Jackson City County Nonmotorized Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

Date:Friday, August 23, 2019Time:9:30 am to 11:30 amLocation:1 Jackson Square

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed preliminary plan and discuss the upcoming public outreach meetings.

Meeting Notes

Below is a summary of key points from the meeting.

Springport

 Old railroad depot owned by village, add connection to it along road. Look into other connections going north.

Parma

- School is crazy with drop-off and pick-up, no place to walk. Kids walk in street with cars parked.
- JCDOT works with schools on SRTS
- Plans for Michigan Ave bridge reconstruction in Winter 2020

Spring Arbor

- County looking at resurfacing roads -
 - King under construction with gravel shoulder option to add paved shoulder later, need funding
 - McCain reconstructed soon

Concord

- Kick-off meeting in next few weeks for feasibly on connection to Homer/Calhoun County Hanover
 - Add crosswalk in Hanover on Main Street for sidewalk

Blackman Township

- Just partnered with county to have study done on County Farm Road and Springport road
- Meijer property is very hilly
- Sewer easement follows line behind Meijer property
- Grand River path very feasibly, sewer easement behind all of the neighborhoods
- Remove trail connection along north side of consumers across river
- Cross-county team runs between schools on Lansing to School on Van Horn
- There is currently interim approval from Federal Highway on Bicycle head and signal use, but not by the State local agencies need to write letter to get permission of use
 - State is supportive but on a case-by-case
- MDOT has new sidepath document

- Michigan Ave no counts recently, no one has talked about a study (similar to Michigan Ave in Lansing)
 - MDOT stance conversion must be locally driven, can't participate financially in all improvements, can do analysis- for example if the City wants protected bike lane, MDOT will not participate in the cost of curbing
 - 3 Jurisdiction and 5 agencies involved
 the plan should provide a vision, talk about need for further plan and talk about what is possible
 - Benefit of study for current and future funding feasibly options help with grant applications
 - Use "POTENTIAL" in plan helpful to get funds to do feasibility study
 - Corridor could become TIFF district recent street revival with new businesses going in;
 DDA extends to Hospital
 - On the meeting map label Michgian Ave as "further study" discuss ideas in report
 - Put links in report on safety about conversion

Grass Lake

- Railroad crossings notes in report or on map
- List Mount Hop Road as priority in plan so MDOT can build into future plans
- Add connection from Wolf Lake to detail map

Brooklyn

- Want to reassemble abandoned railroad to Watkins Lake
- Sportsman Club amenable to trail through property
- National Parks moral support for Watkins Lake connection underground railroad ties Roles and Responsibilities
 - Summit Township Trails Day-to-day Maintenance Agreements with City and County to maintain
 - Blackman County lead on trail
 - County recently pass parks and rec millage tax payers want county to oversee parks and trails
 - MDOT and County when moving earth, they can spread it along future trail if in the area
 - How do county departments work on trails?
 - o Road agency does not maintain any trails; they plow paved shoulders
 - o Agreements require townships to maintain life of path
 - o In the future agreements could go to county with funding from townships
 - Maybe sidewalk under city/township partner with county option
 - Long off-road trail under parks
 - Consumers
 - Trail management addressed in contract with Consumers
 - There are a lot of private contracts with consumers
 - o In Jackson, Trail North to Monroe consumers annual fee \$1000 per mile

Outreach Meetings

• Next week TGC will send out info to stakeholders to spread the word across the county

Jackson City + County Nonmotorized Plan



A plan for people who walk, bike and ride

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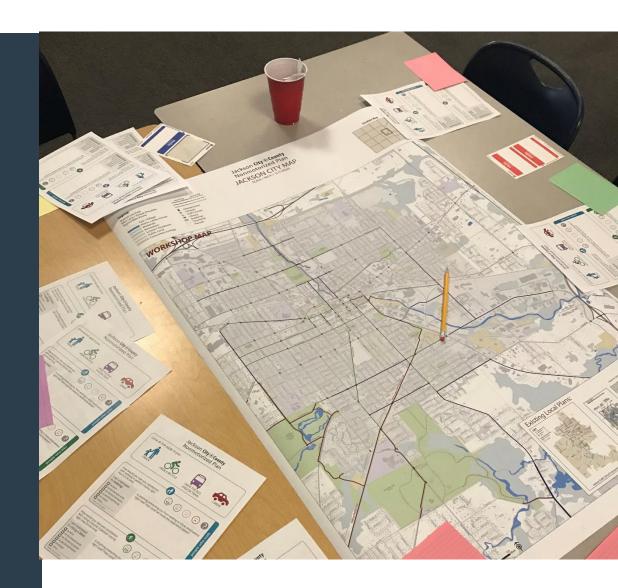
Friday, August 23, 2019 9:30 am – 11:30 am 1 Jackson Square Building 11th Floor Conference Room







- 1. Introductions
- 2. County Connectors
 - Overview
 - First pass priorities
- 3. Community Plans
 - Overview
 - First pass priorities
- 4. Early thoughts on roles and responsibilities
- 5. Preliminary Plan Public Outreach Meetings
- 6. Next Steps





Where Are We in the Process?

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1.	Project Start-Up		0												
2.	Inventory and Analysis				0										
3.	Public Engagement - Hopes, Concerns & Direction				117		0								
4.	Preliminary System Plans								0						
5.	Public Engagement - Preliminary Plan Feedback									\bigstar	0				
6.	Plan Refinement and Implementation Strategy												0		
7.	Finalize Plan and Adoption Process														0
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	Task Duration Bi-Weekly Update Web Meetings with R2PC														
(Steering Committee Meetings		Feb 15		Apr 5		Jun 7		Aug 22		Oct 4		Dec 6		Feb 7
_	County Board & City Council Meetings												TBD	TBD	
7	Community Workshops (20)					May 6-10				Sep 9-17					

Today is about a 90% complete preliminary plan

We will be refining the plans & graphics prior to the public meetings



Responding to the Community Values

- Linking the parks, recreation areas, and small towns
- Highlighting lakes and water features
- Establishing family friendly routes
- Building on the success of the falling waters trail to create a countywide trail network
- Highlighting and maintaining the character of rural areas
- A pragmatic vision that can be implemented

