

Great Lakes Basin Rail Project

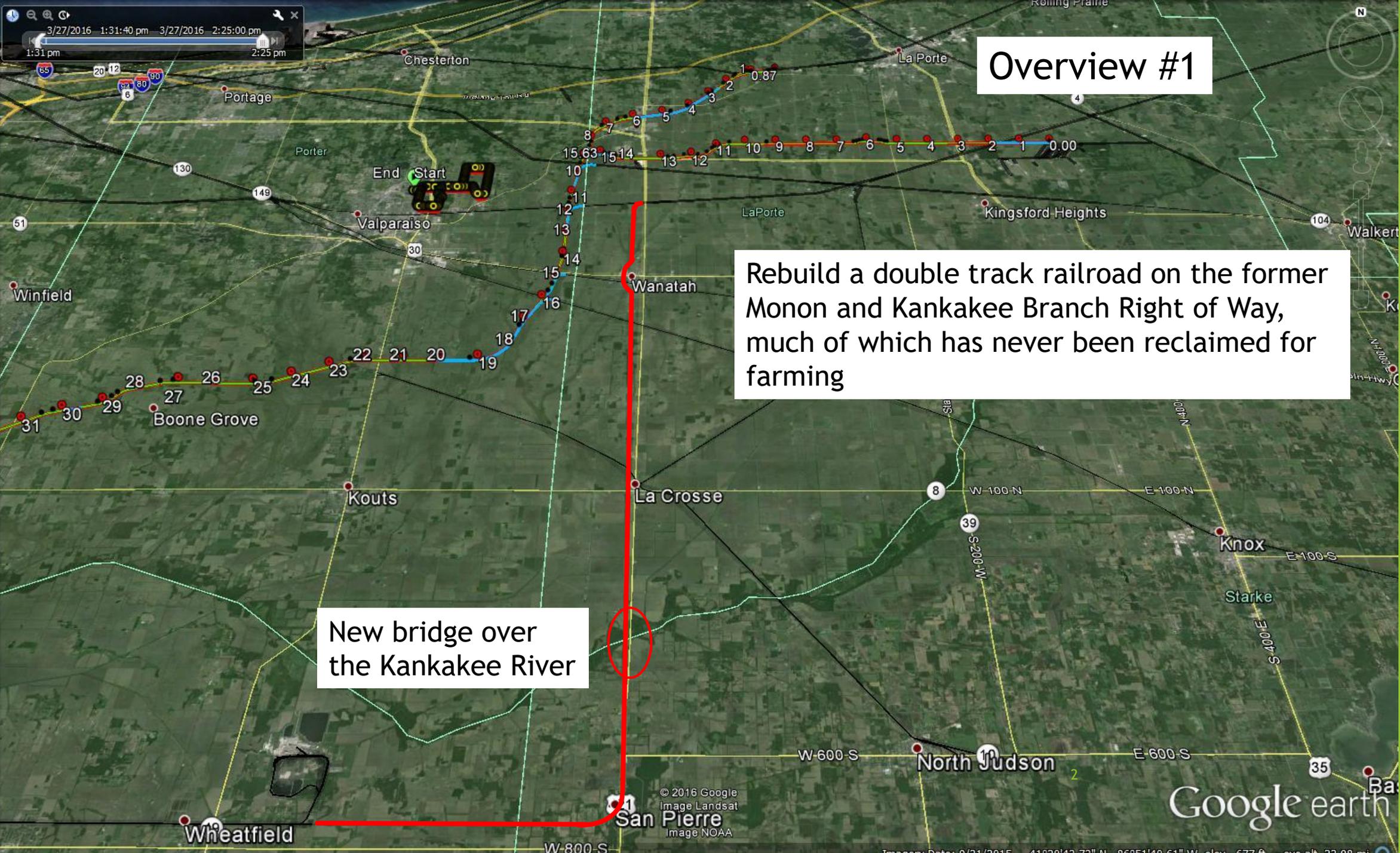
San Pierre Alternative - Using Former Monon abandoned right of way and Kankakee Line abandoned right of way and active NS Kankakee Line

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Overview #1

Rebuild a double track railroad on the former Monon and Kankakee Branch Right of Way, much of which has never been reclaimed for farming

