

I-96 BL (Grand River Avenue) Roadway Rehabilitation

Context

The project location was I-96BL (Grand River) from M-59 to Grand Oaks Drive in Genoa, Oceola, and Howell Townships and the City of Howell, Livingston County.

Purpose and Description

The project involved a milling and resurfacing, construction of a center left turn lane, colored concrete crosswalks and drainage improvements, and bridge rehabilitation.

Public Engagement

MDOT partnered with the City of Howell and Howell Downtown Development Authority on the project. MDOT held a Public Open House on the project prior to construction.

During construction, business owners were invited to meetings to get updates on the progress of the project.

Challenges

During a portion of the project, on-street parking in the downtown area was closed and through traffic was detoured. MDOT, city of Howell and the Howell DDA worked together to direct downtown shoppers to alternate off street parking lots.

Context Sensitive Solutions Approach

Throughout the project, the Brighton TSC met with the City of Howell to obtain input on the project. The city wanted to add colored concrete crosswalks to the project in the downtown area. MDOT and the city shared in the cost of these pedestrian enhancements. MDOT also partnered with the Livingston County Drain Commission, City of Howell, Livingston County, and Howell Public Schools to upgrade an undersized county drain which improved drainage in the area.

Outcome

The project meets the objectives of the federal and state requirements. The pedestrian enhancements have been very well received by the members of the business community.

Funding

The total cost of the project was \$5.5 million. The City of Howell contributed \$163,000.



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