

Ambassador Bridge/Gateway Project

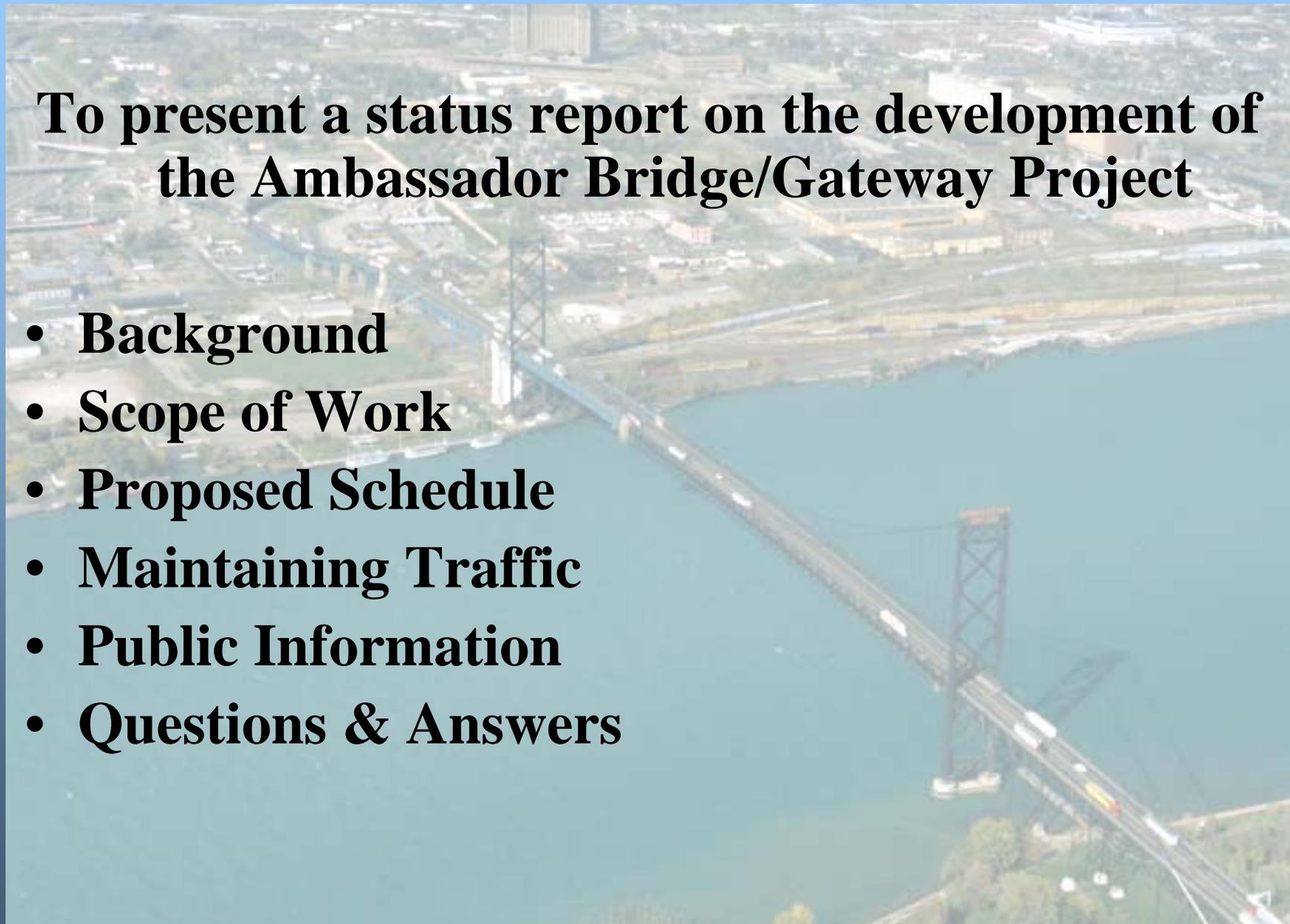


**Presentation to
Detroit City Council
June 9, 2006**

Purpose of Presentation

To present a status report on the development of the Ambassador Bridge/Gateway Project

- **Background**
- **Scope of Work**
- **Proposed Schedule**
- **Maintaining Traffic**
- **Public Information**
- **Questions & Answers**



Background

- **#1 US-Canada commercial crossing**
- **23% of all surface trade between U.S. and Canada**
- **Vehicles that cross the Bridge (2-way):**
 - **11 million total vehicles/year**
 - **30% commercial vehicles.....**
 - **10 thousand trucks/day.....**

Background

Issues

- **Traffic congestion/trucks on adjacent City streets**
- **No direct connection to freeway system**
- **Need to reconstruct I-96/I-75 mainline freeways**
- **Access to proposed Welcome Center**



Background

History

- **Study phase started in 1995**
- **Steering Committee includes:**
 - **City of Detroit**
 - **Detroit International Bridge Company (DIBC)**
 - **U. S. Customs/General Services Administration (GSA)**
 - **Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)**
 - **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**
 - **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**
 - **Local Community Participation**



Background

Study Objectives



- Provide direct access to freeways from Ambassador Bridge
- Accommodate access to proposed new Welcome Center
- Accommodate future traffic for potential second span of the Ambassador Bridge

