CALUMET AVENUE & RIDGE ROAD STREETSCAPE TOWN OF MUNSTER PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE | MARCH 16, 2021 | VIDEO-CONFERENCE

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PROJECT TEAM + MEETING AGENDA



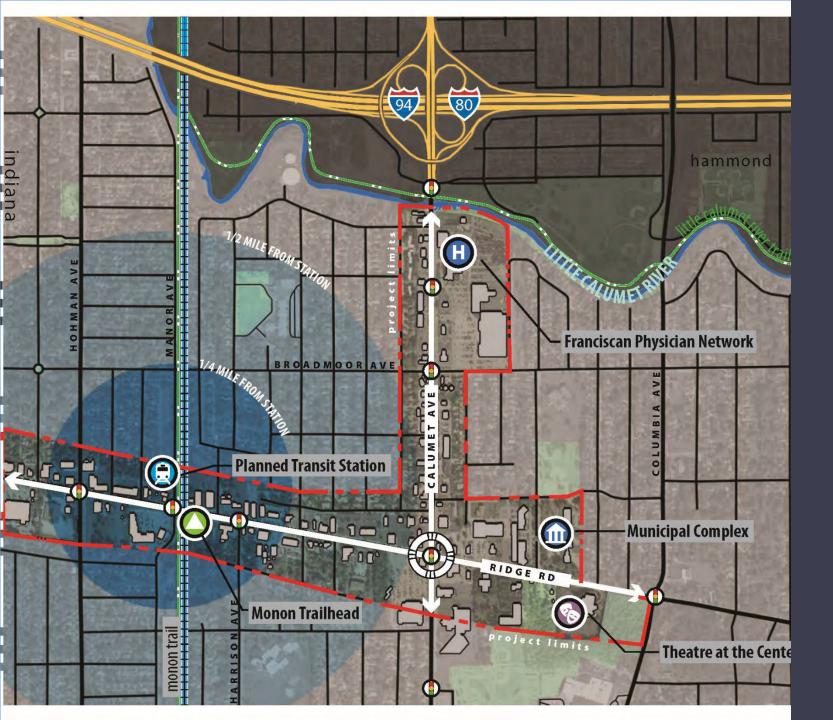
Teska Associates | Community Planning + Landscape Architecture Jodi Mariano, PLA, Principal Landscape Architect



Sam Schwartz Consulting | Transportation + Traffic Planning Stacey Meekins, AICP, Principal + Director of Transportation

MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Introductions, Project Goals + Scope Review
- 2. Community Outreach Recap
- 3. Preferred Concept Plan Presentation
- 4. Implementation Strategies
- 5. Next Steps: Draft Report, Committee Review, Council Presentation



STUDY AREA

PROJECT GOAL

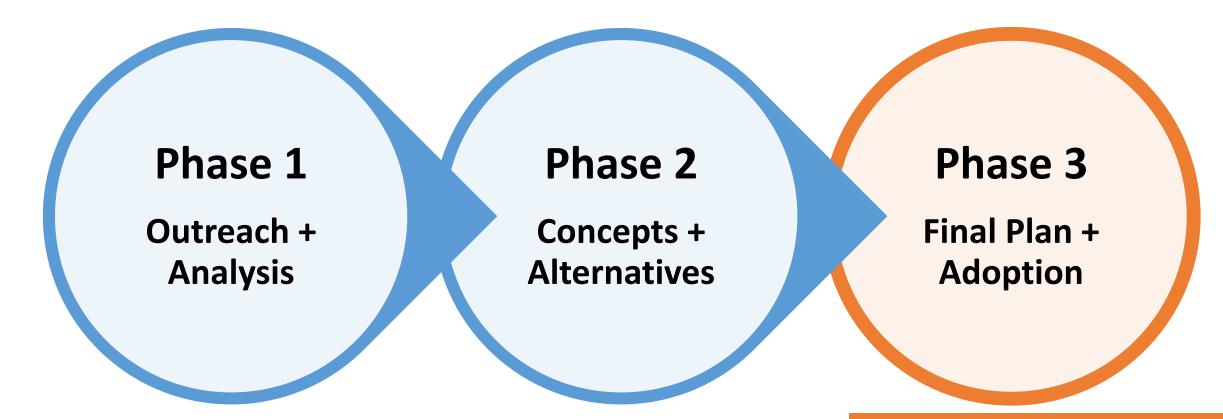
The goal of this project is to develop a more welcoming environment for walking, biking, to reinforce a sense of place in our community, and to enhance the ability to absorb stormwater and reduce flooding.

KEY THEMES

- A safe and comfortable pedestrian environment
- A functional streetscape providing stormwater benefits
- A consistent and beautiful public realm
- A sense of arrival and identity
- A multimodal system that balances access and mobility

FUNDING FOR THE STREETSCAPE PLAN

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration + the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake Michigan Coastal Program. "The Coastal Grant"



MAY – JULY 2020 Analysis / project website Staff meeting Committee meeting #1 Neighborhood poll #1 Stakeholder interviews Farmers market pop up AUG – DEC 2020 Concept development

Committee meeting #2 Neighborhood poll #2 Agency meetings Public open house JAN 2020 – JUNE 2021 Final plan + pilot project

Committee meetings #3-4

Public meeting Town Council meeting

OUTREACH | Recap

FACE TO FACE MEETINGS **Public works meeting Committee meeting #1 Community Market Stakeholder interviews** Public works meeting **Agency review meetings Committee meeting #2 Plan commission meeting** Public open house #1 Public open house #2

(06/18)(07/15)(08/04)(7/27 - 9/23)(10/19)(11/2 - 11/13)(11/18)(12/08)(12/10)(03/16)

munster-streetscape.org

Calumet-Ridge Streetscape Plan Virtual Open House

March 16, 2021, 7-8:30 pm, via zoom webinar

Big thanks to our friends in Munster! We heard your comments about calming traffic, improving pedestrian safety and adding greening along Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road. Please join us to review the Conceptual Streetscape Plan and to provide your input.



Project Website Neighborhood Poll #1 Neighborhood Poll #2 Rendering Inputs

(06/18 - present) (07/22 - 10/31) (12/8 - 03/05) (12/8 - 03/05)

596 participants / 677 comments470 participants / 832 comments245 participants

OUTREACH | Calumet Avenue key concerns + concepts

KEY CONCERNS

- Speeding, congestion, stop + go movements
- Inhospitable pedestrian environment
- Needs a welcoming entry
- Lacks greening and pervious space

KEY OPPORTUNITIES

Access control (left turn restrictions)

 When asked whether participants were concerned about limited left turn access concepts, most responded that they were <u>not</u> concerned.

Top improvement preferences:

- 25% landscaped medians
- 20% north gateway
- 18% intersection improvements
- 14% overhead utility relocation

Calumet Avenue Improvements: select your top 3 features.



POLL #2 RESULTS | CALUMET AVENUE





Traffic calming was identified as a need along Calumet Ave. In your opinion, which type of traffic calming is most appropriate for **Calumet Ave?** (select one)

Landscaped center median



Mid-block crossing / refuge island



Parkway trees + lawn plantings



POLL #2 RESULTS | CALUMET AVENUE





Trees + plantings were noted as important features of the streetscape. In your opinion, which planting treatments are the best fit for **Munster?** (select one)

Bioswale plantings + decorative gravel



Rain gardens



Native grasses + plantings



POLL #2 RESULTS | CALUMET AVENUE

Paint us a picture along Calumet Avenue: Thinking ahead to the future, please describe a scene you wish to see along Calumet Avenue.

KEY THEMES

- Calmer traffic
- More pedestrian friendly
- Updated buildings
- Greening
- Munster identity

QUOTED

- "Living in Munster for decades, it would be nice to see a more inviting atmosphere driving down Calumet Ave. I would like to see businesses that bring people in, shops, live music and more food places, living spaces like condos, and a place where you want to walk or bike there and just enjoy the atmosphere."
- *"Honestly, I'd just love to be able to feel protected from traffic while riding my bike with my family to get an Italian Ice."*
- "People from these neighborhoods should be encouraged to walk to the stores as I always have. However, it's always stressful crossing Broadmoor and Calumet. I would definitely love to see greener spaces with native trees and wild grasses between the sidewalks and the street. No more concrete jungles pretty please! I want Munster to be more lush and inviting!"





