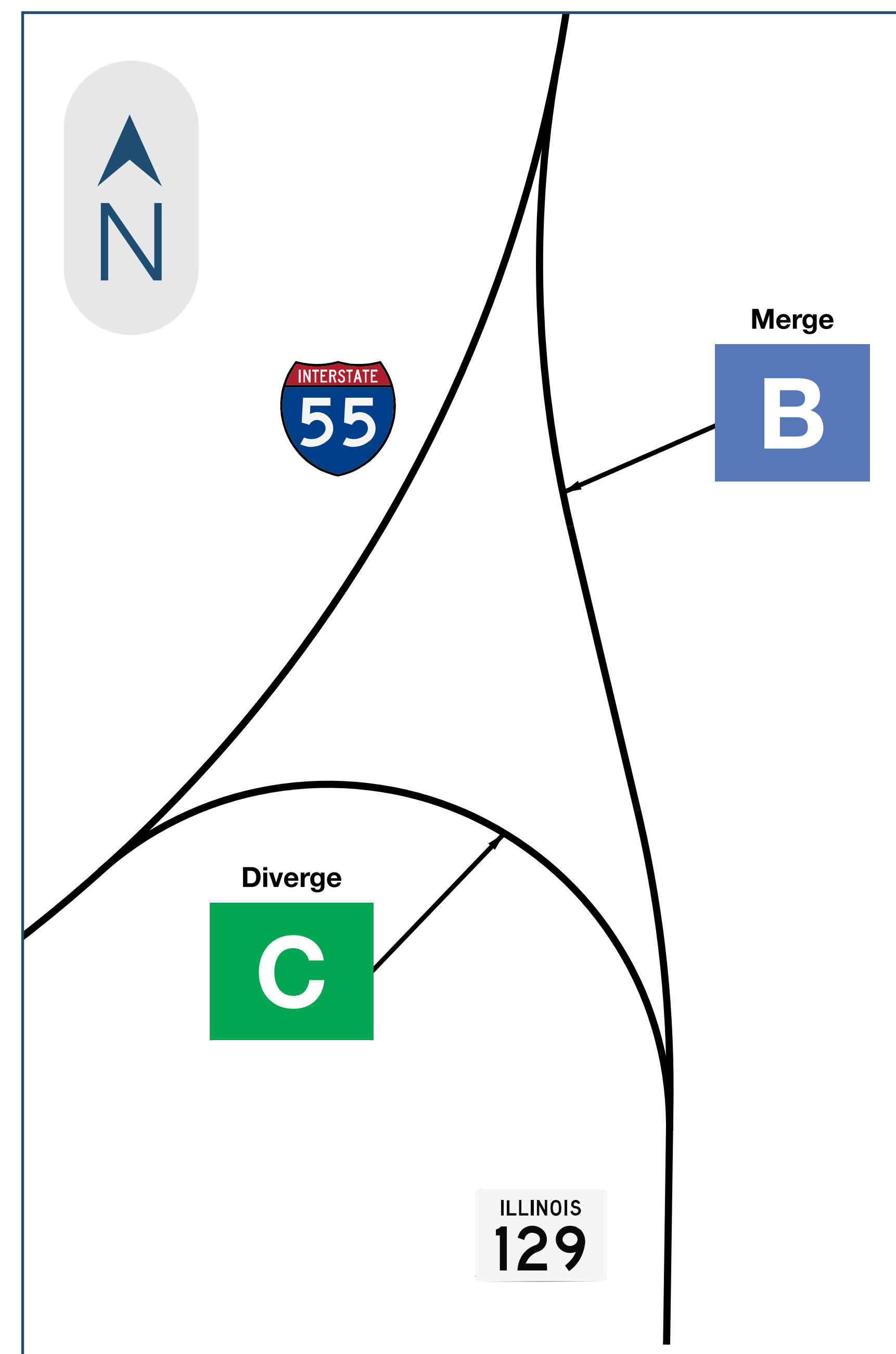
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