



# **IL 53 Phase I Study**

## **River Road to Patterson Road**

### **Will County, Illinois**



**Public Hearing**  
**March 21, 2024**



# Meeting Agenda

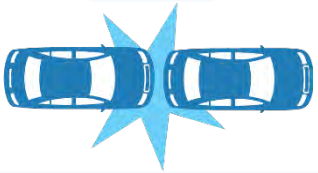
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# Project Overview



# Purpose and Need

## CRASHES



713 Total Crashes (2015-2019)  
12 Fatalities (2015-2022)



POOR PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY



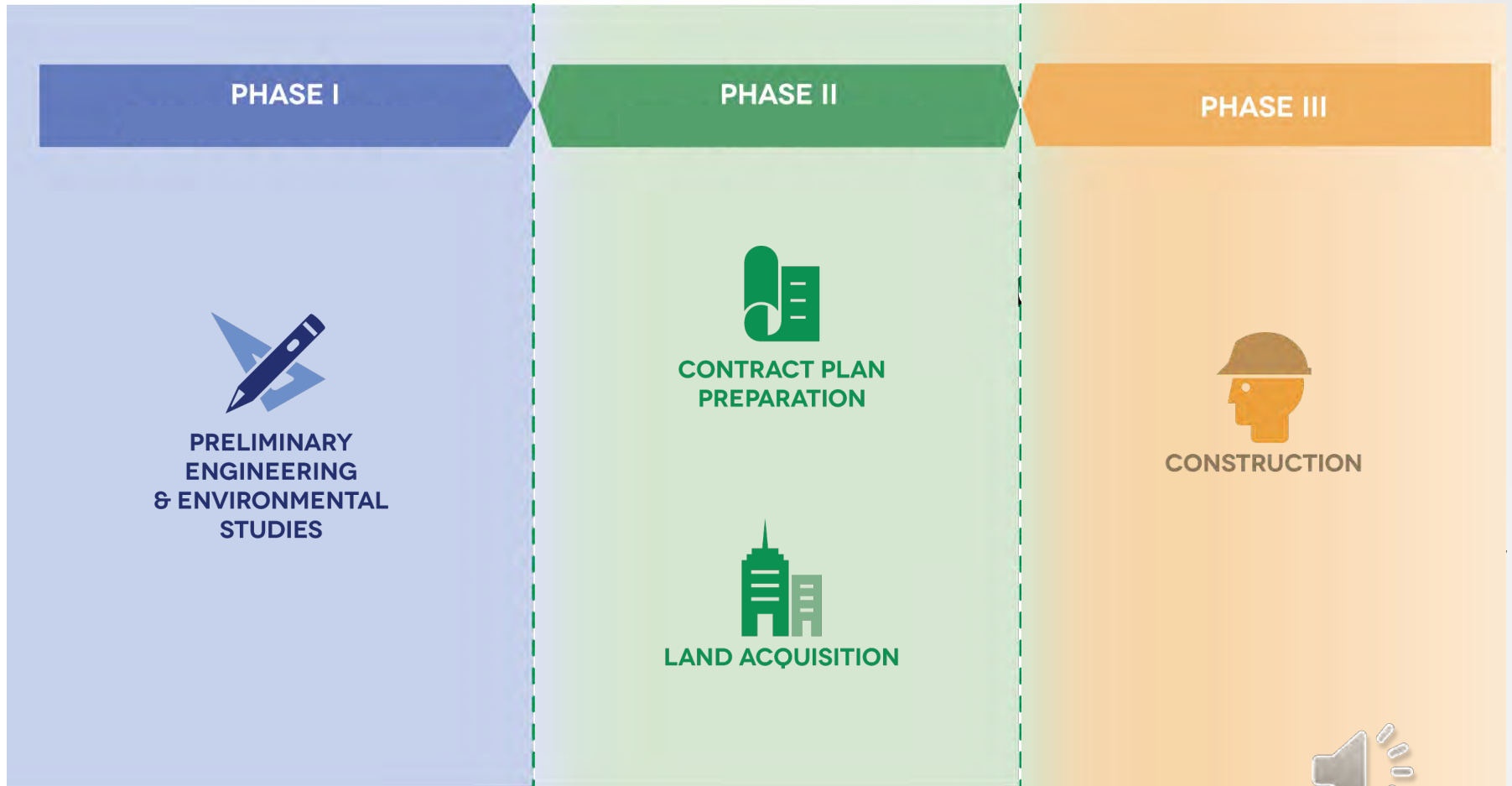
TRAFFIC CONGESTION



FLOODING



# Project Implementation Process



- *Patterson to Arsenal Road included in Department's FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program*
- *Arsenal Road to River Road not included in Department's FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program*



