



VISIONING ADAMS ROAD

COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2025



INTRODUCTION



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Presentation

- Summary of Public Engagement
- Project Purpose
- Refined Alternative
- What We Heard
- Next Steps

Post-Presentation

- Project Team Available for Questions & Discussion
- Purpose Stations
 - Informational Boards
 - Refined Alternative Scrolls
 - 3D model of the corridor



SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This workshop marks Phase 4 of the PEL Public Engagement Process.

165

1ST PUBLIC
WORKSHOP
ATTENDEES

164

2ND PUBLIC
WORKSHOP
ATTENDEES

166

3RD PUBLIC
WORKSHOP
ATTENDEES

17

STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS

747

1ST ONLINE
SURVEY
RESPONSES

743

2ND ONLINE
SURVEY
RESPONSES

214

IDEAS WALL
COMMENTS

1,969

TOTAL ALTERNATIVE
EVALUATION
COMMENTS

339

INTERACTIVE MAP
COMMENTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to consider the needs, understand the value of each element, and create a corridor that will maximize the benefits and improvements to the public while maintaining the character for future generations. This study will develop and evaluate alternatives to achieve the following objectives:



» **SAFETY.** Improve safety along the corridor and at intersections by mitigating crash patterns and implementing safety countermeasures.



» **CAPACITY.** Improve capacity by reducing congestion and improving traffic operations to provide a reliable north-south arterial connection while accommodating existing and future traffic volumes.



» **MULTI-MODAL.** Promote safe and efficient multi-modal movement including walking and biking.



» **ENVIRONMENT.** Complement the natural beauty and views along the corridor.



» **HISTORY & CULTURE.** Respect the historical character and cultural significance.



» **INFRASTRUCTURE.** Improve the condition of aging infrastructure on the corridor.

REFINED ALTERNATIVE

- Adams Road Configuration
 - One through lane in each direction
 - Continuous center left turn lane
 - Medians where left turns not present
 - Side street improvements
- 3 Roundabouts
 - Butler Road
 - Avon Road
 - Meadow Brook Road/Hillendale Drive
- Walton Road Intersection
 - Two through lanes
 - Additional northbound and southbound right turn lanes
- Multi-Modal
 - 8-foot pathway in select locations
 - Midblock crossing with High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal
 - Seating areas with enhanced landscaping



WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS

"Some safety improvements are needed to reduce the accident-prone intersections"

"Safety is number one concern"

"Support new signal at Butler Road"

"Great opportunity to reduce the slope of the road and help when icy"

"Add some modifications at intersections"

"Doing nothing is not an option—the Avon and OU intersections are far too dangerous!"

"This intersection is very high anxiety for turning into or across traffic because of the high speed of Adams and the elevation change limiting sight distance"

"The intersection at Avon and Adams is perfect for a roundabout and would hopefully prevent the constant (sometimes fatal) accidents that occur there"

"Would love to see a light at Butler Road"

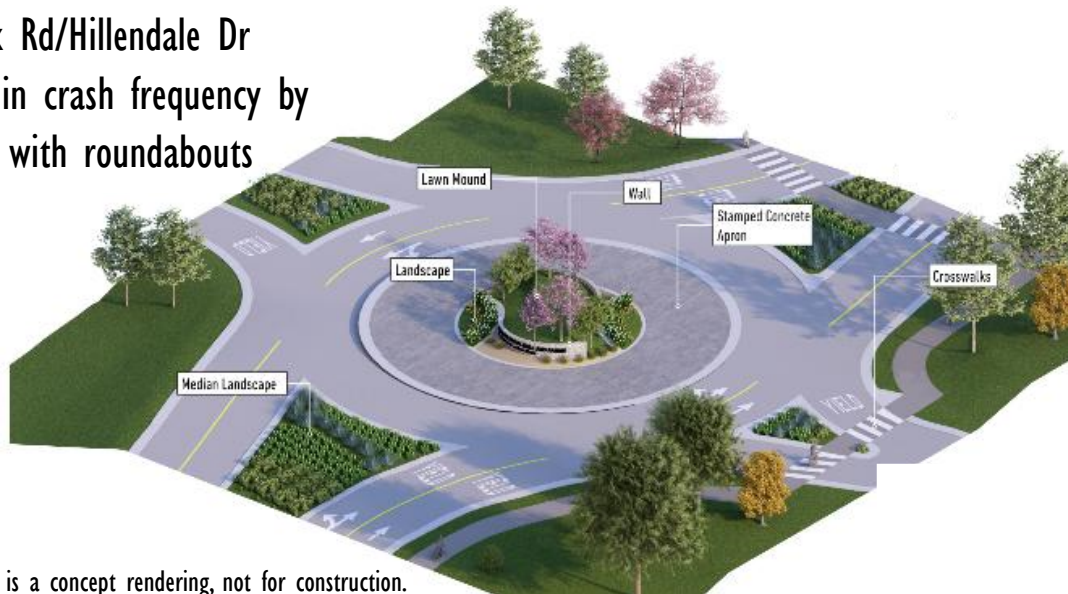
"The intersections tend to be dangerous"



