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BACKGROUND



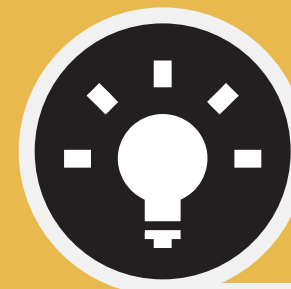
INTRODUCTION

WHY NOW?

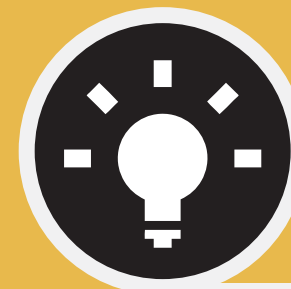
- While INDOT conducted previous transportation studies, we want additional public input.
- With help from you, INDOT can build smarter transportation and stronger communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY?



- A way for INDOT to make planning decisions
- Precedes any construction decisions
- Allows INDOT to better understand and develop potential solutions around community needs



WHY A PEL STUDY?

PEL studies are about what is possible. They are:

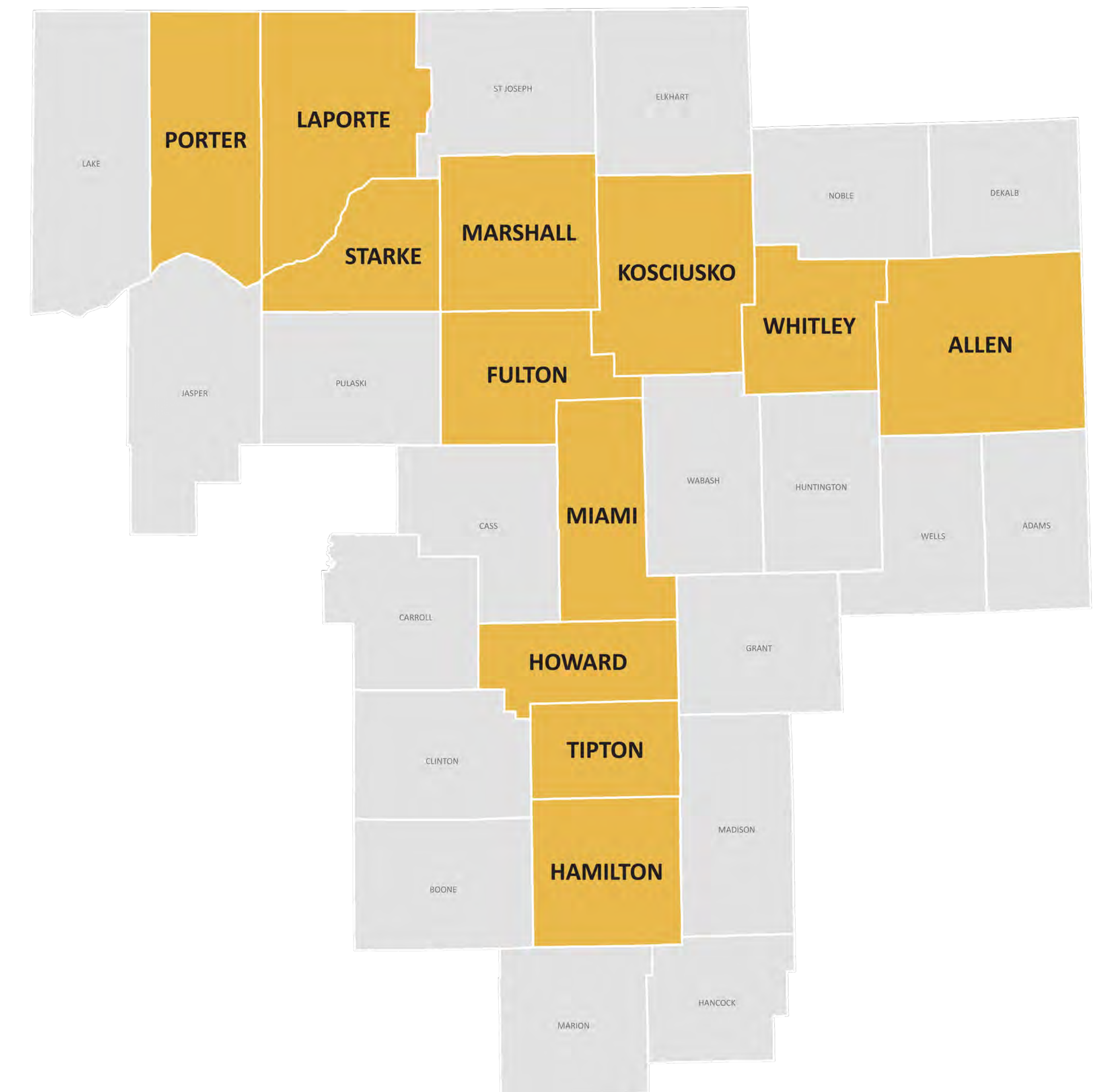
- **Multi-Disciplinary** - Combines planning, engineering, and environmental analyses
- **Flexible** - Does not require a “one size fits all” approach
- **Collaborative** - Engages stakeholders from the start
- **Efficient** - Data can be used for federal environmental process (NEPA), which saves time and leads to greater efficiency



STUDY AREAS

The 180-mile study area includes more than 600 access points US 30 from Valparaiso to the Indiana/Ohio state line (excluding I-69 and I-469 around Fort Wayne), as well as US 31 between Hamilton County and Plymouth (excluding the Kokomo bypass).

The study includes the following counties:



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STUDY PURPOSE

Develop, analyze, and screen alternatives in a way that promotes efficiency

Define transportation needs, as well as environmental and social constraints

Identify future transportation investments to streamline implementation

HOW WILL MY FEEDBACK BE USED?

- Understand local needs
- Identify local opportunities and concerns
- Assess potential options, constraints, and tradeoffs
- Inform study recommendations



STUDY SCHEDULE

1  SUMMER 2022

PEL STUDIES START

- Begin data gathering
- Develop public involvement plan

2  FALL 2022

VISION & SCOPING

- Review corridor history
- Identify baseline conditions



3  SPRING/SUMMER 2023

PURPOSE & NEED

- Identify transportation needs
- Develop purpose of improvements

4  LATE 2023/EARLY 2024

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

- Identify potential improvement alternatives
- Evaluate and screen alternatives
- Identify environmental and community impacts