Background

Project Development

- **Environmental Assessment (EA) – 1997 FHWA Approval**
- **Re-evaluation and Approval – 1999**
- **Re-evaluation and Approval – 2004**
- **MDOT/DIBC Implementation Agreement – April 2004**
- **MDOT/City Development Agreement – October 2004**
- **MDOT/DIBC Implementation Agreement Amendment – February 2006**
- **On-going coordination and design refinements**



Background

City & Community Coordination

- **Early Public Involvement Meetings – 1995-1996**
 - **Public Hearing – January 1997**
 - **Public Meeting – August 2003**
 - **Presentation to Detroit City Council – October 8, 2003**
 - **Presentation to Detroit City Planning Commission – May 20, 2004**
 - **Presentation to Detroit City Council – June 8, 2004**
 - **Presentation to Detroit City Planning Commission – May 4, 2006**
 - **On-going Project Steering Committee & Community Meetings**
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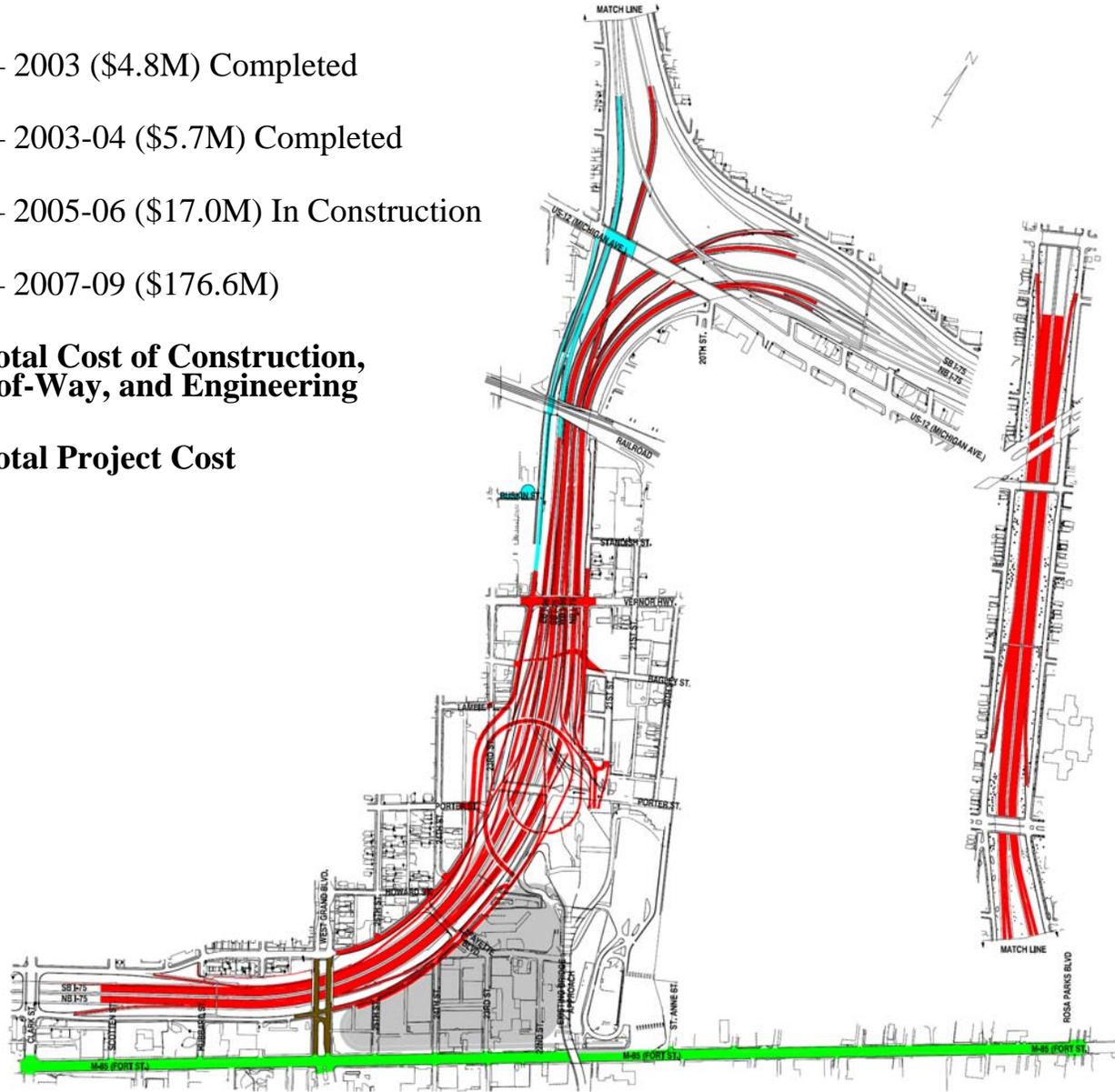
Scope of Work

Phased Construction

-  Contract 1 – 2003 (\$4.8M) Completed
-  Contract 2 – 2003-04 (\$5.7M) Completed
-  Contract 3 – 2005-06 (\$17.0M) In Construction
-  Contract 4 – 2007-09 (\$176.6M)

