

What We Heard

Overwhelming desire to reduce the congestion on Ford Road to make traffic flow “efficiently and safely”

A number of comments received expressed desire for:

- Alternate access on/off I-275 (30)
- Limit left turns on Ford Road(10)
- Additional travel/turn lanes on Ford Road(8)
- Access road/service drive behind businesses (8)
- Improve other roads within study area (numerous)

DRAFT Project Purpose and Need

Project Purpose:

- The project purpose is to improve existing operational service on M-153 (Ford Road) within the study area by improving traffic operation at the I-275 interchange and at key intersections along the M-153 corridor, as well as other existing and future transportation needs. The project will promote safe, convenient travel; serve key destinations; and better separate and prioritize commuter, business, and residential traffic along M-153 in the study area. The project will also support smart, sustainable growth and access management principles in the study area's development and redevelopment.

Project Need:

- The project need is based on the growing demand for the use of M-153 (Ford Road) for commuter, business, and residential access within the study area, and the need to improve traffic operational levels of service at key intersections and I-275 ramp terminals along the M-153 corridor. Project needs include improved access and egress from M-153 to I-275, and improved safety, traffic flow and mobility along M-153. Project alternatives will investigate study area system signal timing optimization, limiting left turns to and from M-153 to major intersections, and connecting business parking areas and driveways as potential short-term solutions. Investigating the addition of through- and turning lanes to M-153 and the surrounding road network could be part of a long-term solution to alleviate exit ramp queues from I-275 to M-153, as well as improve M-153 safety, efficiency, and capacity.