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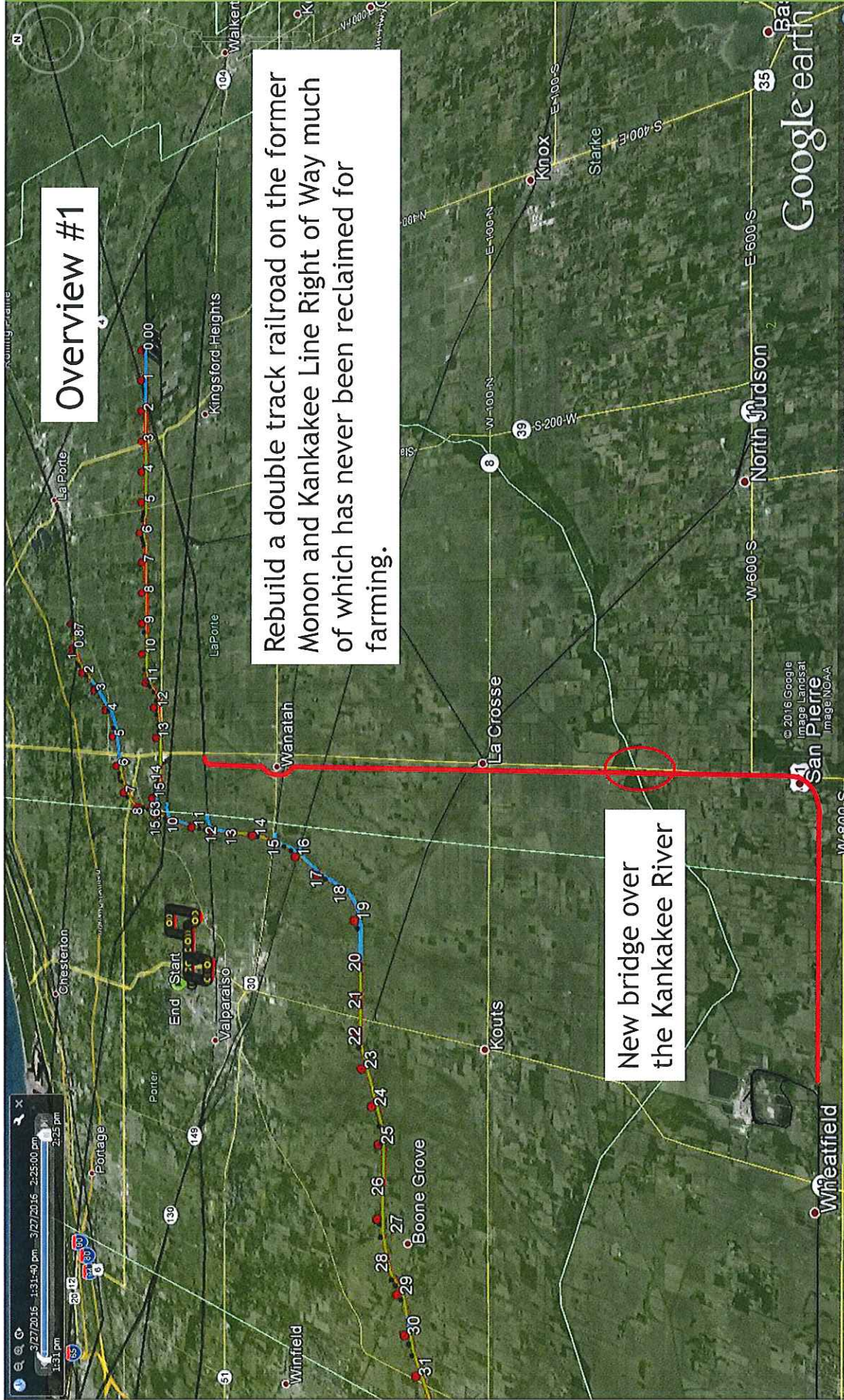


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San Pierre Alternative - Using Former Monon abandoned right of way
and Kankakee Line abandoned right of way and active NS Kankakee Line

