



Ann Street (Turner to Monroe)

Concept Design Meeting
March 3, 2025



Introductions

City Staff

- Community Engagement – Sarah Itani or Juan Torres
- Engineering – Jim Herman
- Mobile GR/Traffic Safety – Kristin Bennett and Dan Nederhoed

Engineering Consultants

- Eng. Inc. – Erik Morris & Chris Harrington

Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Guiding Documents and Principles
- Concept 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

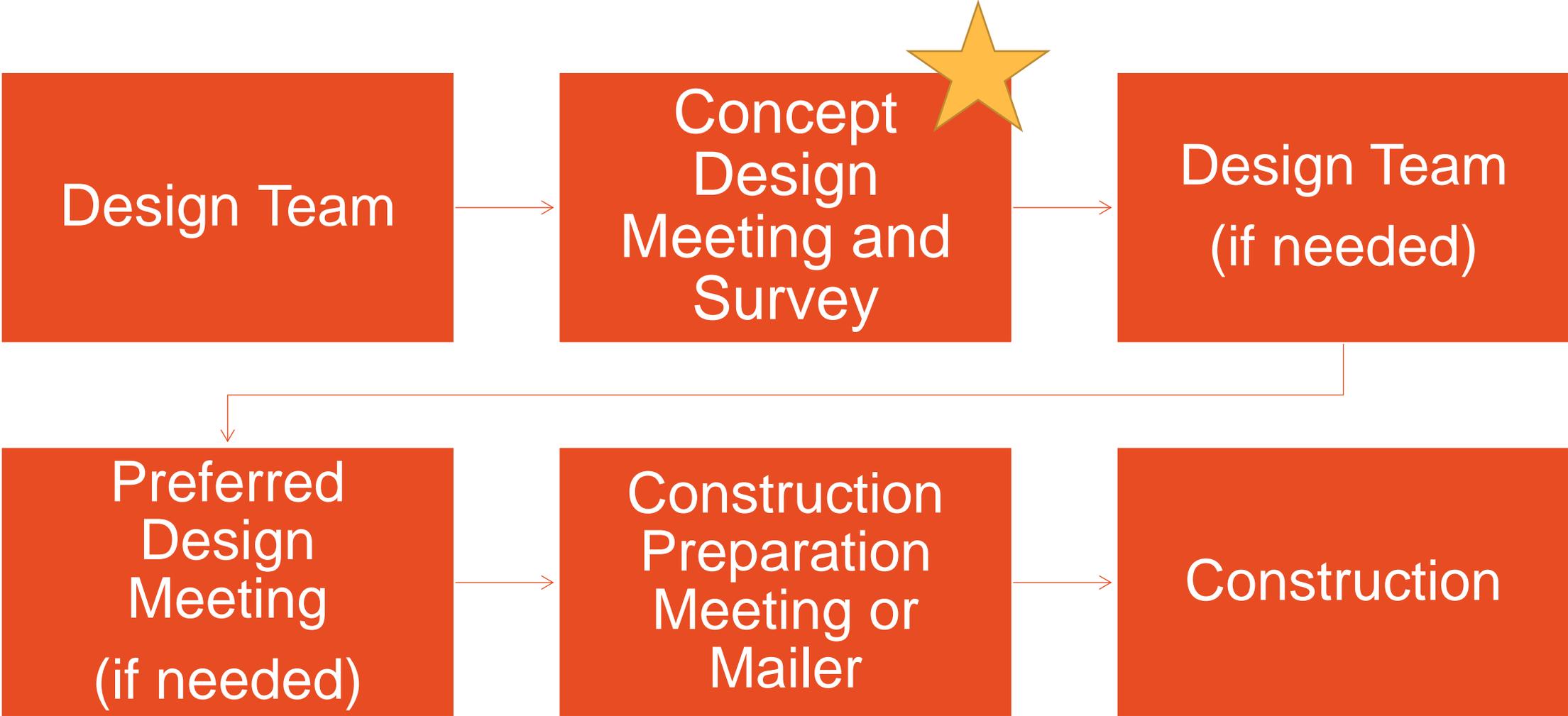
STREETS ARE VITAL FOR MOVING GOODS
& PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS