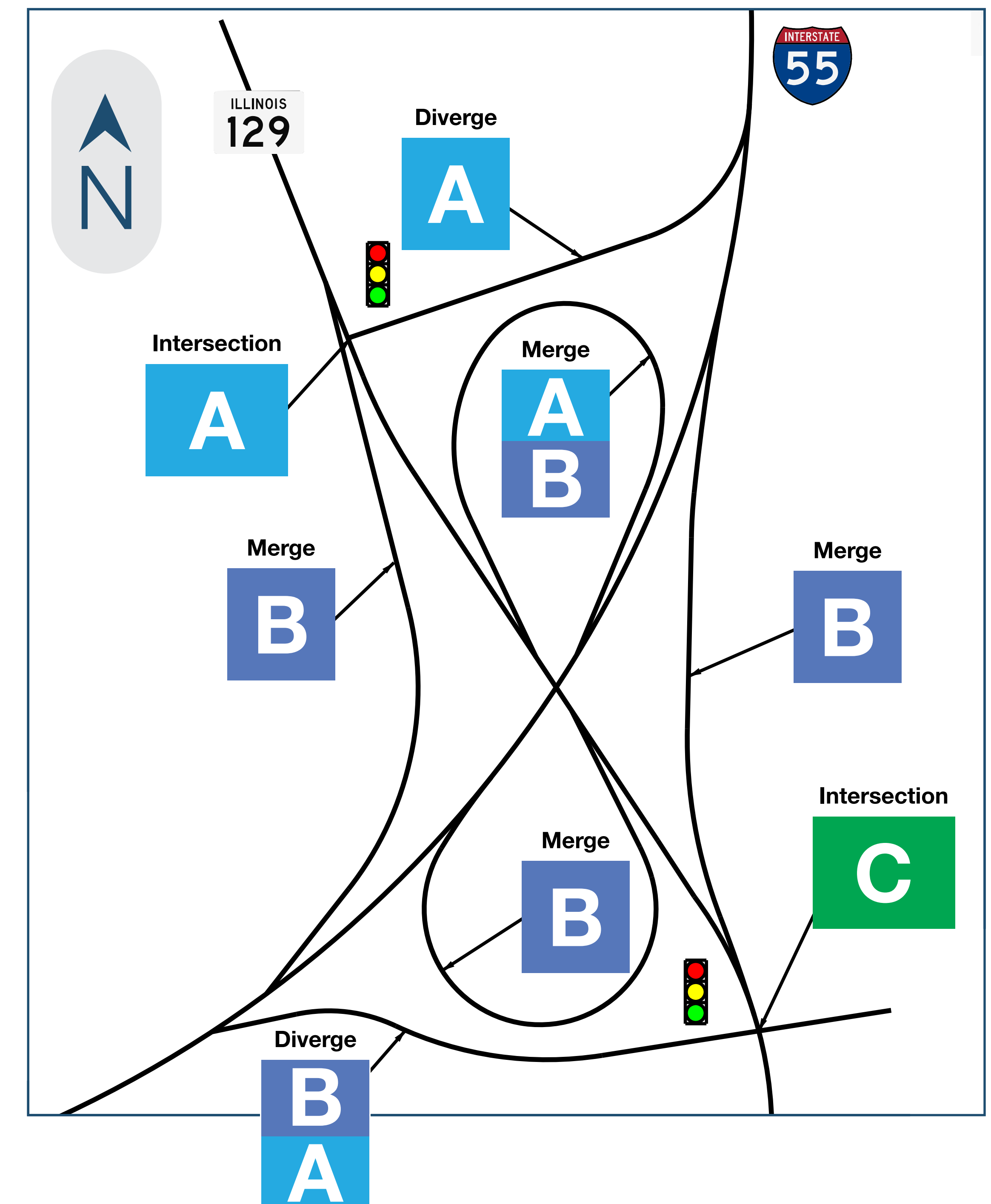
**Existing Level  
of Service (LOS)**



