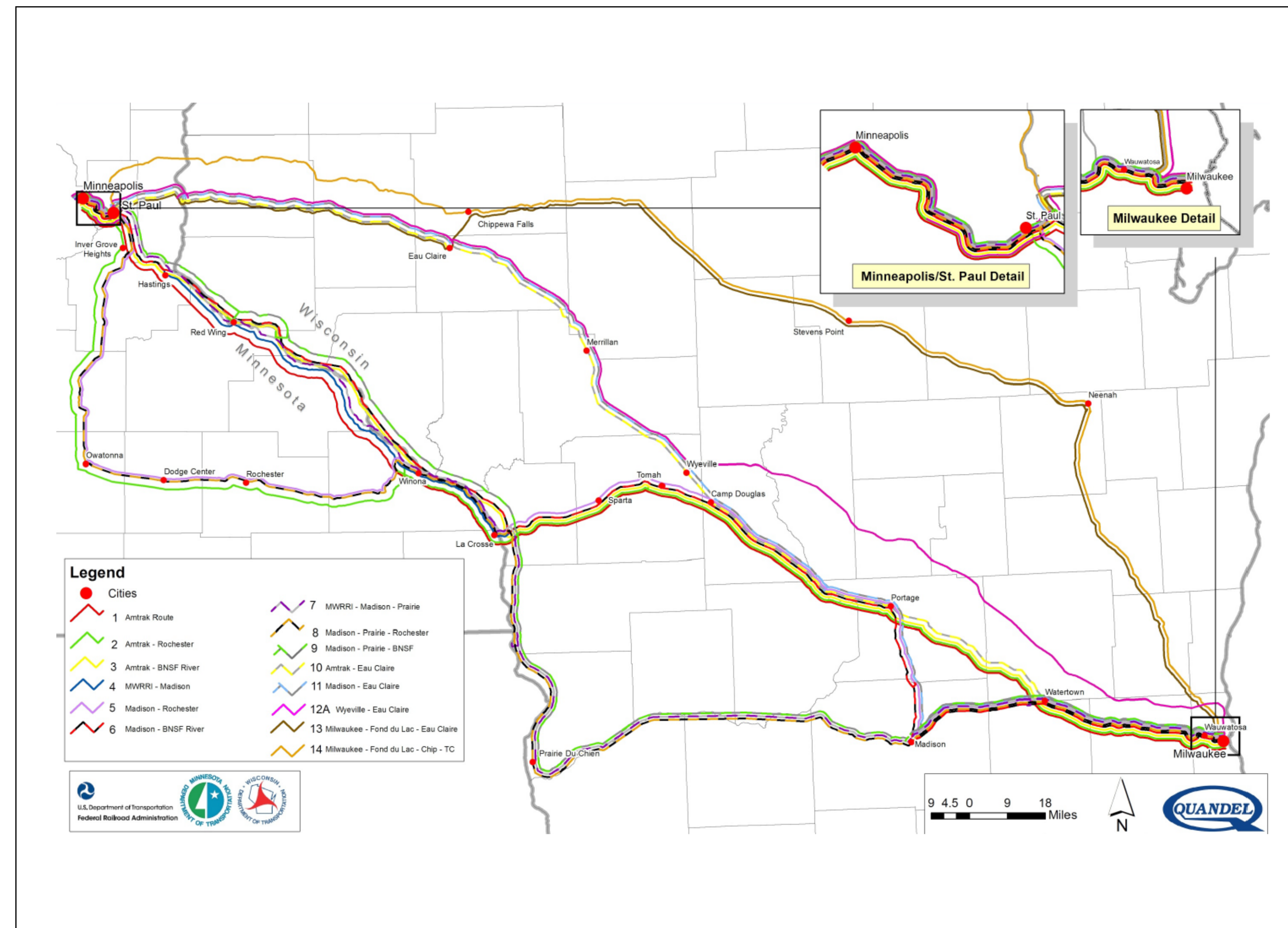


# ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS: ROUTE ALTERNATIVES



The project team took the following actions:

- Used analysis completed for numerous routes within the corridor by the departments of transportation for Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois, the Federal Railroad Administration, and Amtrak; and
- Compared analyzed routes with the purpose and need for the proposed TCMC Project.

▲ *Examples of route alternatives analyzed by TCMC Project partners for previous studies.*

THE PROPOSED TCMC PROJECT ROUTE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS  
LOOKED AT 11 ROUTE ALTERNATIVES AND A NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

## WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS?

An alternatives analysis is a process by which the project team carefully examines different routes and service options for a proposed project. For the proposed TCMC Project, the analysis looked at 11 route alternatives and four service alternatives, and a no-build alternative.