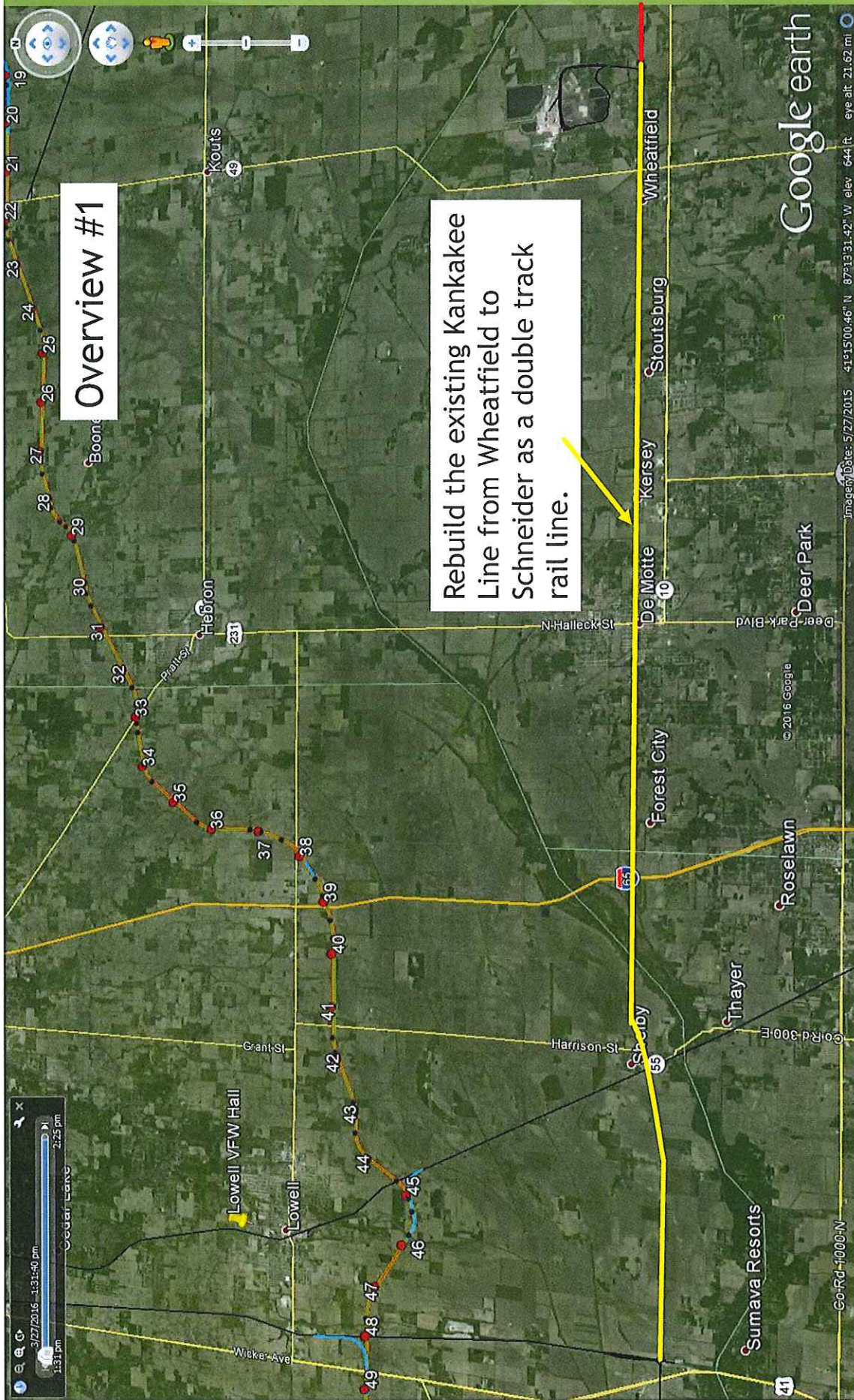


Overview #1

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

New bridge over the Kankakee River

Google earth



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