**2050 No-Build Level  
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**2050 Build Level  
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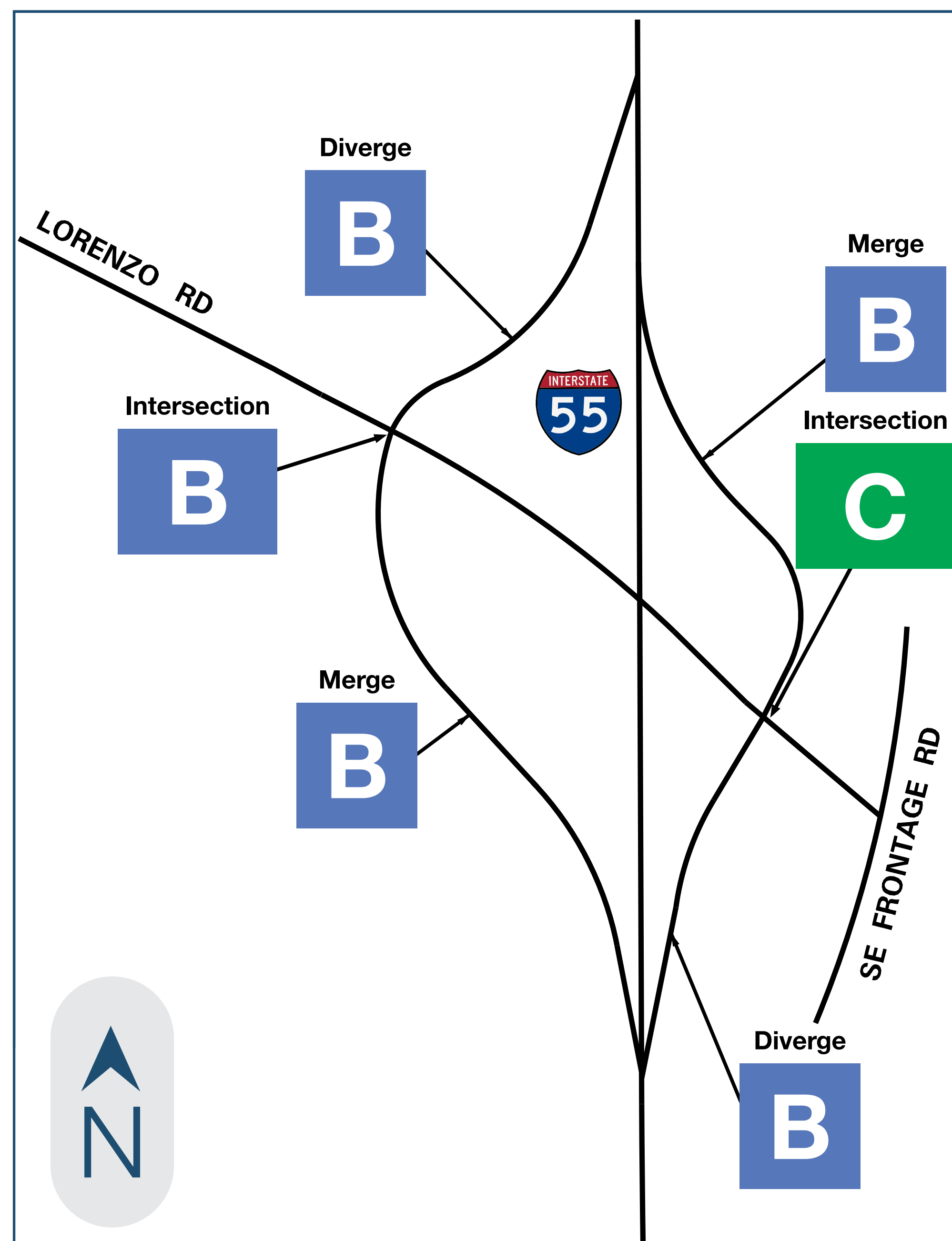
# Traffic Levels Lorenzo Road