**\$204.1M Total Cost of Construction,
Right-of-Way, and Engineering**

\$206.5M Total Project Cost



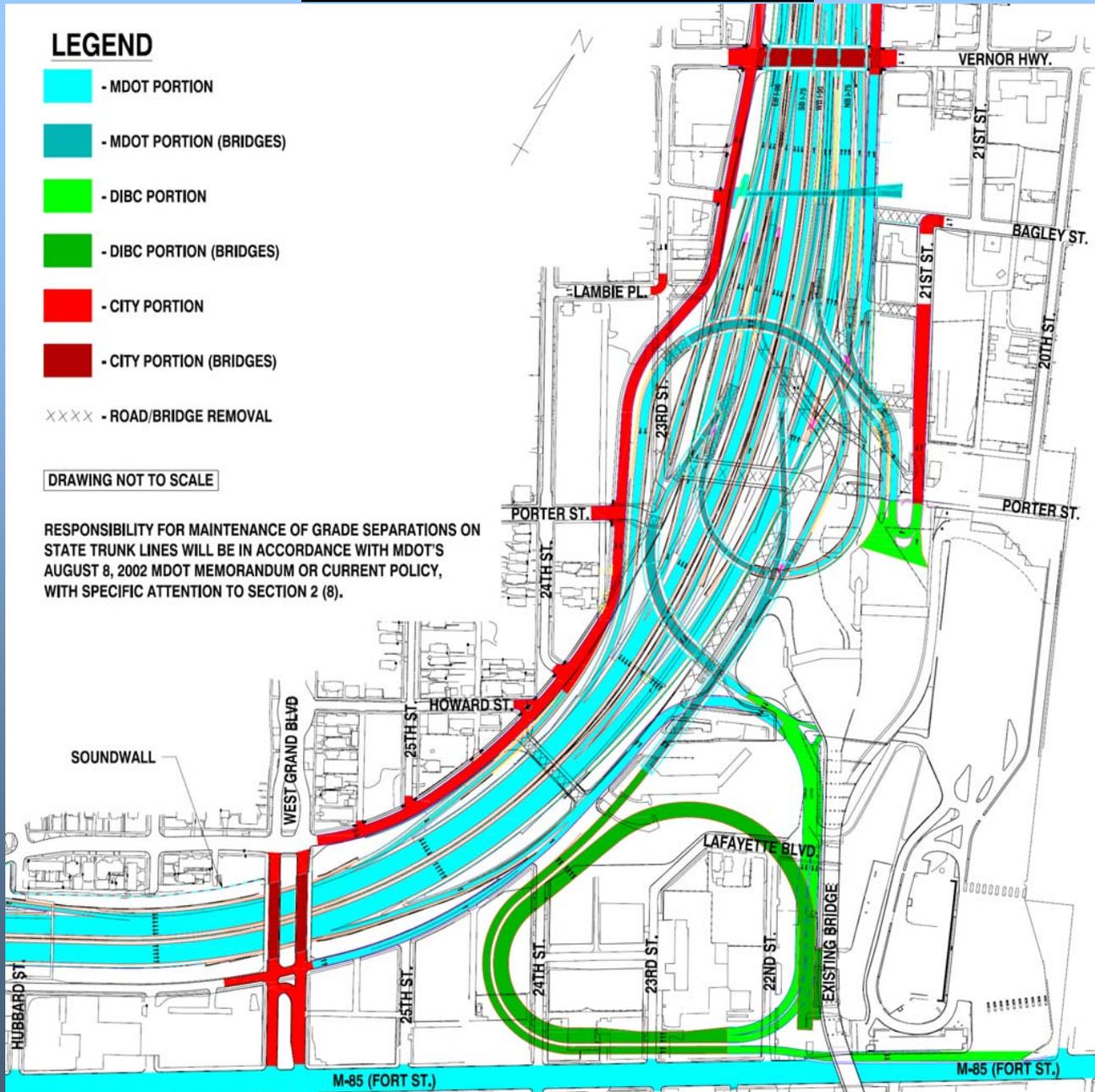
Scope of Work

LEGEND

-  - MDT PORTION
-  - MDT PORTION (BRIDGES)
-  - DIBC PORTION
-  - DIBC PORTION (BRIDGES)
-  - CITY PORTION
-  - CITY PORTION (BRIDGES)
- XXXX - ROAD/BRIDGE REMOVAL

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF GRADE SEPARATIONS ON STATE TRUNK LINES WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MDT'S AUGUST 8, 2002 MEMORANDUM OR CURRENT POLICY, WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO SECTION 2 (8).