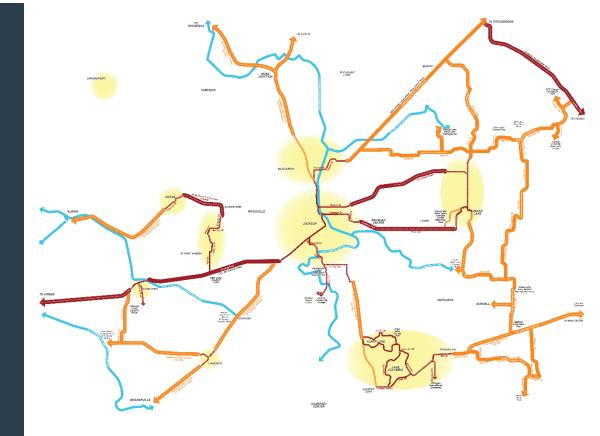


A plan guided by public input, feasibility analysis, and return on investment



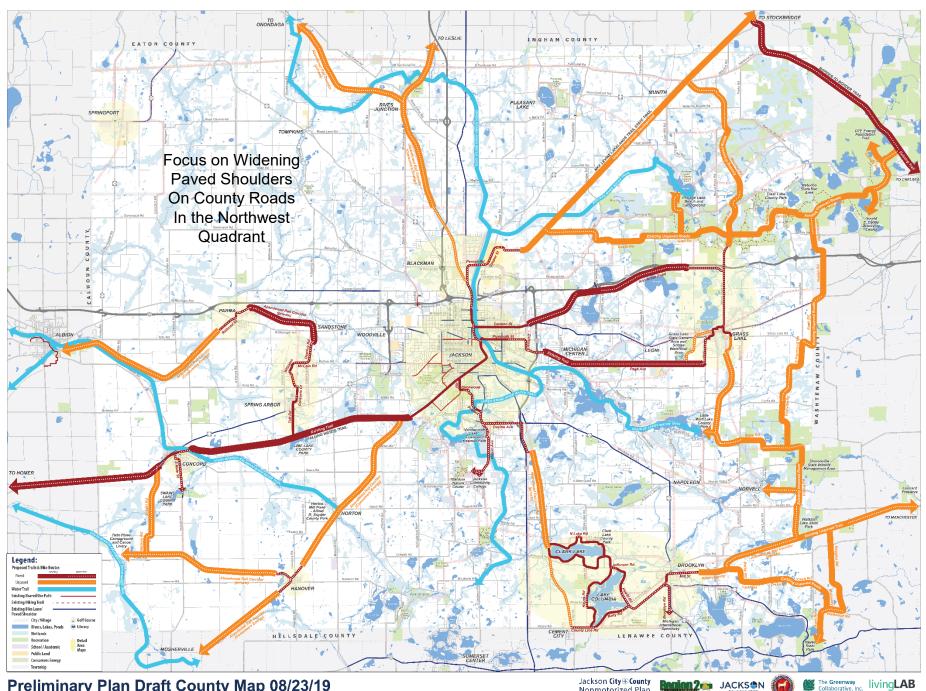
Major County Connectors

- Fitness and recreational trips are paramount for county connectors
- Focus on trails and low stress/scenic bike routes
- Mix of paved and gravel routes
- Some routes depend on working with private landowners to secure easements
- Some of the routes may need be closed for dear hunting season



The glaring gap in the family friendly network is the NW Quadrant – feasible and fundable options do not exist. This area will rely on wide paved shoulders









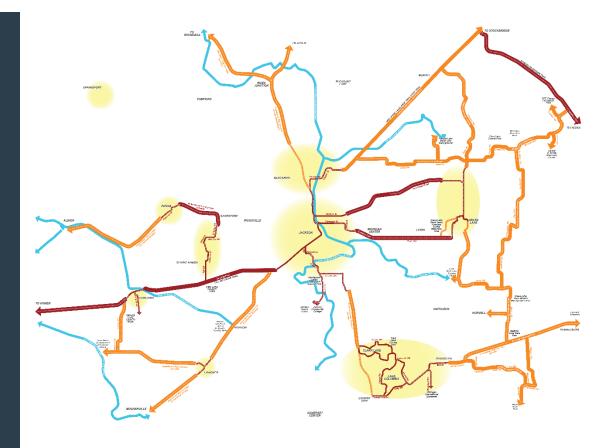




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Local Plans Overview

- Focus on accommodating daily trips to visit friends, stores, restaurants, errands, etc.
 - Biking to work becomes important in Jackson
- Addressing gaps in local sidewalk system
- Improving safety of road crossing



Detailed plans were prepared for nine areas: Springport, Parma, Spring Arbor, Concord, Hanover, Blackman Township, City of Jackson, Grass Lake, and Brooklyn / Clark Lake/Lake Columbia



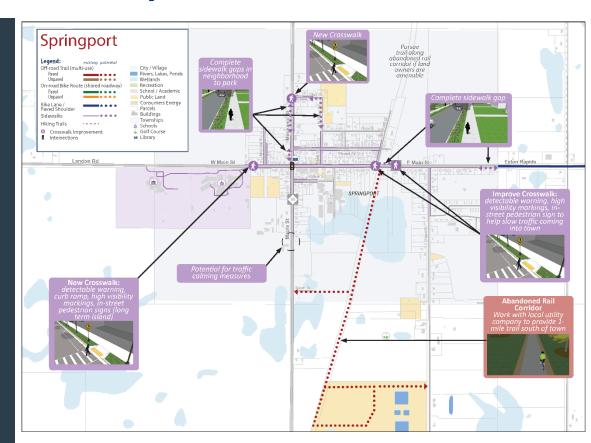
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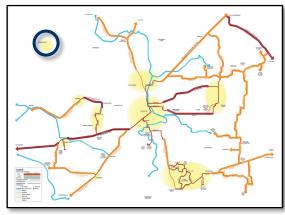
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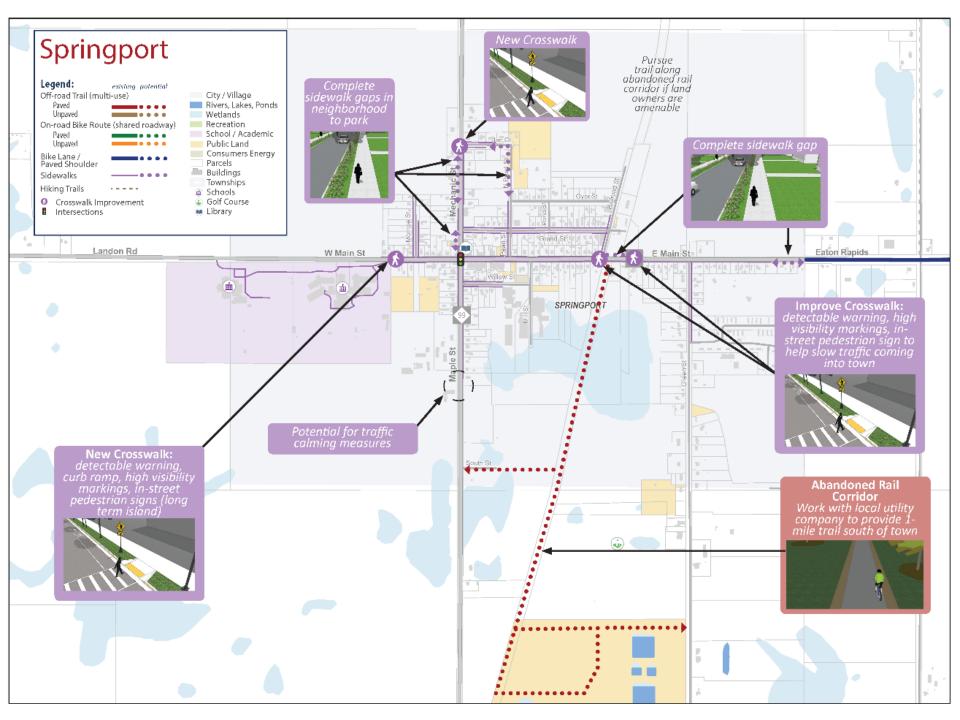
- 1. Sidewalk Gaps
- Rail-trail to City property on south end of town
- 3. New and improved crosswalks

Issues:

- Sidewalk access in-front of Springport Elevator property
- Springport Elevator
 property prohibits access
 to potential rail-trail to
 the north