5  FALL 2024

PEL STUDIES COMPLETE

- Document the study process and its recommendations

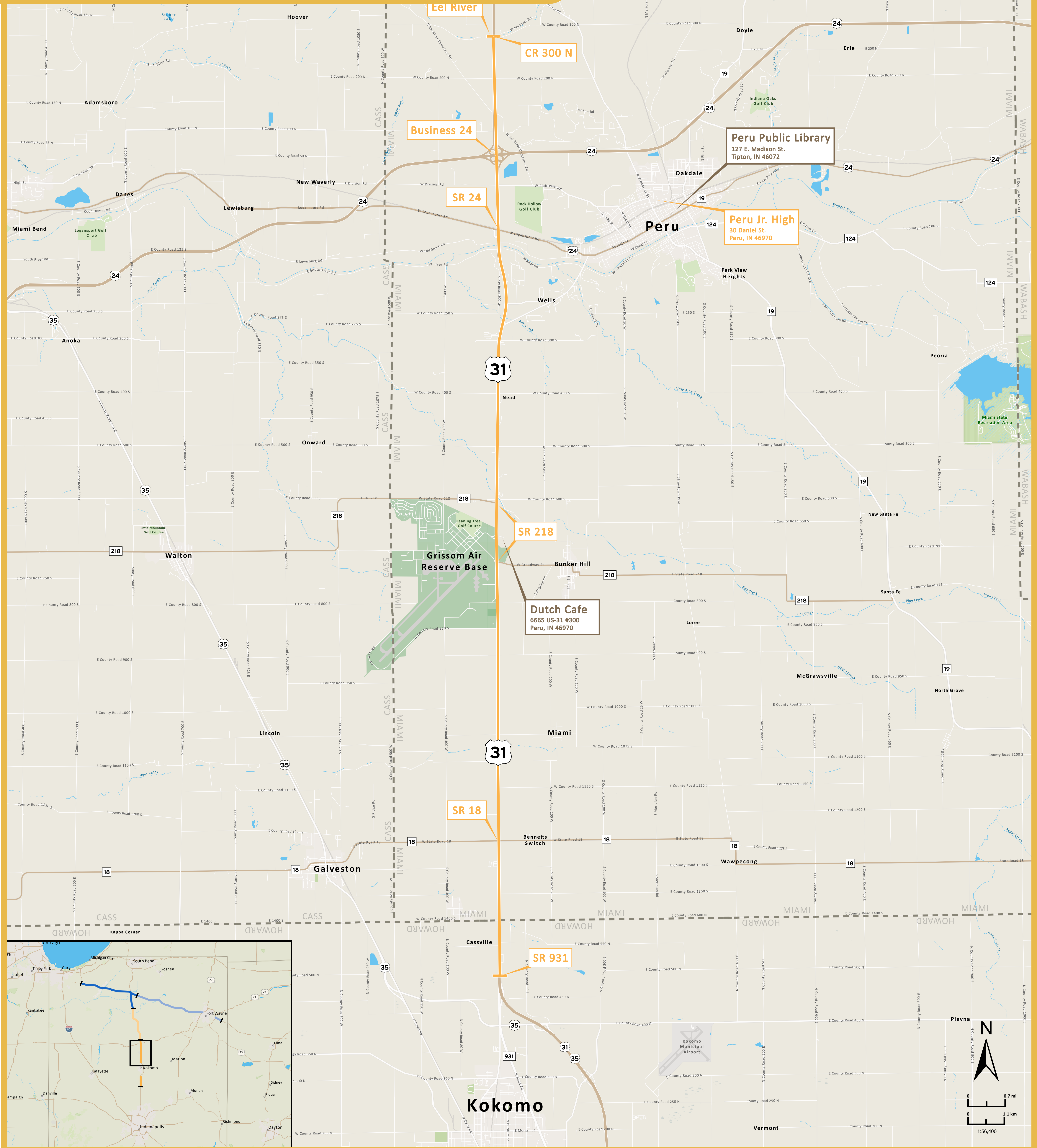
GATHER PUBLIC FEEDBACK & AGENCY COORDINATION 



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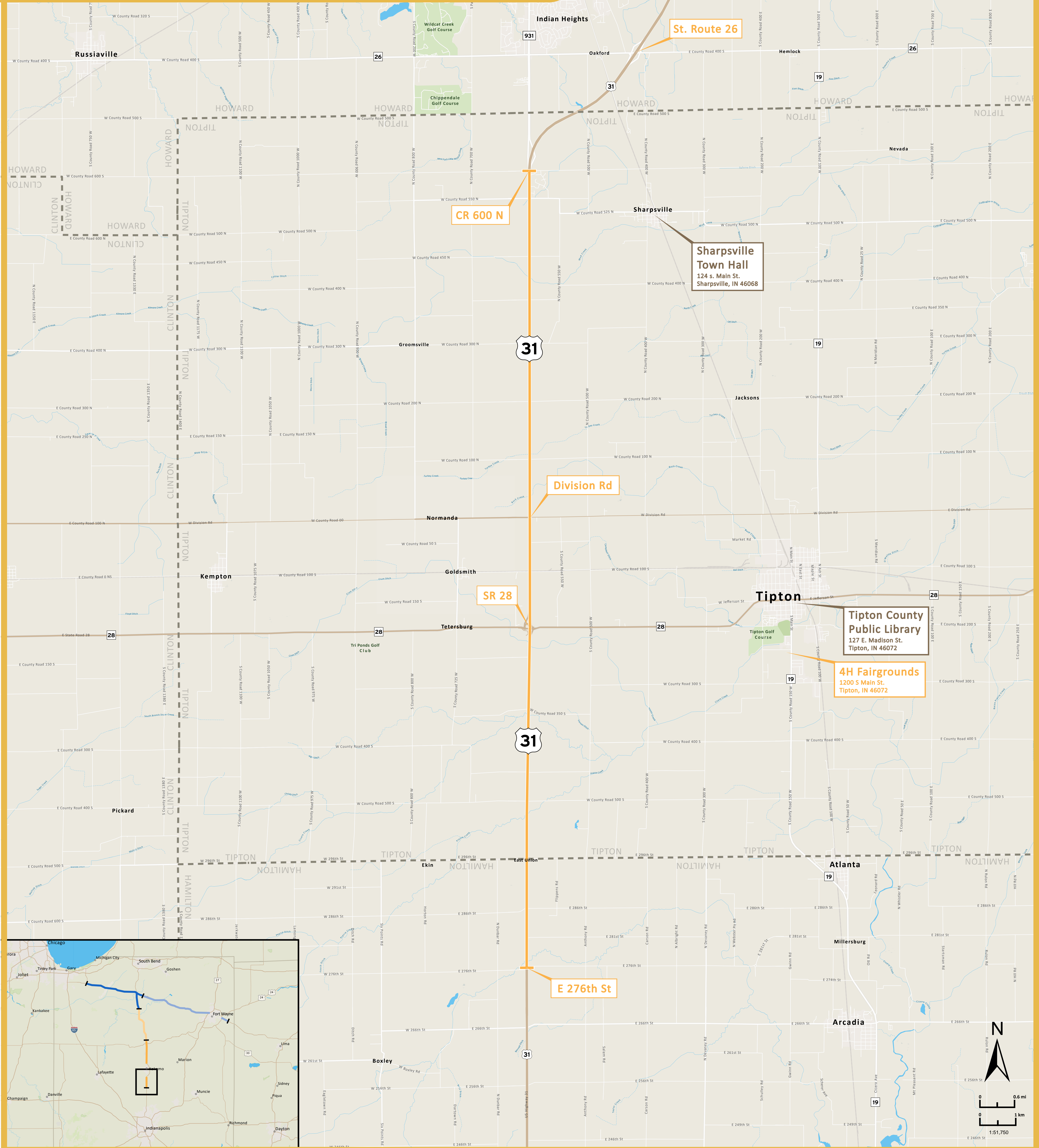
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STUDY AREA

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LOCATION- SPECIFIC INPUT



LOCATION SPECIFIC

Use the provided sticky notes and colored dots on the map to indicate areas of focus along the corridor.



Where are your biggest **safety concerns** along the corridor?



Empty response area for safety concerns.

Where are your biggest **traffic concerns** along the corridor?



Empty response area for traffic concerns.

What **other concerns** do you have along the corridor?



Empty response area for other concerns.