Scope of Work

Bagley Pedestrian Bridge



Proposed Schedule

Contract 4

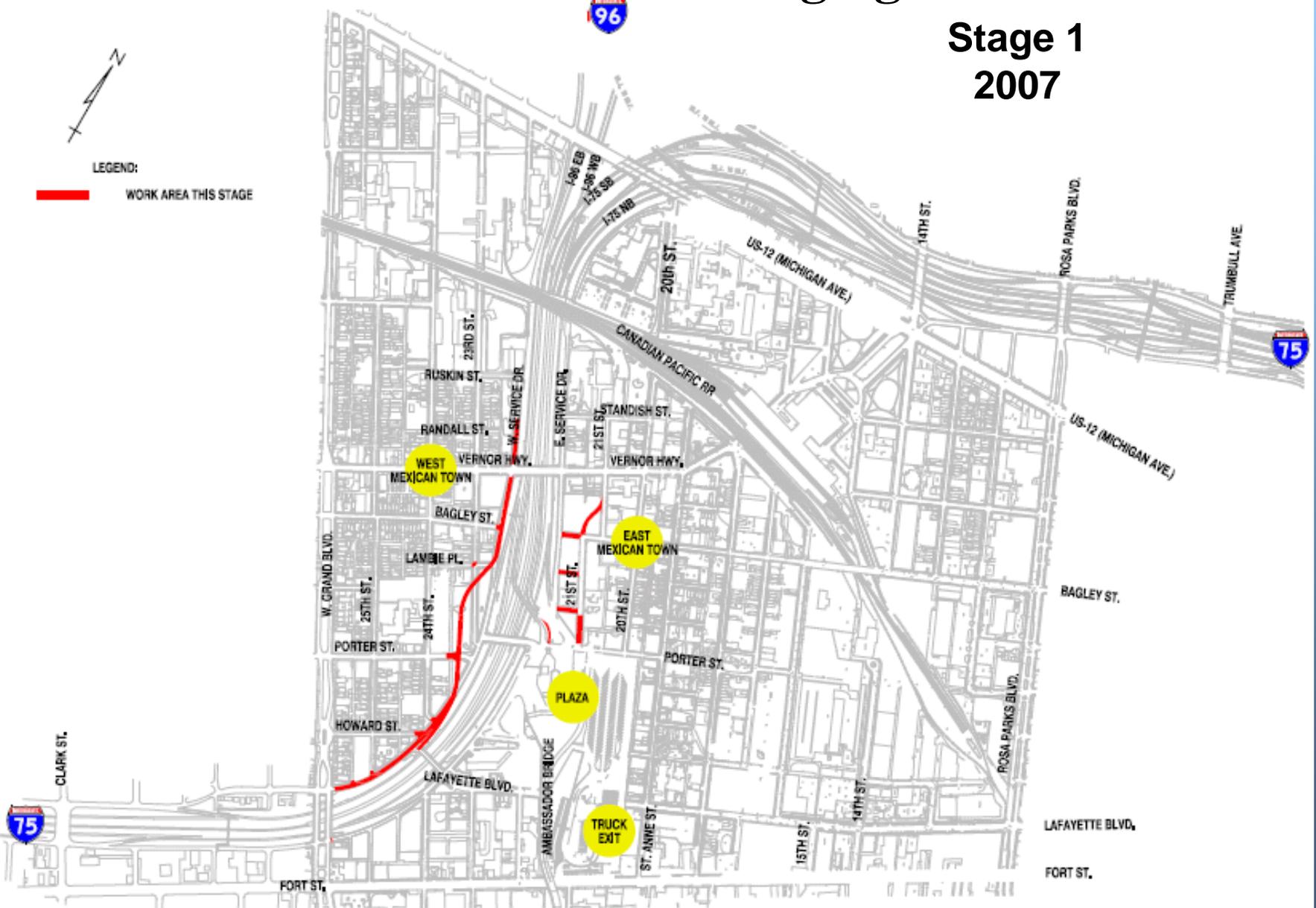
- **Complete Design** Summer 2006
- **Vacate City Streets** Late 2006
- **Advertise for Construction** Early 2007
- **Construction** 2007 – 2009