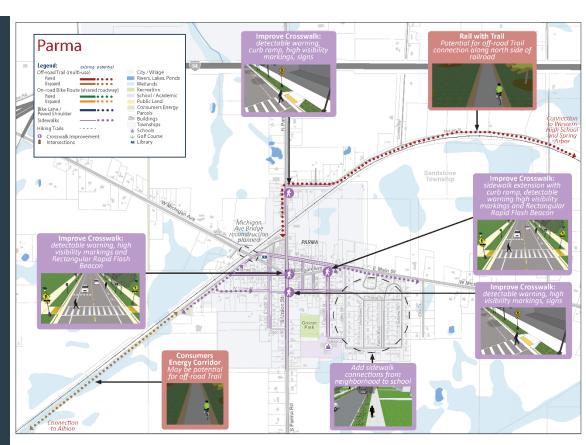
Parma Area Preliminary Plan

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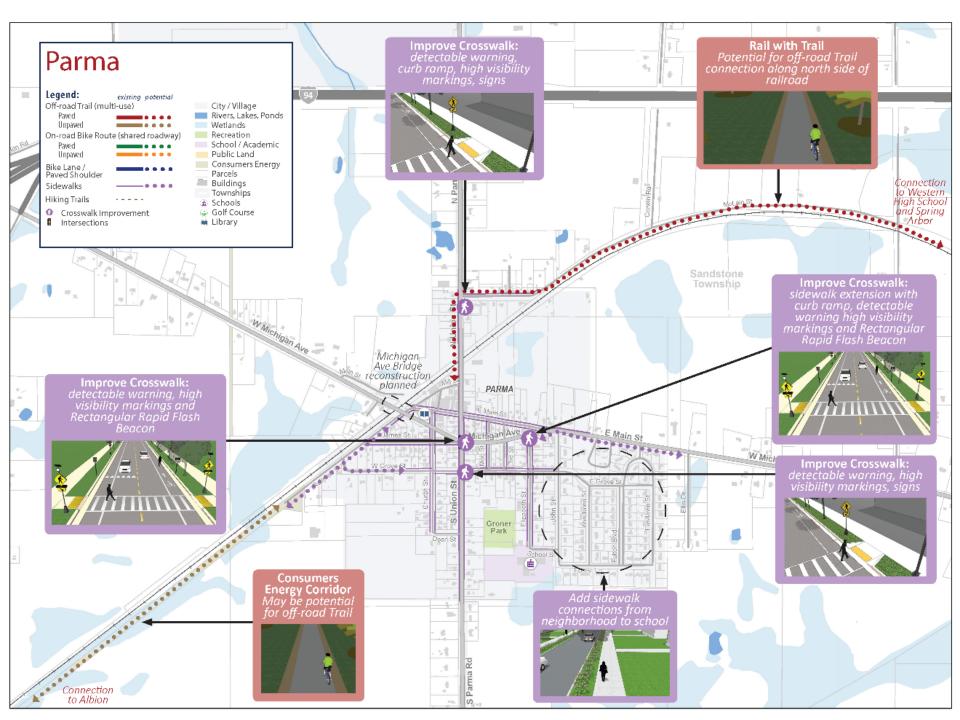
- Improved Michigan Ave crosswalks
- 2. Sidewalk access from business district to neighborhood on east of town
- Sidewalk access from neighborhood to elementary school

Issues:

 Major sidewalk infrastructure project for a small town









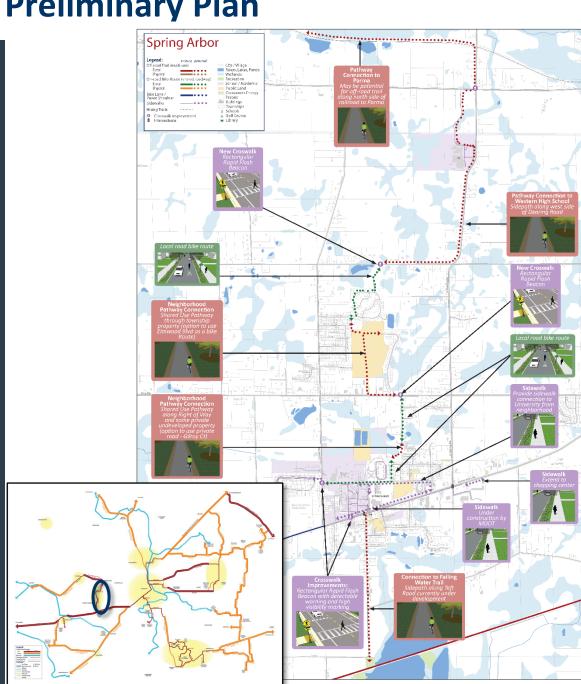
Spring Arbor Area Preliminary Plan

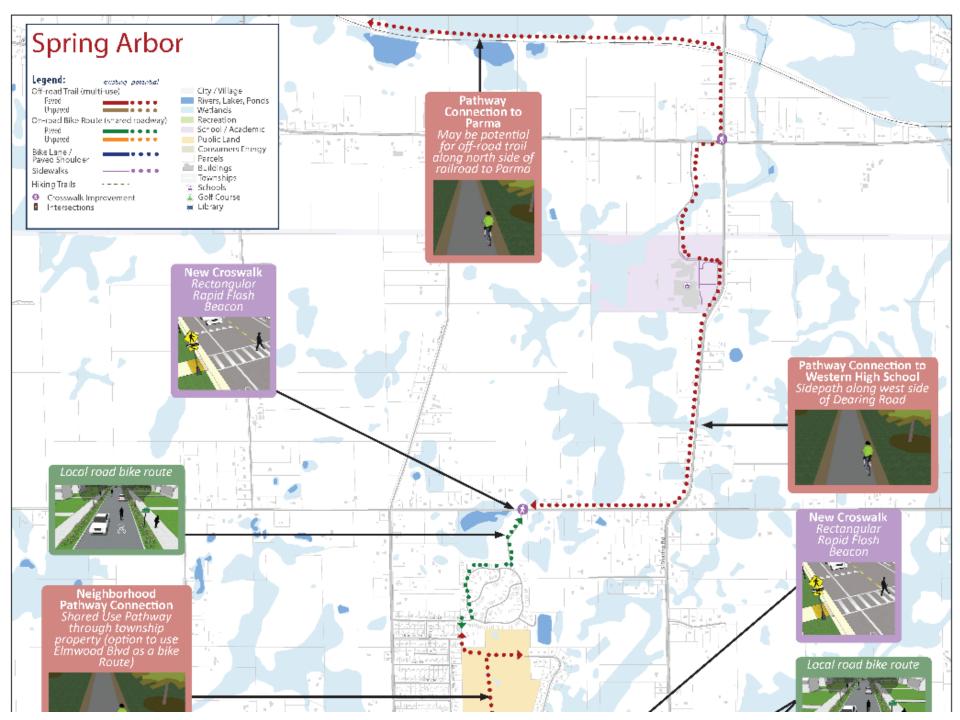
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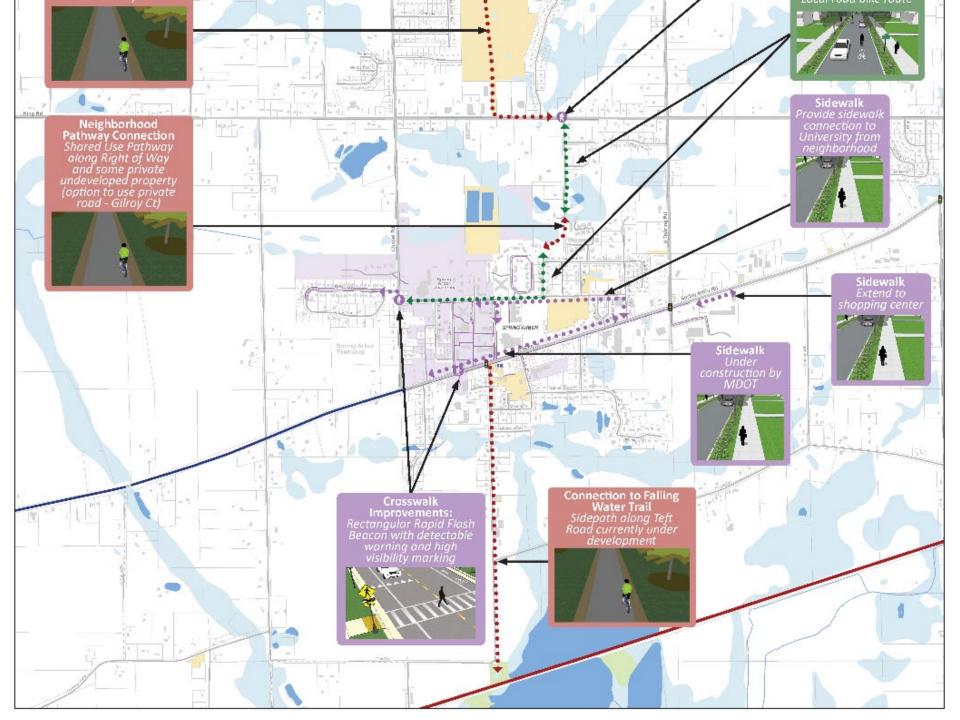
- Connector path from Spring Arbor to Falling Waters Trail (in development)
- Sidewalk access from residential areas to Spring Arbor campus
- Pedestrian and bike access to Western High School

Opportunity:

 Combine local priorities with short extension to create new regional trail link









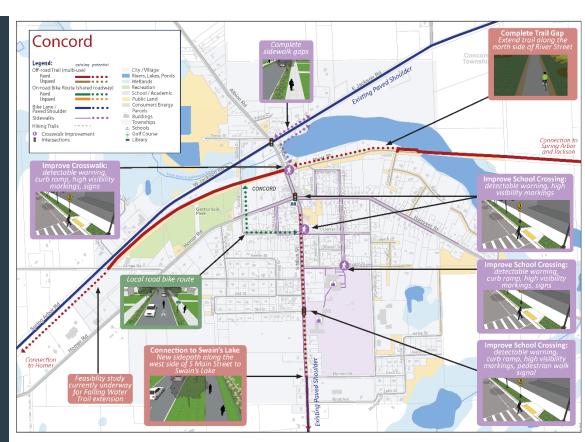
Concord Area Preliminary Plan

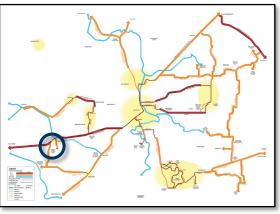
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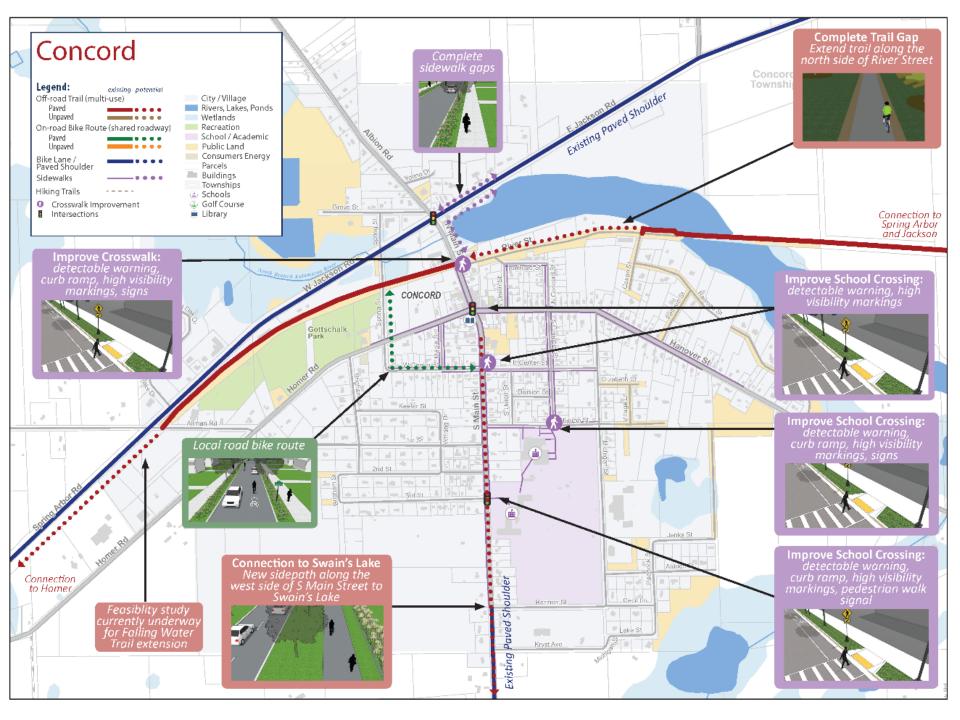
- Better connection
 between Falling Waters
 Trail and Concord Trail
 (and proposed
 extension to Homer)
- 2. Sidewalk linkages between downtown and commercial areas along Jackson Road
- 3. Pathway betweenConcord and Swain'sLake County Park

Issues:

 Pathway to Swain's Lake is an expensive "spur"









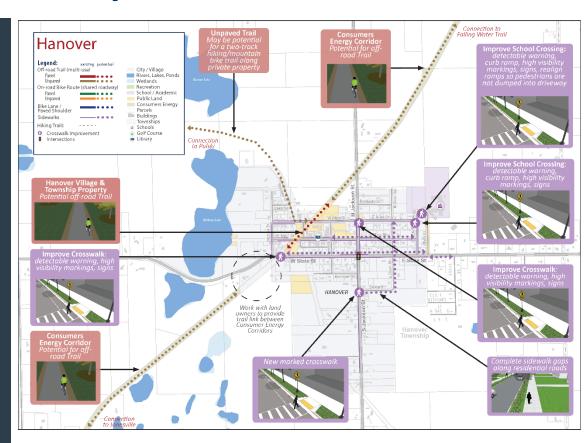
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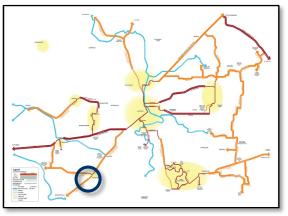
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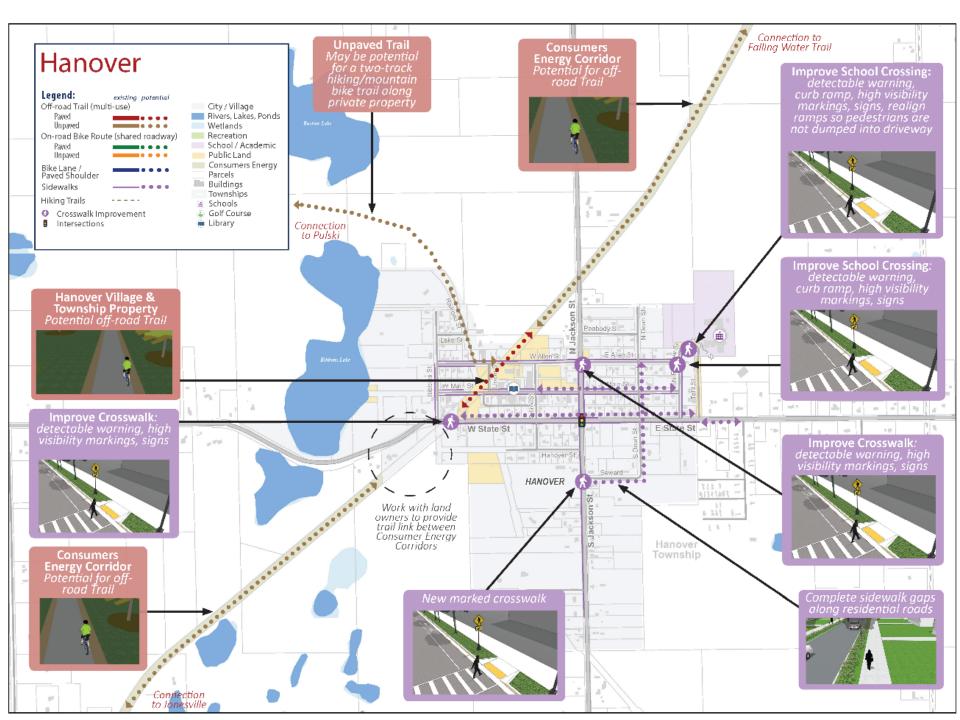
- Many sidewalk gaps
- Improved school crosswalks

Issues:

 How to address gap in Consumers Power ownership of abandoned railroad corridor









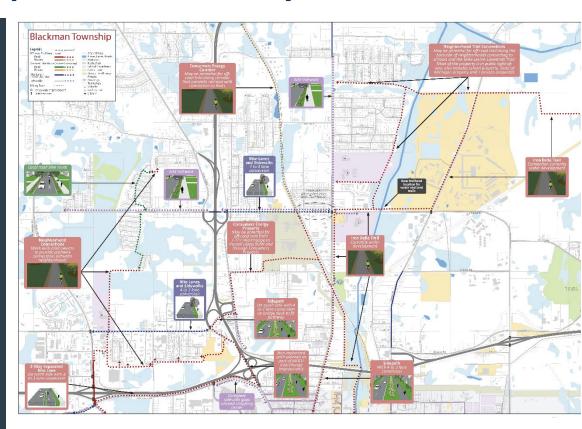
Blackman Township Area Preliminary Plan

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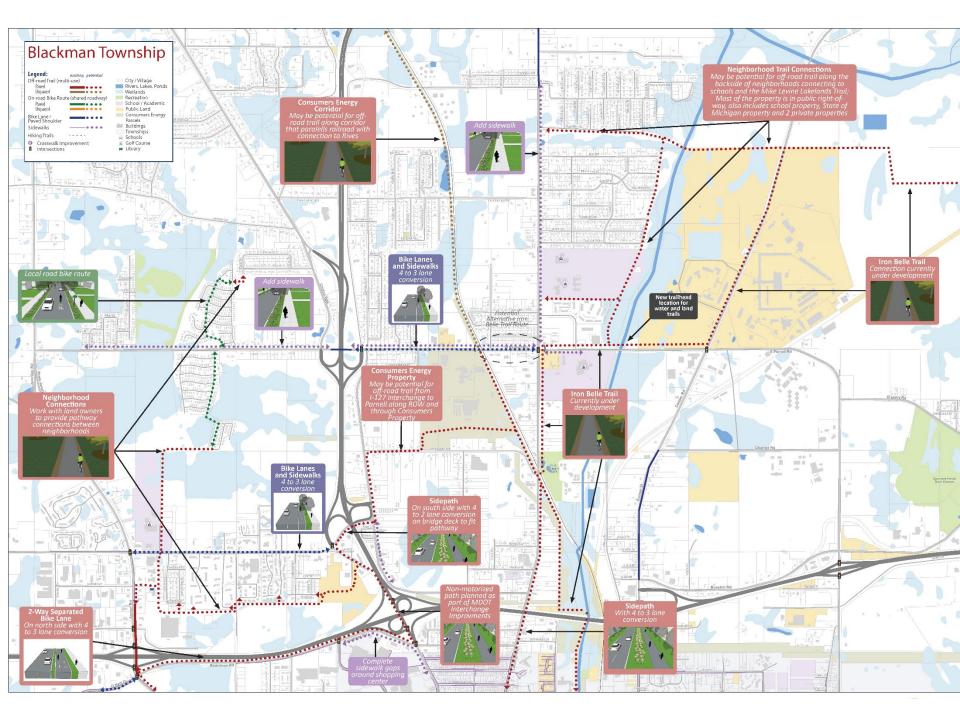
- Connecting isolated neighborhoods
- 2. Linking into the Iron Belle Trail

Issues:

1. Getting across freeway



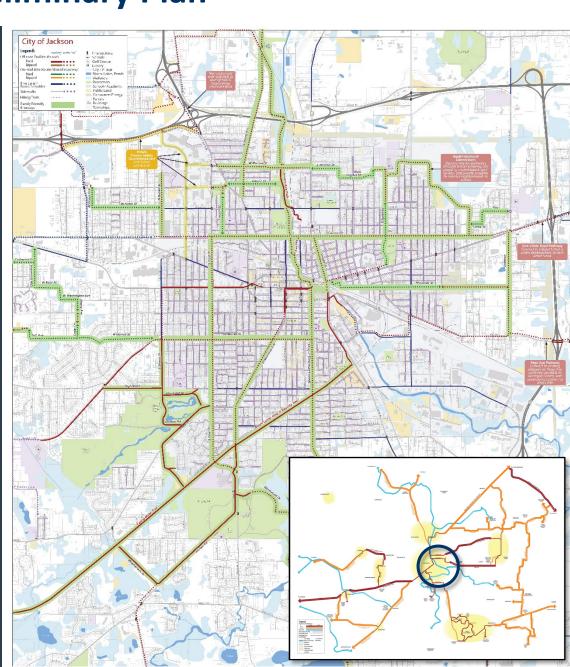






City of Jackson Preliminary Plan

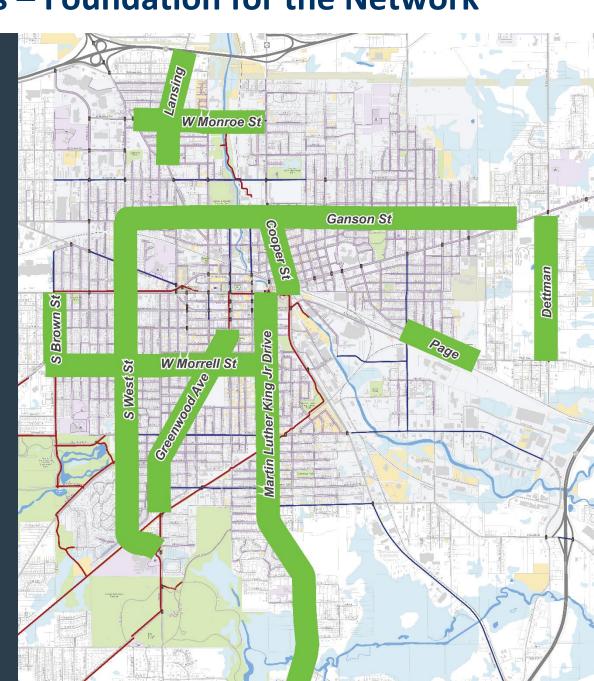
- Focus is on creating a network of family friendly routes throughout city
- Prefer off-road bicycle facilities to on-street bike lanes
 - Feel bike lanes are not safe
 - Already adding off-road facilities when roads are reconstructed
- Proposing a "toolbox" of near and long-term options to achieve the objective of separated facilities





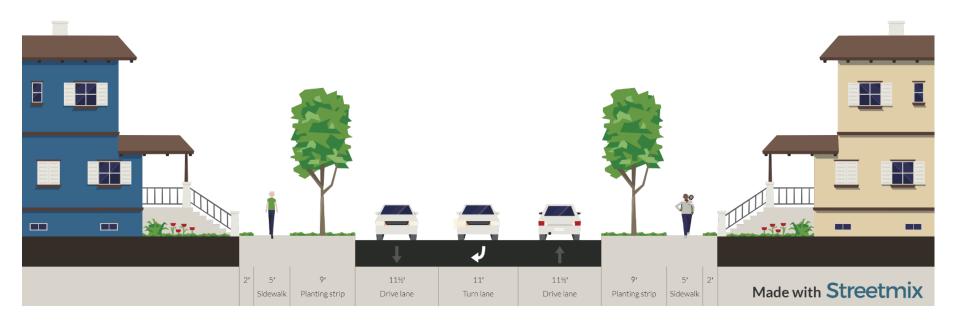
Road Conversions – Foundation for the Network

- The City has a network of roads that share many characteristics
 - Primarily 3 lanes and about 34' wide
 - About 11,000 vehicles a day or less
 - 30 mile per hour or less speed limits
 - Mostly residential
- Don't need a continuous left-turn lanes
 - Will want left-turn lanes as most signalized intersections
 - Existing precedents for 3 to 2 lane conversions





Typical Three Lane Road Conversion Candidates

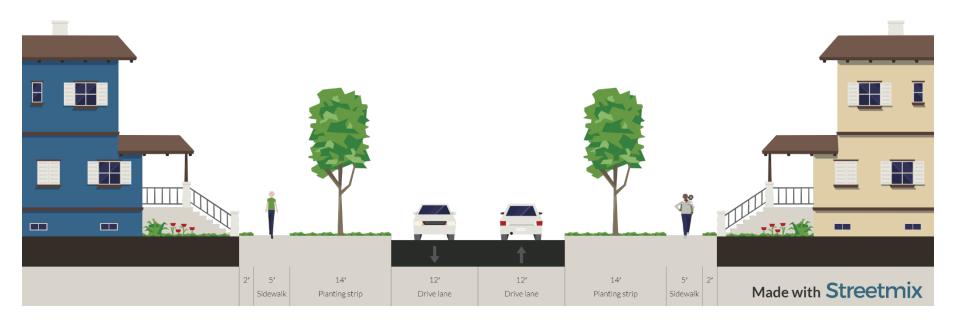




- Existing cross section encourages higher than desired speeds through residential areas
- Continuous left-turn lane is not warranted
- Many of these streets are likely to be reconstructed