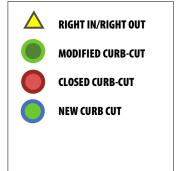
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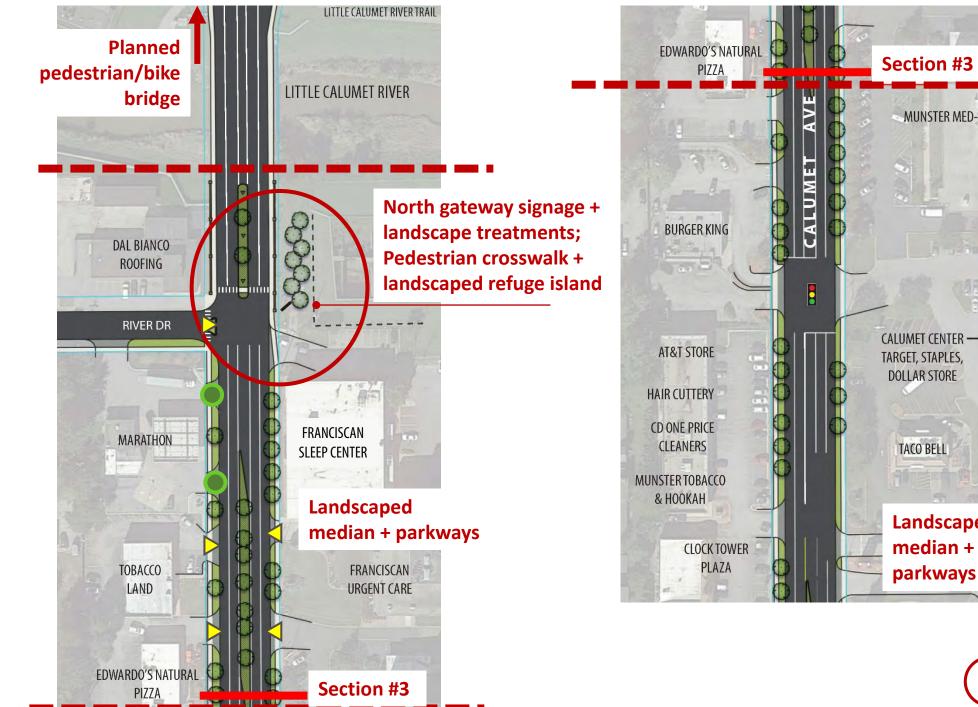
- Maintenance
- Safety + Sight Lines
- Pedestrian Crossing North of River Drive
- Murals

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North boundary to Calumet **Center (Target)**





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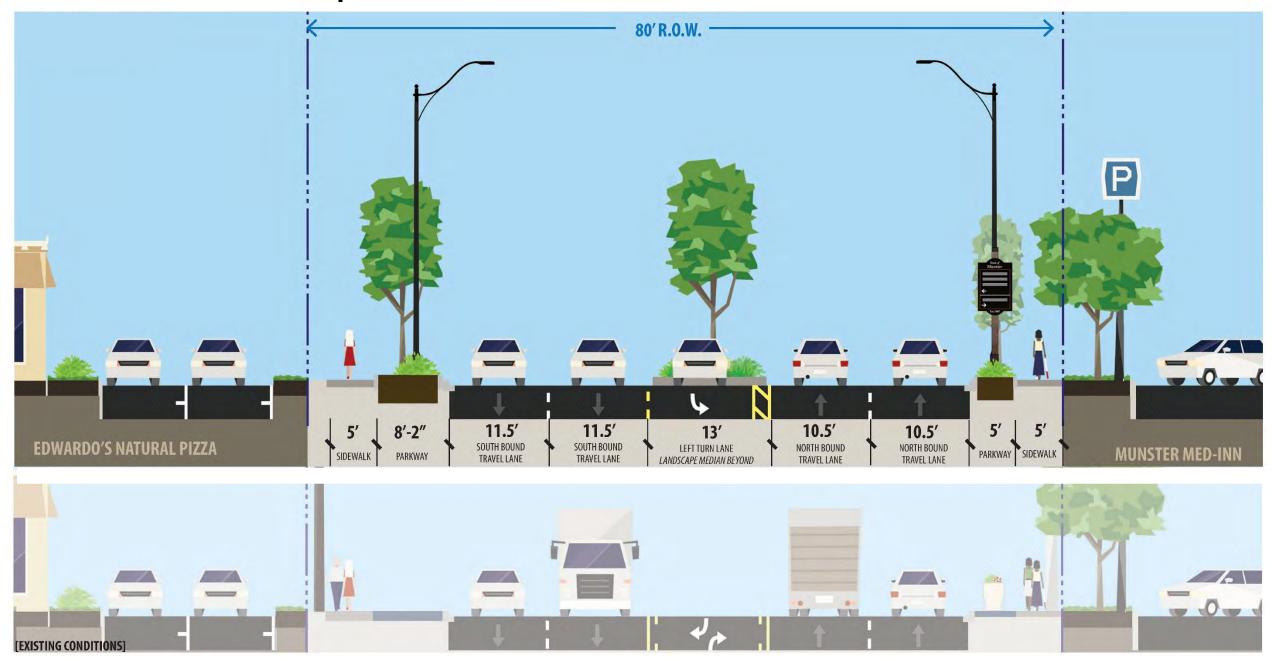
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Landscaped

median +

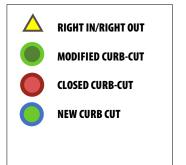
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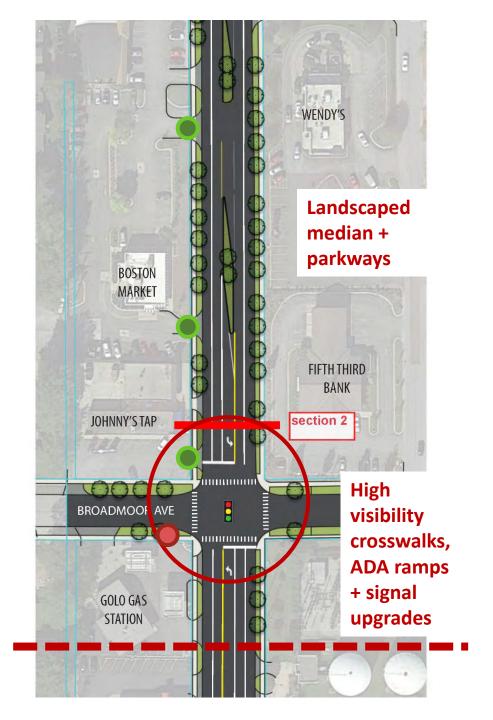
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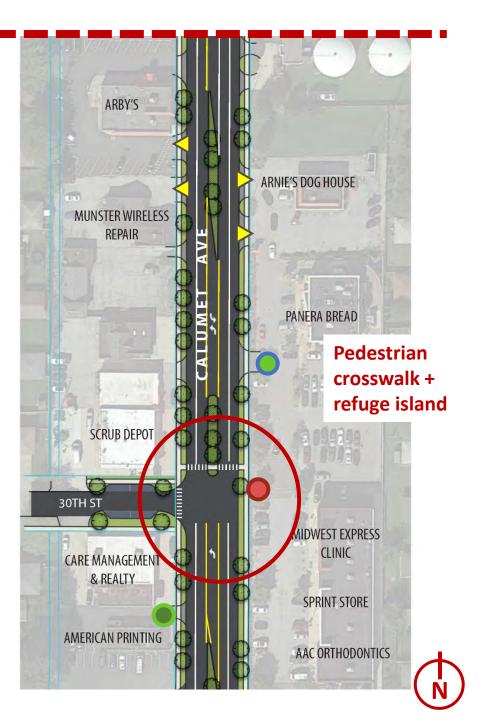


