



## Division and Ionia Avenue Realignment (I-196 to north of Mason Street) & Bond Underpass Activation

Address block here

Infrastructure improvements are coming to your neighborhood next year. We invite you to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about upcoming projects.

Prior to the start of each project, we'll send out another mailer to share construction preparation information. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the two projects.

### Concept Design Meeting

*Date & Time:* Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 6 to 7 p.m.

*Location:* Monroe Community Church  
1020 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

[communityengagement@grcity.us](mailto:communityengagement@grcity.us)  
[grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction](http://grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction)

### Survey

Please take our quick project survey to share your thoughts on the proposed designs as well as inform us about any flooding, water pressure, or sanitary sewer backup issues. To take the survey, you can:

1. Visit [gr.publicinput.com](http://gr.publicinput.com) and search for *Division* or *Ionia*
2. Text *Division & Ionia* to 73224
3. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera
4. Call 311 or 616-456-3000



### Tentative Construction Schedule

2025

### Concept Design

Streets account for the biggest percentage of public space in our City and construction presents an opportunity to change a street's design to serve all users.

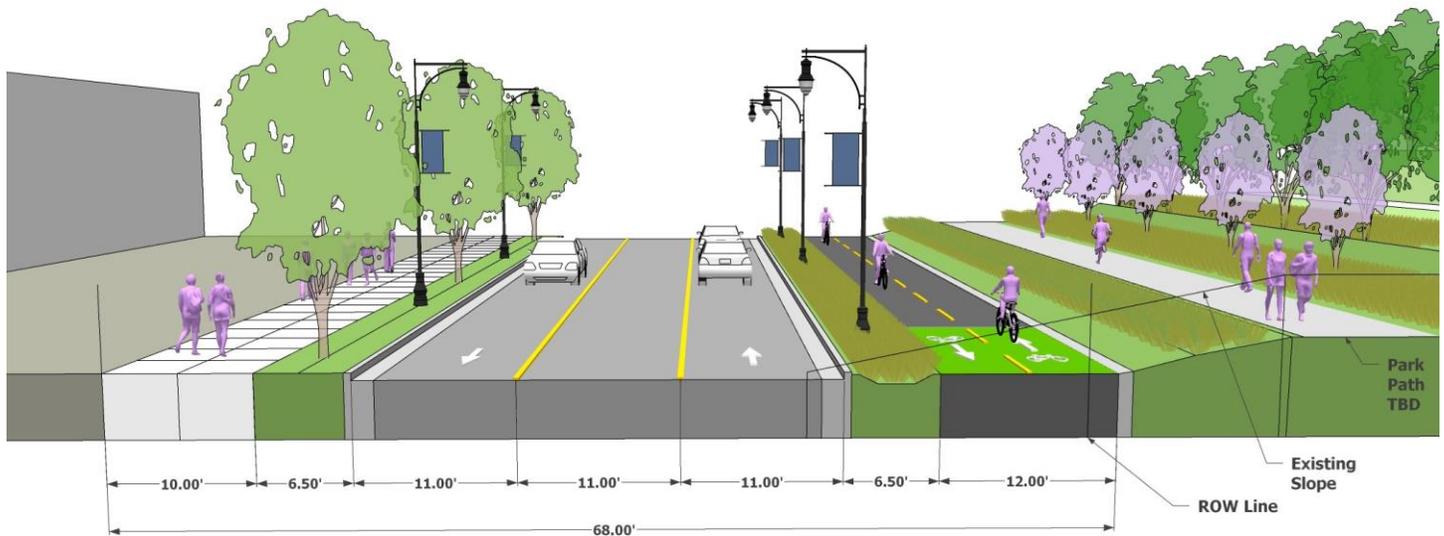
At the meeting, we'll discuss the proposed concept design shown on the back of this letter. Please visit our website and search for *Division* or *Ionia* to see more visuals of the proposed design.

### Realignment of Division Avenue into Ionia Right-of-Way

The project will:

- Combine Division and Ionia Avenue into one street. Division Avenue will be realigned into the Ionia right-of-way and eliminate Ionia Avenue.
  - The new street will have two 11-foot travel lanes and 11-foot center turning lane.
  - Medians will be installed in portions of the center turning lane.
- Install a 10-foot sidewalk on the west side of the new street and a 12-foot shared use path on the east side.
- Install new traffic signals at the new Division Avenue and Newberry Street intersection.
- Upgrade the storm sewer system.
- Install new decorative streetlights.
- Plant new street trees.

## *Division Avenue (I-196 to Mason) Proposed Design – Looking north*



### ***Bond Underpass Activation***

This project will:

- Transform an abandoned railroad connection under I-196 into a pedestrian and bicycle connection
  - Connect the Monroe North neighborhood to Downtown.
  - Provide space for public art, including sculptures, murals, color-changing lighting, and sound.
- Install lighting and gates at entries for overnight closure

### **Business Guide**

As we work to improve the street, we understand that businesses are sensitive to construction. For this reason, we've created a guide containing information for businesses during construction. Please find this guide on our website or contact us to have a copy sent to you.

*Persons needing accommodations for effective meeting participation should contact Community Engagement no later than one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, interpretive, or other assistance.*