Existing 2 Lane Example with Sidewalks — 4th Street





- Sidewalks both sides
- Generous lawn extension



Existing 2 Lane Example with Path – Brown Street

Flairs to 3 lane road at signalized intersections



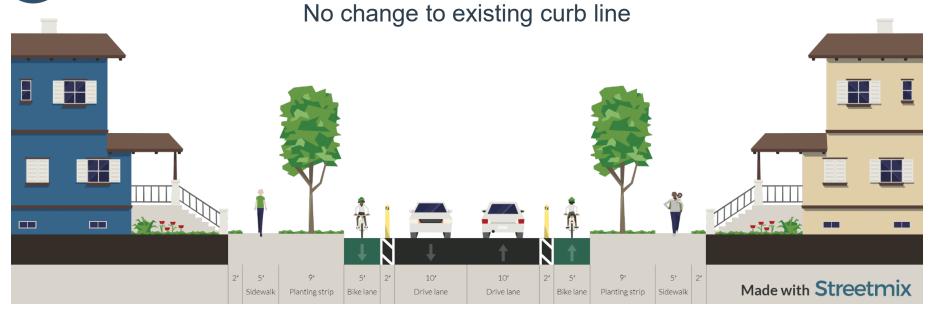


Potential path and street intersections safety improvements:

- Speed tables at crosswalks with green paint as an interim solution
- Turning vehicles must yield to bikes & peds. signage at stop signs
- Bicycle signals and restricted motor vehicle turning movements at signalized intersections



Potential Near-term Separated Bike Lanes





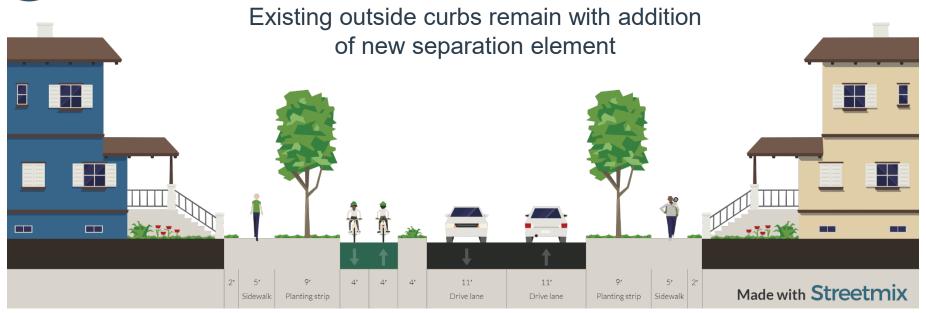
Potential enhancements over typical bike lanes:

- Add green paint at conflict points
- Delineator posts and/or curb at the beginning and the end of blocks
- Add gateway treatments at at crosswalks
- City concerned about cost/benefit of near-term separation





Potential Near-term Two-way Cycle Track



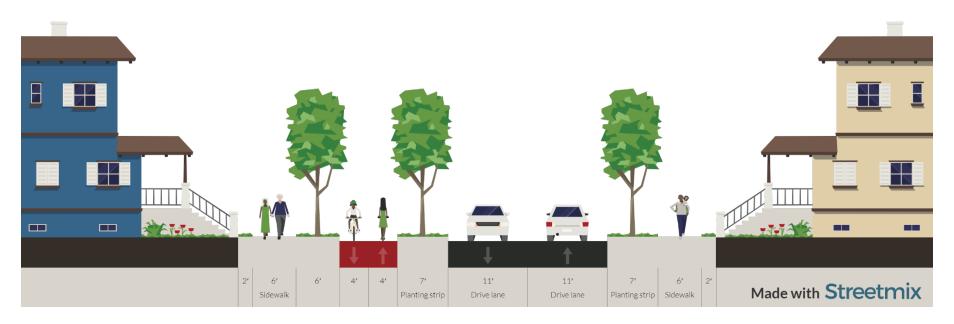


Proposed safety elements at intersections include:

- Speed tables at crosswalks with green paint as an interim solution
- Turning vehicles must yield to bike & ped.
 signage at stop control intersections
- Bicycle signals with restricted motor vehicle turning movements at signalized intersections



Potential Long-term Two-way Micro-mobility Lanes



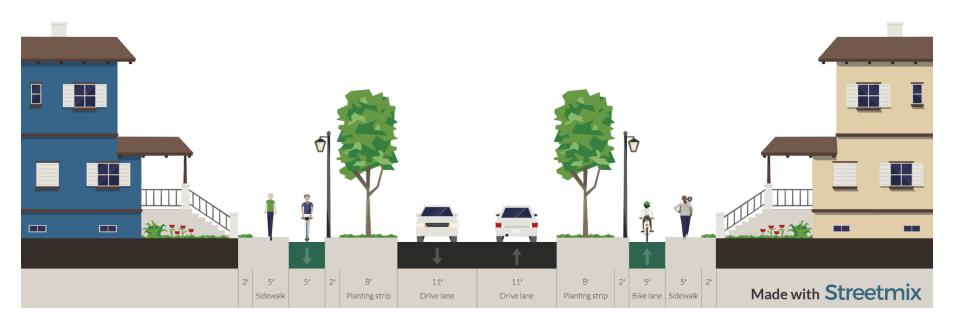


Similar to last slide, but with a more substantial buffer:

- Room for street trees adjacent to the roadway – better traffic calming
- Potential rain-garden in buffer
- Likely requires moving utilities



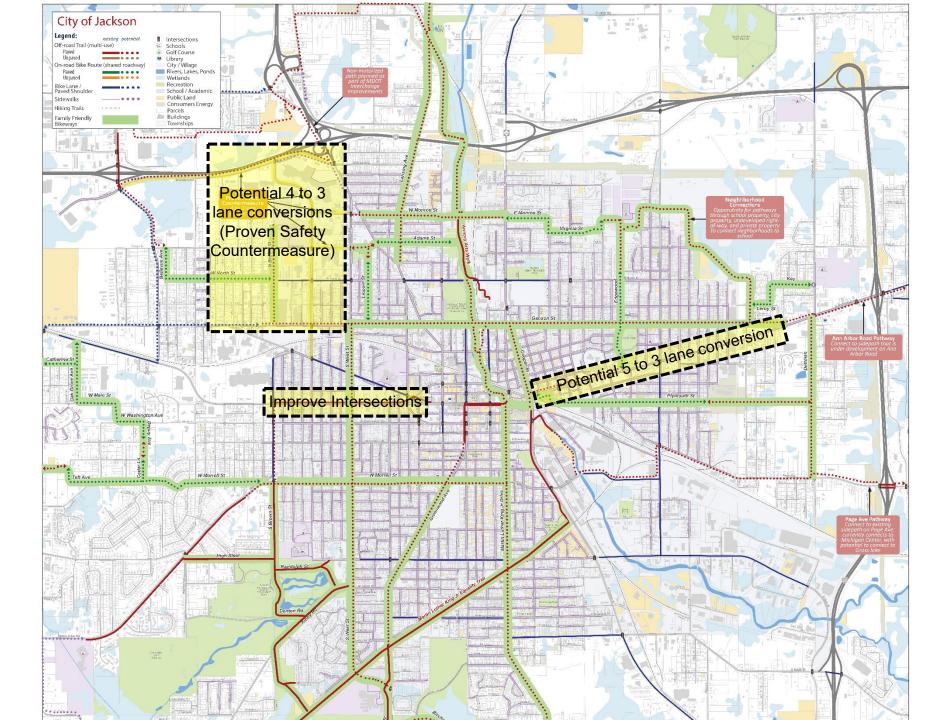
Potential Long-term One-way Micromobility Lanes





Bike lanes separated from the roadway:

- Room for street trees adjacent to the roadway – better traffic calming
- Potential rain-garden in buffer
- Likely requires moving utilities
- Where road flairs to add left turn lane at intersections bike lane is closer to roadway and more visible