Project Overview

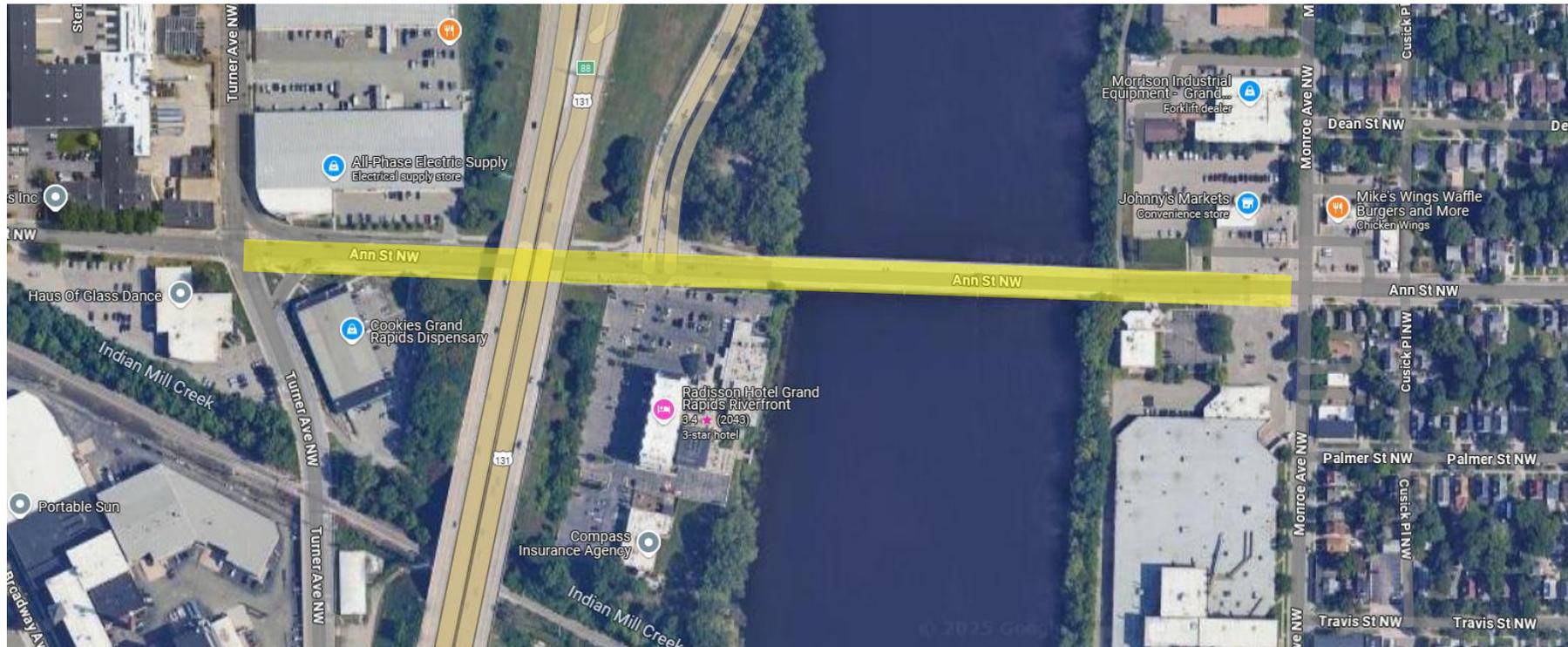


Road Design and Construction Process



Project Details

- Pavement marking restriping project on Ann from Turner to Monroe
- August 2025



Existing Conditions

- 66-foot public right of way
- 48–58-foot road width
 - Four travel lanes, two in each direction
 - Sidewalks on both sides
 - Designated left turns at Monroe, US-131, and Turner
 - Outside lanes currently shared between vehicles and bicycles between US-131 and Monroe and a shared use path between Turner and US-131