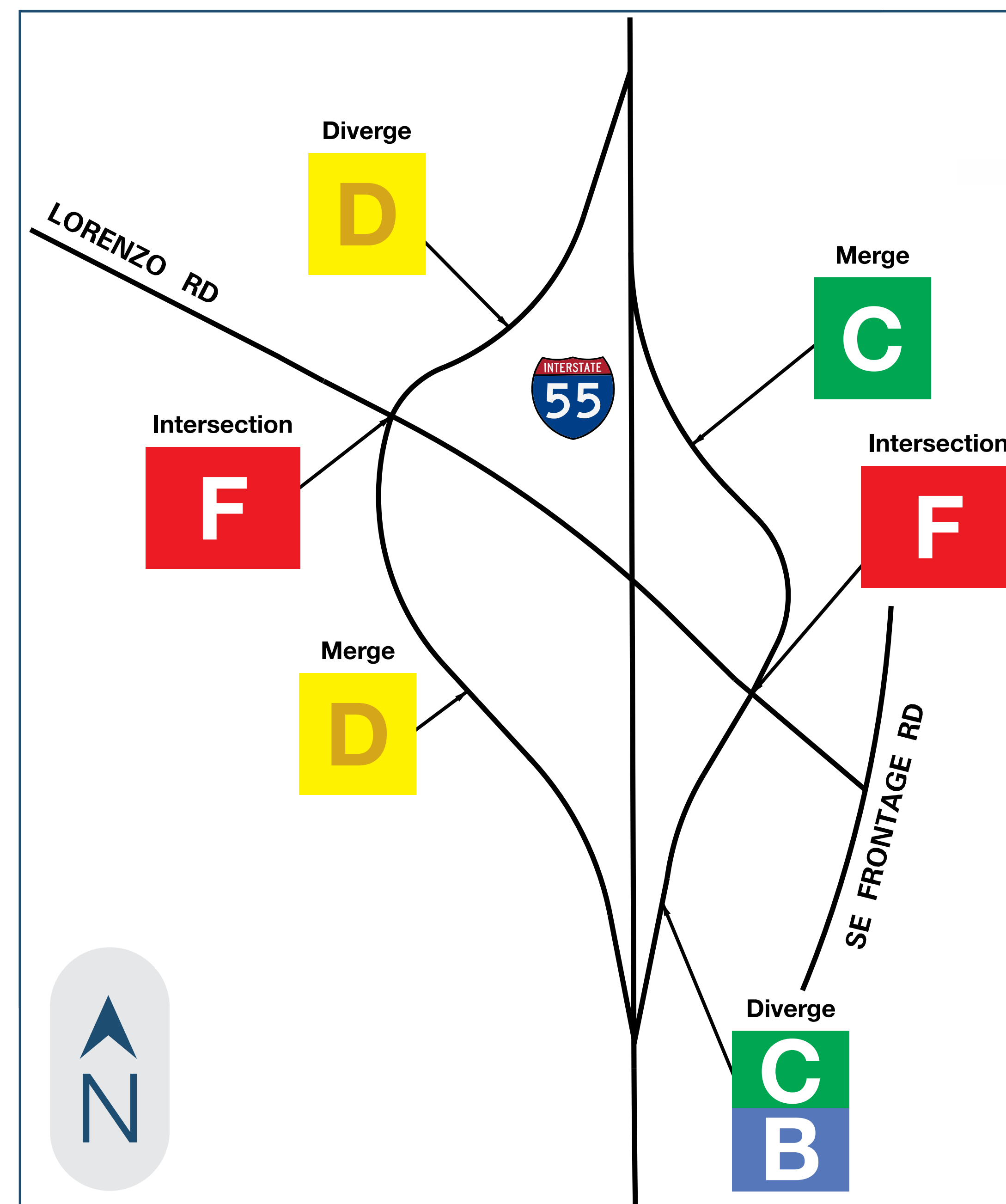
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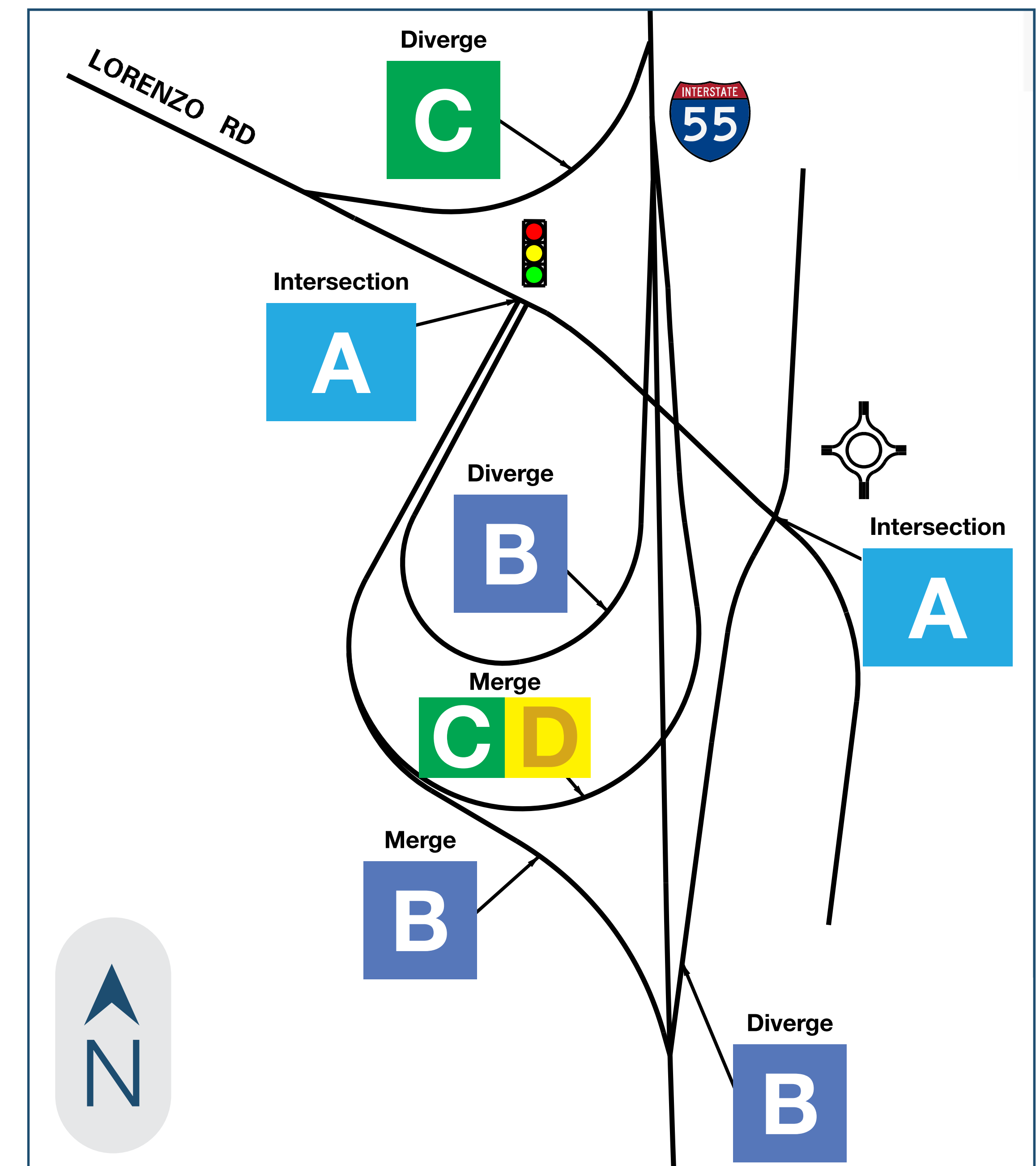