New bridge over the Kankakee River



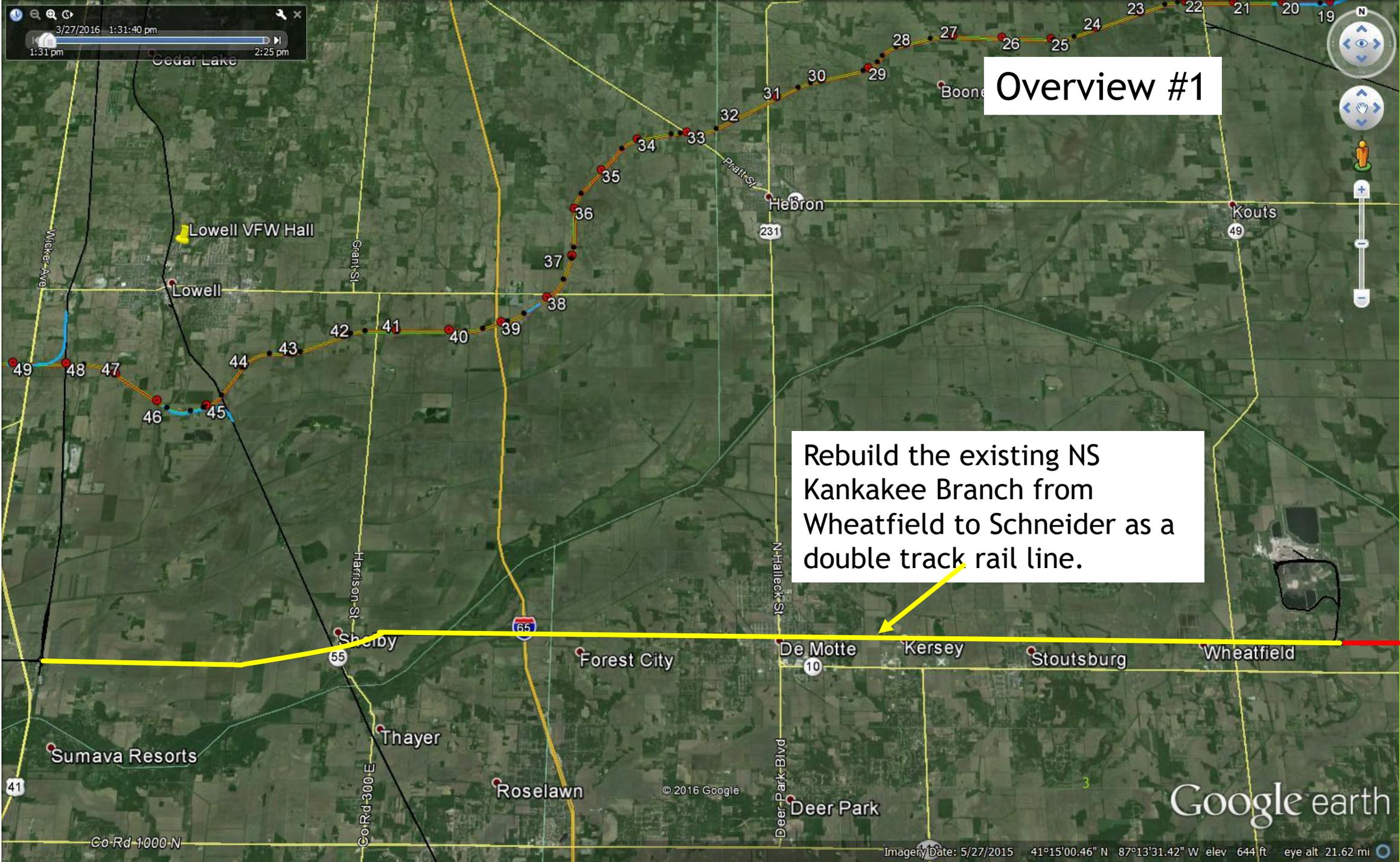
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