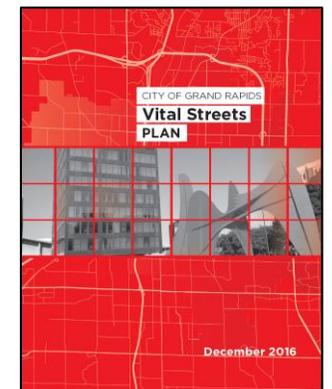
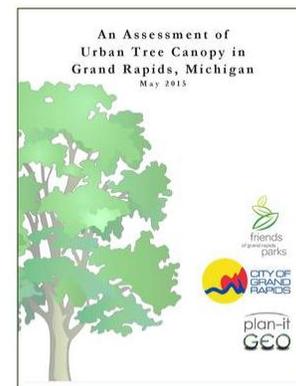
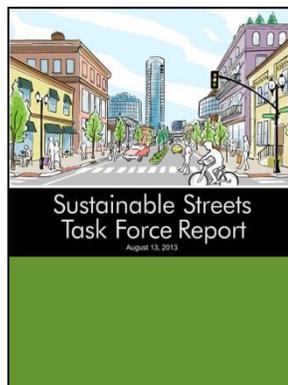
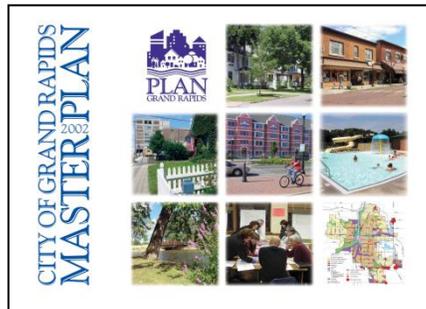


Guiding Documents and Principles



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
- 2019 Bicycle Action Plan



Complete Streets

A system of streets...planned, designed, operated and maintained so all legal users may safely, comfortably and conveniently move along and across streets

~ PA 134 of 2010



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:

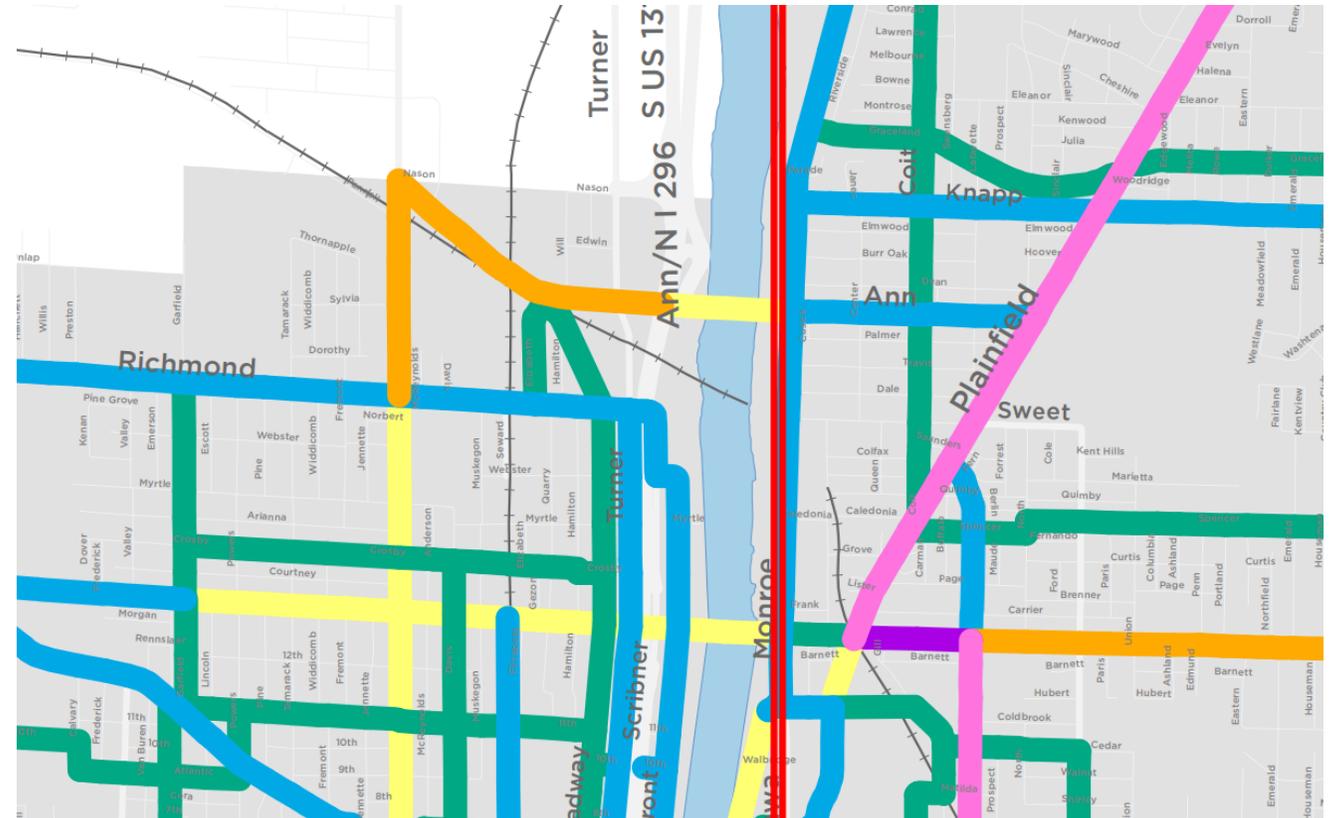
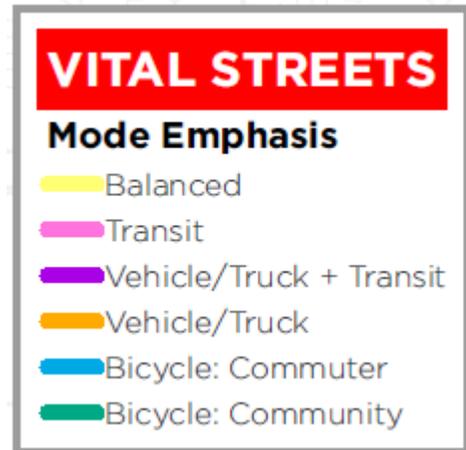
- **20%** of Americans have a disability that limits their daily activities (US Census)
- **Nearly half** of people 65 and older have a disability (US Census)

