

# Nixon Road Improvement Project Information Session

Information Session 9/18/2024



## Project Area

- Nixon Road from Huron Parkway to Dhu Varren/Green Road (0.8 miles)
- Major Road
  - Residential area
  - 3 schools
  - Bound by 2 existing roundabouts
  - Growing corridor



# Citywide Goals

ANN ARBOR  
MOVING  
TOGETHER  
TOWARDS VISION ZERO

## Vision Zero

“By 2025, no one dies or is seriously injured in crashes on Ann Arbor’s streets”

Speed  
Reductions

Buffers &  
Reduced  
Crossing  
Widths

  
**A2ZERO**  
EQUITABLE • SUSTAINABLE • TRANSFORMATIVE

## Carbon Neutrality

“Reduce the miles we travel in vehicles by at least 50% through the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan”

Green  
Modes

Reduced  
Emissions

## Project Scope

Complete Road Reconstruction with Water Main & Stormwater Improvements

Roundabouts selected as preferred alternative from 2017 study\* to meet project goals:

- Improve safety for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers
- Increase non-motorized & transit facilities
- Reduce user delays and improve access

\*Continuation of past Nixon Road Corridor Traffic Study



Wade Trim assigned design work through Project Management and Civil Engineering Contract

Public Meeting

Stakeholder Meeting

Online Survey #1

Public Workshop (30% Design)

Online Survey #2

Nixon Corridor Improvement Project  
90% design complete

Begin 100% design/  
transition to MDOT LAP

Information Session  
Information Session  
Bid Project

Construction  
Spring 2025

Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren  
Roundabout construction  
complete

Traffic study recommends  
Nixon Corridor Improvement  
Project

Council directs staff to design  
Nixon Corridor Improvement  
Project

Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren  
Roundabout design  
complete

City Council authorizes  
Nixon Road Corridor  
Traffic Study

Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren  
Traffic Study

Consultant: Opus International

Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren Roundabout  
Design  
Nixon Road Corridor Traffic Study  
Consultant: OHM Advisors

