



Fulton Street (Plymouth to Worcester) Sidewalk Installation

Construction Preparation Meeting
April 18, 2024



Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview and Design
- Discussion

STREETS ARE VITAL FOR



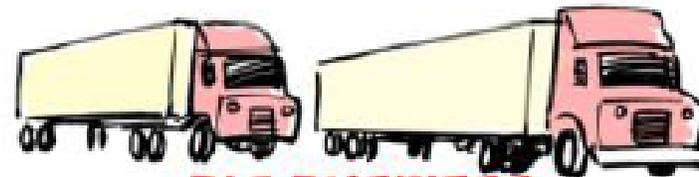
RESIDENTIAL

INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES AND
BETTER MOBILITY (CARS, BIKING, WALKING
AND BUSES)



SMALL BUSINESS

CUSTOMERS NEED TO SAFELY REACH
RETAILERS & RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA



BIG BUSINESS

STREETS ARE VITAL FOR MOVING GOODS
& PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS

Introductions

City Staff

- Community Engagement – Juan Torres
- Engineering – Breese Stam
- Mobile GR/Traffic Safety – Kristin Bennett

Consultants

- Eng. Inc. – Erik Morris & Chris Harrington

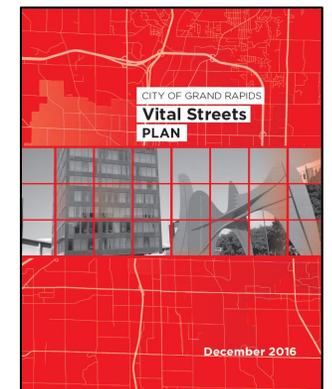
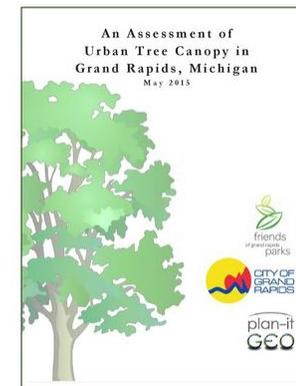
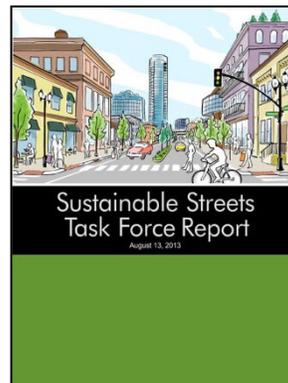
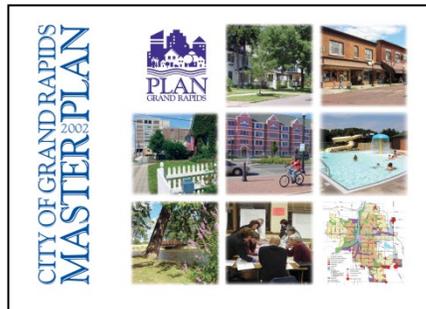


Guiding Documents and Principles



Guiding Documents

- 2000-2002 City Master Plan
- 2007-2010 Green Grand Rapids
- 2012-2013 Sustainable Streets Task Force Report
- 2015 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment
- 2016 Vital Streets Plan



All users include:

- People walking
- People driving
- People biking
- People of all abilities
- Trucks
- Buses

ACCESSIBILITY
WE NEED TO PROVIDE
QUALITY ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
FOR **ALL** MODES SO PEOPLE CAN GET TO WORK,
SCHOOL, HEALTHCARE, SHOPPING AND PLACES OF WORSHIP.



Why all users?

1/3rd of the population does not drive

Aging population:

- **1 in 5** seniors do not drive (AARP)
- Most seniors outlive their ability to drive by **7 to 10** years (AARP)

Ability:

- **20%** of Americans have a disability that limits their daily activities (US Census)
- **Nearly half** of people 65 and older have a disability (US Census)

Why all users?

- Young people:
 - **1/4th** do not have a driver's license (U.S. PIRG)
 - Trips by bike ↑ **24%**, ↑ walking **16%**, ↑ transit **40%** (U.S. PIRG)
- Expense:
 - Average cost of owning and operating one automobile (2015): **\$8,698/year** (AAA)
 - Average household transportation costs (Grand Rapids MSA, 2015): **\$11,497/year** (H+T Index)



Overview and Design



Project Area and Tentative Schedule

- Install sidewalk on north side of Fulton Street (Plymouth to Worcester)
- 2025 Construction



Project Benefits

- Providing transportation options for the neighborhood
- Access to The Rapid bus system along Fulton Street
- Safety and accessibility



City Ordinance Reminders

- The clearing of ice and snow on sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility.
- The full width of the sidewalk needs to be cleared down to the concrete within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall.
- Maintaining the parkway is the property owner's responsibility. Parkway is the area between the curb and sidewalk.



Discussion



Contact Information

- Road construction website:
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction
- City phone number: 311 or 456-3000
- communityengagement@grcity.us

