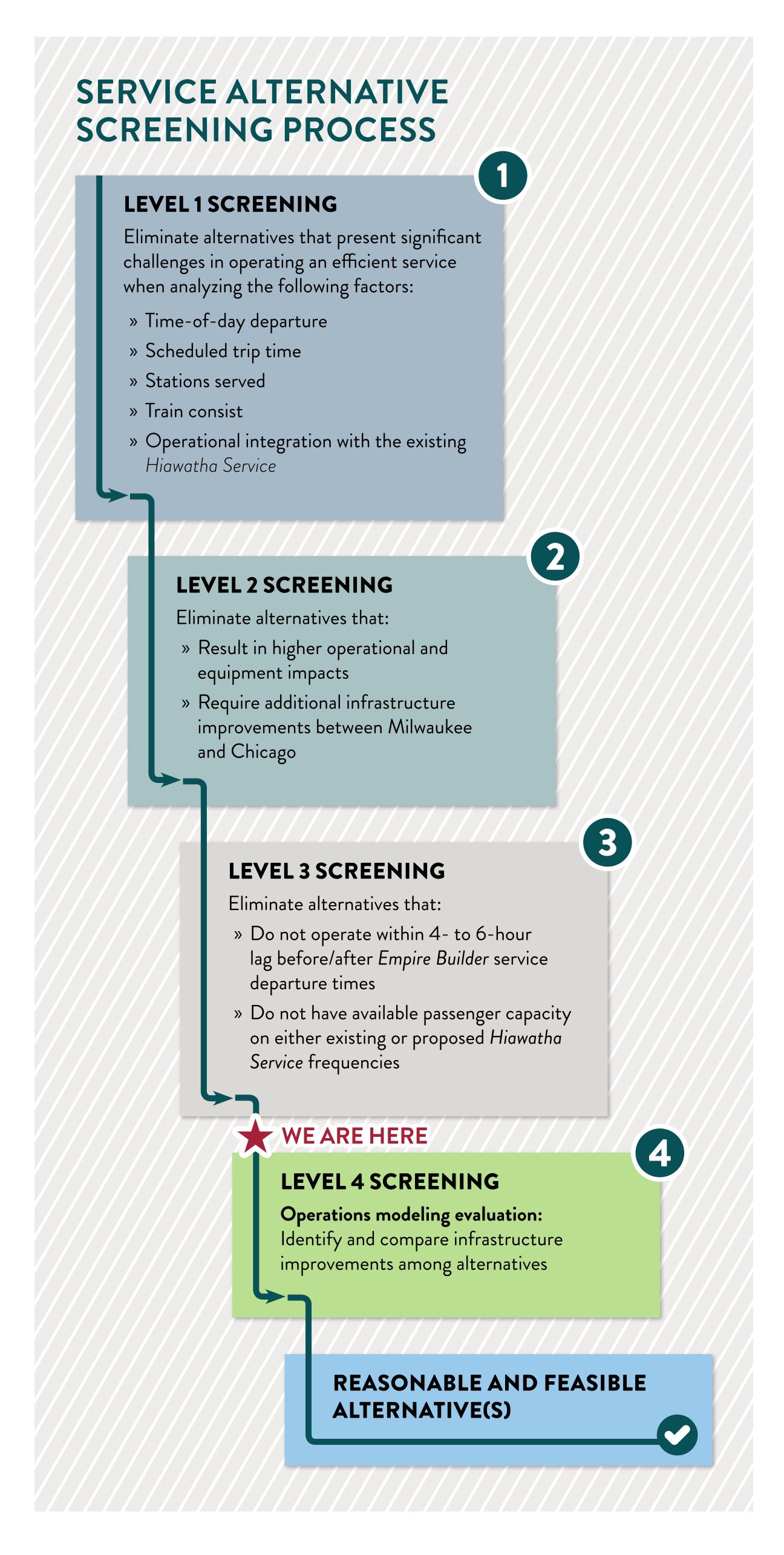
ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

SERVICE ALTERNATIVES



The project team used a fourlevel screening process to identify reasonable and feasible service alternatives. Each screening level provided a greater level of detail in analyzing the identified alternatives.

- NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE:
 - Passenger rail service between the Twin Cities and Chicago continues as one daily round trip at speeds up 79 mph on Amtrak's long-distance Empire Builder service. No additional passenger rail service provided.
- ALTERNATIVE 1: Proposed TCMC service frequency operates as an extension of one of the existing seven *Hiawatha* service schedules.
- ALTERNATIVE 2: Proposed TCMC service frequency operates as an extension of one of the proposed additional Hiawatha service schedules.
- ALTERNATIVE 3: Proposed
 TCMC service frequency and
 Hiawatha service operate individually
 except between Milwaukee and
 Chicago, where they would be
 attached and operate as one train.
- ALTERNATIVE 4: Proposed TCMC service frequency operates as separate, additional frequency (eighth round trip per day between Milwaukee and Chicago) to existing *Hiawatha* service.

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