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)

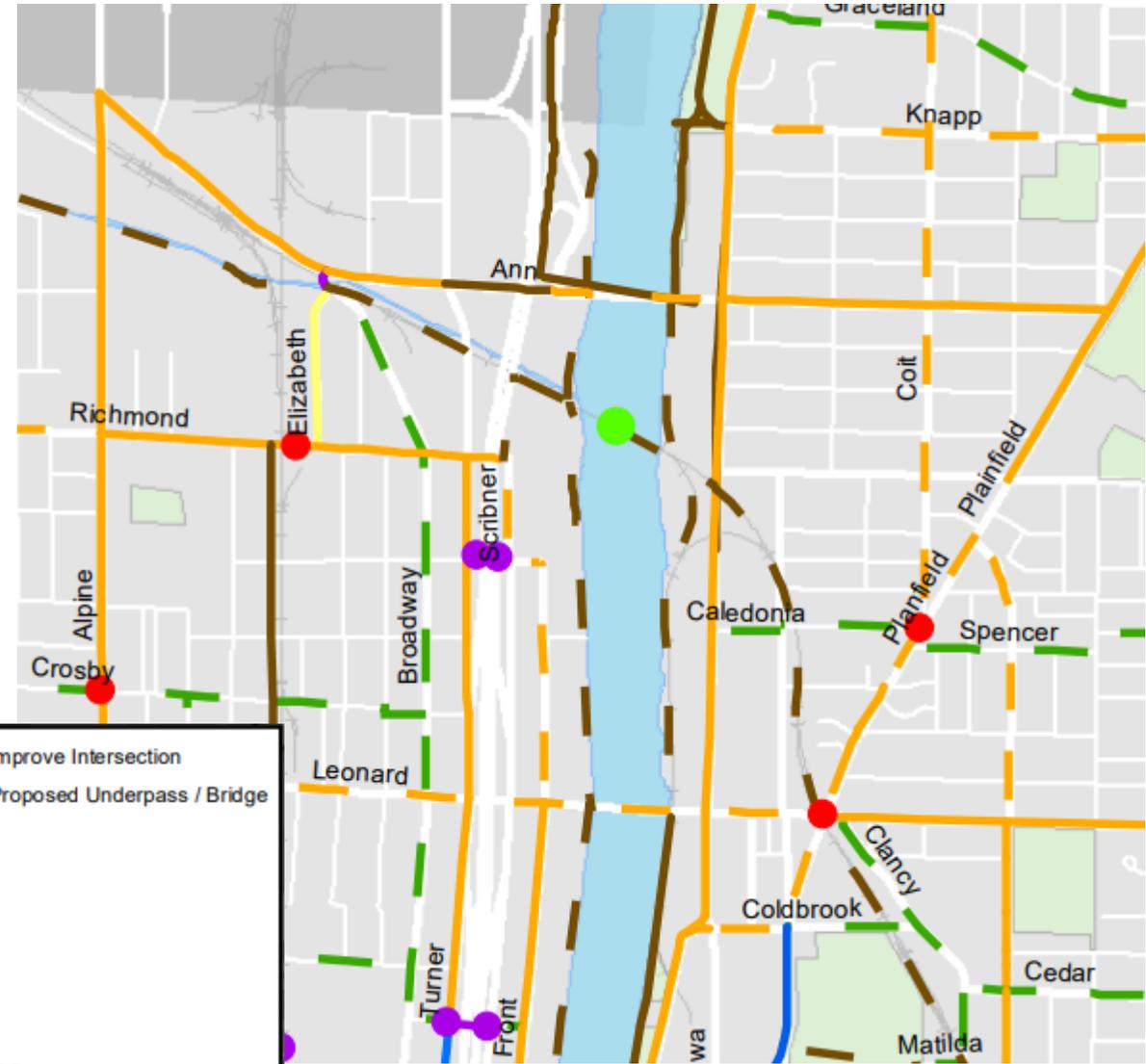
Vital Streets Plan

- This street identified as a balanced route/vehicle truck street



Bicycle Action Plan

- Outside lanes currently shared between vehicles and bicycles between US-131 and Monroe and a shared use path between Turner and US-131
- BAP recommends designated facilities across bridge



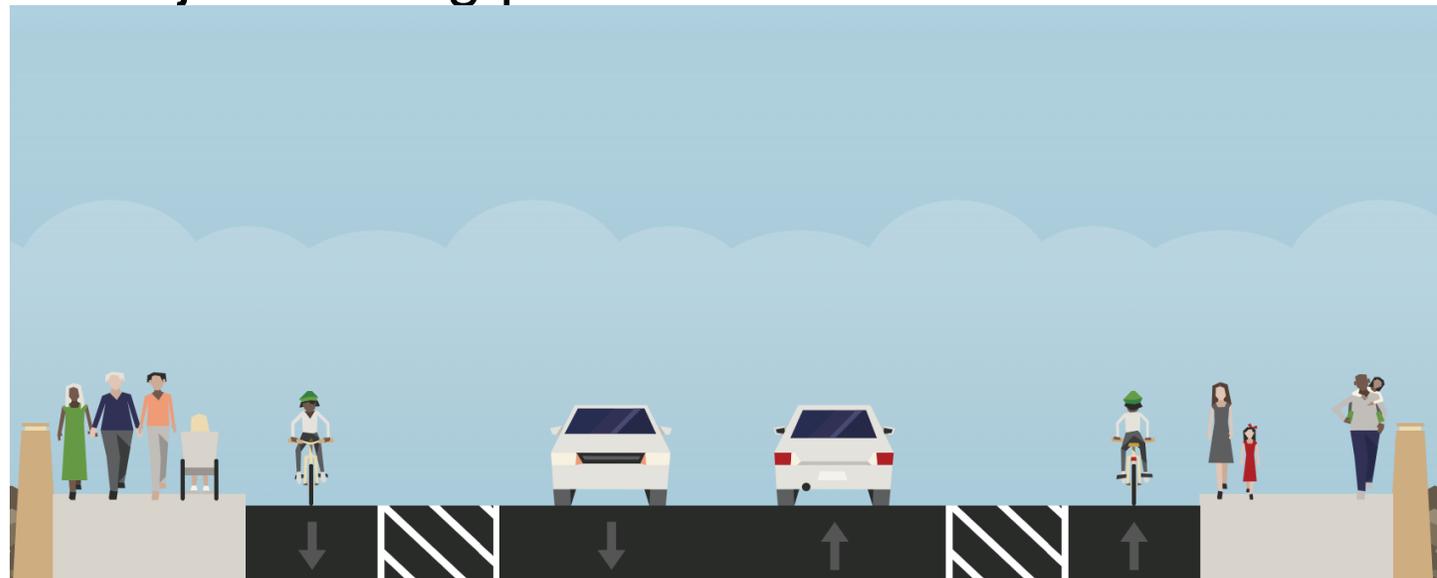


Concept Design



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- Change the pavement markings two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.
- The new bicycle lanes will connect to the existing bicycle network on Ann and Turner to the west and the Grand River Edges Trail, Monroe, and Plainfield to the east.
- Staff is also reviewing options for physical separation of the buffered bike lanes rather than just having painted buffered bike lanes.





Discussion



Contact Information

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