# Phase I Project Schedule



-  Public Meeting
-  CAG Meeting
-  Public Hearing



# Project Scope

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# North Section Scope

## Patterson Rd to Mills Rd



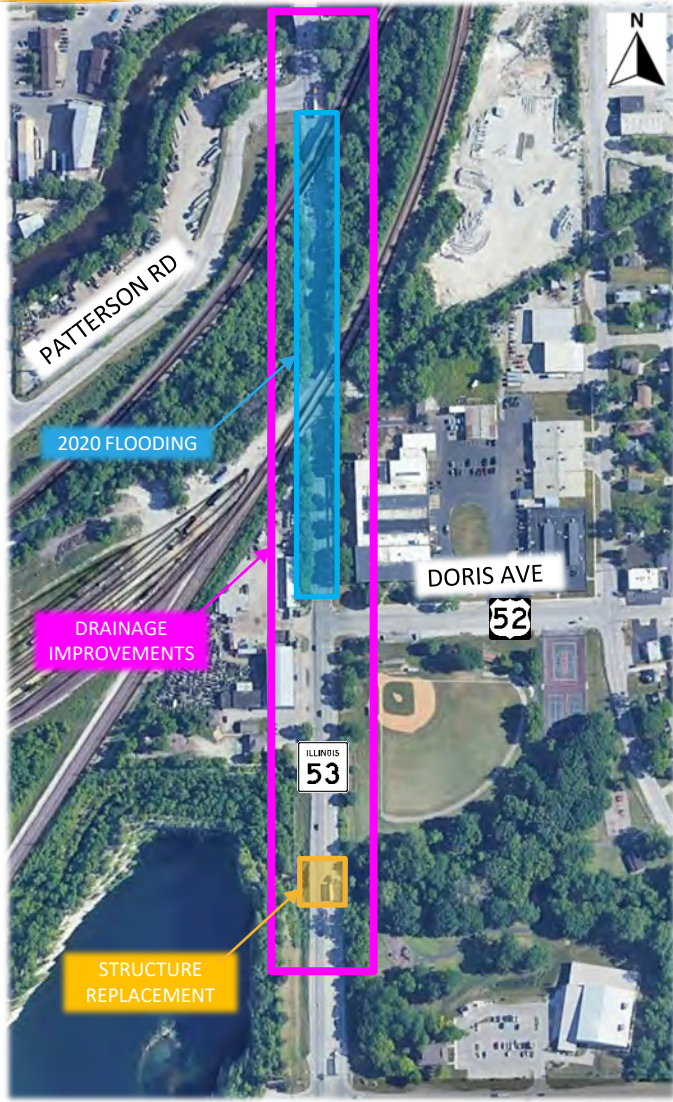
# US 52 Reroute



# North Section Scope



# North Section - Drainage





# Central Section Scope

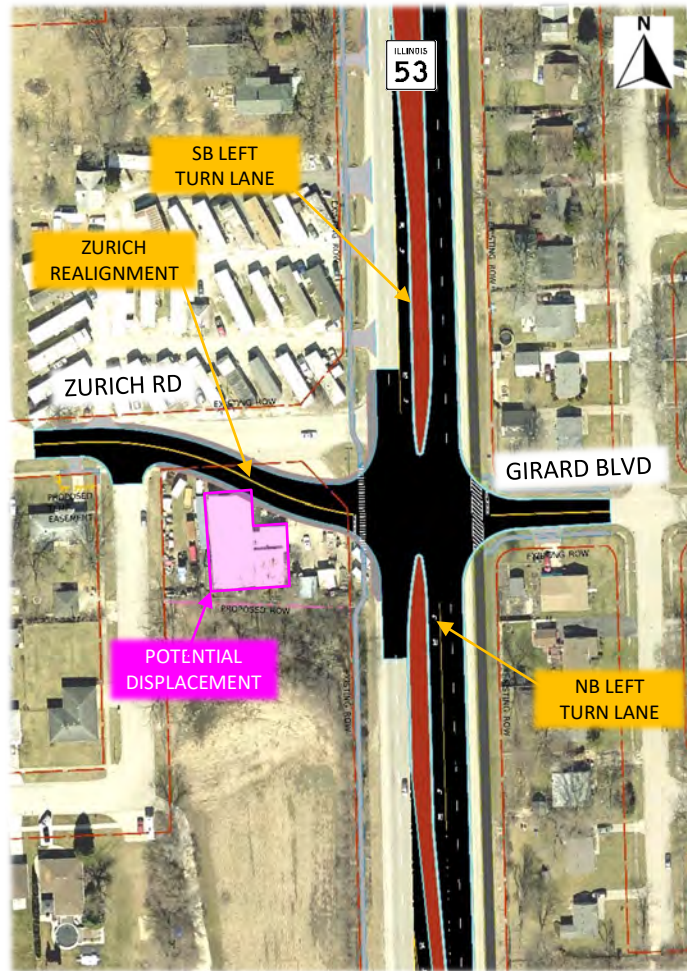