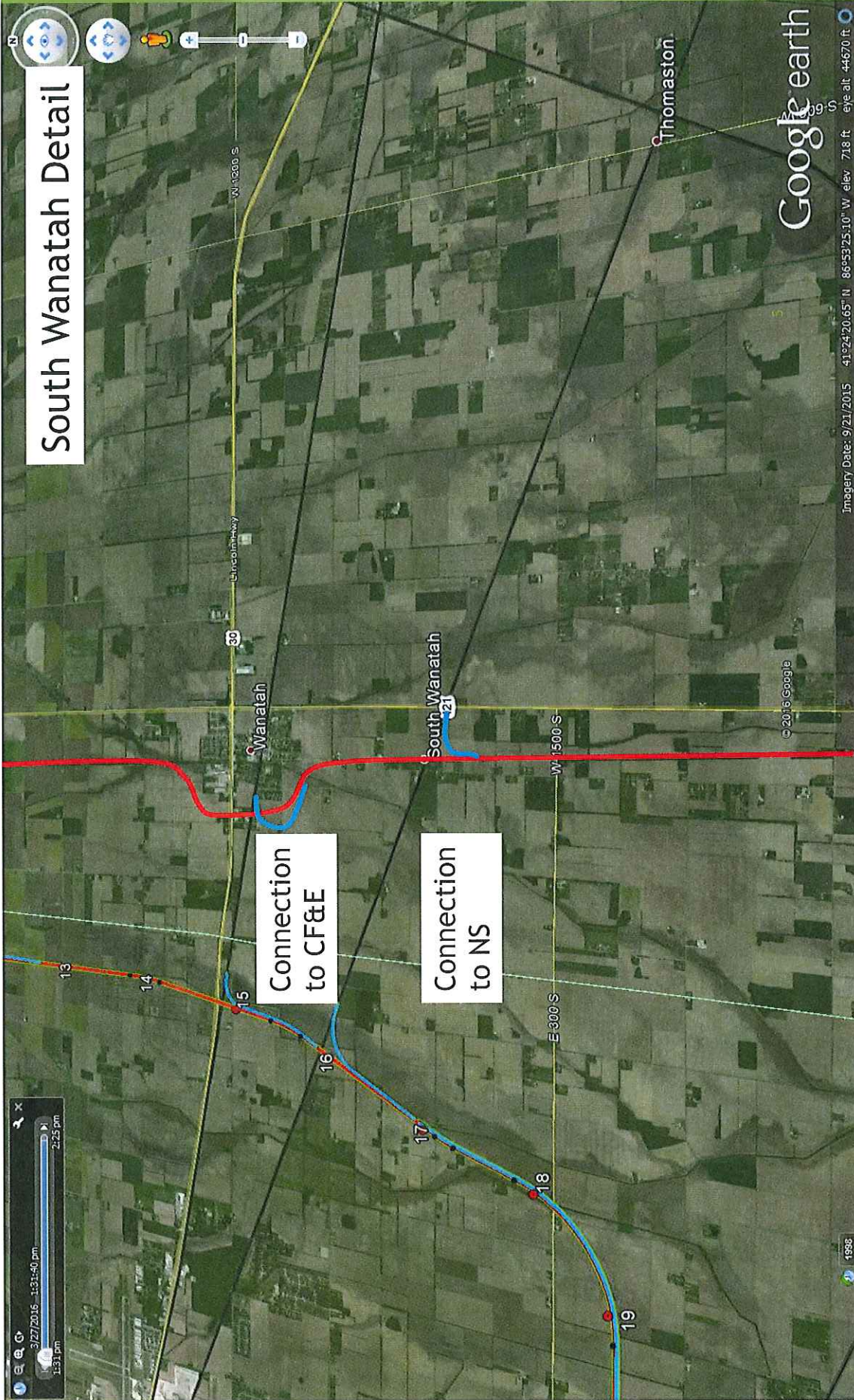
Wanatah Detail

Connection
to CF&E

New alignment over
CF&E and Rt 30

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Imagery Date: 3/27/2015 41°25'29.42" N 86°54'00.77" W elev 728 ft eye alt 15064 ft