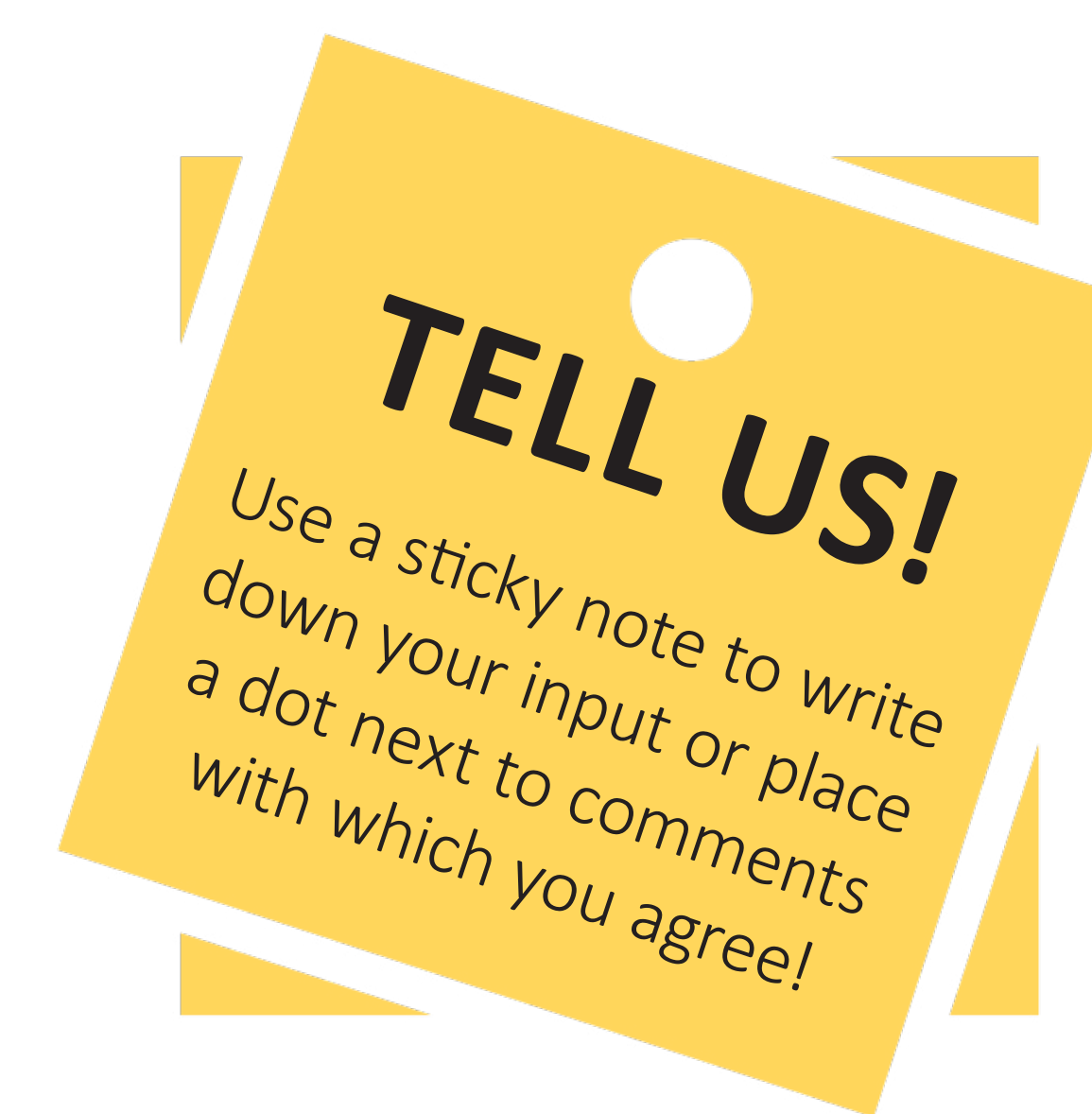
EXAMPLES

- Local roadway connectivity
- Landscaping
- Aesthetics
- Gateways/community identification



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What **local connections** are needed along the corridor?



EXAMPLES

- Trails
- Sidewalks
- Bike lanes
- Local roads

Are there **sensitive environmental resources** along the corridor?



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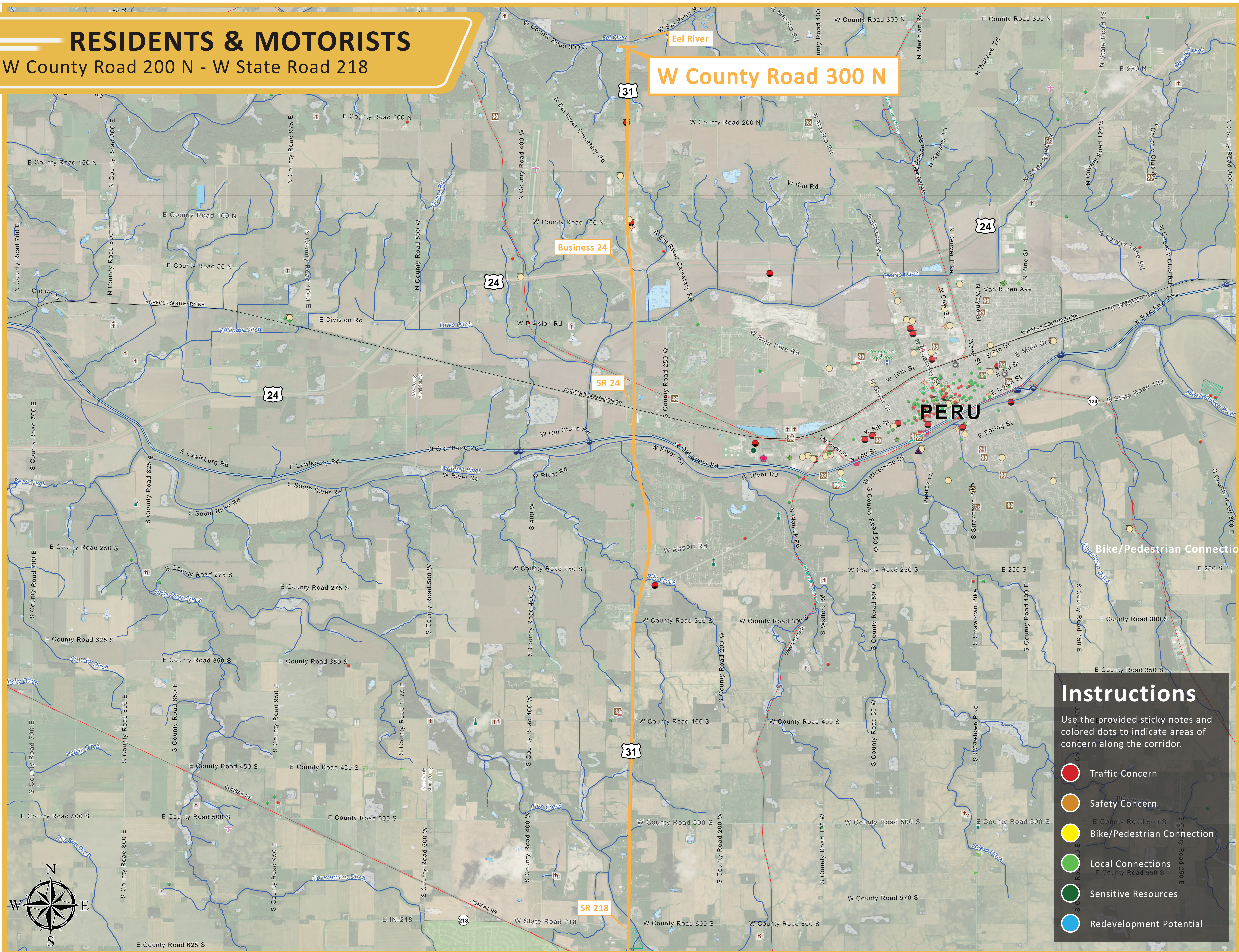
- Wetlands
- Cemeteries
- Churches
- Parks
- Historic Properties