## Mills Rd to S Arsenal Rd



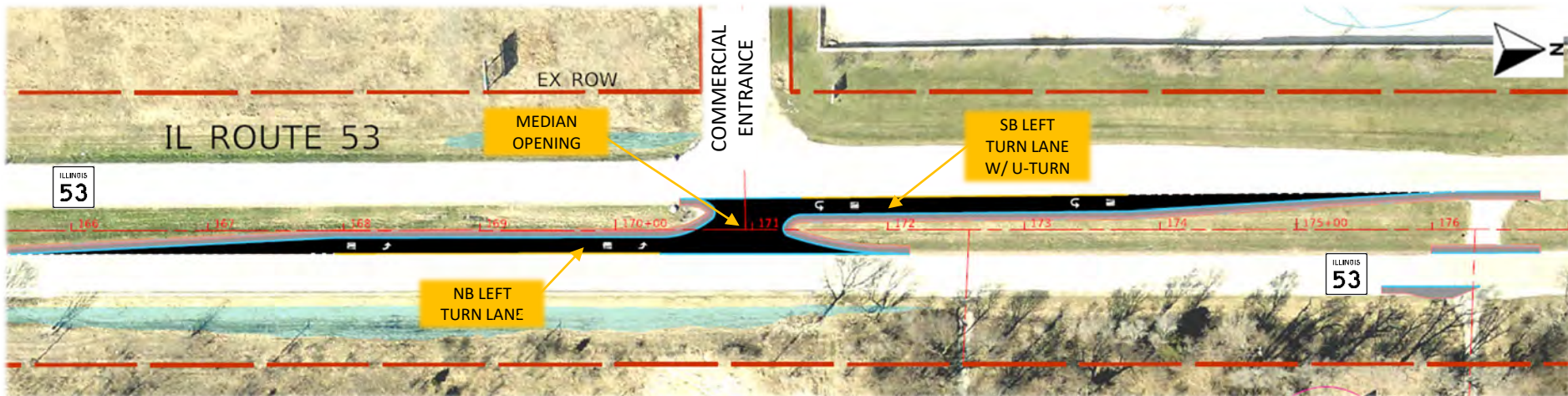
# Central Section Scope



# IL 53 at Zurich/Girard



# Median Consolidation





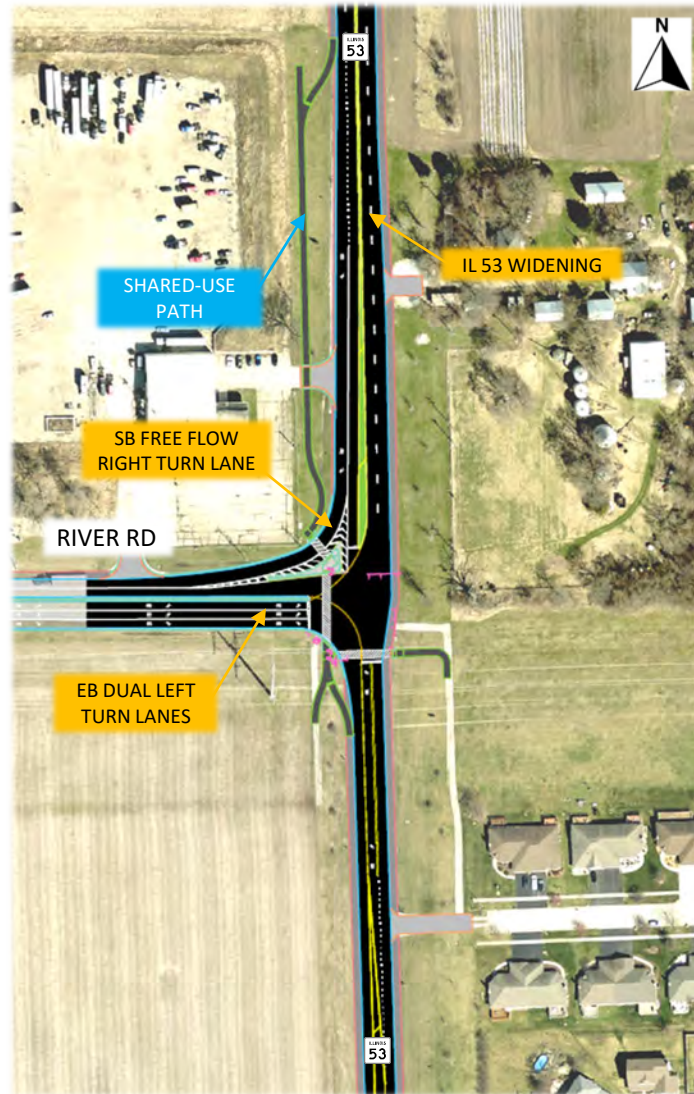


# South Section Scope

## S Arsenal Rd to River Rd



# IL 53 at River Rd



# Environmental Analysis



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## Types of Impacts Measured