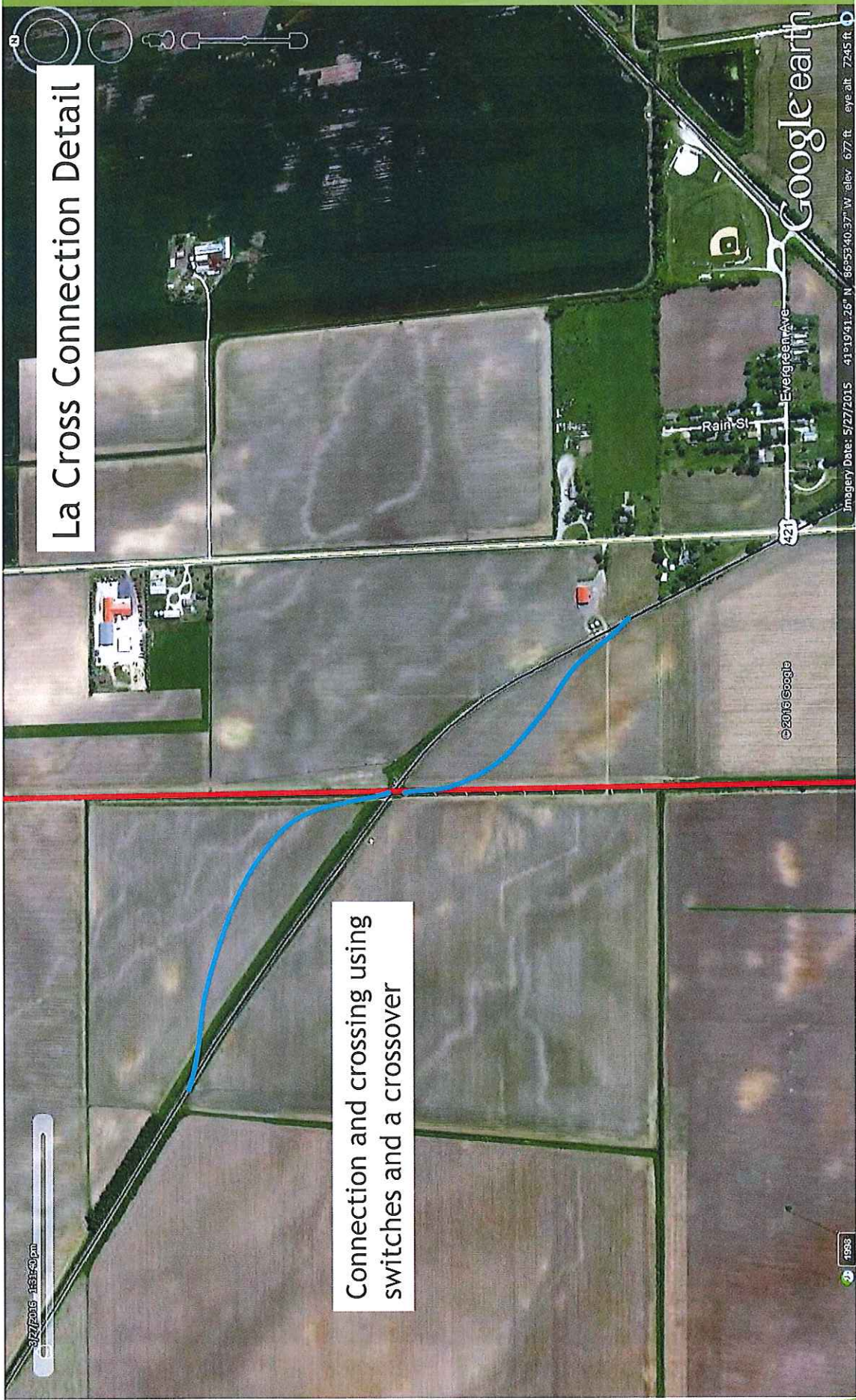
South Wanatah Detail

Connection to CF&E

Connection to NS

