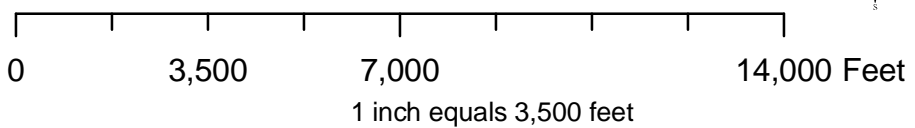


Legend

- Alignment Alternatives Eliminated from Detailed Environmental Review
- Alignment Alternatives Retained for Detailed Environmental Review



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Figure 1:
Preliminary Alternative Alignment Screening
New Ulm/West & Courtland Sections

A1B. Retain, refine to "best balance" with X1A

X1A. Eliminate northern most portion; A1B refinement with X1A will be "best balanced"

A1A. Retain, refine

X1B. Eliminate due to ravine, impacts

X1C. Eliminate due to ravine, impacts; A1B will be "best balanced"

A2B. Retain; Requires refinement to address interchange design and to avoid cemetery and wetlands; Connect to A1B only

X1D. Eliminate; Bluff impacts

A1B. Refine to connect with ONLY A2B North of Courtland

X2D. Eliminate; Too far north to justify

X1E. Eliminate; Bluff impacts; Fails to meet access management objectives in residential and school area

A2A. Retain and refine; Connect only to A1A towards west

A2C. Retain by definition; common optimal alignment for A2A and A2B

X2D. Continued.

X2B. Eliminate; Inefficient; Unnecessary residential and farmland impacts

X2C. Eliminate; Unnecessarily impacts residences and cemetery

X2E. Eliminate; A2A is a more optimal alignment

X2A. Eliminate; Very high impacts to Courtland