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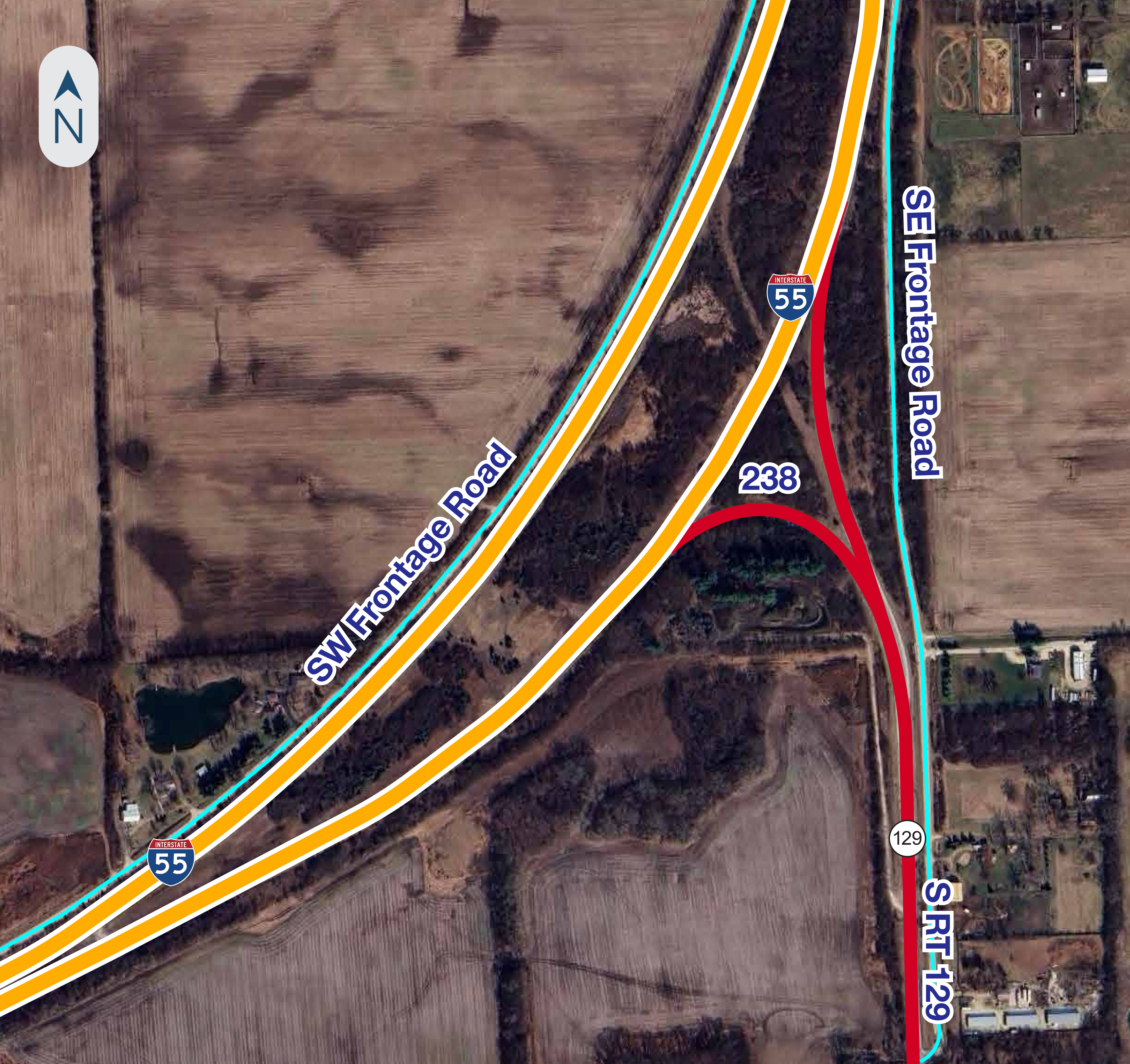