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RESIDENTS & MOTORISTS

W County Road 200 N - W State Road 218



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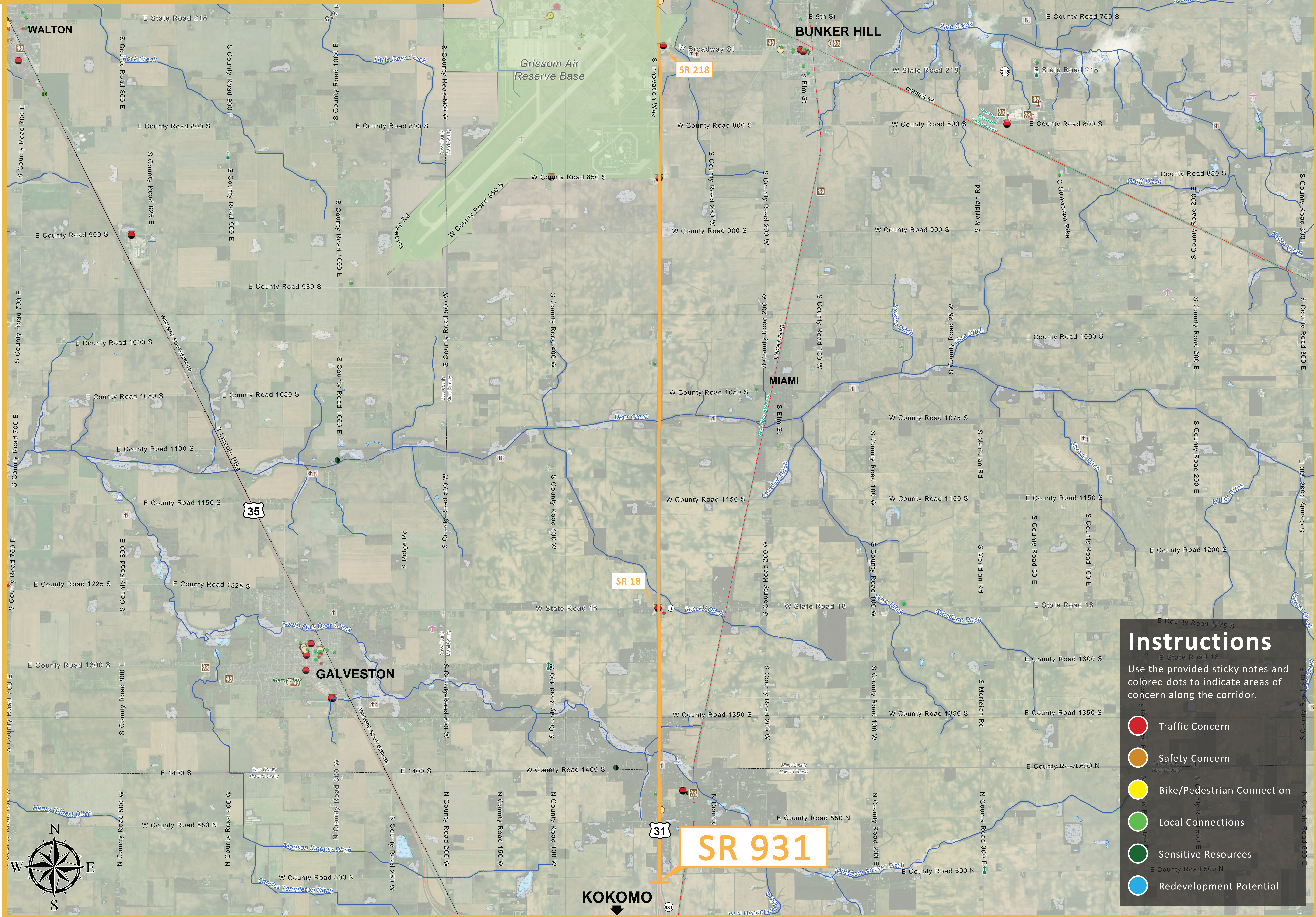
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State Road 218 - State Road 931