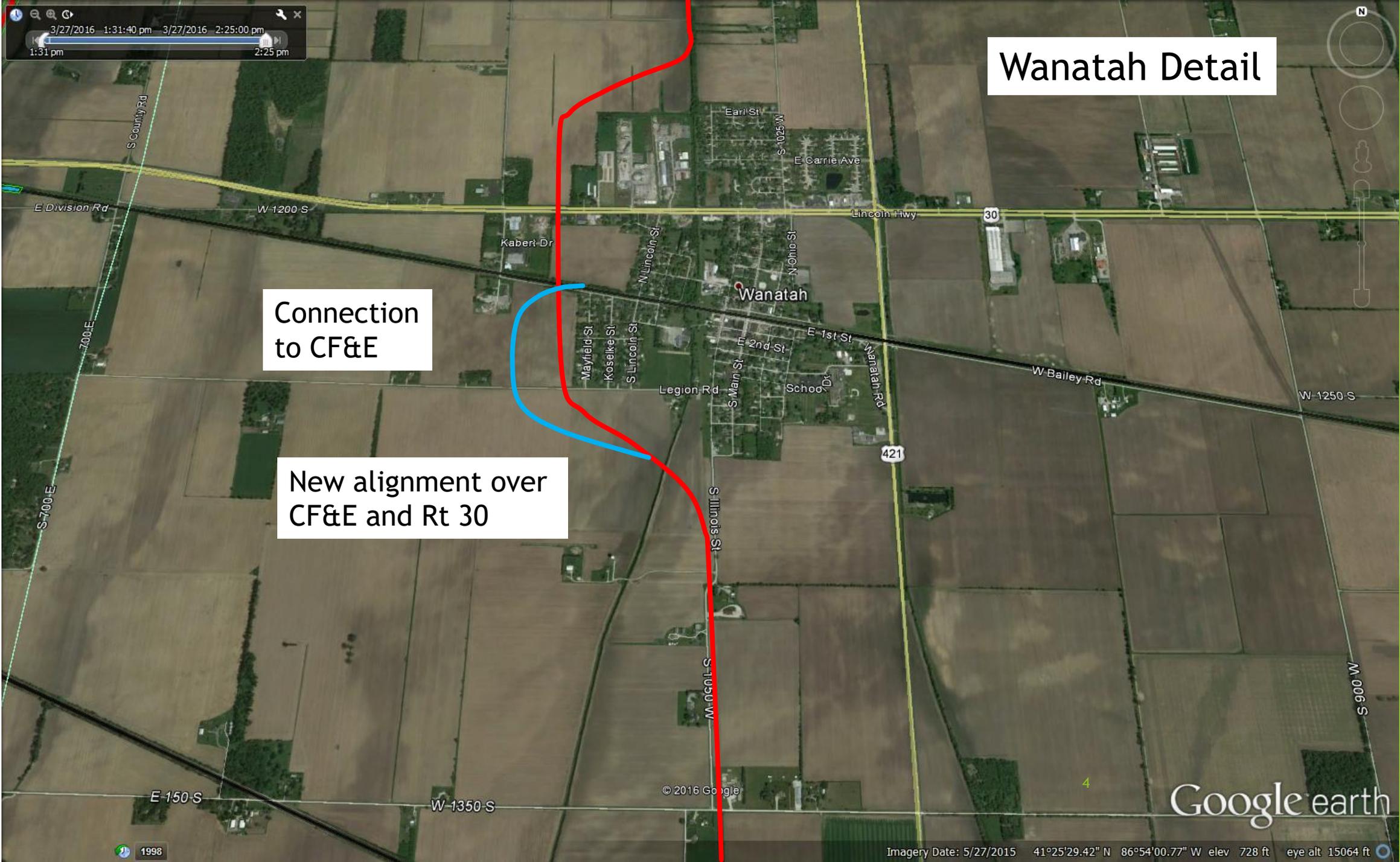
Rebuild the existing NS Kankakee Branch from Wheatfield to Schneider as a double track rail line.