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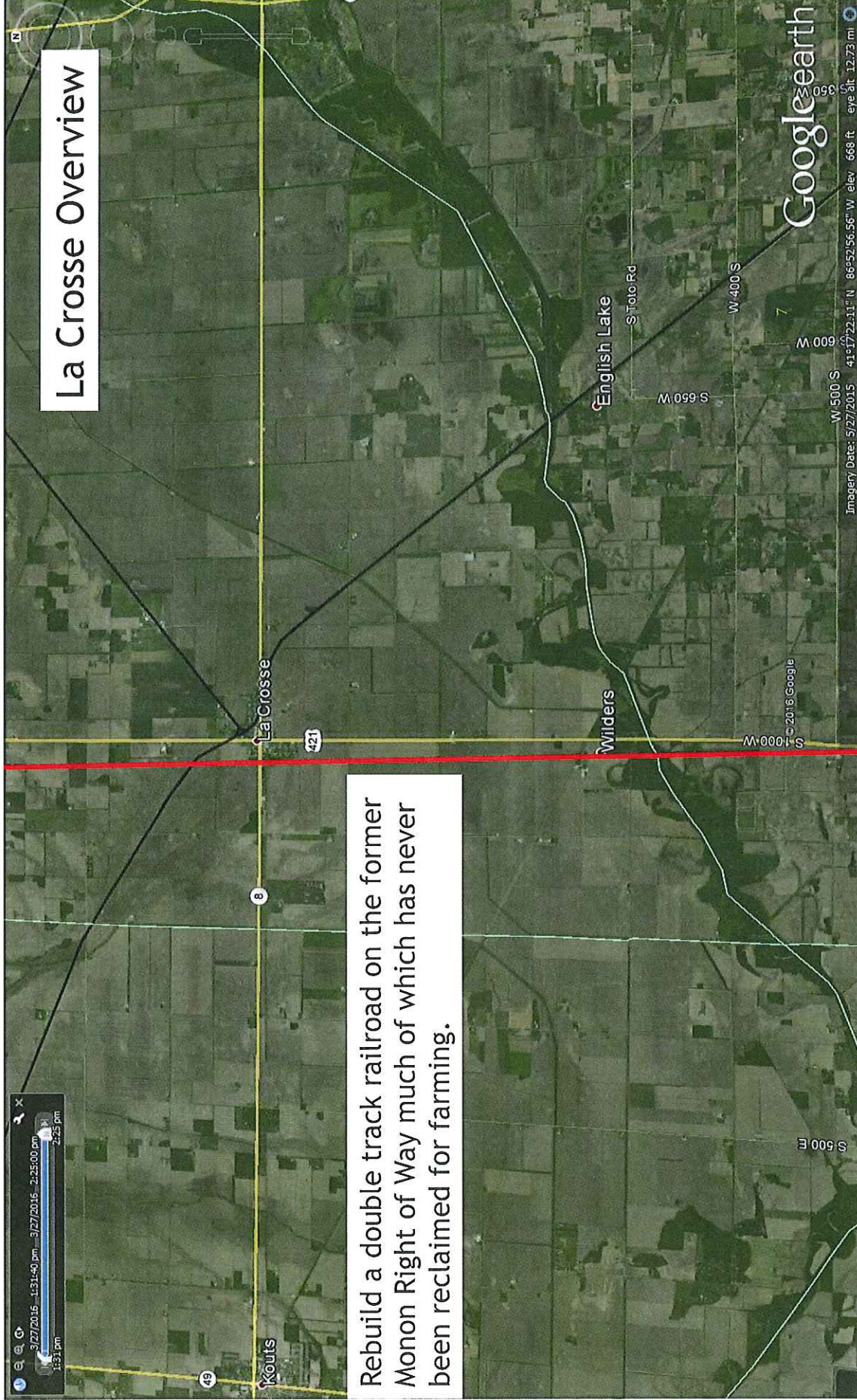
La Cross Connection Detail