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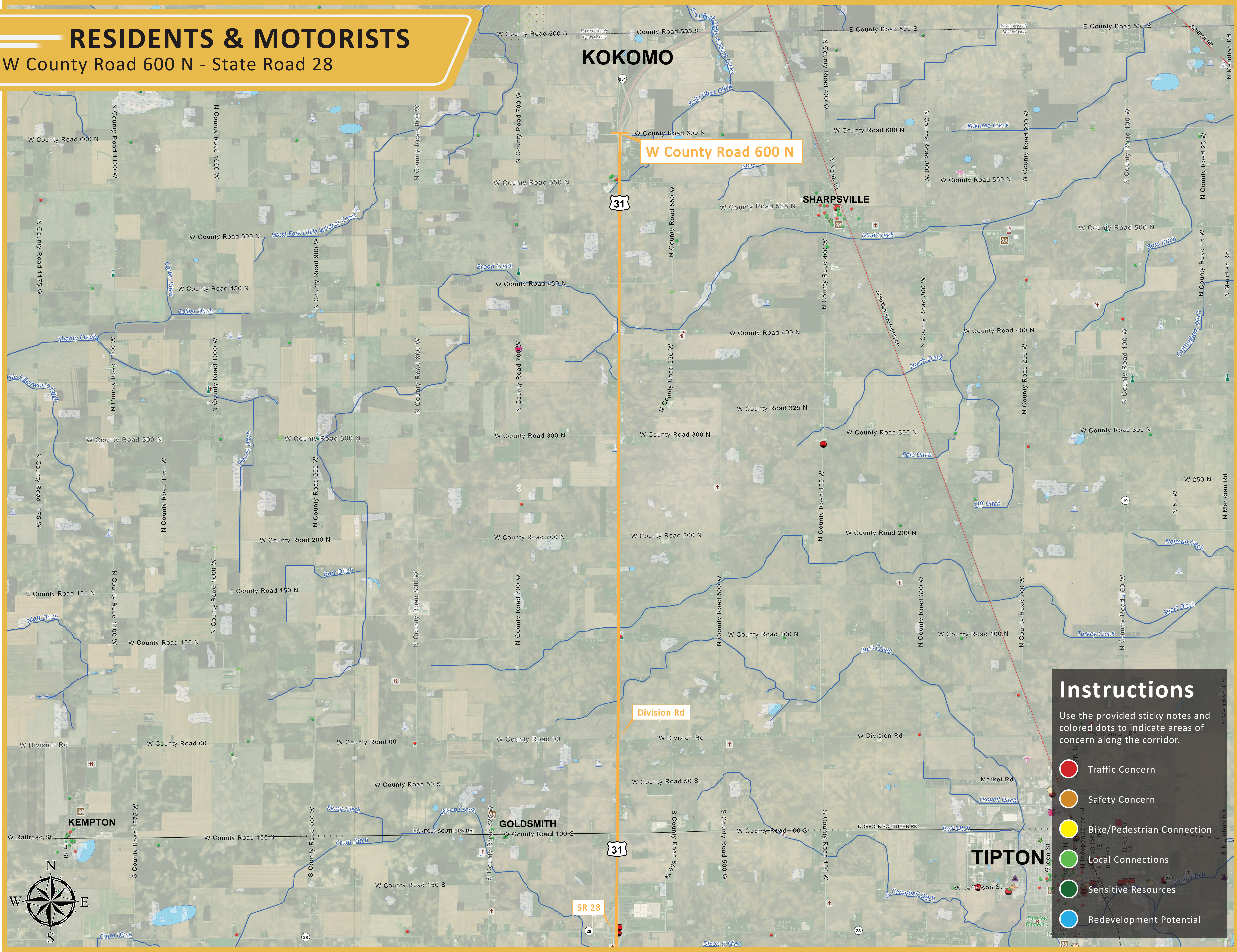
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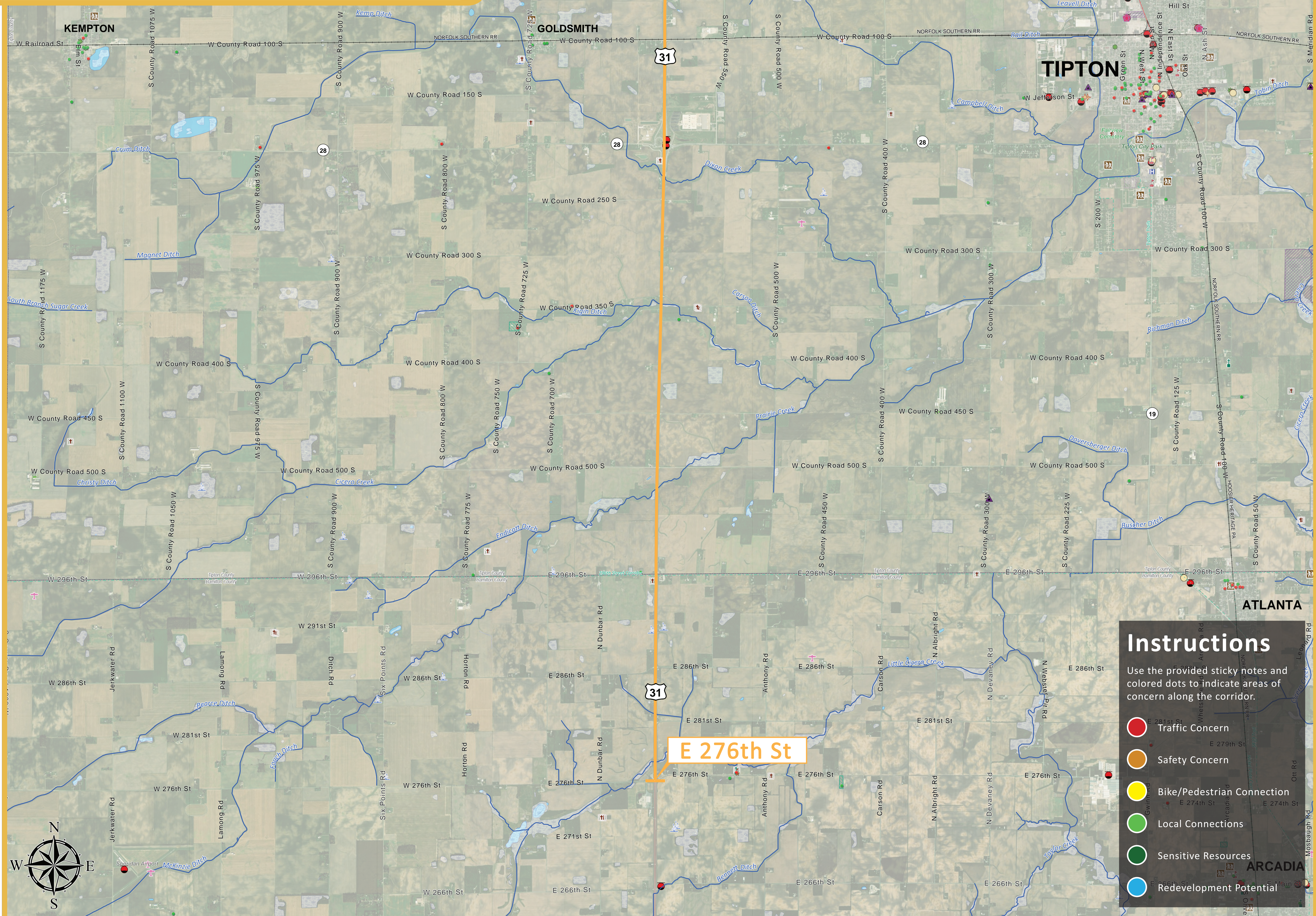
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