Maintaining Traffic

Construction Staging

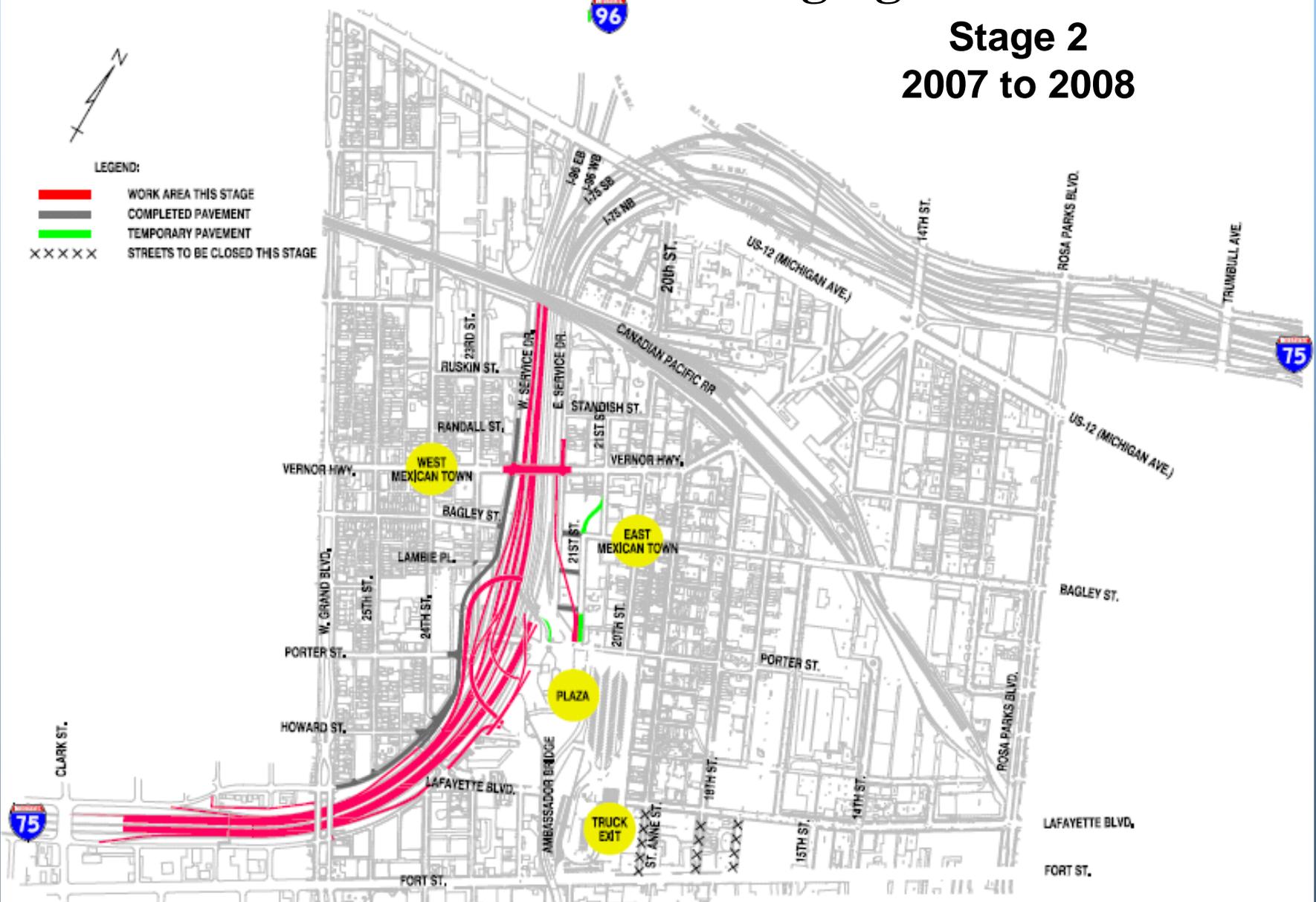
Stage 1
2007



Maintaining Traffic

Construction Staging

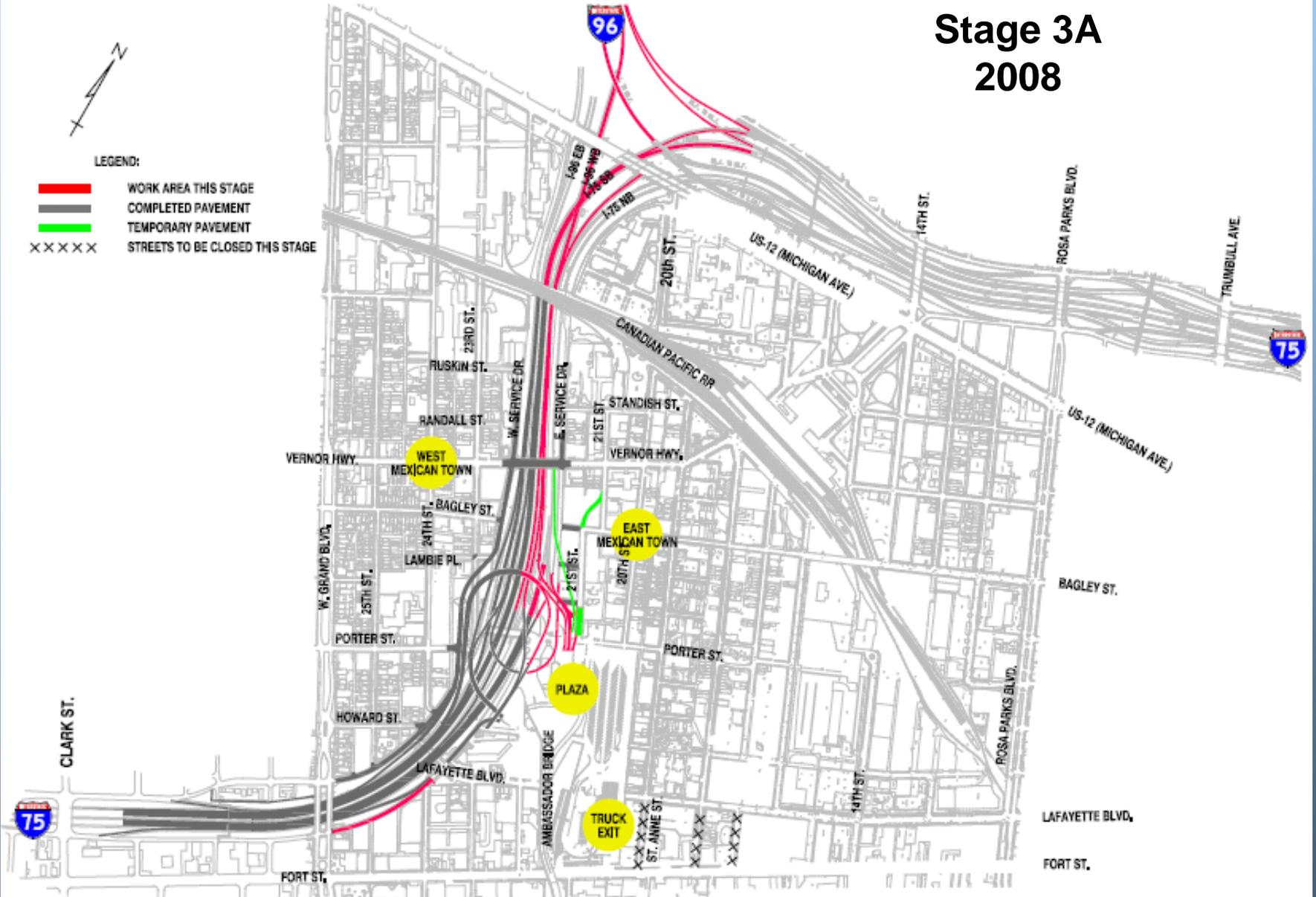