Businesses



Residences



Farmlands



Water and Natural Resources



Traffic Noise



Cultural and Historic Resources



Public Lands



Environmental Justice

# Environmental Impacts

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



**Wetlands**  
1.66 acres



**Streams**  
2,760 feet



**Floodplains**  
3.29 acres



**Threatened & Endangered Species**  
No impacts

## HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

**Total ROW**  
17.1 acres



**Business**  
1 displacement



**Noise**  
No mitigation required



**Farmland**  
6.6 acres



**Parks**  
De minimis



**Environmental Justice**  
No disproportionate impacts anticipated



**Residential Property**  
No displacements



**Historic**  
No Adverse Effect



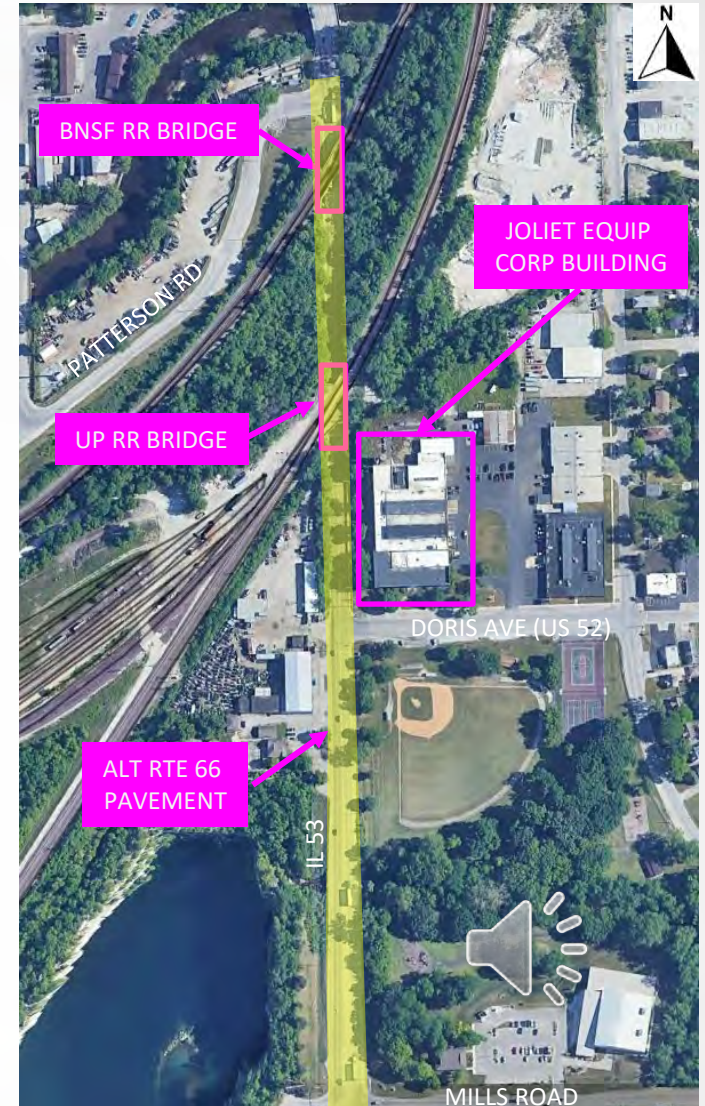
# Section 106

Federal process that requires the analysis of impacts to historic resources

17 historic sites identified

13 historic sites not impacted

4 historic sites have no adverse effect



# Section 4(f)

Federal process that requires the analysis of impacts to park and recreational lands, wildlife and water fowl refuges, and historic sites

Nowell Park identified as Section 4(f) resource

De minimis impacts to Nowell Park anticipated



De minimis impacts for proposed sidewalk connections and grading

# Environmental Justice

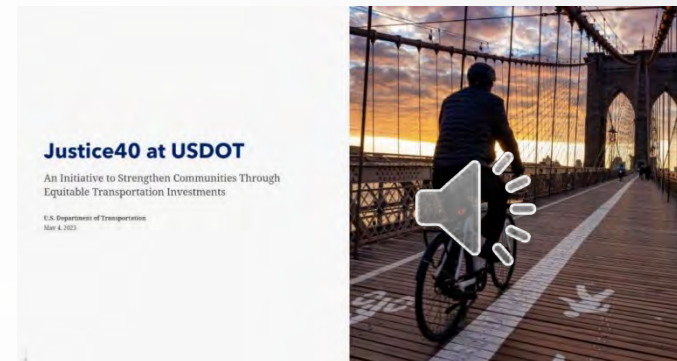
Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, national origin, or education level with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

If you have any concerns with EJ issues as it relates to this project or if you are aware of historical discrimination along the IL 53 corridor, please notify the project team today or fill out a comment form.

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Comment Form







# Land Acquisition

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## Fee Simple

Acquisition of all rights and interest

## Permanent Easement

Ownership retained by property owner

IDOT allowed permanent use of property to construct and maintain facilities

## Temporary Easement

Ownership retained by property owner

Temporary use to construct minor improvements

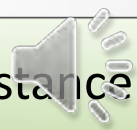
Determine Ownership

Prepare Independent Appraisal

Negotiations with Property Owners

Condemnation if Necessary

Relocation Assistance





# Next Steps

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Review public comments