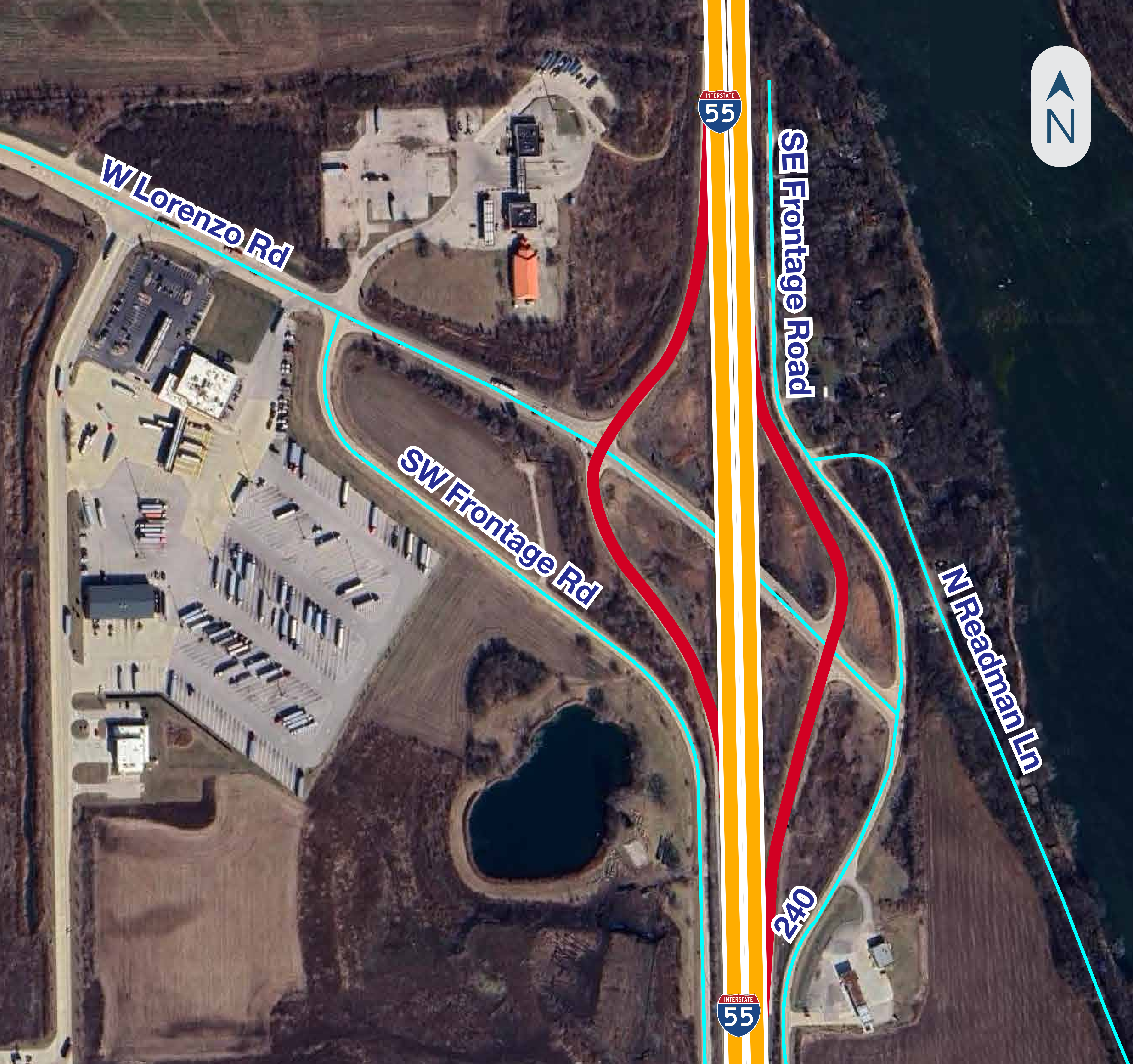
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# IL 129 Existing Conditions