Stage 2
2007 to 2008



Maintaining Traffic

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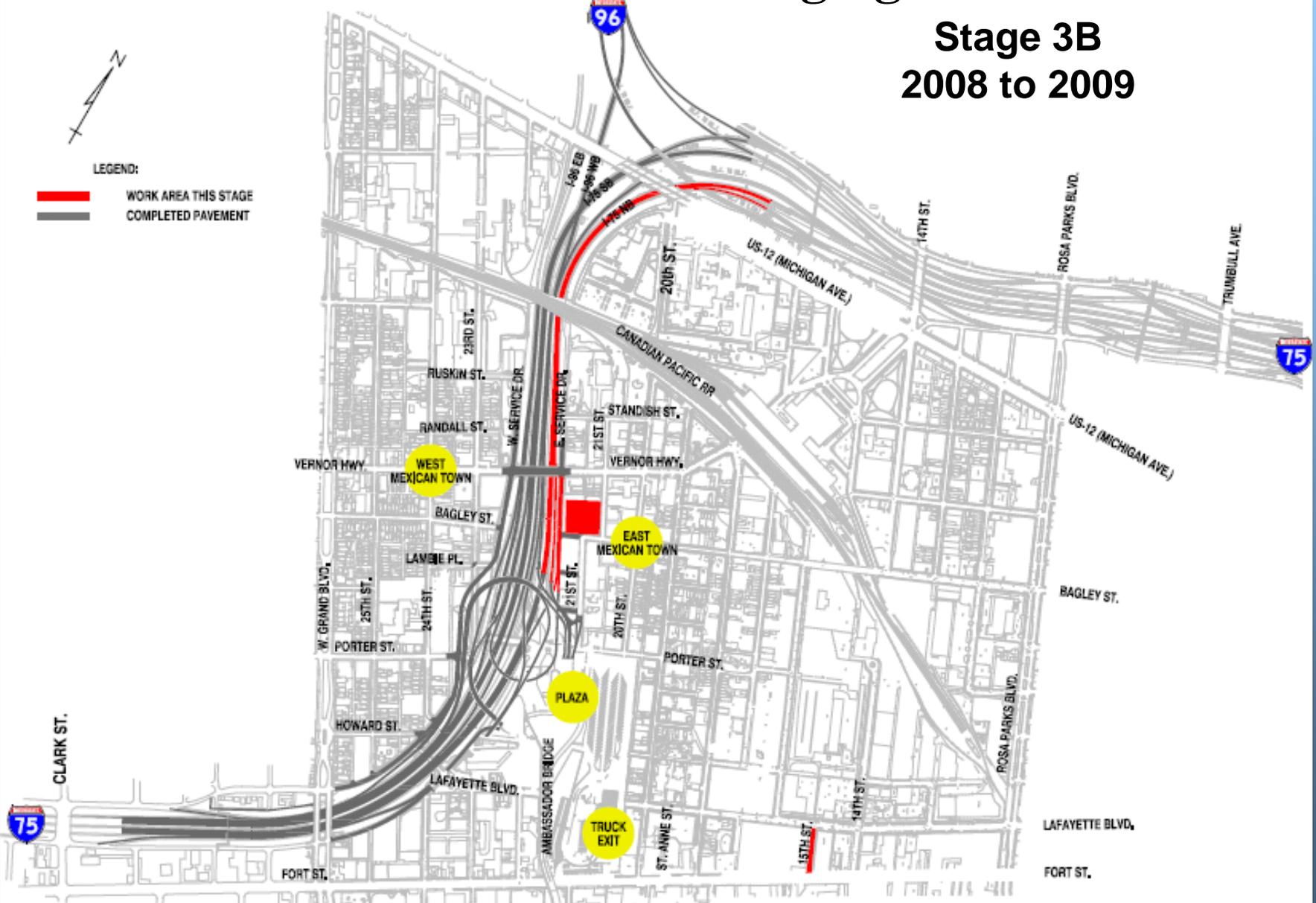
Stage 3A
2008