Grass Lake Area Preliminary Plan

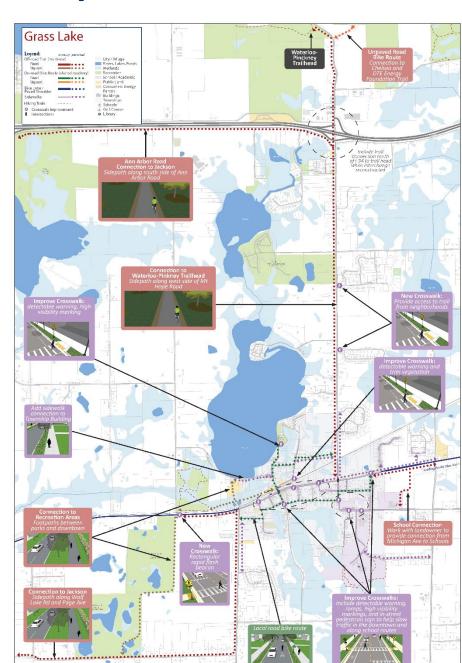
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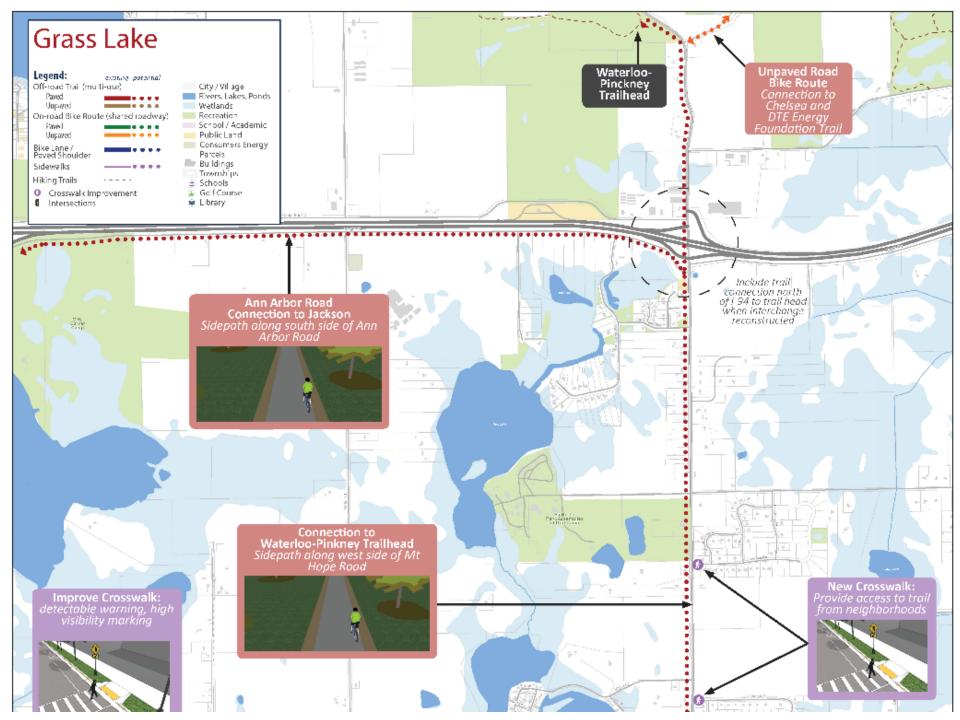
- Access from downtown to neighborhoods along Mt. Hope Road
- Numerous crosswalk enhancements
- 3. Improved access to the high school

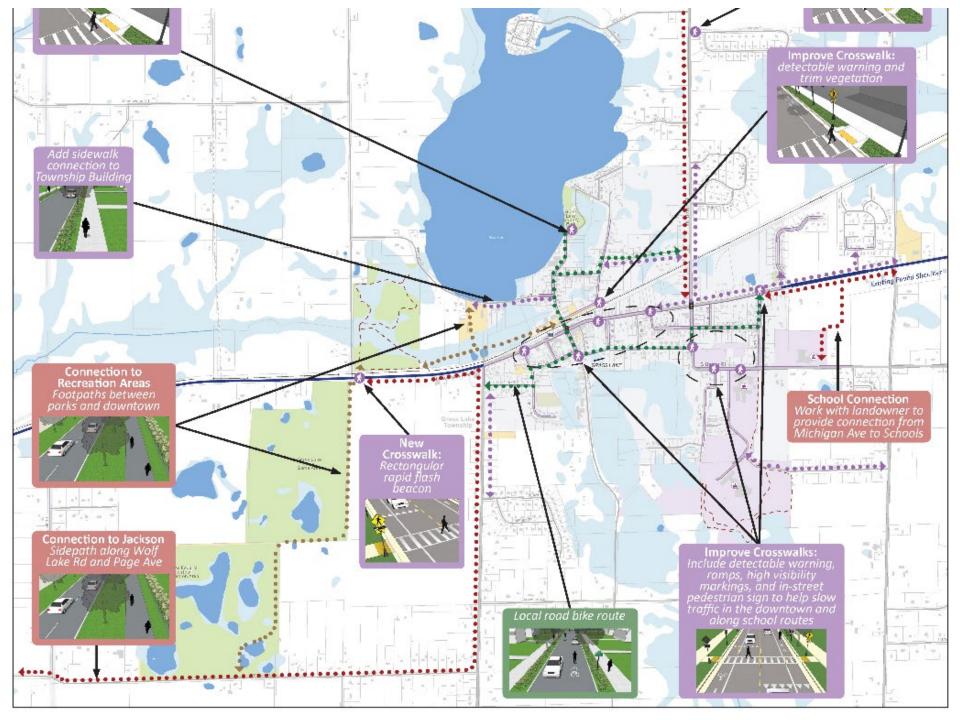
Issues:

RR pedestrian crossings











Brooklyn, Clark Lake, & Lake Columbia Preliminary Plan

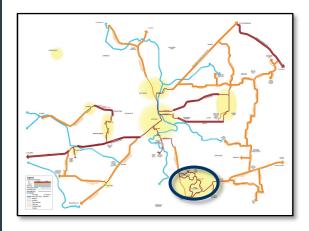
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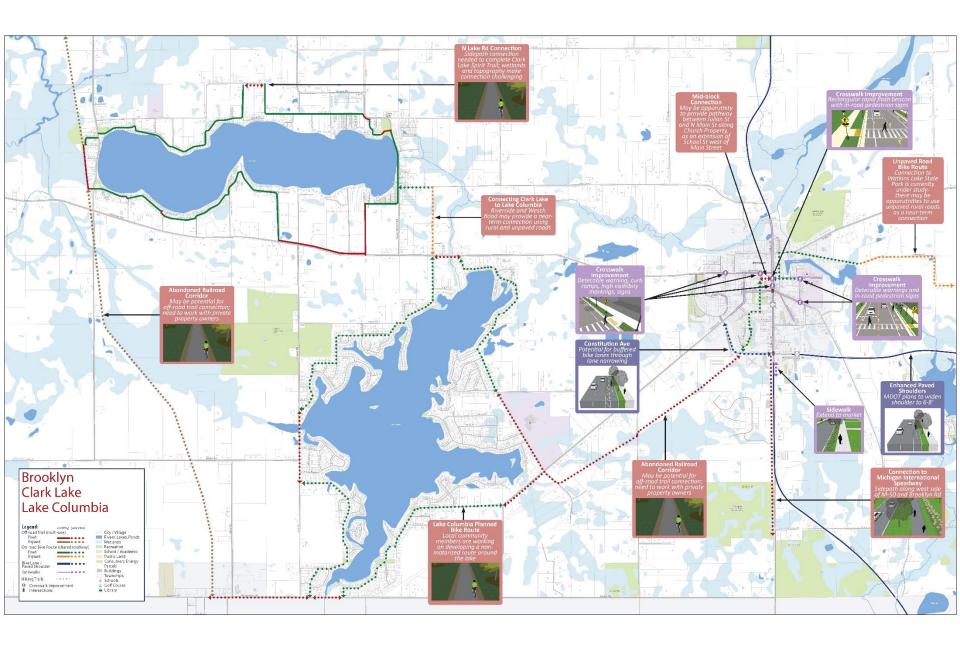
- Numerous crosswalk improvements in Brooklyn
- 2. Gaps in lake loops
- Link between Clark
 Lake and Lake
 Columbia
- 4. Linked betweenBrooklyn and LakeColumbia