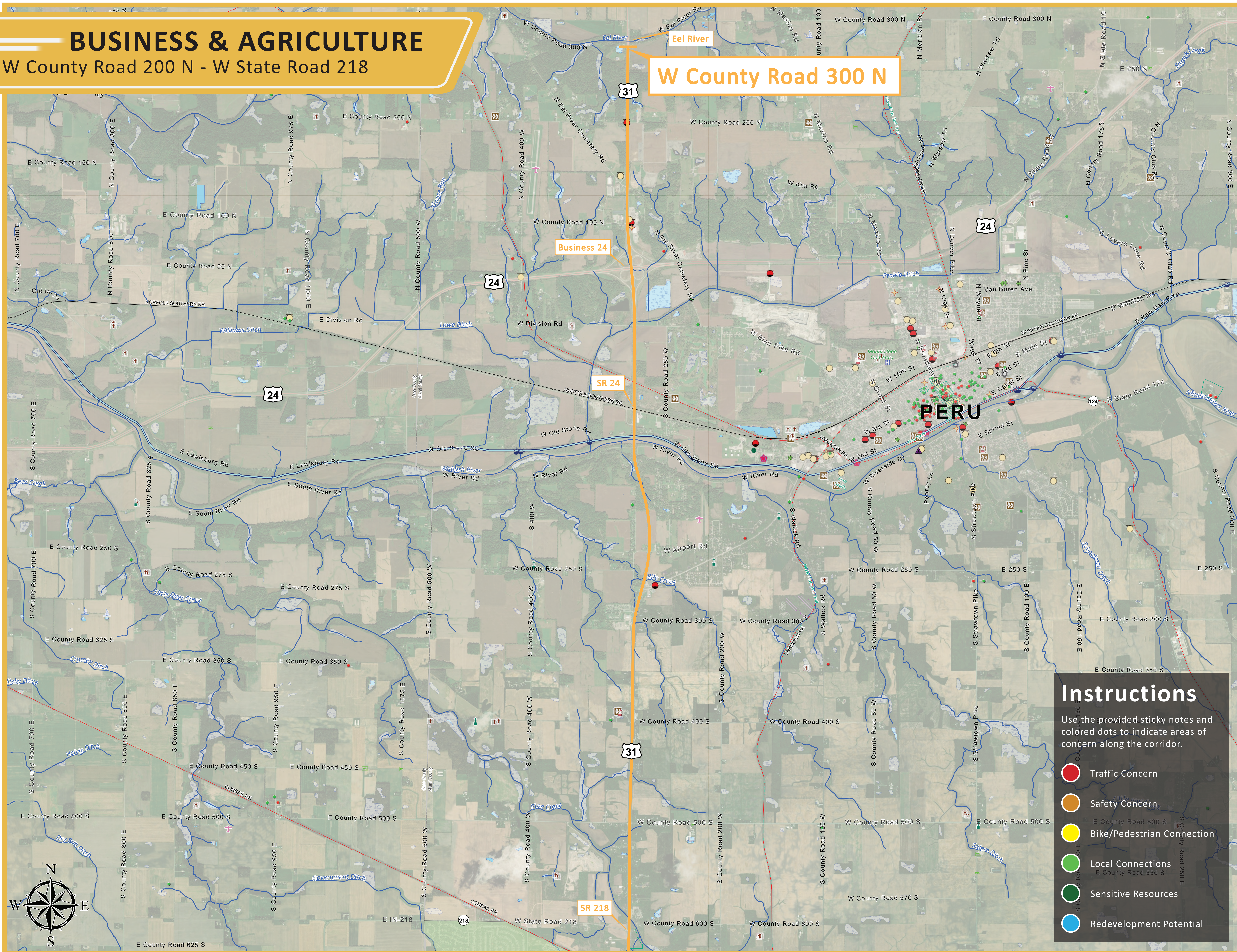
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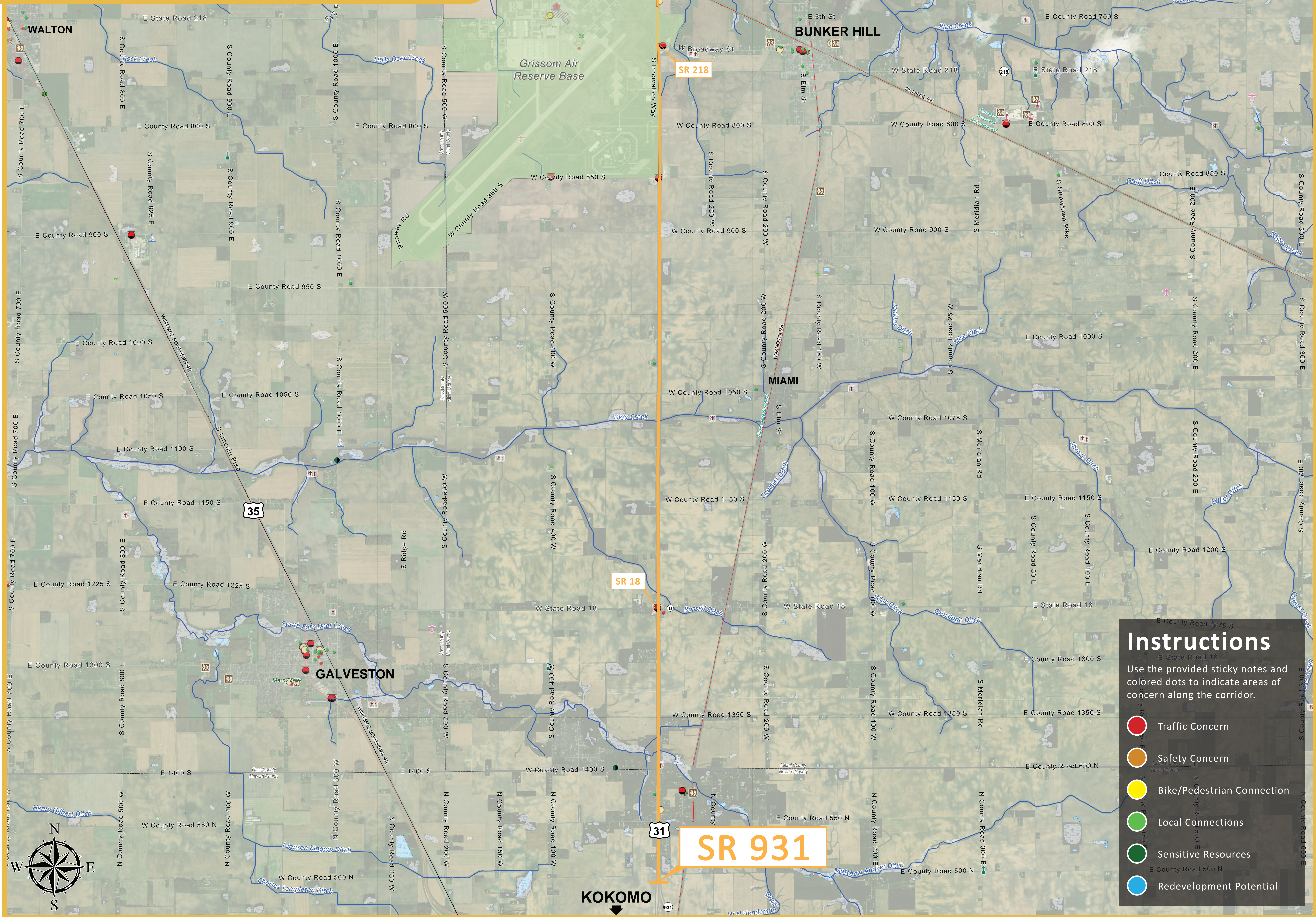
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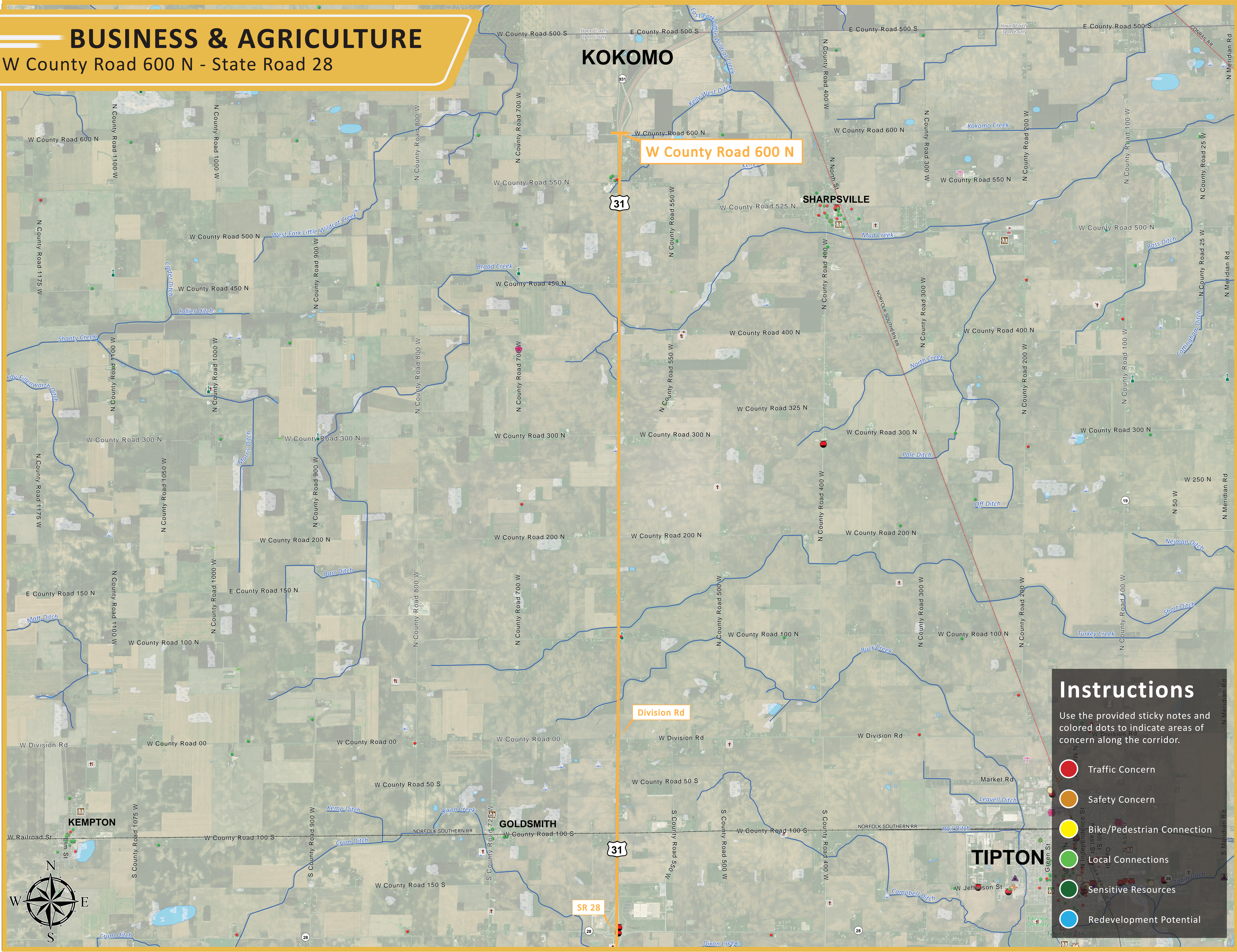