Nixon Corridor Improvement Project

Consultant: Wade Trim

Stakeholder Meetings  
during 60%, 90% and  
final design

Oct.  
2013

March  
2015

Nov.  
2015

May  
2017

Fall  
2017

June  
2019

Jan.  
2014

Jan.  
2015

Jan.  
2016

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2017

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2018

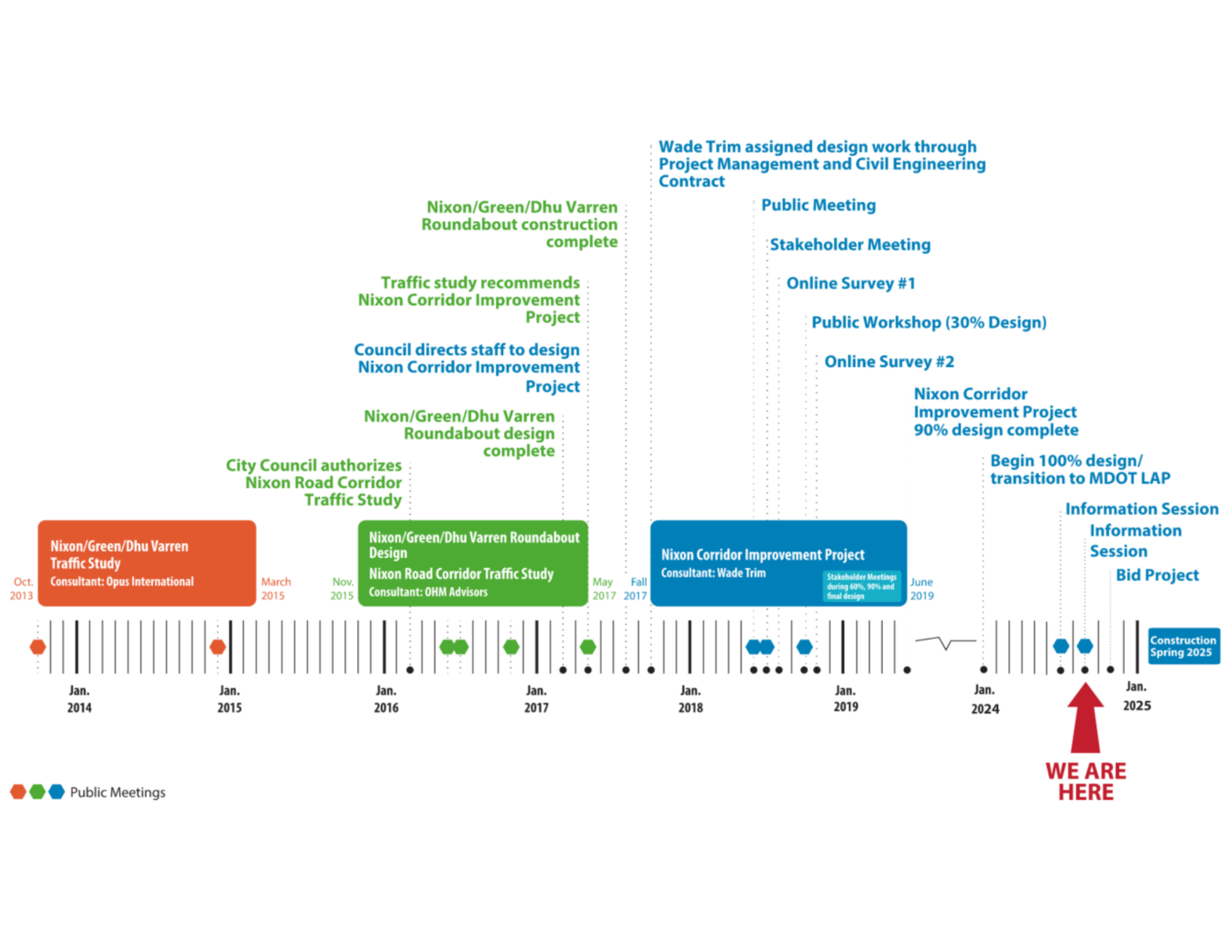
Jan.  
2019

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2024

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2025

**WE ARE  
HERE**

● ● ● Public Meetings

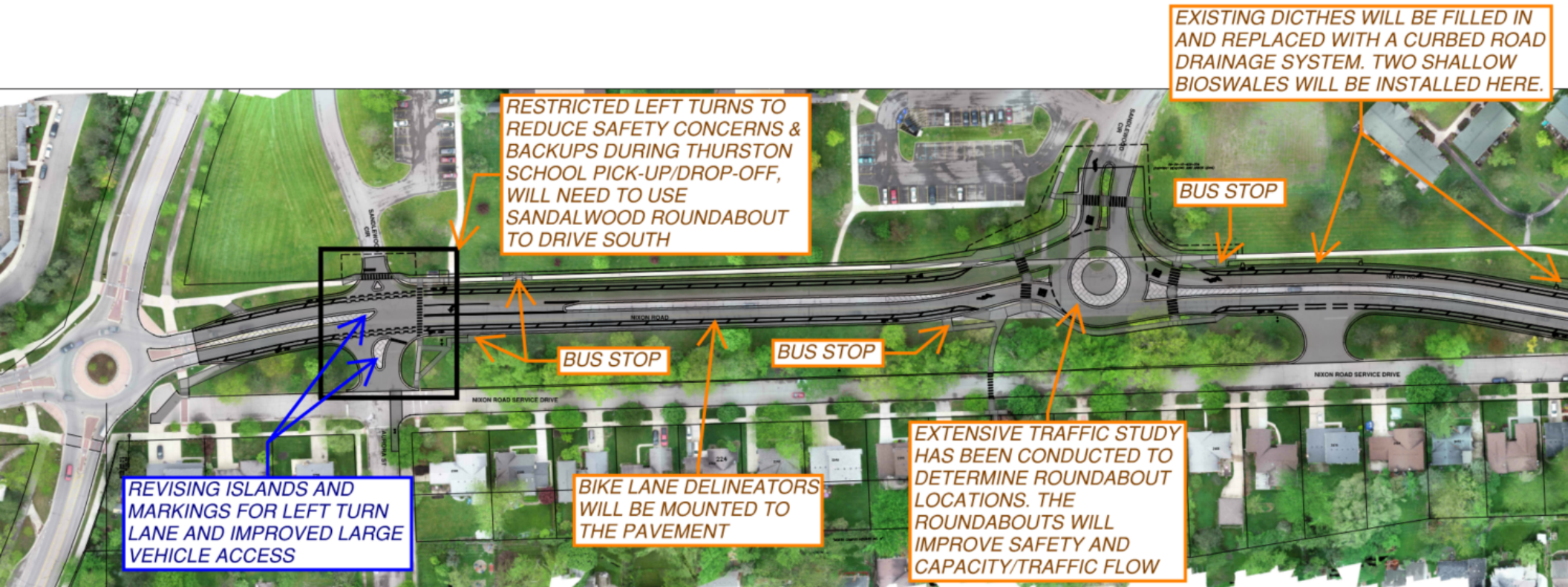


## Updates Since August Information Session

- Revisions to islands and pavement markings to better service large vehicles at Nixon and Aurora
- Minor adjustments to sidewalks to minimize impacts to property owners with easements
- Further development of construction phasing and traffic management planning (signage to limit cut-through traffic, etc.)