Maintaining Traffic

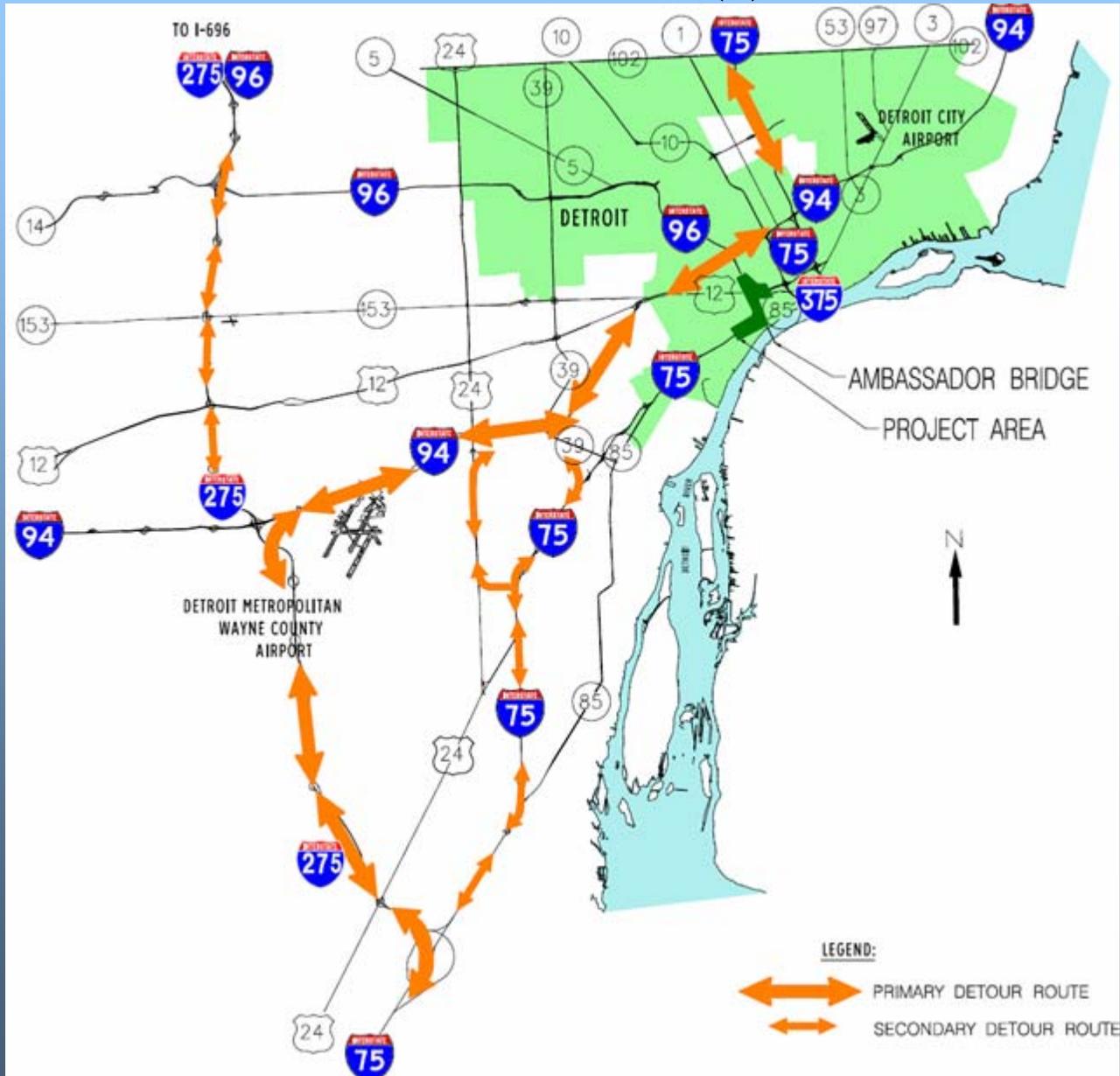
Construction Staging

Stage 3B
2008 to 2009



Maintaining Traffic

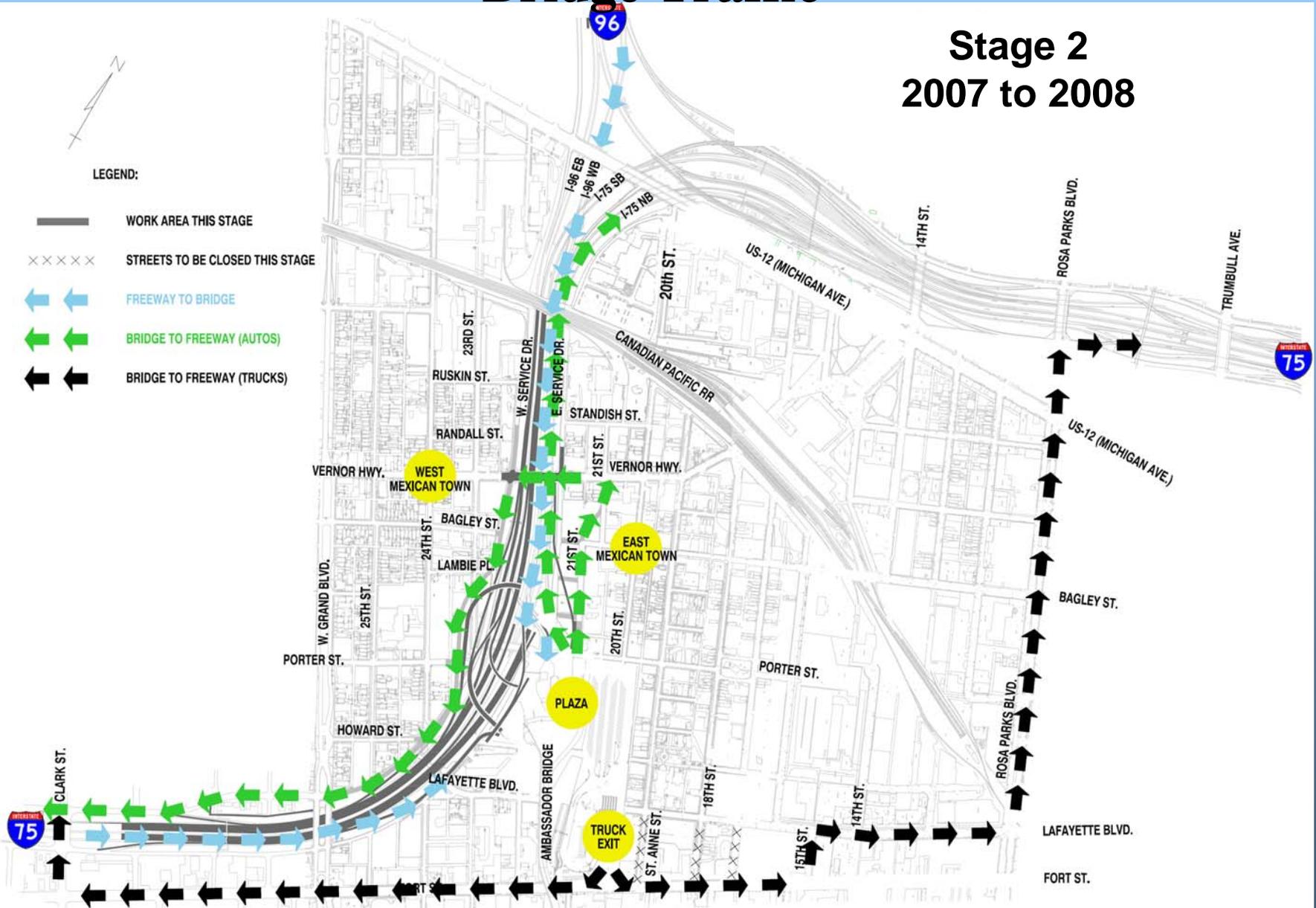
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Maintaining Traffic