Connection and crossing using switches and a crossover

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La Crosse Overview

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



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San Pierre Bypass

Monon ROW

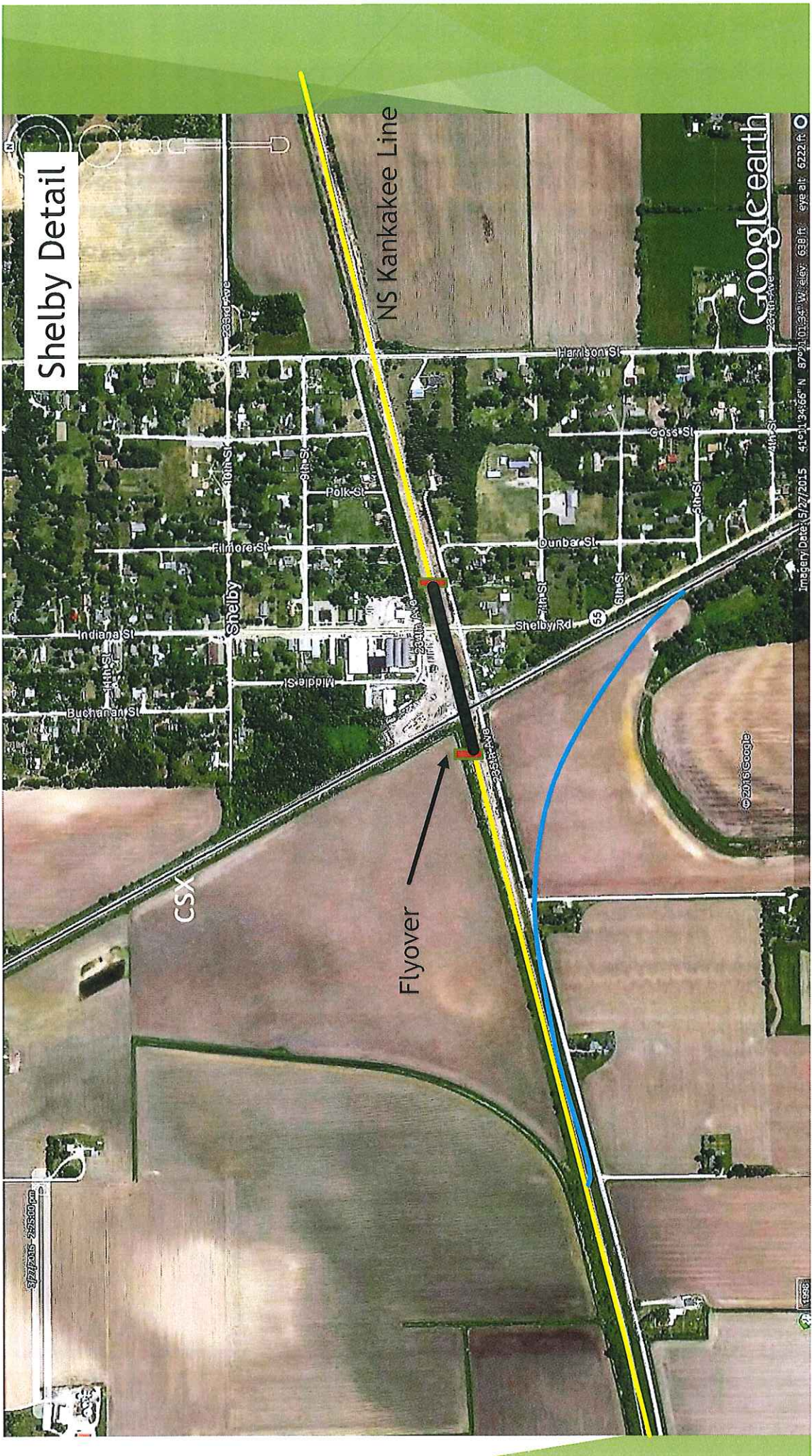
New alignment to avoid San Pierre

Kankakee Line ROW

Google earth

Imagery Date: 5/27/2015 41°12'08.16" N 86°54'12.14" W elev 691 ft eye alt 8953 ft





Shelby Detail

NS Kankakee Line

Flyover

Google earth

Imagery Date: 5/27/2015 41°11'34.56"N 87°21'01.34"W Elev: 638 ft eye alt: 6222 ft

200 ft

San Pierre Alternate Description

- Create bypass of Chicago by rebuilding railroads on branch lines or abandoned rail line property to avoid impact to farm property
- Use NS Kankakee Line and former Monon property
- Build new double track railroad from connection to CN in western LaPorte County on Monon ROW to active NS Kankakee Line near Wheatfield on former Kankakee Line property
- Upgrade NS Kankakee Line from Wheatfield to Schneider to double track main line.
- Continue rebuild of the Kankakee Line 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 LaPorte 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 Line 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 Line 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 Line 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 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 of about 36.5 miles of prime farm land in Lake and Porter County
 - Uses all but about 3.8 miles of existing or former railroad right of way.
 - Uses about 8.6 miles of reclaimed farm land from former railroad ROW
 - Net reduction of 24 miles of prime farm land used
 - Eliminates 3 (9-6) highway overpasses
- Drawbacks
 - Adds 17.5 miles to the route if via Belshaw and 11.5 if via Kankakee Line to the west.
 - Alignment is near a number of small towns