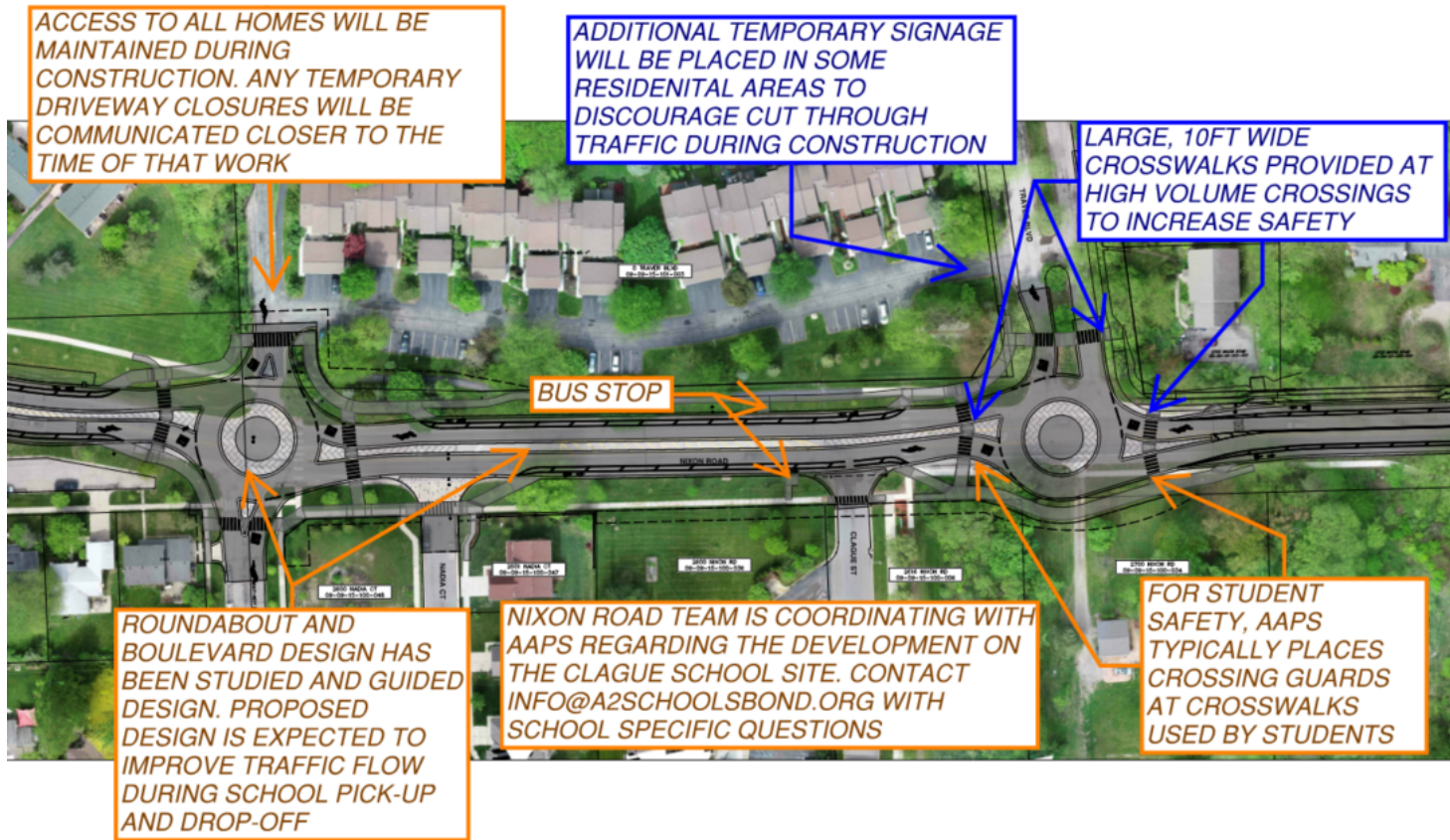


# Phase 1 – Huron Pkwy to Sandalwood Cir (North)





# Phase 2 – Bluett Dr to Traver Blvd



CHANGED WITH PUBLIC INPUT

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INQUIRY



# Phase 3 – Argonne Dr to Dhu Varren/Green Rd



LARGE DIAMETER TREES WILL BE PROTECTED. WORK IS LIMITED IN THIS AREA AND THE CURBLINE IS ALMOST ENTIRELY IN THE SAME PLACE AS IT IS CURRENTLY.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE DESIGN