Calumet Avenue

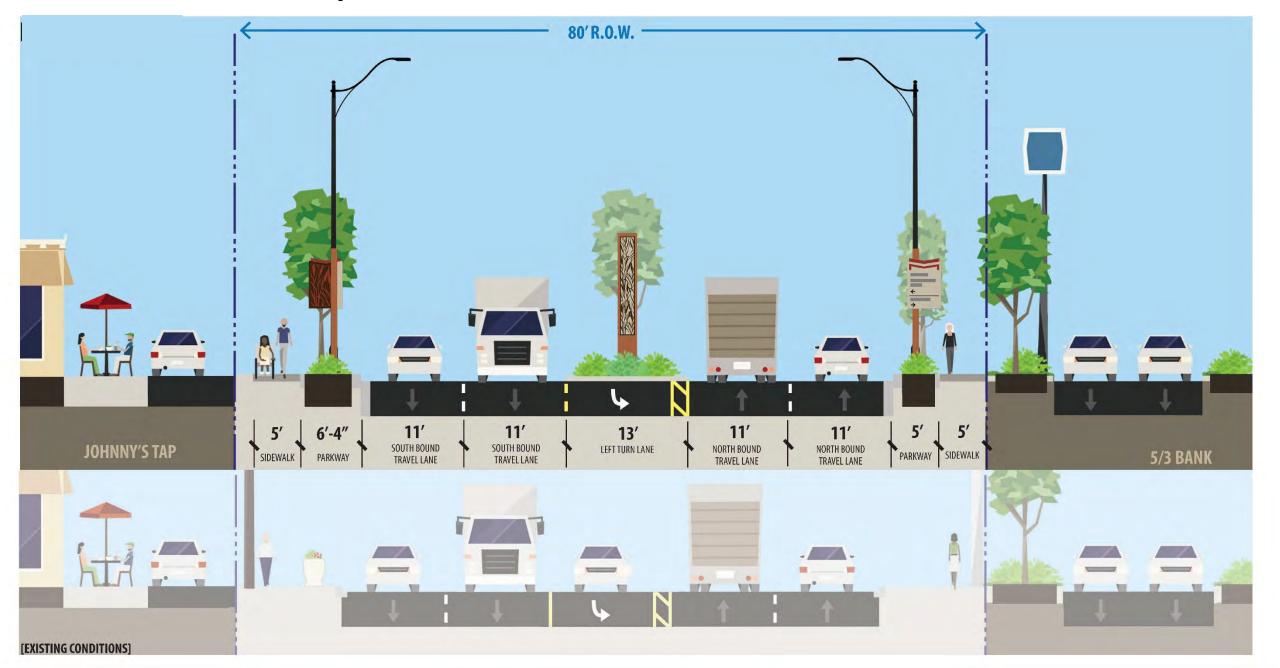
Calumet Center (Target) to 30th Street







Calumet Ave Section | North of Broadmoor Ave

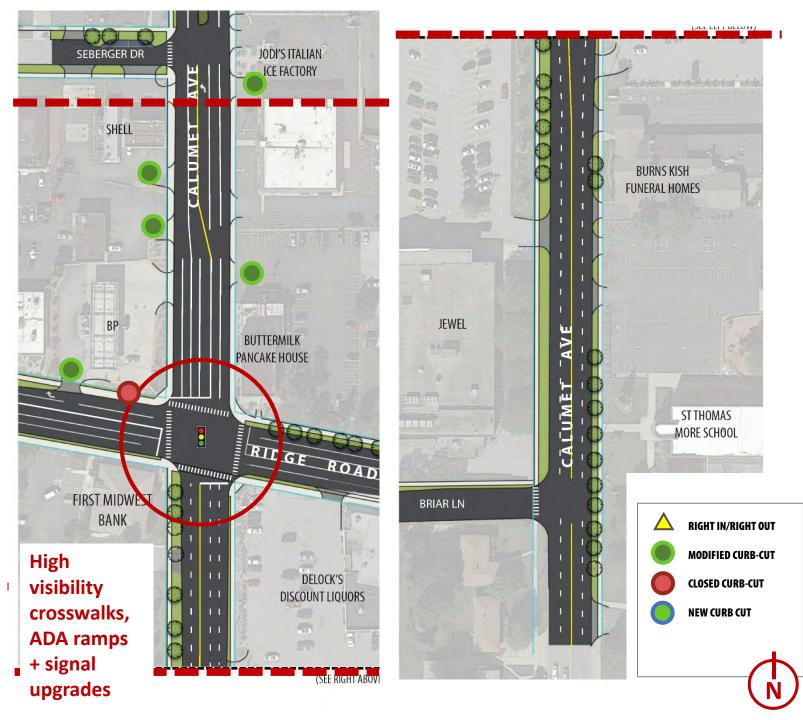




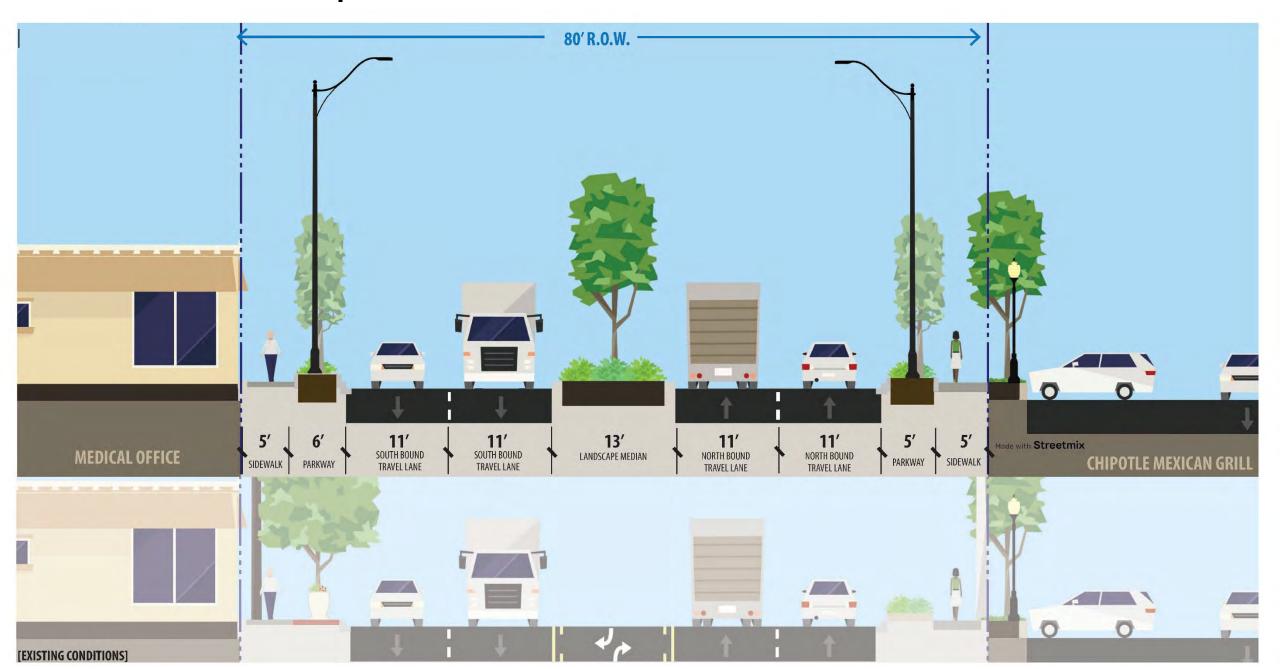
south of 30th Street to Briar Lane

Pedestrian crosswalk + landscaped refuge island





Calumet Ave Section | South of 30th Street







OUTREACH | Ridge Road key concerns + concepts

KEY CONCERNS

- Businesses are not supported by the environment
- Does not invite people to walk here
- Lacks a sense of place
- Needs greening and landscaping

KEY OPPORTUNITIES

Road diet amenities

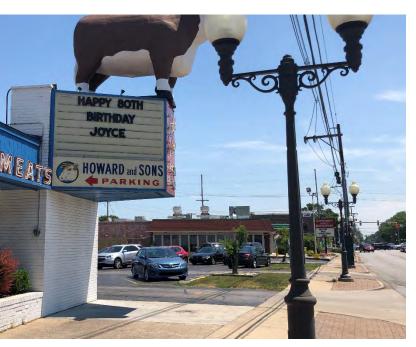
When asked whether participants were concerned that the road diet would cause approx. 1-3 minutes travel delay between Hohman and Calumet, most participants responded they were <u>not</u> concerned.

Top improvement preferences:

- 20% flexible plaza space
- 18% landscaped medians
- 13% multi-use trail
- 13% landscaped parkways

Ridge Road Improvements: select your top 3 features.







A vibrant downtown environment was noted as a key opportunity along Ridge Road. In your opinion, which streetscape treatment is the best fit for Ridge Road? (select one)

Wider sidewalks for outdoor seating + dining



Active trails + strolling



Sculptural seating + lush plantings







Earlier comments suggested that a bike trail should be protected. In your opinion, which trail treatment is preferred for **Ridge Road?** (select one)

Off-street concrete bikeway at sidewalk level



On-street concrete bikeway with landscape buffer



Off-street asphalt bikeway with landscape buffer







In your opinion, which pedestrian scale light is the best fit for Ridge Road? (select one)



Paint us a picture along Ridge Road: Thinking ahead to the future, please describe a scene you wish to see along Ridge Road.

KEY THEMES

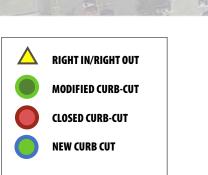
- Calm + manage traffic
- More parking
- Outdoor seating
- Bike path
- Greenery
- Family friendly, neighborhood vibe

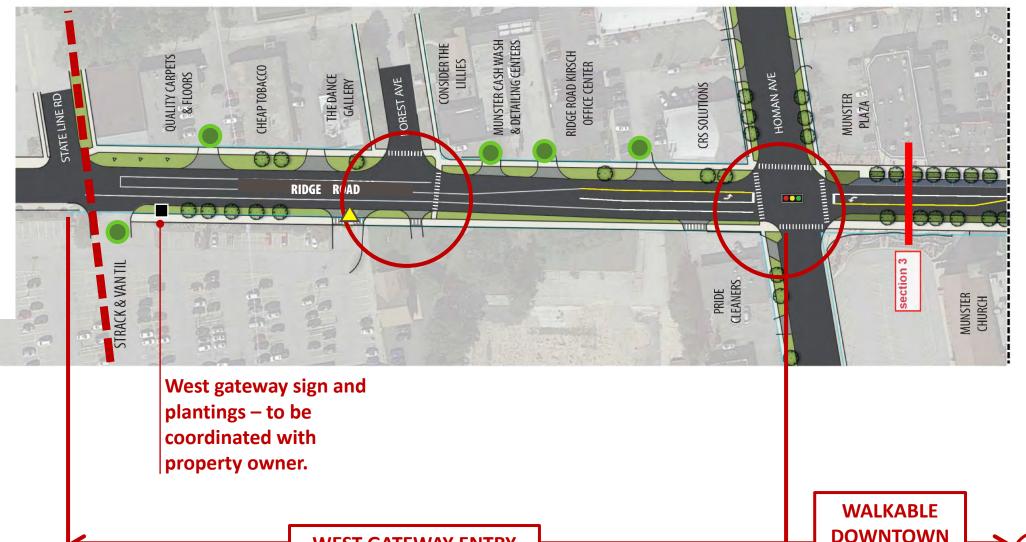
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- "....10 years from now I would love to feel comfortable knowing my daughters could ride their bikes east on Ridge Road from White Oak to Columbia in order to get to MHS. The bike lanes would be really nice. Also bike lanes on Ridge Road would help connect to the new bike lane on Hohman Ave."
- " "People strolling and not feeling scared to be hit by a speeding car. Areas to stop and eat outside. Love for our town to be more of a walking/biking community."
- "Calmer, more accessibility to the businesses with wider sidewalks. Lansing, Highland and Griffith have vibrant small businesses and Munster doesn't have that same feel."