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# Lorenzo Road **Existing Conditions**



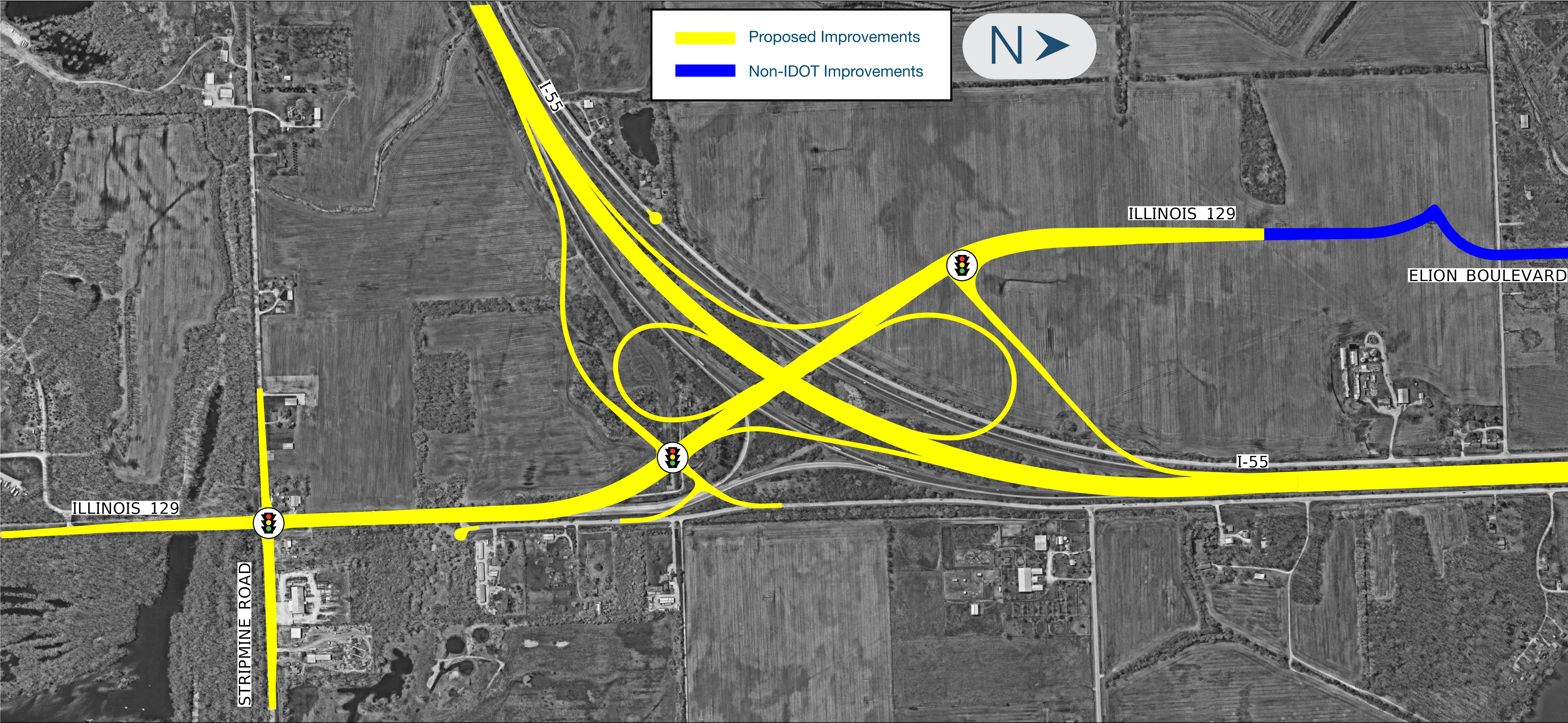
# Proposed Improvements

## I-55 Improvements: Lorenzo Road to IL 129





# IL 129 Interchange





# Lorenzo Road Interchange



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# Land Acquisition

There are three different types of acquisitions that may be made as part of this project.