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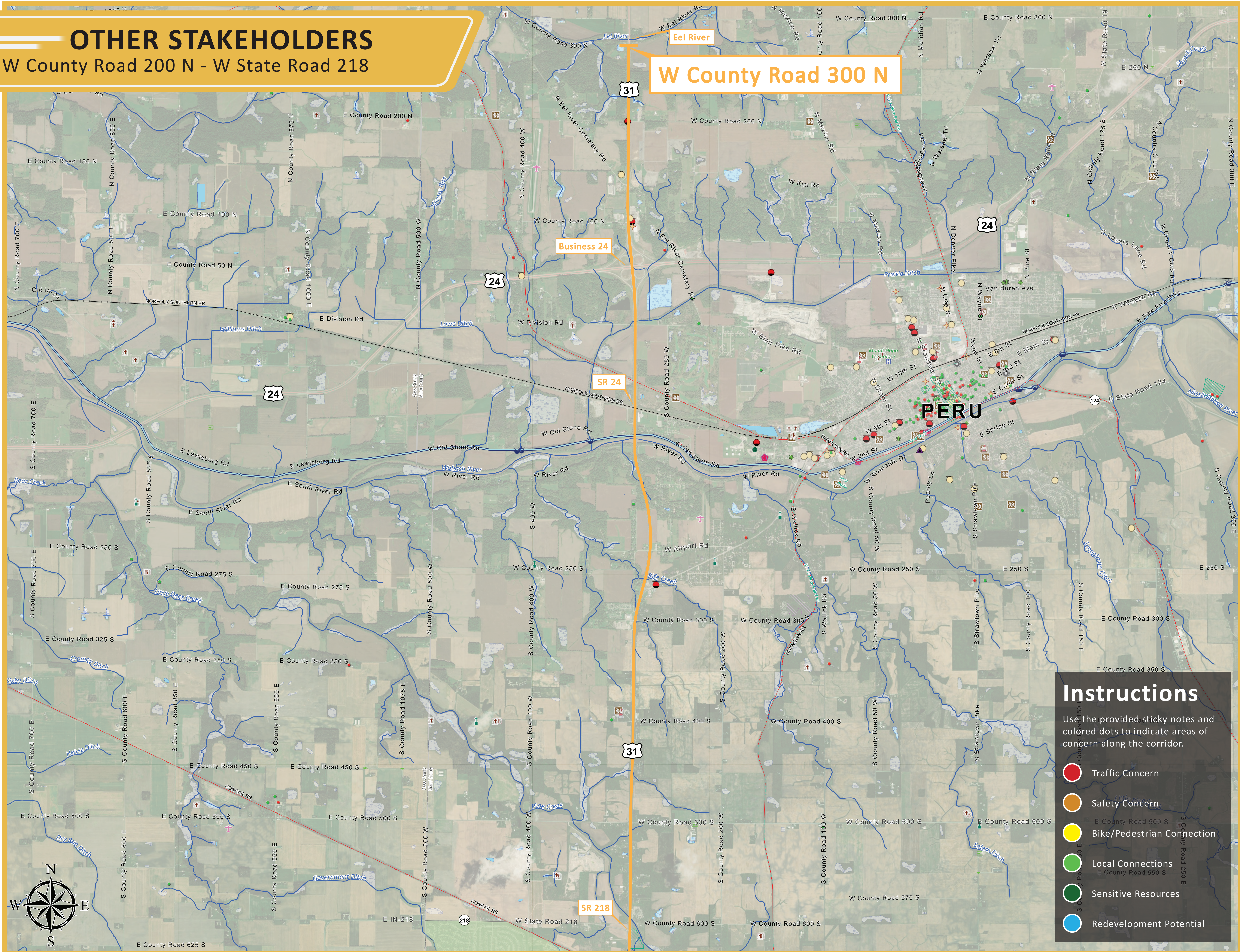
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OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