Ridge Road | State Line Rd to east of Hohman Ave

Provide a left-turn lane into Strack + Van Til instead of two EB through lanes. Recommend coordination with Lansing to reduce number of EB through lanes to 1 lane on the Illinois side for a smoother transition to Munster





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WEST GATEWAY ENTRY



RIDGE ROAD AT MEADOW LANE – POLL #2 INPUTS THUMBS UP: 111 // THUMBS DOWN: 25

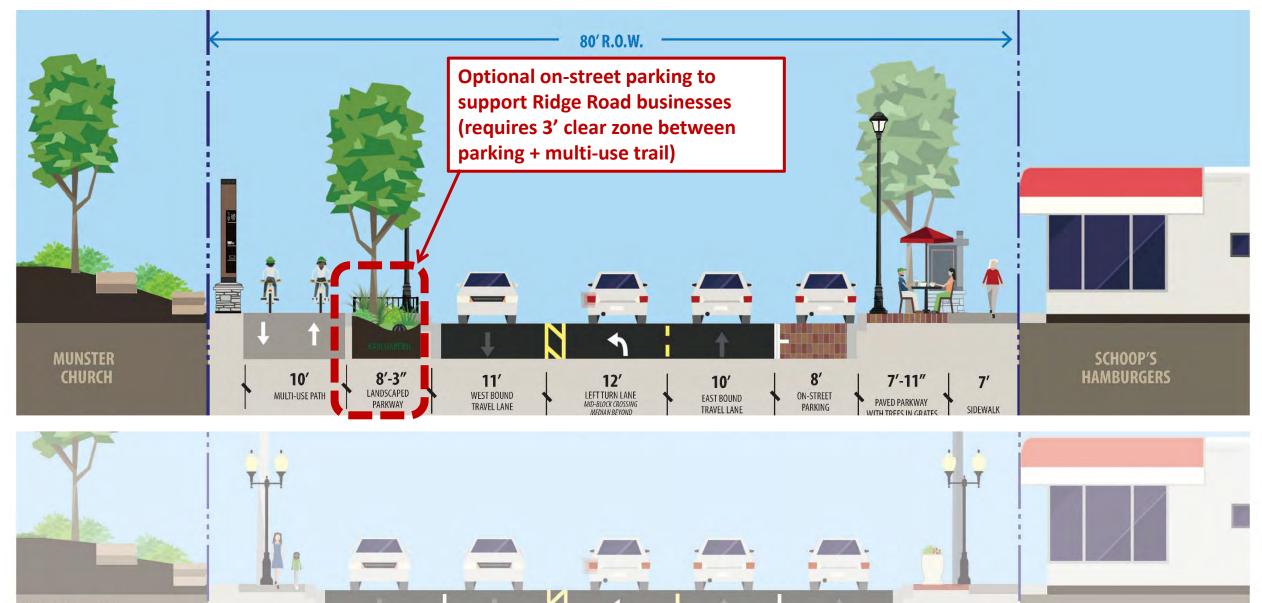
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227 Ridge Rd.

- Maintenance
- Traffic + Meadow Lane Closure
- Business Facades
- Murals

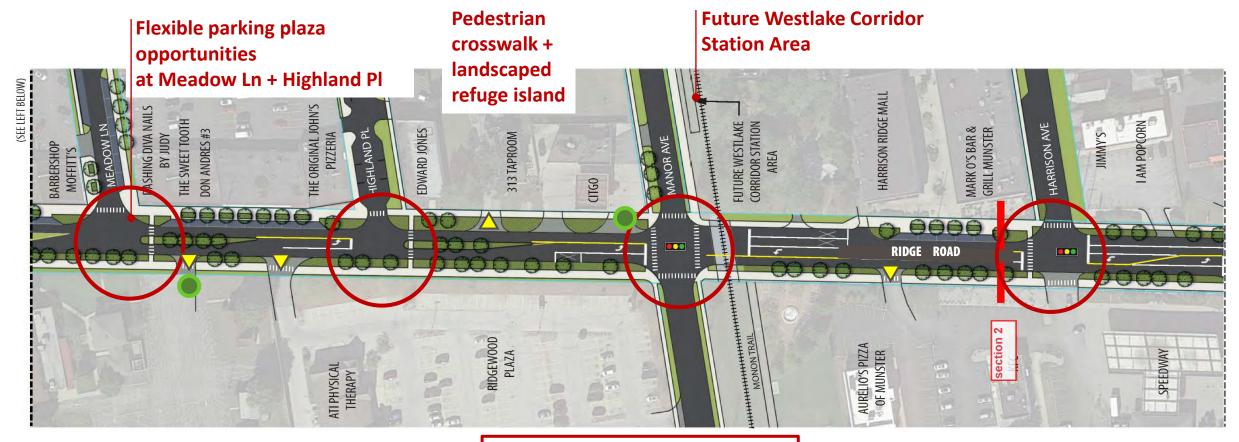
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Ridge Road Section | East Hohman Ave (west of Meadow Lane)

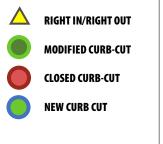


[EXISTING CONDITIONS]

Ridge Road | west of Meadow Lane to Harrison Ave (west)



WALKABLE DOWNTOWN CORE

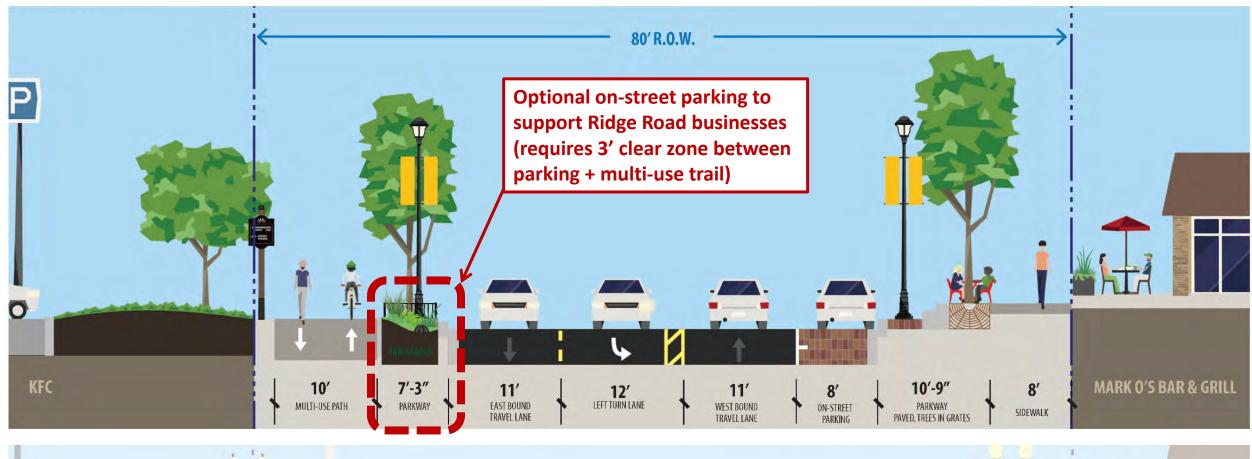








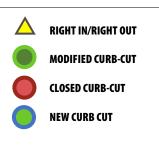
Ridge Road Section | West of Harrison Ave (west)



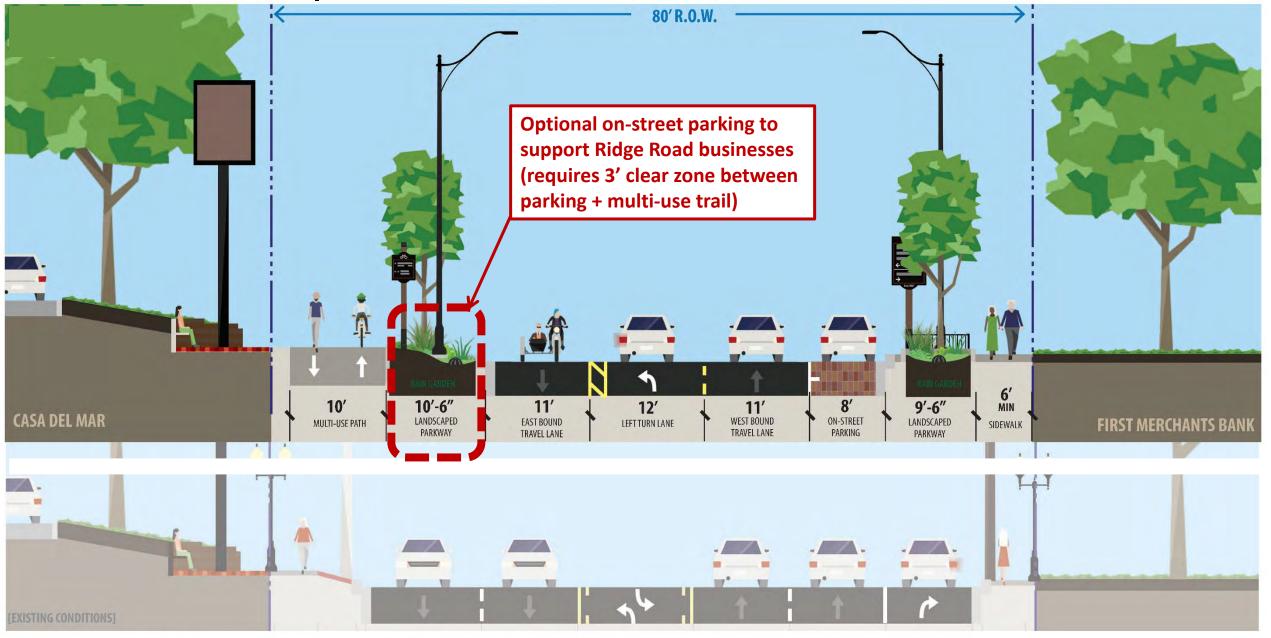


Ridge Road | Harrison Ave (east) to east of Monroe





Ridge Road Section | West of Calumet Ave

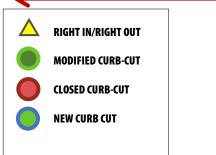


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Ridge Road | Calumet Ave intersection area