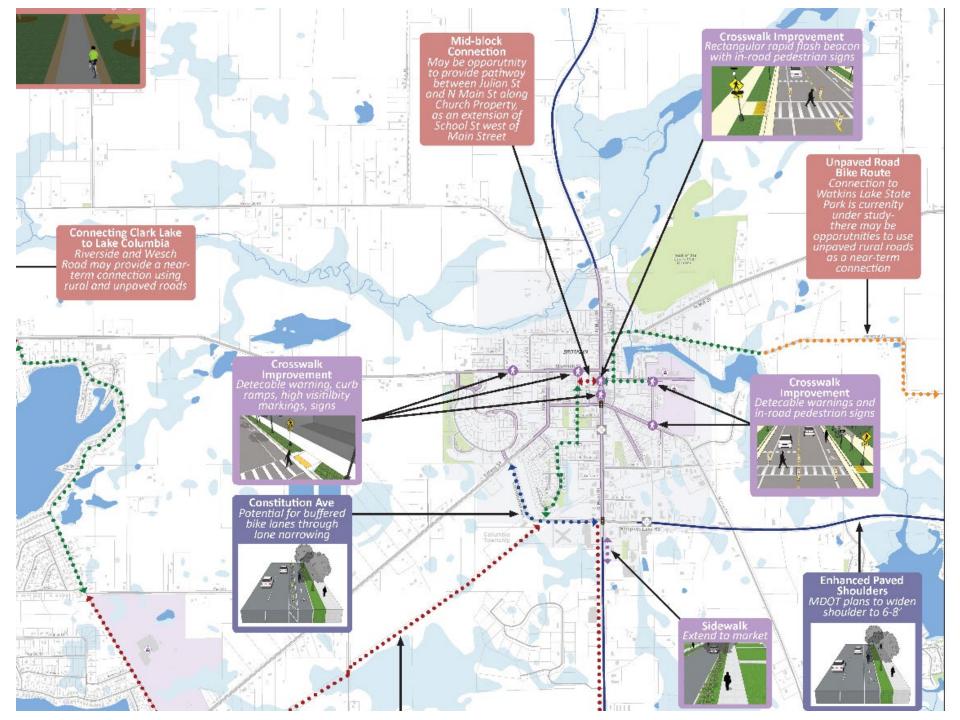
Issues:

 Private ownership of railroad corridor











Preliminary Local Community Rolls & Responsibilities

- Sidewalk and Bicycle Facility Maintenance
 - Gravel
 - Snow
 - Vegetation
 - Pavement Condition
- Lighting
 - Personal Safety
 - Traffic Safety
- Facilities
 - Bike Parking
 - ADA Compliance
 - Local Pathways





Preliminary Regional Roles and Responsibilities

MDOT

- Freeway overpasses
- Trunklines
- Railroad crossings
- Region 2
 - Grant assistance
 - Education and promotion programs
 - Planning assistance
- Jackson County
 - Paved shoulders
 - Crosswalk program
 - SR2S Assistance
 - Trail management



Private:

- Land acquisition and easement negotiations
- Fund raising



Preliminary Plan Outreach Meetings

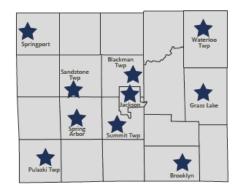
- Held during the 2nd and 3rd week in September (two weeks out)
- Mostly the same locations as the first round of meetings
- Meeting Goals:
 - Review Plan
 - Identify County and **Local Priorities**

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Preliminary Plan Outreach Meetings

Please join us to provide your thoughts on the preliminary nonmotorized plan. The draft recommendations are based on the input we received in May from workshops, surveys, and online. Your input is critical and will help guide future investments.

Can't attend your local meeting? No problem, you can provide input for any place at any meeting. Online input options will be also be available starting September 9th.



Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Please email tdeoliveira@mijackson. org or call 517.768.6703 to indicate needs. / La Comisión podrá hacer adaptaciones para las personas discapacitadas y para aquellos con capacidad de hablar inglés limitada. Por favor, envíe un correo electrónico a tdeoliveira@mijackson.org o llame al 517.768.6703 para indicar sus necesidades.

For more information visit www.WalkBike.info/Jackson







SEPTEMBER 9

SEPTEMBER 10 TUESDAY

MONDAY

9:30 am - 11:30 am Blackman Twp Hall 1990 W Parnall Rd

Jackson, MI 49201

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Columbia Twp Hall 8500 Jefferson Rd Brooklyn, MI 49230

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Springport Twp Hall 101 W Main St Springport, MI 49284 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Whistle Stop Depot 210 E Michigan Ave Grass Lake, MI 49240

SEPTEMBER 11

SEPTEMBER 13

WEDNESDAY

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Waterloo Twp Hall 9773 Mt Hope Rd Munith, MI 49259

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Summit Twp Hall 2121 Ferguson Rd Jackson, MI 49203

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm County Tower Buildi 120 W. Michigan Ave Jackson, MI 49201 5th Floor Commission Chambers



SEPTEMBER 16

SEPTEMBER 18

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am - 11:30 am Pulaski Twp Hall 12363 Folks Rd Hanover, MI 49241

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Sandstone Twp Hall 7940 County Farm Rd Parma, MI 49269

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Poling Center at Spring Arbor Universit 133 Ogle Ave Spring Arbor, MI 49283





Proposed Meeting Format

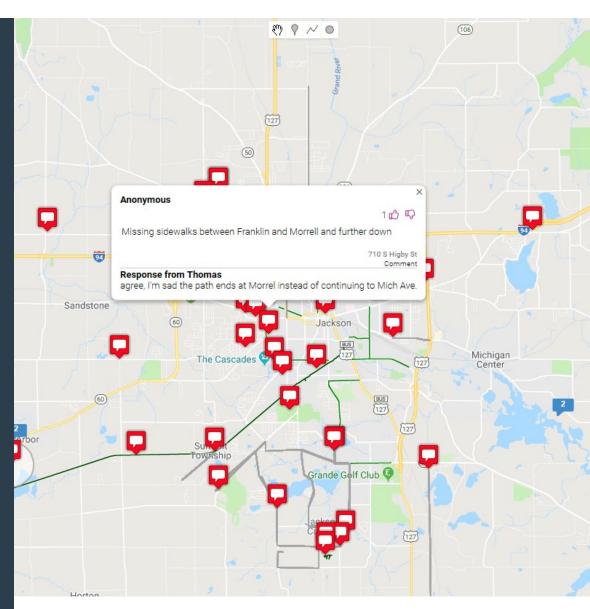
- Start out with a quick review of what we heard during the first round of public input
- County Connectors
 - Presentation
 - Group Discussion
 - Group Prioritization exercise
- Local Plans
 - Presentation the plans relevant to the group
 - Small Group discussion and review
 - Individual prioritization worksheet





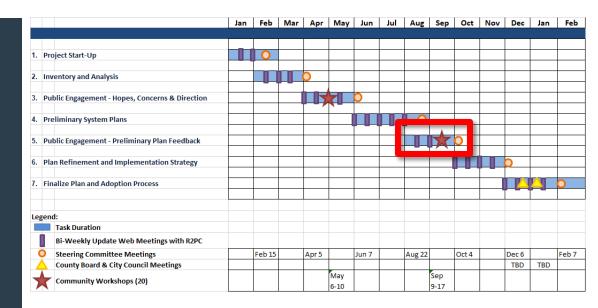
Online Input Options

- Will focus interactive map input on County Connectors
- For each local plan will provide a way to comment and prioritize





- Workshops the second and third week of September
- Online input wrapping up by end of September
- Next Steering
 Committee Meeting on
 Friday, October 4th at
 9:30 am to review
 preliminary plan
 feedback



Any Questions or Additional Thoughts?

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Thank You!