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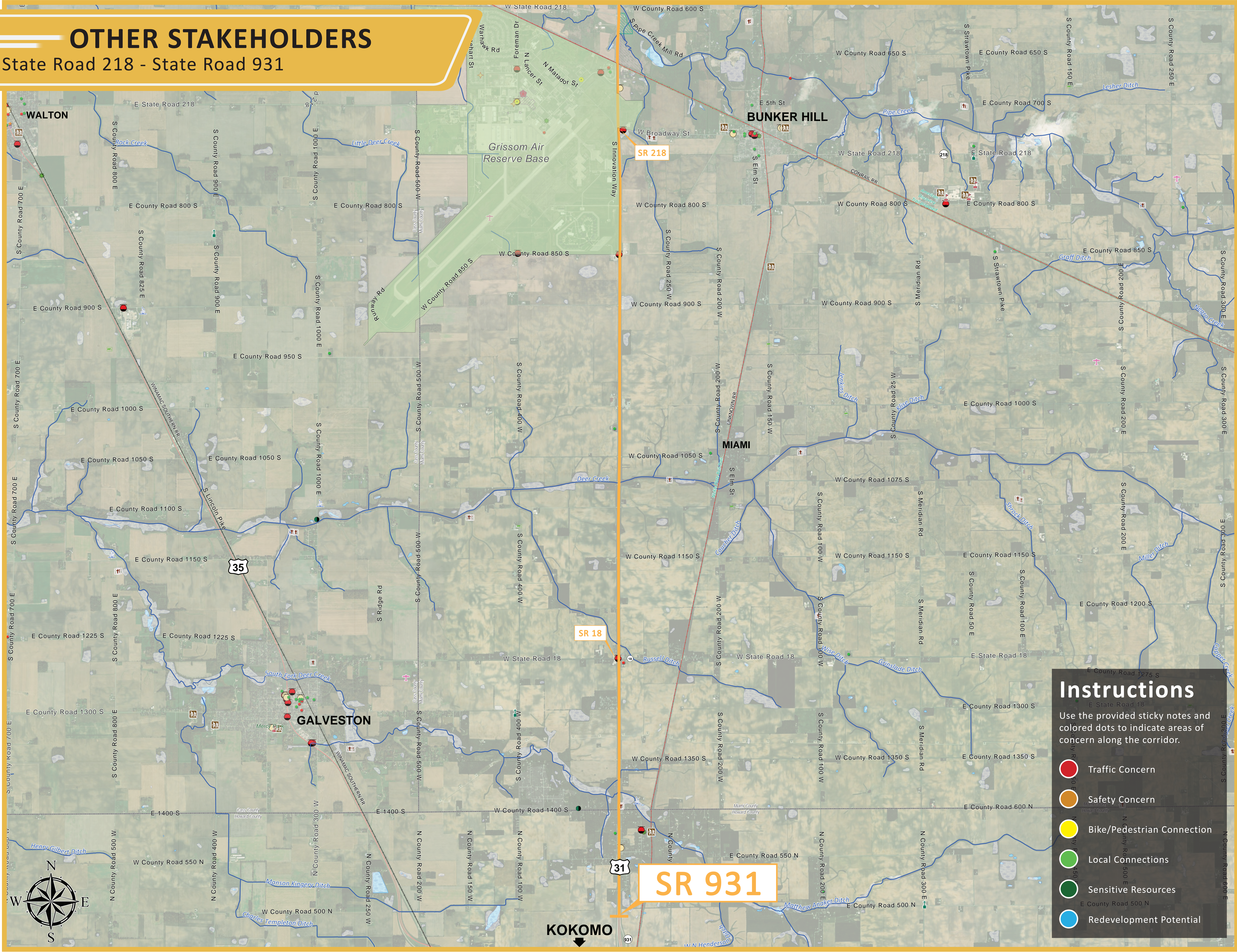
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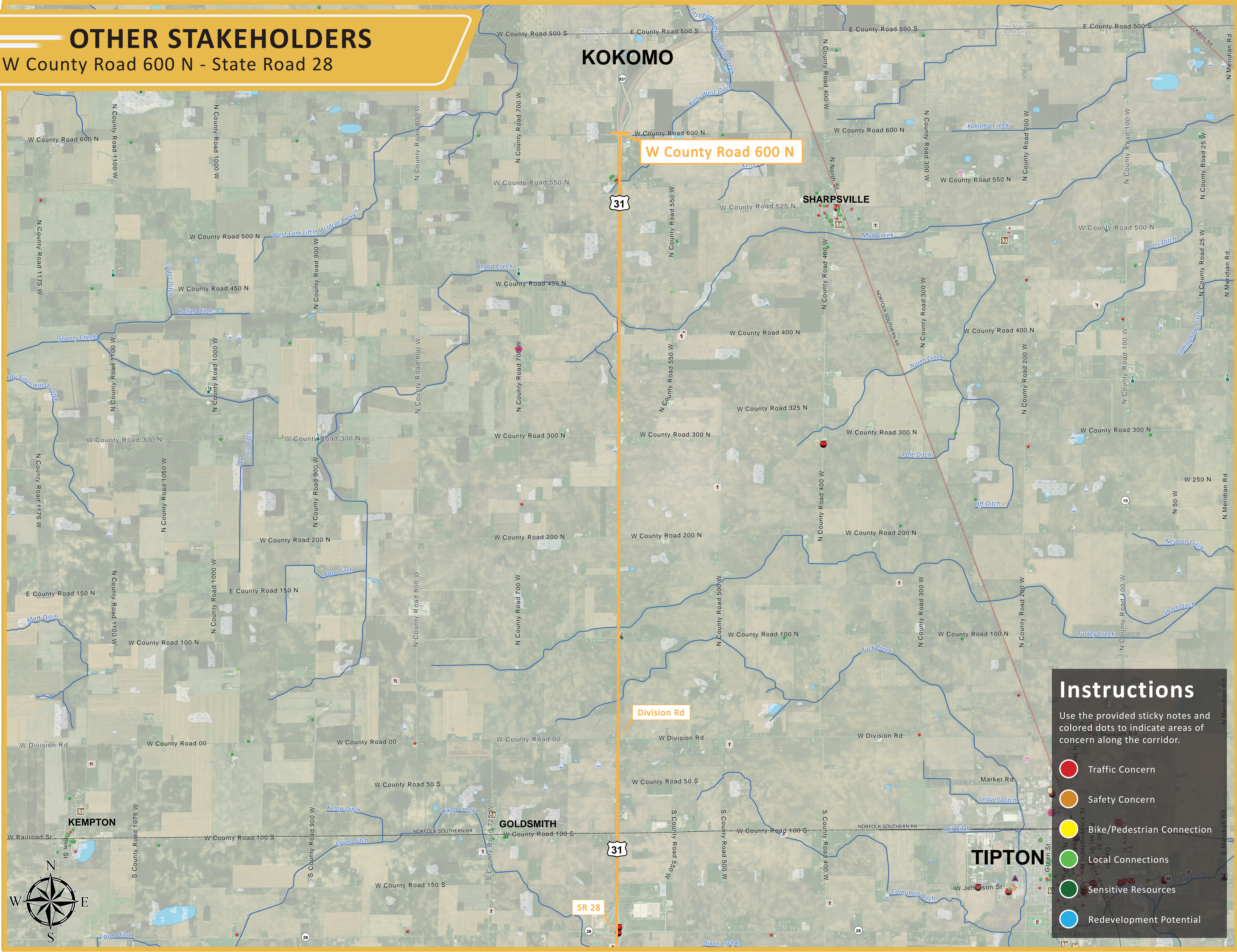
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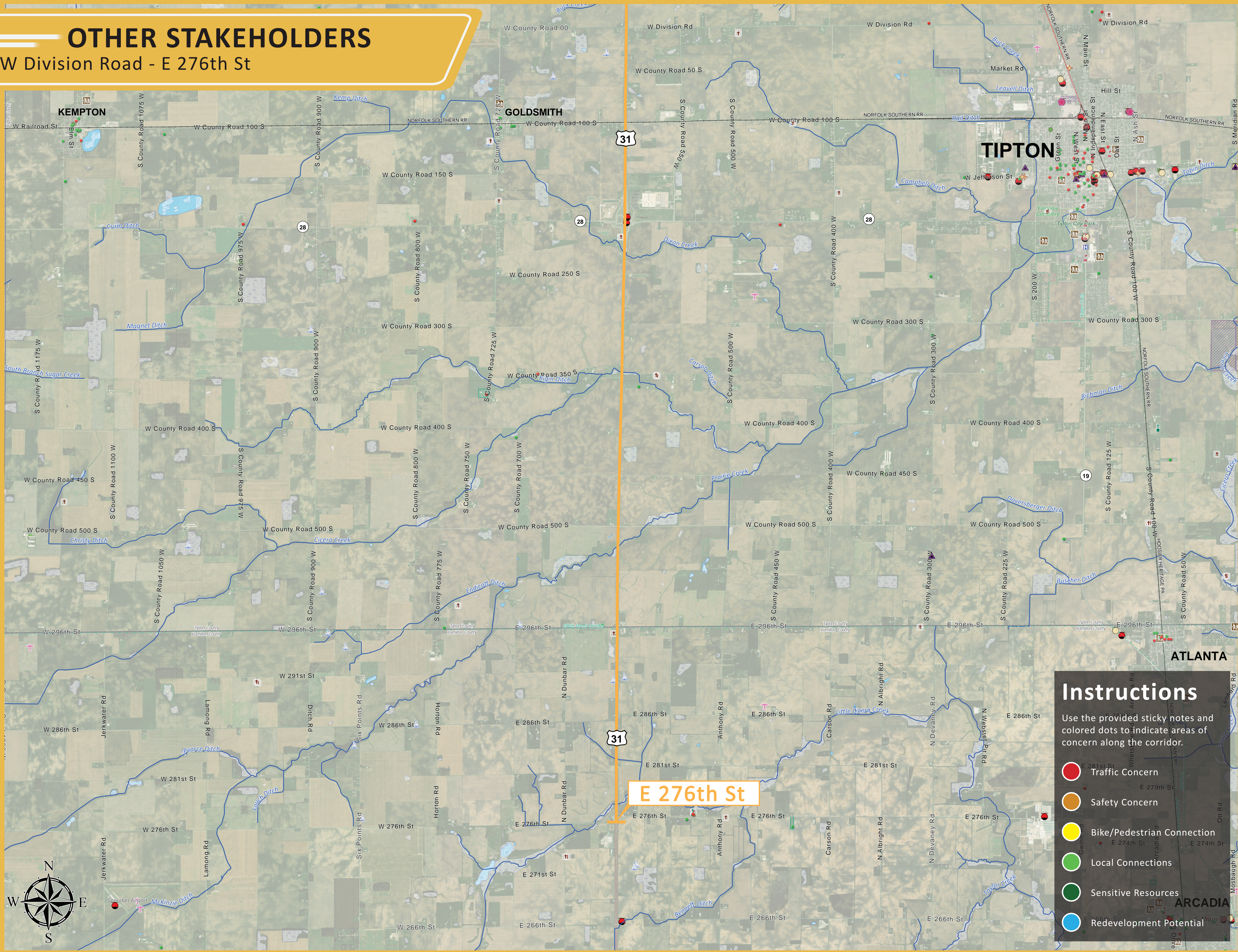
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CORRIDOR VISION



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STUDY VISION

What do you **like most** about the corridor?

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STUDY VISION

What is the **most important thing** the study should consider or do as part of the PEL process?

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