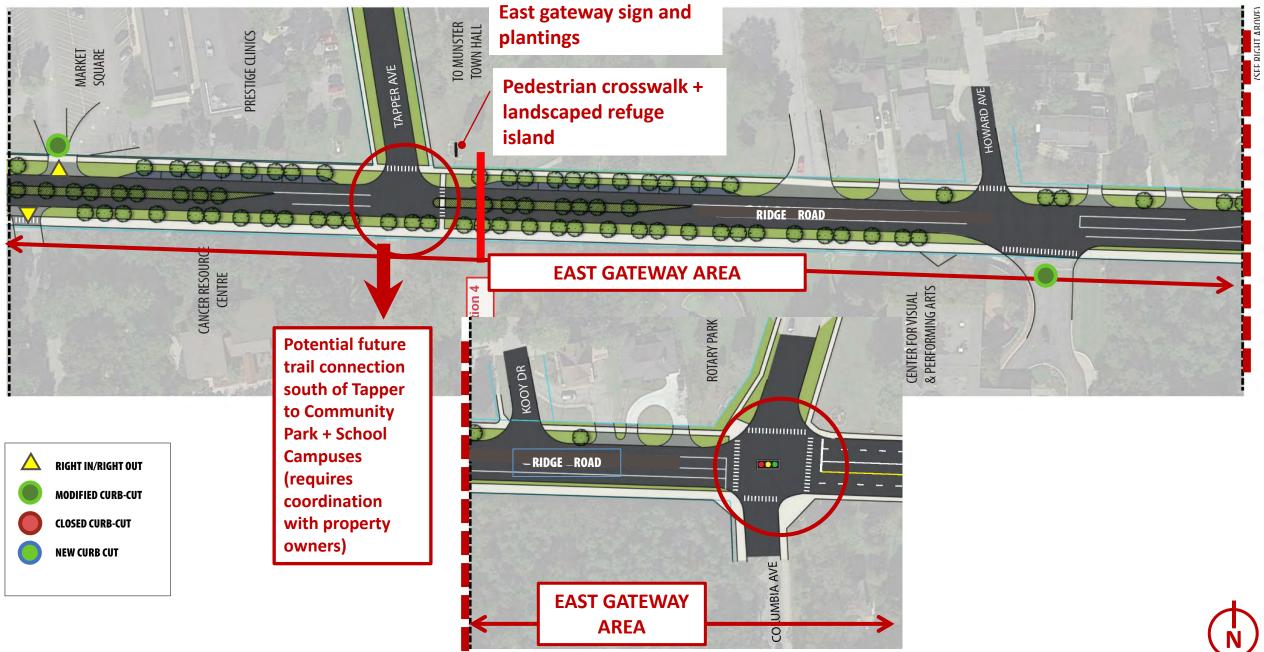


CALUMET AVE TRANSITION AREA

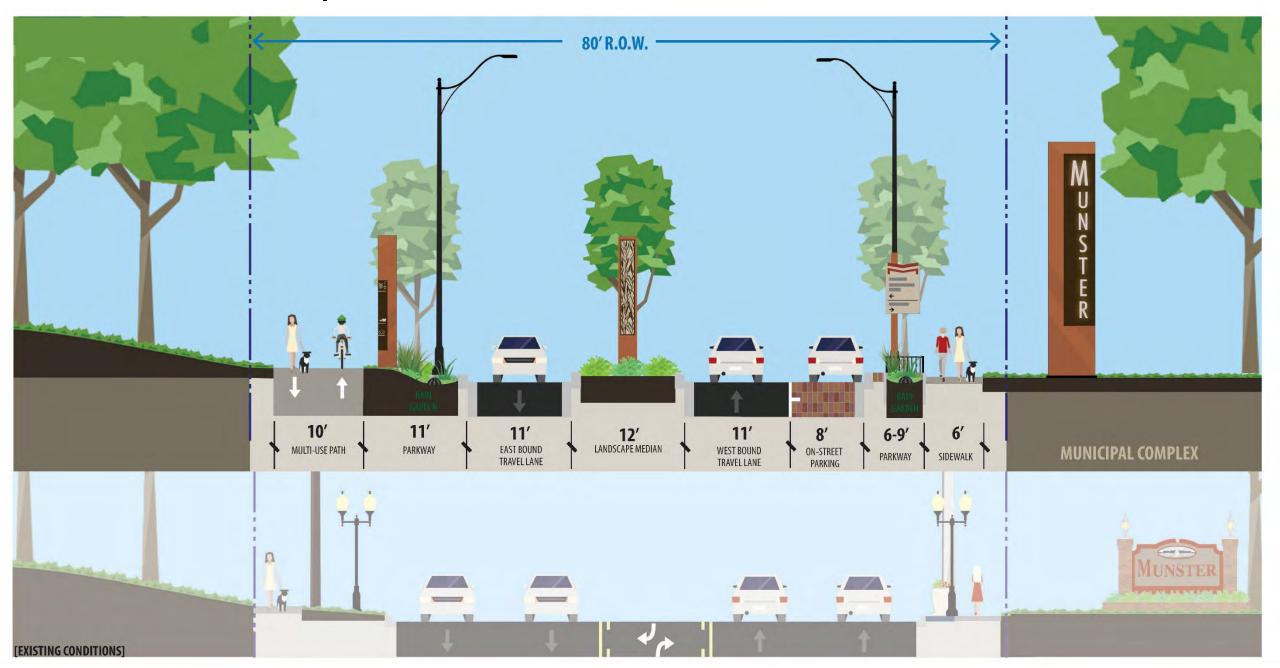




Ridge Road | west of Tapper Ave to Columbia Ave



Ridge Road Section | East of Tapper Ave (Town Hall)



IMPLEMENTATION | concept level costs + strategies for development

OVERHEAD UTILITY TYPES	RIDGE ROAD	CALUMET AVE
OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WIRE (LF)	0	12000
OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION WIRE (LF)	26000	18000
OVERHEAD TELECOM WIRE (LF)	8000	5000
OVERHEAD CABLE (LF)	8000	5000

UTILITY RELOCATION CONCEPTUAL COSTS	RIDGE ROAD	CALUMET AVE	
OPTION A EXISTING REMOVAL + BURIAL	\$13,650,000	\$13,000,000	
OPTION B EXISTING REMOVAL + RELOCATION	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 3,000,000	

*concept level costs based on INDOT unit pricing and general contractor form of project delivery. Costs provided for streetscape discussion + planning purposes.

IMPLEMENTATION ROADWAY + STREETSCAPE COSTS*	RIDGE ROAD 7,000 LF	CALUMET AVE 4,600 LF
UTILITY REMOVAL + RELOCATE (OPTION B)	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 3,000,000
DEMO, ROADWAY + SIGNALIZATION	\$ 9,105,295	\$ 5,458,700
HARDSCAPE	\$ 758,275	\$ 101,900
SITE FURNISHINGS	\$ 176,000	\$ 57,000
LIGHTING	\$ 1,480,000	\$ 720,000
GATEWAY + WAYFINDING SIGNAGE	\$ 371,000	\$ 313,000
PLANTINGS	\$ 1,571,175	\$ 486,609
SUBTOTAL	\$16,611,745	\$10,137,209
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (5%) + MOBILIZATION (4%)	\$ 1,495,057	\$ 912,349
DESIGN ENGINEERING: PH1 (5%), PH2 (5%), PH3 (10%)	\$ 3,322,349	\$ 2,027,442
TOTAL	\$21,429,151	\$13,077,000
COST PER LF	\$ 3,061	\$ 2,843

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CALUMET AVENUE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION

PHASE	PROJECT TYPES	COST	PARTNERS
NEAR TERM	North Gateway Pilot Project	\$52K (materials only)	Staff/public works/ Little Cal Development
	Roadway Restriping (landscaped medians)	\$14K (materials only)	Staff/public works
	Left Turn Controls (define prohibited left turns)	\$3K (materials only)	Staff/public works
	East side of Calumet: replace light poles, parkway plantings + trees	\$439K	Staff/public works/ Little Cal Development
	Clean up overhead cables + select aerial lines	Per NIPSCO	NIPSCO
	Phase 1 Engineering Study	\$507K	NIPSCO/ consultant

MID TERM	Signalized Intersection Improvements	\$600K	Staff/public works
	(Broadmoor, Calumet Shopping Cntr)		

LONG TERM		Construct Calumet Ave north of Broadmoor (Broadmoor to municipal limits (1,650 lf or 0.35)	\$4M	
		Construct Calumet Ave south of Broadmoor (Broadmoor to Briar 2950 lf or 0.65)	\$7.4M	

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MID TERM	Construct Ridge Road sections west of Calumet Ave (Calumet to State Line: 4,675 If or .66)	\$13.1M	
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LONG TERM	Construct Ridge Road sections east of Calumet Ave	\$6.5M	
	(Calumet to Columbia: 2,325 If or .33)		

NEXT STEPS:

- Streetscape Plan Report
- Present to Committee + Town Council

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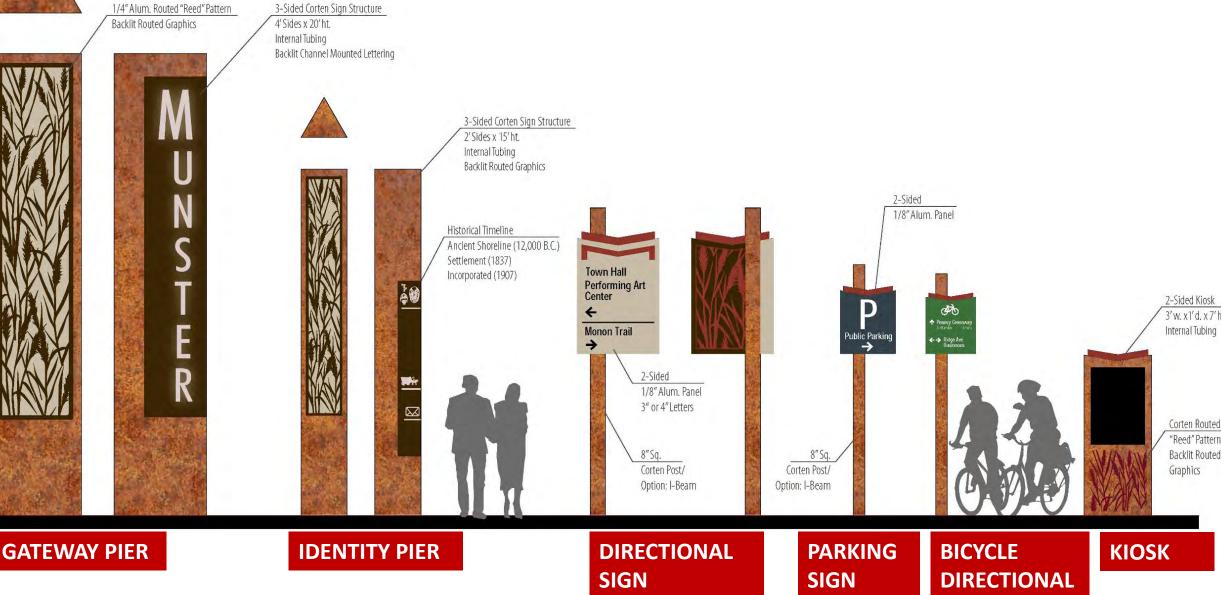
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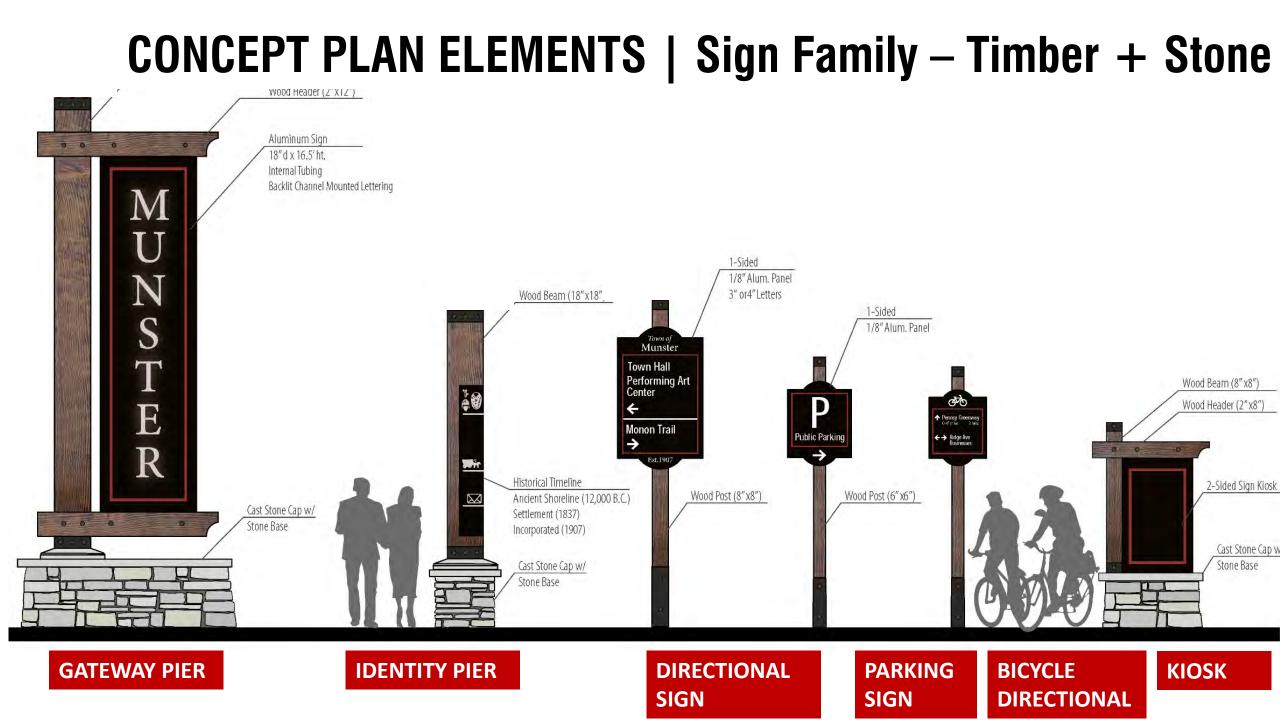
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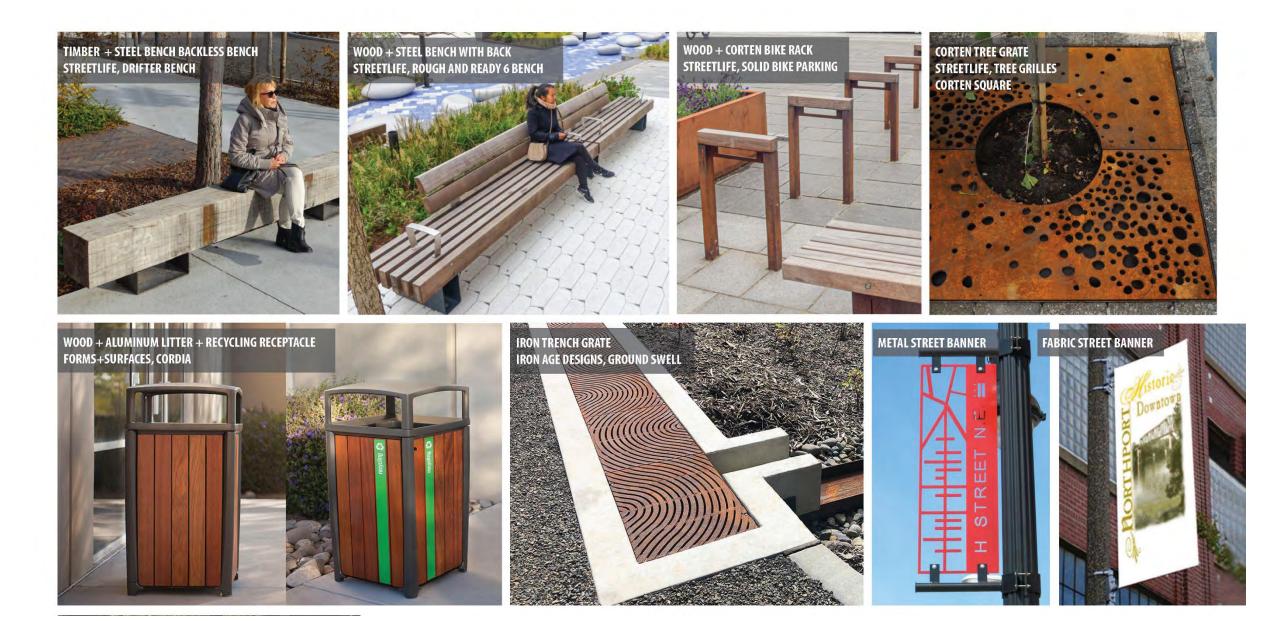


CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | Sign Family - Metal

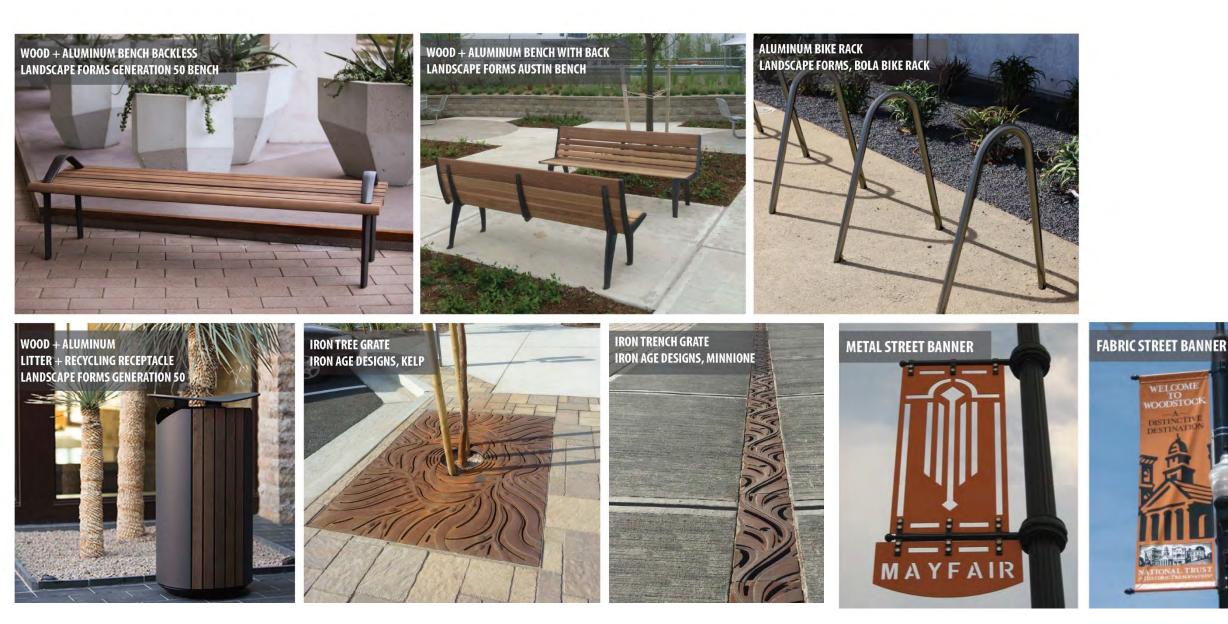




CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | Furnishings - Rustic



CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | Furnishings - Refined



CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | Plantings









NOTE: Mature tree heights and widths are dependent on soil conditions and maintenance practice.