Revise geometrics and drainage improvements

Phase I design approval anticipated in 2024

# Public Forum

Where and When?

5:30 pm in this room

What is it?

Opportunity for stakeholders to publicly state their comments about the project.

Comments will be recorded by a court reporter and become part of the Public Hearing Record.

# Public Forum

Fill out a yellow participation form

Give the form to a project team member

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## PUBLIC FORUM SIGN-UP

All public forum speakers will have a maximum of 2 minutes each to present their comments to a court reporter. The project team welcomes your comments and requests that you present your remarks in a respectful manner, within the 2-minute time limit.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to participate, please complete this form and place in the public forum box near the sign-in area.

*Please keep all remarks respectful and courteous*

# Public Input

Browse exhibits and speak with the team

Fill out a comment form

Comment period ends April 11, 2024

Provide verbal testimony to court reporter

Public forum starts at 5:30pm

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### PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

March 21, 2024

Thank you for attending the public hearing for the preliminary engineering and environmental studies (Phase I) for the improvement of IL 53 from River Road to Patterson Road in Will County. You may use this comment form to provide input on the information presented tonight. Your comments and opinions are an important part of this project, and you are encouraged to provide them in writing today or soon after this hearing. When you have completed this form, please place it in the comment box. You may also return it via mail (see reverse side of this sheet) or e-mail ([IL53Corridor@ClarkDietz.com](mailto:IL53Corridor@ClarkDietz.com)). Comments received by April 11, 2024, will become part of the official public hearing record.

Name: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Number and Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_ Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your comments on the IL 53 Phase I Study (River Road to Patterson Road) as presented at tonight's hearing.

www.IL53Corridor.org Thank you for your participation.

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# Welcome

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