BUS STOP

BUS STOP

BUS STOP

EMERGENCY SERVICES HAVE REVIEWED THE DESIGN. THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT SERVICE.

THE NIXON ROAD PROJECT WILL FILL EXISTING SIDEWALK GAPS AND IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CONNECTIVITY.

THE 2017 NIXON CORRIDOR STUDY, WHICH JUSTIFIES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NIXON ROAD CORRIDOR, DISCUSSES THE NEED FOR ROUNDABOUTS AND IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE.

THIS DENSITY OF ROUNDABOUTS IS PRESENT IN MANY AREAS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, BOTH IN MICHIGAN (EXAMPLE: COMMERCE TOWNSHIP) AND IN OTHER STATES (CARMEL, INDIANA)

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# Maintenance of Traffic

## Full Detour

Green Rd to Plymouth Rd to Huron Pwky

Additional distance: ~ 1.5 miles

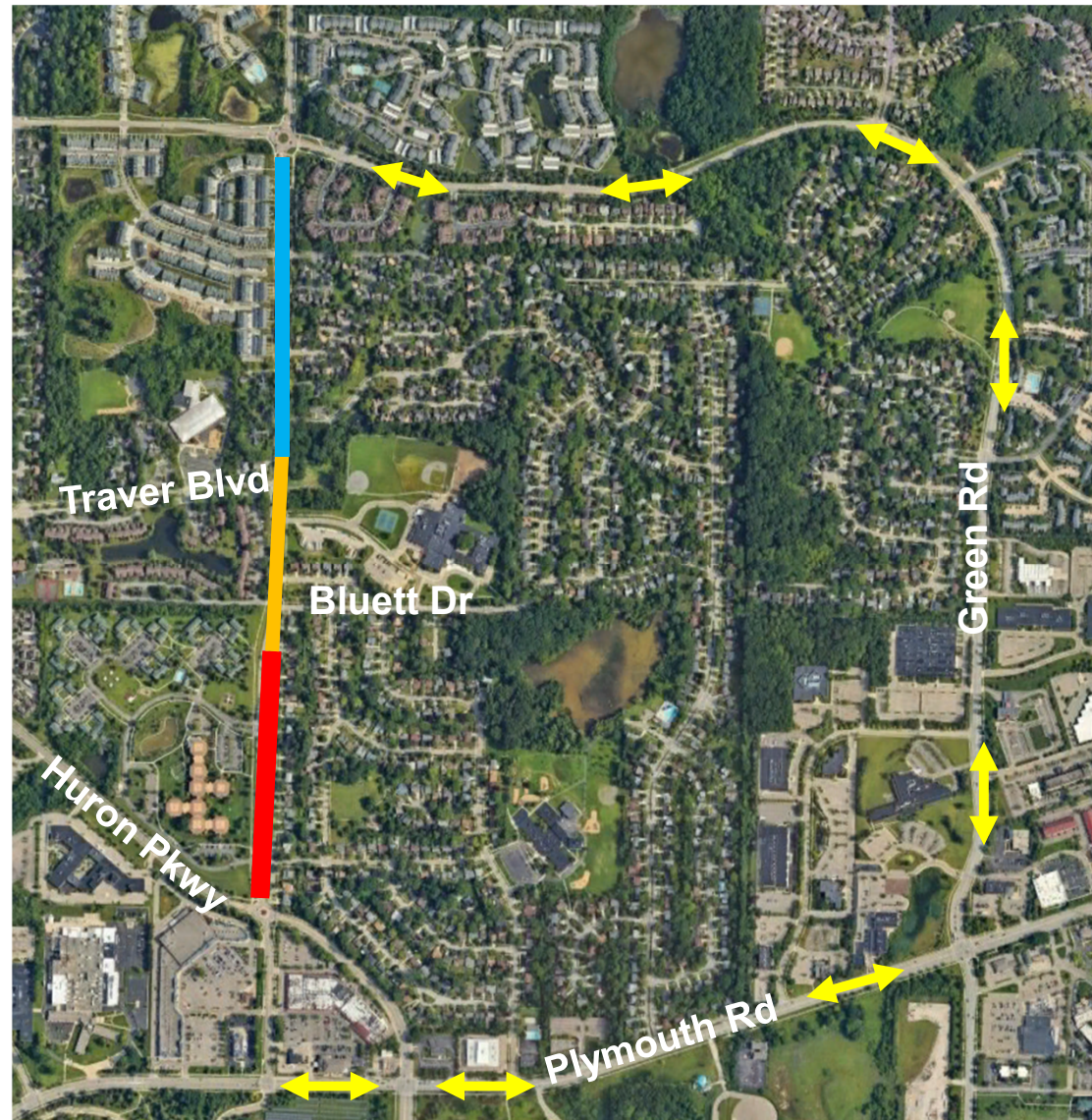
Additional time: ~ 5 minutes

## Work Zone Sections

Phase 1:  Tentative Summer 2025  
Huron Parkway to 200' south of Bluett Dr

Phase 2:  Tentative Summer 2026  
South of Bluett Dr to north of Traver Blvd

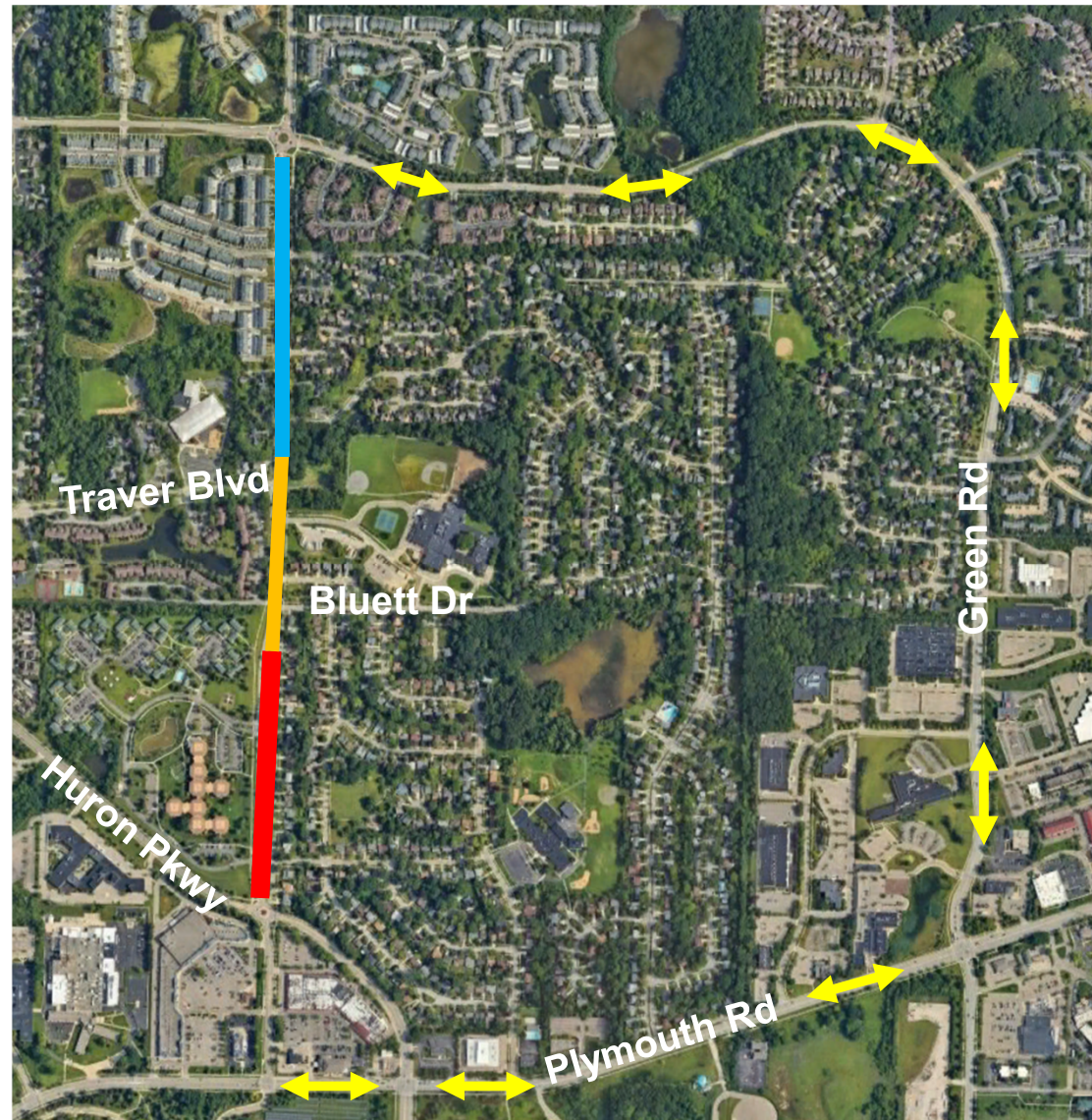
Phase 3:  Tentative Fall 2026  
North of Traver Blvd to south of Dhu Varren Rd