Kentucky Coffeetree Gymnocladus dioicus



Yellowwood Cladtastis kentukea Mature Height: 40'

Mature Width: 40' Pollinators: Butterflies/Moths





Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle Diervilla lonicera

Mature Height: 1'-3' Mature Width: 3'-5'

Flower Color: Red/Orange/Yellow Pollinators: Butterflies & Hummingbirds

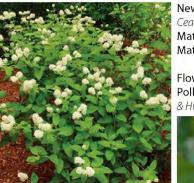


Kalm's St. John's wort Hypericum kalmianum

Mature Height: 2'-3' Mature Width: 3'-4'

Flower Color: Yellow Pollinators: Bees





New Jersey Tea Ceanothus americanus Mature Height: 2'-3' Mature Width: 2'-3'

Flower Color: White Pollinators: Bees, Butterflies/Moths, & Hummingbirds



PERMEABLE PAVING AT SIDEWALKS WITH RAIN GARDENS

CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | **Roadway Lights, Signals + Ped Lights**



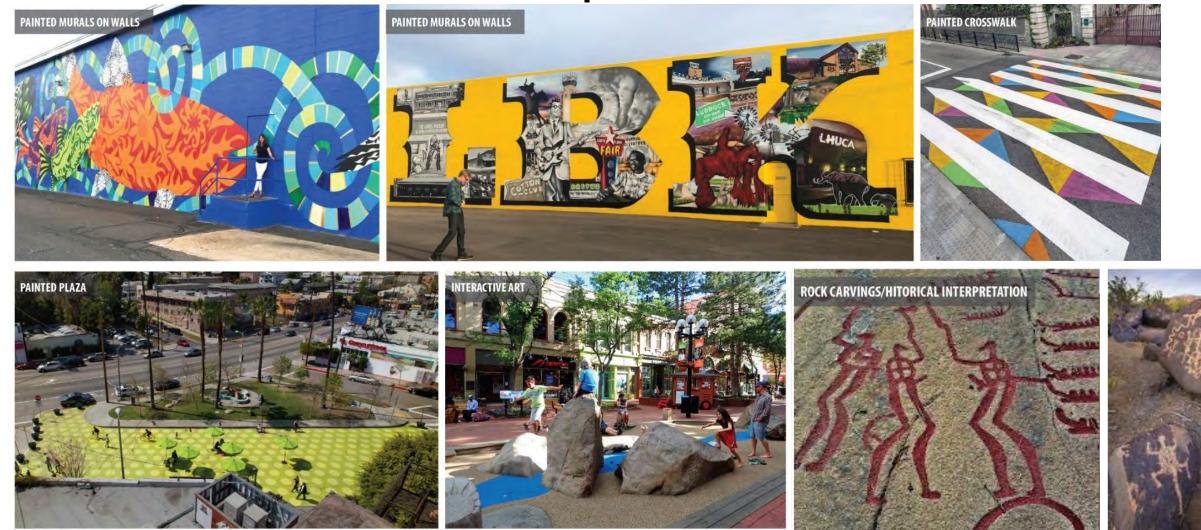
45th and Calumet Ave

Shepherd's Crook

Post Top

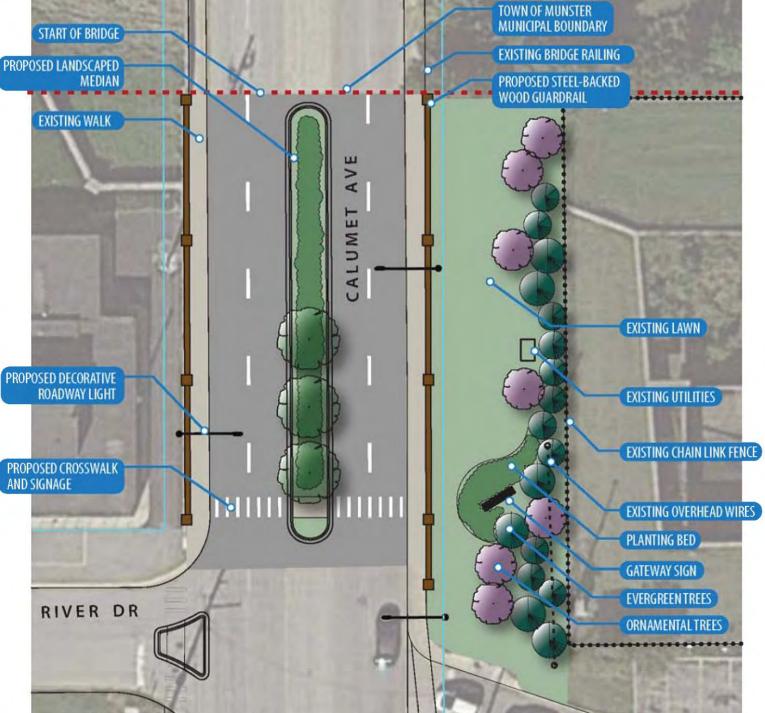
Caged Acorn (Hohman Ave)

CONCEPT PLAN ELEMENTS | Public Art



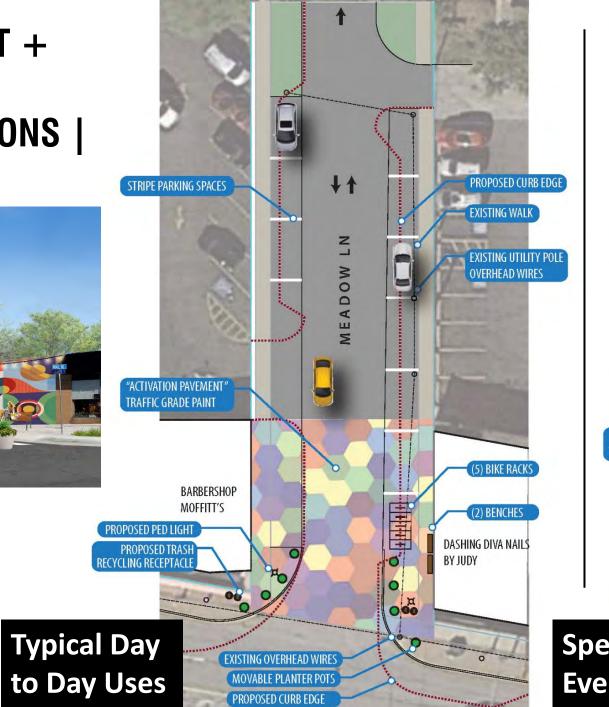
PILOT PROJECT | North Calumet Avenue Gateway

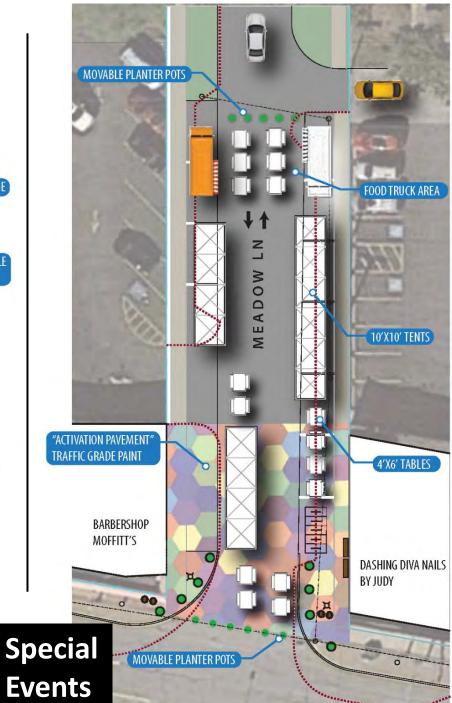




PILOT PROJECT + STREETSCAPE DEMONSTRATIONS | Meadow Lane







CONCEPT PLAN | Min vs Max

MINIMUM Roadway Change:

Add amenities within available right of way areas without modifying traffic patterns.

MAXIMUM ROADWAY CHANGE:

Reallocate some traffic spaces for additional amenities.

CONCEPT PLAN | Min vs Max Intro – Calumet Avenue



CONCEPT PLAN | Min vs Max Intro – Ridge Road



OUTREACH | Stakeholder interviews

July 2020	August 2020	September 2020
Lee Ann Mellon, Committee; Town President	Dan Straka, Committee; Sweet Tooth	Steve Tripinfeldas, Asst Superintendent, School Town of Munster
Dan Buksa, Board of Zoning Appeals	Bill Baker, Chair Plan Commission; Little Cal River Basin Development	Steve Tulowitski, Council Member
Brian Specht, Plan Commission	Bruce Boyer, Local developer (Munster Shops)	
Ken Schoon, Committee; Town Council	Patrick Owens, Resident	
Don Erminger, Strack and Van Til	Ginny Dickman-Lopez, Resident, MOMs club president in Munster	
Rachel Branagan, Committee; Architect,	Joe Austin, Resident, Researcher at U of C	
Hope Martin, Committee, HWC Engineering	Joe Sinclair, Resident, Scout leader	
Chuck Gardiner, Former Parks Director; Council member and Plan Commission	Paul Nelson, Resident, What's Up Munster FB	
Eman Ibrahim, Planner, NIRPC	Paul Rotatori, Committee; South shore trails advocacy group	
Scott Milne, Milne Plumbing, property owner		
Anthony Christopher, Committee, Top Tier Nutrition		

METRICS | IMPERVIOUS VS PERVIOUS SPACE

RIDGE ROAD				
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX	
IMPERVIOUS SPACE	100%	89%	75%	
PERVIOUS SPACE	0%	11%	25%	

CALUMET AVENUE IMPERVIOUS VS PERVIOUS SPACE

	EXISTING	MIN	MAX
IMPERVIOUS SPACE	100%	90%	86%
PERVIOUS SPACE	0%	10%	14%

METRICS | PARKWAY WIDTHS + TREES

RIDGE ROAD			
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX
PARKWAY WIDTH	4'-6" to 9'-2"	3'-0" to 9'-2"	5'-0" to 17'-0"
TREES	0	123	255

CALUMET AVENUE			
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX
PARKWAY WIDTH	5'-0" - 12'-0"	3'-6" - 12'-0"	3'-6" - 12'-0"
TREES	8	132	132