Wanatah Detail

Connection to CF&E

New alignment over CF&E and Rt 30



South Wanatah Detail

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Connection to CF&E

Connection to NS Fort Wayne Line

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La Cross Connection Detail



Connection and crossing using switches and a crossover

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Evergreen Ave

Rain St

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La Crosse Overview

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Monon ROW

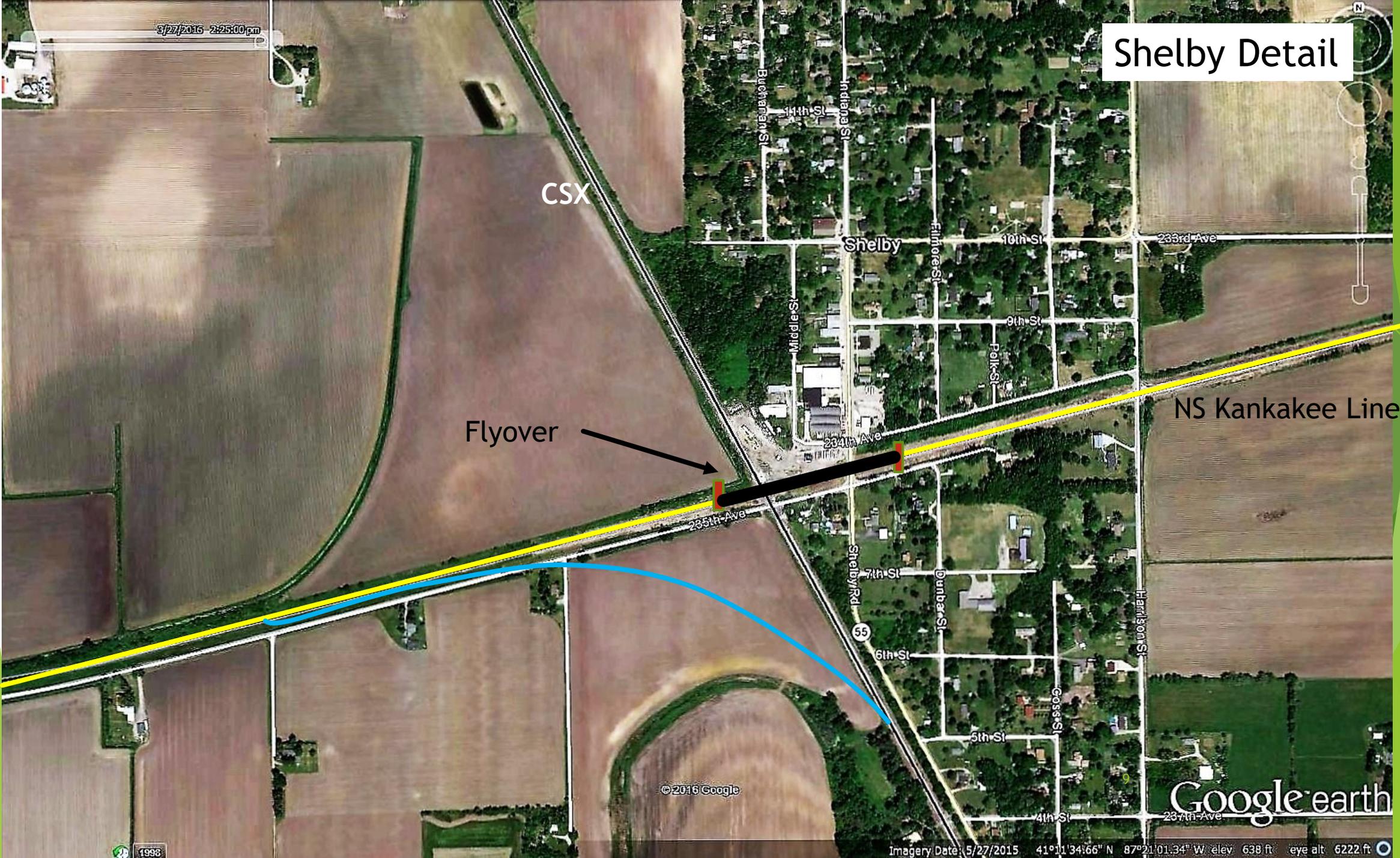
San Pierre Bypass

New alignment to avoid San Pierre

Kankakee Line ROW



Shelby Detail



CSX

Shelby

Flyover

NS Kankakee Line

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San Pierre Alternate Description

- Create a section of the railroad bypass of Chicago by rebuilding railroads in Indiana on branch lines or abandoned rail line property to avoid impact to farm property
- Use NS Kankakee Branch and former Monon property
- Build new double track railroad from connection to CN in western La Porte County on Monon ROW to active NS Kankakee Line near Wheatfield on former Kankakee Branch property
- Upgrade NS Kankakee Branch from Wheatfield to Schneider to double track main line.
- Continue rebuild of the Kankakee Branch west of Schneider to connect to the proposed GLBT Line near Reddick, IL or north of Schneider to connect to original proposed alignment of the GLBT near Belshaw, IN

Former Monon Route Construction

- Use abandoned Monon ROW from a connection with the CN Railroad in La Porte County near 850 S and Haskell Road to a point near 850 S and Route 421 in Jasper County.
 - Create a bypass around the west side of Wanatah west of Mayfield Street.
 - Place the new rail line on a Flyover over the CF&E and Route 30 west of Wanatah and over the Norfolk Southern Fort Wayne Line in South Wanatah.
 - Build highway overpasses over the CN Railroad on Route 421 south of Westville, and Route 8 on the west side of La Crosse
 - Bridge the Kankakee River at Wilders west of Route 421

Former Kankakee Line Construction and Up Grade

- Build on the abandoned Kankakee Branch ROW from a point near 750 S about 4000 feet east of the County Line in Starke County and the east end of the NS Kankakee Branch near 200 E near 1250 N in Jasper County
 - Create a bypass around the north and west side of San Pierre in Starke County
 - Upgrade the NS Kankakee Branch to double track from 200 E to Schneider, IN
- Structures
 - Build highway overpasses over the railroad on Route 49 in Wheatfield, and Route 231 in De Motte.
 - Build a Flyover over CSX and Route 55 in Shelby
 - Replace the existing Kankakee River Bridge with a double track bridge east of Shelby

San Pierre Alternative Summary

- Benefits
 - Avoids taking about 36.5 miles of prime farm land for Right of Way in Lake and Porter County
 - Uses all but about 3.8 miles of existing or former railroad right of way.
 - Net reduction of 24 miles of prime farm land used
 - Eliminates 3 (9 to 6) highway overpasses
- Drawbacks
 - Adds 17.5 miles to the route if via Belshaw and 11.5 if via Kankakee Branch to the west via Reddick
 - Uses about 8.6 miles of reclaimed farm land from former railroad ROW