## Types of Land Acquisition

**Fee Simple Acquisition** or the acquisition of all rights and interest of real property.

**Permanent Easements** where underlying ownership is retained by the property owner, but access is permanently allowed during and after construction for maintenance of facilities such as drainage structures.

**Temporary Easements** where underlying ownership is retained by the property owner but access is temporarily allowed only during construction for items such as grading work, driveway construction, and landscaping restoration.

## Land Acquisition Process

### OWNERSHIP

Determine ownership of property and ROW  
Prepare property survey

### APPRAISAL

Develop independent appraisals

### NEGOTIATION

Perform negotiations with property owners

### CONDEMNATION

Court proceedings if necessary

### RELOCATION

Relocation assistance for occupants when property is acquired  
Advisory/referral services and replacement housing payments  
Reimbursement for moving expenses



# Environmental Impacts

Impacts evaluated based on improvements to both interchanges.

Resource	Impacts
Wetlands	16.04 Acres
Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species	May Affect, not likely to Adversely Affect
Historic Resources	No Adverse Effect
Displacements: Residential/Commercial	1/1
Flood Hazard Zones	4.3 Acres
In stream work in Kankakee River	None
Agricultural	63.6 Acres
Prairies	6.4 Acres
Noise	10 impacted receptors 0 barriers meet IDOT’s feasibility and reasonableness criteria



# Funding



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FY 2025-2030 Proposed Highway  
Improvement Program includes

**\$149,500,000**

for improvements to I-55 at  
Lorenzo Road & at IL 129





# Project Development Process



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## Phase I

Preliminary Design  
& Environmental  
Studies

*Complete by end of **2024***

## Phase II

Final design  
& Land Acquisition  
***24-36 months***

## Phase III

Construction  
***12-24 months***

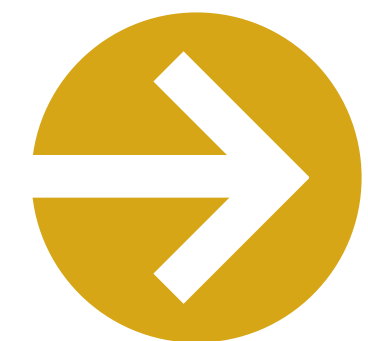


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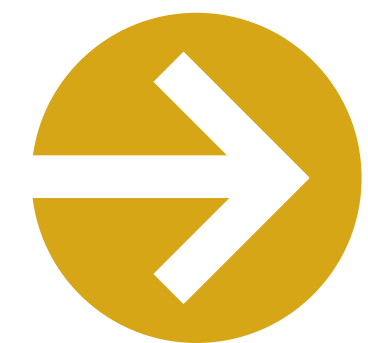
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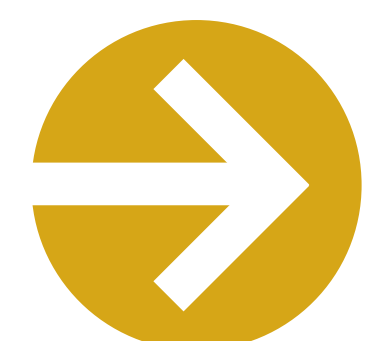
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- ✓ Fill out a comment form
- ✓ Submit your comment to the court reporter



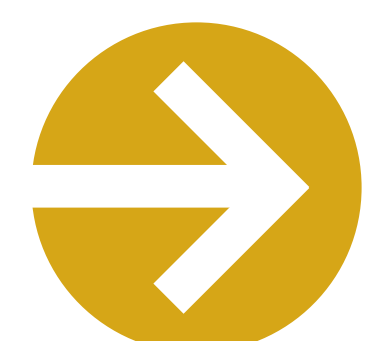
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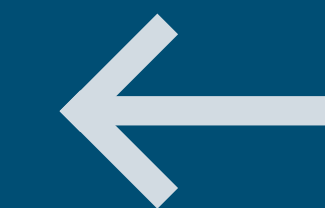
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## **SEND IT VIA** *Mail*

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to **submit a  
comment!**



**Comments**  
on this project will  
be accepted through

***Sept 16<sup>th</sup>***





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*Thank  
you*