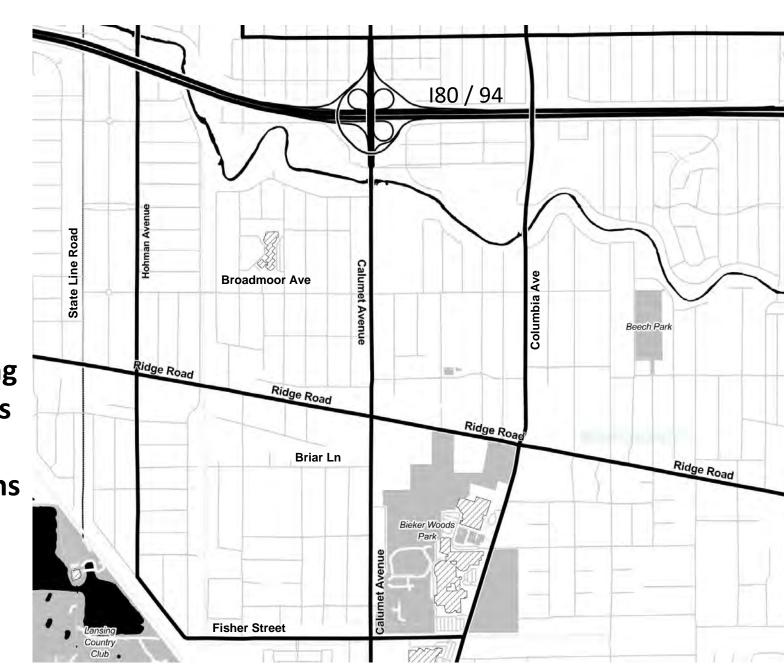
METRICS | PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING DISTANCE (TYPICAL)			
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX
Ridge Road	55-70'	55- 70'	35-70'
Calumet Avenue	55-75'	55-75'	55-75 '

SIDEWALK WIDTH (TYPICAL)			
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX
Ridge Road	4'	5-6'	6-8' along north side 10' multiuse path along south side
Calumet Avenue	4'	5'	5'

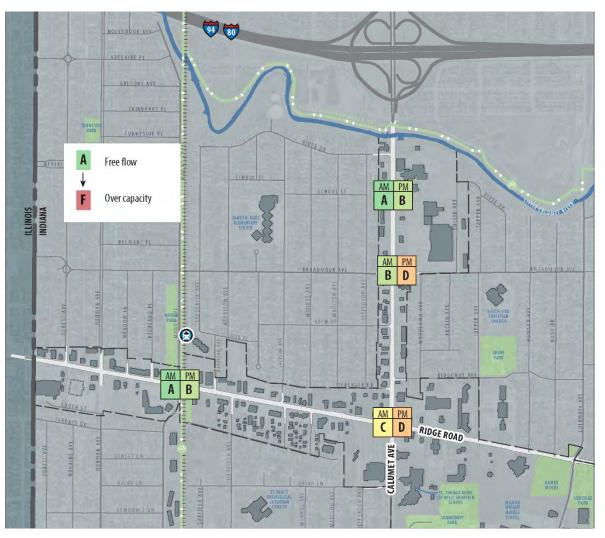
APPROACH TO FUTURE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

- Build on 2014 conditions (Town-provided data)
- Extrapolate to 2020 based on INDOT growth trends
- Apply NIRPC projections reflecting area infrastructure improvements
- Add RDA development projections
- Further engineering study to be performed when design begins



INTERSECTION LEVELS OF SERVICE

Future Min Scenario

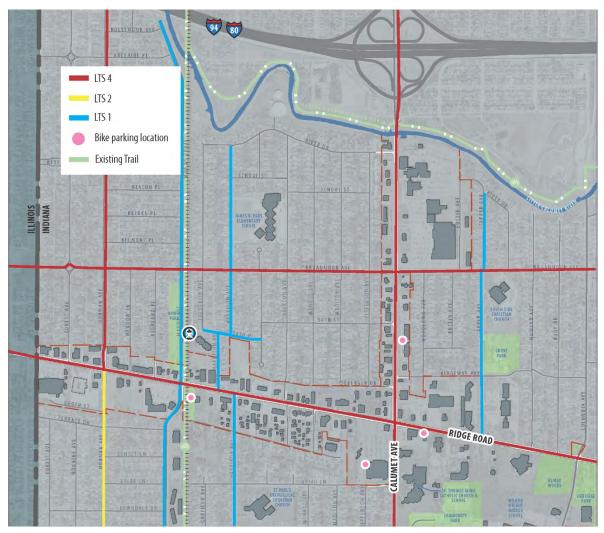


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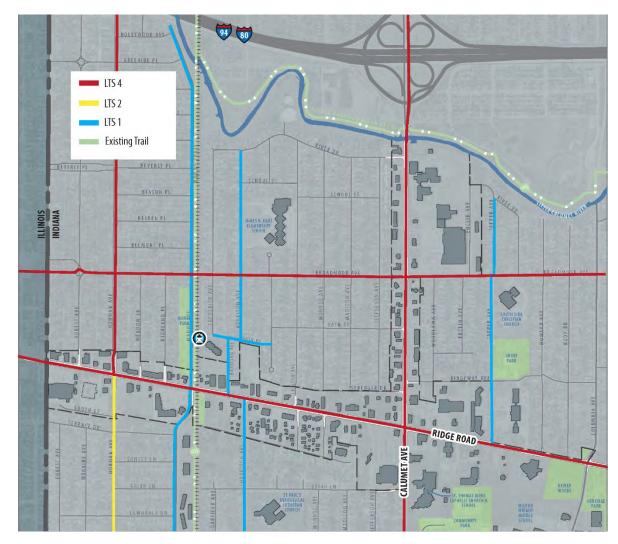


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Existing

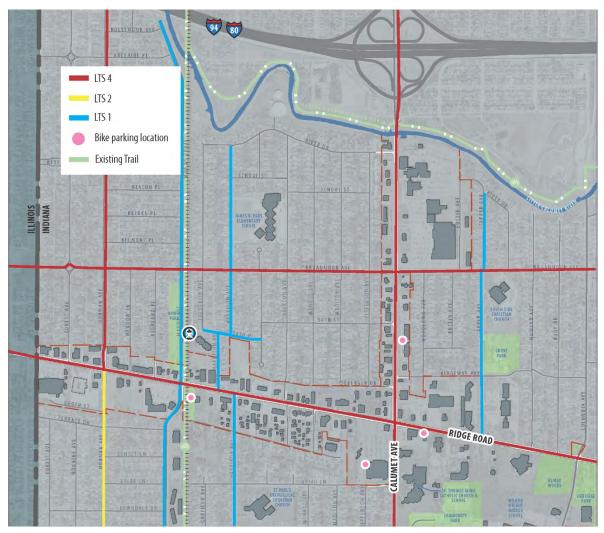


Future Min Scenario



BICYCLIST LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS (LTS)

Existing



Future Max Scenario



METRICS | TRAFFIC

DISTANCE BETWEEN PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS				
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX	
Ridge Road	300'-2,300'	275'-1,200'	275'-1,200'	
Calumet Avenue	860'-1,820'	390'-1,340'	390'-800'	
NUMBER OF CURB CUTS				
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX	
Ridge Road	 59 total (~9 per 1,000 ft) 58 full access 1 limited access 	 56 total (~8 per 1,000 ft) 50 full access 6 limited access 	 56 total (~8 per 1,000 ft) 44 full access 12 limited access 	
Calumet Avenue	 56 total (~13 per 1,000 ft) 56 full access 0 limited access 	 54 (~12 per 1,000 ft) 54 full access 0 limited access 	 55 total (~13 per 1,000 ft) 36 full access 19 limited access 	

METRICS | TRAFFIC

NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES				
	EXISTING	MIN	MAX	
Ridge Road	0	0 during peak hours, 58 during off-peak hours	58	
* Additional on-street parking at Highland Pl, Meadow Ln and Forest Ave. Approx 10 spaces per street = 30 spaces				
Calumet Avenue	0	0	0	
* Additional on-street parking at Seberger Dr (2) 30 th St (4) = 6 spaces				

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VEHICLE DELAY (BY INTERSECTION					
		EXISTING		MIN	MAX
Ridge/Calumet		30.9 AN		31.3 AM	32.8 AM
		41.1 PM		45.0 PM	51.6 PM
		12.8 AM		8.9 AM	11.9 AM
Ridge/Manor		18.0 PM		10.8 PM	19.9 PM
		24.5 AM		16.8 AM	24.8 AM
Calumet/Broadmo	DOR	42.5 PM		38.8 PM	43.8 PM
VEHICLE QUEUES					
EXISTING		MIN			MAX
Didas David 126-237' AM		93-229' AM		Y AM	105-227' AM
Ridge Road 240-434' PM		83-270)' PM	194-544' PM
	80-593' AM		330-706' AM		318-657' AM
Calumet Avenue	115-572' PM		453-851' PM		446-837' PM

AGENCY OUTREACH + CONSIDERATIONS

NICTD	•	Station area plans at 30% Anticipated construction completion by 2025
NRPC	•	Support complete streets approach Funding opportunities for streetscape: Next Level Trails; Transportation Enhancement Funds (INDOT); Green Streets Funds NIRPC could fund a Transportation Master Plan
Little Calumet River Basin Development	•	Funding opportunities for streetscape: The Tree Grant; Plantings associated with north Calumet gateway.
Indiana DNR	•	Potential funding programs: FEMA BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities); GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative); DNR Small Grants (wayfinding, green infrastructure)
NIPSCO	•	Calumet Ave is a transmission corridor Ridge Rd is mostly distribution Opportunities to consolidate aerial crossings at Ridge Rd and to consolidate utilities as part of the station development.