

What We Heard

from the COMMUNITY CONVERSATION on the I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

I-375 was built as a gateway to Downtown Detroit in 1964. After 50 years of use, it needs to be reconstructed. **MDOT is deciding what to do with the corridor.**

A Community Conversation on the future of the I-375 corridor was held on May 17, 2017 at Eastern Market. 84 people who live, work, and are otherwise invested in the corridor attended.

TRAFFIC & CONGESTION

No alternative will relieve existing congestion within the corridor

- Mitigate traffic coming from the highway, especially if the freeway is brought to grade
- Look to incorporate surrounding streets like Mack Avenue into the study

MULTIMODAL

Many people are interested in making the corridor safer and more accessible to people walking and riding bikes

- Allow for more non-motorized options to access the corridor
- Create safer interactions between different modes of travel

PEDESTRIANS

Many people cross I-375 on foot and call the experience “poor”, “dangerous”, and a “death trap”

- Focus on safety, access, and amenities for pedestrians
- Improve pedestrian access with sidewalks, signals, and better separation from traffic

CONNECTIVITY

Many people cross I-375 to get to/from downtown Detroit and Lafayette Park

- Preserve the existing access and improve connectivity between the two sides of the corridor
- Provide additional connectivity to the riverfront

SAFETY

Traveling the corridor is confusing and dangerous for all users

- Put the safety of people walking and riding bikes over moving cars
- Improve crosswalks and fix crumbling sidewalks
- Reduce automobile accidents caused by unsafe merging, weaving, and backups

DEVELOPMENT

New development should match the existing character of the area

- Establish a sense of place for the surrounding neighborhoods
- Create opportunities for minority businesses

TRAFFIC NEIGHBORHOODS SAFETY PEDESTRIAN DEVELOPMENT CONGESTION MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY HISTORY

PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS

Preserve the character of the existing neighborhoods

- Provide a buffer to Lafayette Park from downtown and the corridor
- Protect the integrity and stability of the surrounding neighborhoods

HISTORY

I-375 was placed through the historic Paradise Valley and Black Bottom neighborhoods

- Acknowledge and memorialize the history of the corridor and surrounding areas
- Retain the quality of life in Lafayette Park as a historically significant neighborhood

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WHAT'S NEXT

The Community Conversation was just the beginning of the process. Here's what's coming next and how you can learn more.

SPRING 2017



Community Conversation introducing the alternatives



Advisory Committee Meetings



Technical Analysis

SUMMER 2017



Neighborhood and Business Outreach Meetings



Advisory Committee Meetings



Technical Analysis



Narrow **6** Illustrative Alternatives to **2** Practical Alternatives



Public Information Meeting

FALL 2017



Preparation of the Environmental Assessment Report



Advisory Committee Meetings

WINTER 2018



Public Hearing



Identify a Preferred Alternative



Public Information Meeting to Review the Preferred Alternative and Next Steps