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

- Intersection traffic control refined using public comment
- 3 Roundabouts
 - Butler Rd
 - Avon Rd
 - Meadow Brook Rd/Hillendale Dr
- Expected reduction in crash frequency by approximately 80% with roundabouts
- Dedicated right turn lanes at Walton
- Improved sight lines
- Enhanced crossings



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CHALLENGE

- Roundabout footprints require more space
- Areas of the road need to be raised and other areas lowered

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT SAFETY ON ADAMS ROAD

"Lower speeds saves lives"

"It is difficult enough to make a left turn onto Adams"

"Adams is too hilly for current speed"

"Hill blocks clear view of potential back ups"

"With the hills between Hamlin and Adams it's often difficult to see traffic and how fast they are going while exiting the side streets."

"All for increasing safety on the dangerous road"

"Level out the hill between Avon Road and Hillendale Drive"

"Lower the speed limit on Adams"

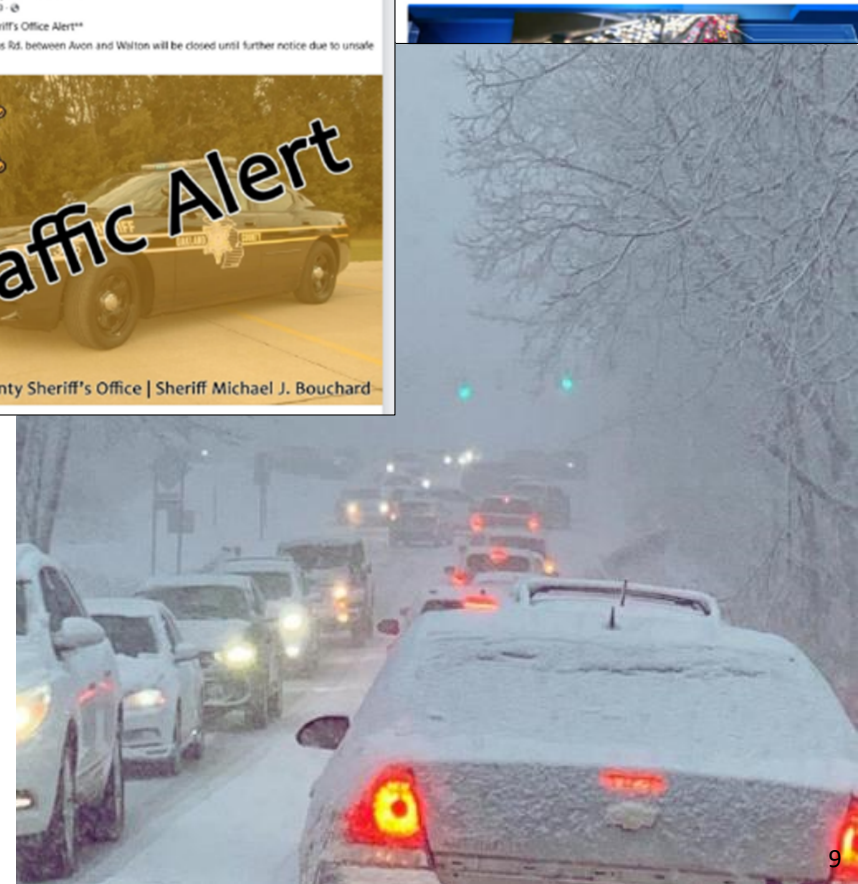
"Add a dedicated left turn lane and extend the through traffic lane"

"A dedicated turn lane would help with traffic and increase safety"



Oakland County deputies say Adams Road in Rochester Hills reopened

The road is closed between Hillendale Drive, Avon Road due to 'icy road' conditions



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS SAFETY ON ADAMS ROAD

RECOMMENDATION

- Roadway cross section refined using public comment
- Continuous center left turn lane
- Medians
 - Implemented where feasible
 - Utilized as a traffic calming measure designed to reduce speeds
- Dedicated right turn lanes at side streets
- Improved sightlines
- Expected reduction in crash frequency



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CHALLENGES

- Areas of the road need to be raised and other areas lowered
- Can not simply reduce speed limit by changing signs

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT CAPACITY

"Living here is been a challenge (understatement) with the ongoing traffic congestion."