Bridge Traffic

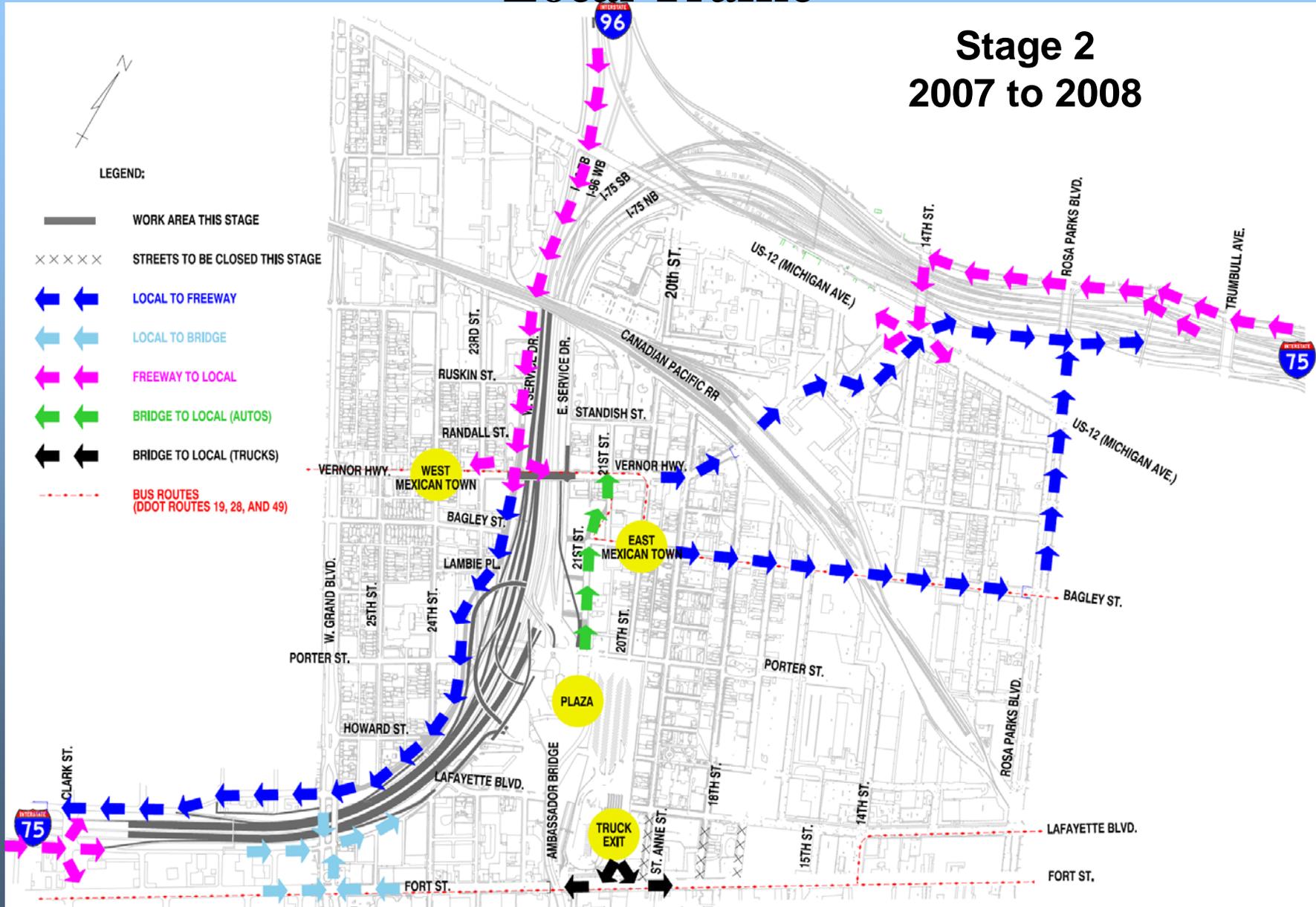
Stage 2
2007 to 2008



Maintaining Traffic

Local Traffic

Stage 2
2007 to 2008



Public Information

Key Messages:

- This is the **fourth and final phase of construction** for the Gateway Project.
- This is a **major economic development project** that will both benefit local communities and energize the region's industrial base.

Public Information

Activities:

- Roundtable Discussions with Key Stakeholders
- Regional Media Relations/News Conferences
- Public Information: Meetings/Brochures/Fliers/Maps
- Community & Government Outreach
- Trucking/Logistic Companies Outreach
- Real Time Traffic Information