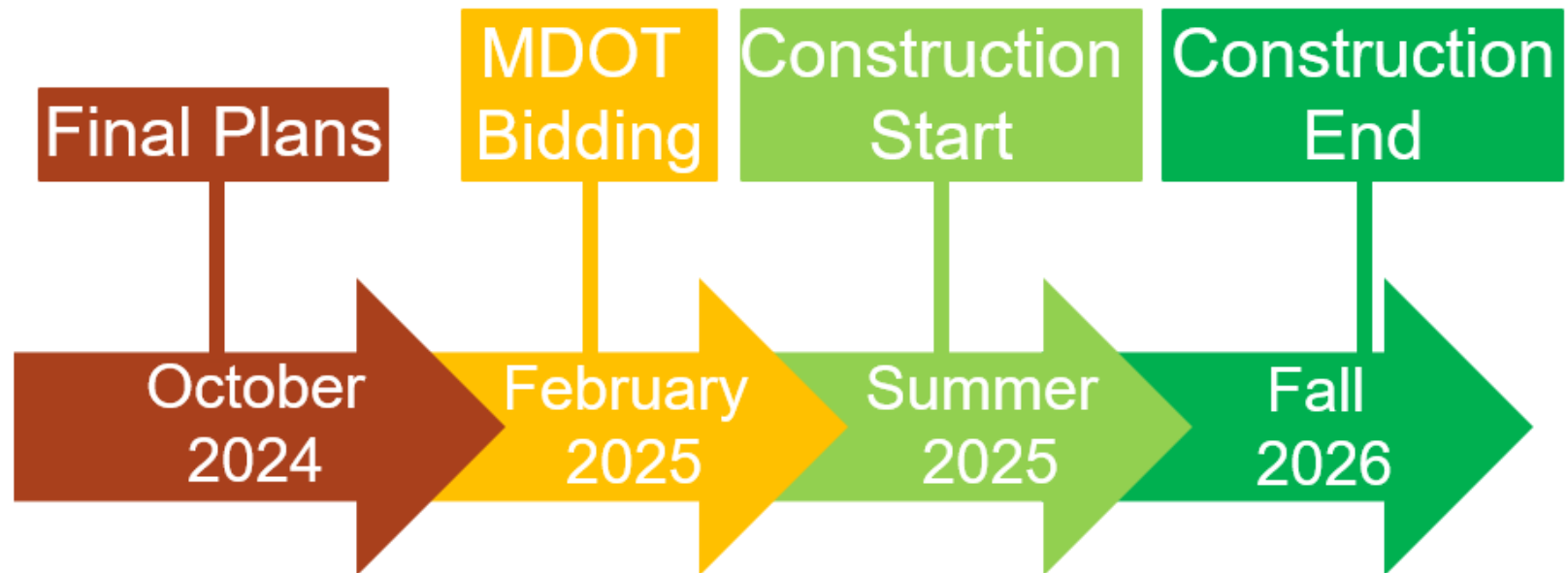


# Maintenance of Traffic

- Detour remains the same for all phases.
- Only one section will be closed at a time.
- The previous phase will be open before moving to the next phase.
- Local access to homes and schools will be maintained
- Pedestrian and bicycle access will be maintained where feasible.
- Phasing is being closely coordinated with adjacent Clague School site development and AAPS officials



## Key Dates





## Next Steps

1. Easement/Temporary Grading Permit (TGP) & Final Plan updates
  - Negotiations underway with affected residents
2. MDOT final submittal, bidding, and award process
3. Start construction!

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### Project limits

The Nixon Road Corridor Improvement Project is a full road reconstruction from just north of the Huron Parkway roundabout to just south of Dhu Varren Road.

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