"Need to improve capacity"

"I do not want increased capacity"

"Adams Road needs to be widened for the safety"

"Adams is not safe or suitable for the amount of people that drive it"

"Build capacity for the future"

"Traffic density at rush hour is high"

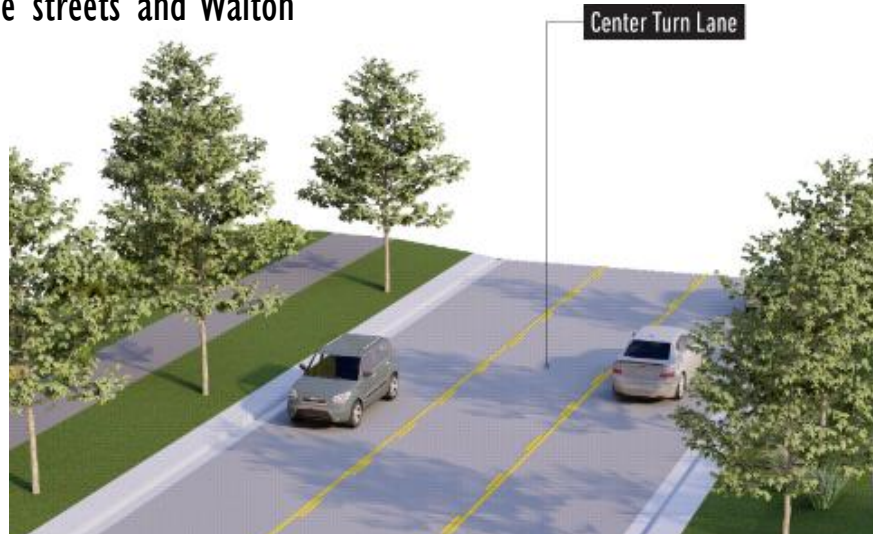
"Do not want something this wide there, or increased capacity"



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS CAPACITY

RECOMMENDATION

- Road design was refined using public comment
- 3 Roundabouts
- One through lane in each direction
- Additional through lanes north of Meadow Brook Road/Hillendale Drive
- Continuous center left turn lanes
- Dedicated right turn lanes at side streets and Walton
- Expected reduction in delay
- Emergency services can navigate the corridor safely



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CHALLENGE

- Working in limited right-of-way
- Reducing impact outside of road footprint
- Maintaining acceptable delay with varying capacity throughout the corridor

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT MULTI-MODAL



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS MULTI-MODAL

RECOMMENDATION

- Pathway locations were refined using public comment
 - 8-foot pathway in select locations along the corridor
 - ADA compliant enhanced crossings
 - Seating areas strategically placed at locations of interest
 - Midblock crossing with High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal
 - Increased connection and accessibility
- You can walk from Innovation Hills to The Village of Rochester Hills!



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CHALLENGE

- Working in limited right-of-way
- Pathway on west side had major impacts outside existing footprint

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE

"Need better infrastructure"

"Consider bike/pedestrian bridge, this is a dangerous area for walkers and bikers"

"We can't continue to deny that the current infrastructure is inadequate for the growth that has taken place"

"Upgrades are needed but not at the expense of our history."

"I think we should preserve as much of the landscape and history as possible while still improving the infrastructure"

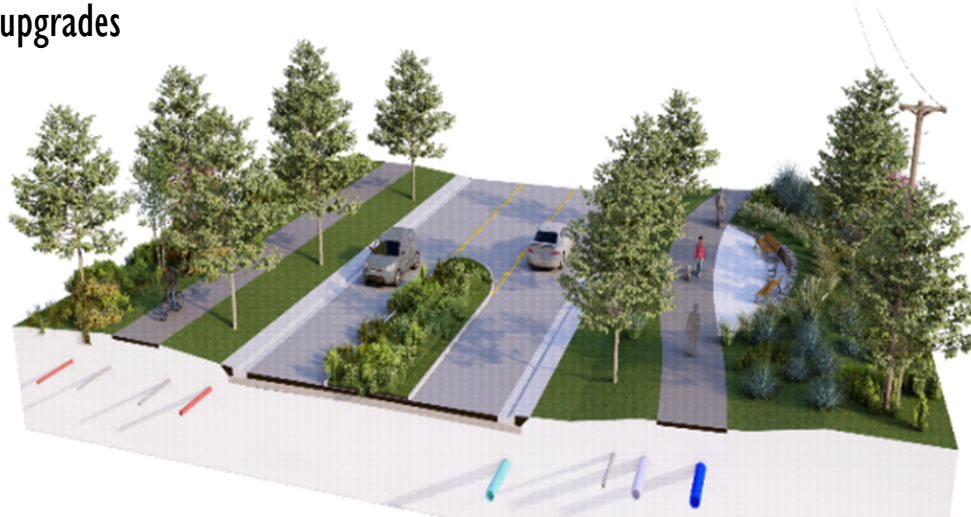
"We can't continue to ignore road and infrastructure issues, they need to be updated to accommodate the growth"



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION

- Impact to properties were refined using public comment
- Identified all existing utilities in the study area
- New pedestrian and vehicular bridges over Clinton River
- New culvert crossing over the Ramiro Drain
- Improved pavement and road base
- Private and public utility upgrades



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CHALLENGE

- Working in limited right-of-way
- Reducing impact outside of road footprint

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT ENVIRONMENT



WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

- Proposed landscaping was refined using public comment
- In-depth tree survey and condition assessment completed
- Adjusted pathway location to prevent additional tree removal
- Hundreds of new plants will be planted replacing those removed
- Enhanced landscaping at seating areas, medians and roundabouts
- Improved stormwater management



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CHALLENGE

- New trees take time to mature
- Creating a sustainable landscaping plan
- Maintaining the rural feel of the corridor while keeping up with growing surroundings

WHAT WE HEARD ABOUT HISTORY & CULTURE

"Respect the historical significance of Adams Road"

"It's a signature experience for our city and shows our community's character when we preserve history."

"Preserve some history of what made/makes our town the beautiful city it is"

"... if the old stone wall will need to come down... maybe the same rocks can be used in the design/landscape."

"Please keep the historic and environmental nature of this corridor."

"The history matters"

"Save history!"



Worker Cottage Steps



Gate House c. 1947



The Retaining Wall

WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS HISTORY & CULTURE

RECOMMENDATION

- Impact on historical and cultural aspects were refined using public comment
- Above ground intensive level survey completed
- Engagement with State Historic Preservation Office has begun
- Historic buildings not affected including the Gate House
- Improved historic and cultural interpretation, education and placemaking
- Opportunity for repurposing worker cottage steps and retaining wall



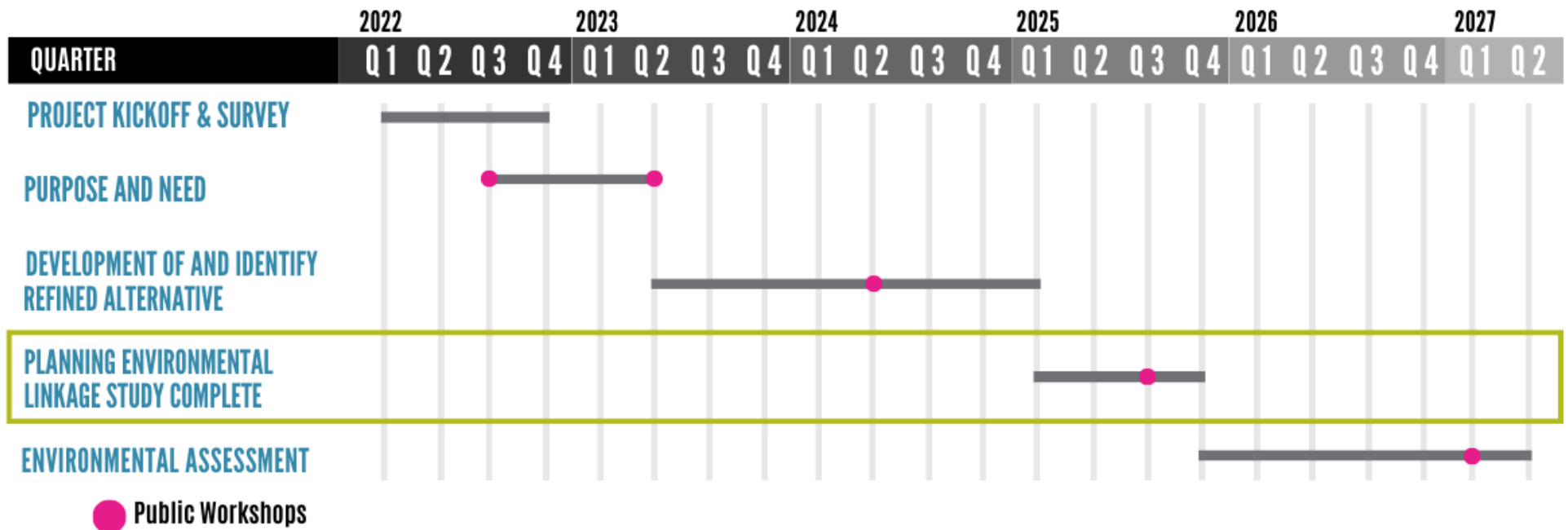
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CHALLENGE

- Worker cottage steps and retaining wall will be impacted
- Finding compromise between addressing safety and limiting impacts to assets

NEXT STEPS

- Team finalizes reports and submits to the Federal Highway Administration
- Final public hearing to be held in early 2027



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