

# I-375 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

## MEETING NOTES SUMMARY

### LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 8 (COMBINED)

- DATE:** October 24, 2023
- TIME:** 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM
- LOCATION:** Horatio Williams Foundation, 1010 Antietam Avenue Detroit, MI 48207
- ATTENDEES:** Residential and Stakeholder LAC Members and Guests, City of Detroit Representatives, MDOT Staff, and HNTB Staff **(See Appendix A: Meeting Attendees)**

The eighth and final Local Advisory Committee (LAC) meeting of 2023 was held on October 24th. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the LAC of project updates since the previous meeting, present information about the process for design and stakeholder engagement regarding maintaining traffic operations during construction, define the process for MDOT's ongoing traffic data collection and analysis, and provide updates on the project team's revised plan for community engagement moving forward. During the meeting, the project team also introduced an online aesthetics survey for community members to participate in.

Bradleigh Merrill, from HNTB's public engagement team, opened the meeting with a welcome, an overview of the agenda, and introductions from MDOT, HNTB, and City of Detroit representatives, followed by the residential and stakeholder LAC attendees. Jon Loree, MDOT's project manager, shared project updates, followed by upcoming engagement opportunities, including the Business Association Meeting on November 3rd, and the next public meeting that has been rescheduled for Q1 of 2024. He also explained that the project team has decided this will be the final LAC meeting for the remainder of the year to allow for the team to meet one-on-one with LAC members and schedule listening sessions with community and neighborhood groups. He also reiterated the Project's purpose and need, to address the deteriorating and outdated infrastructure, and known safety issues.

In response to feedback received, Jon then presented a timeline graphic the project team developed to explain the process and stakeholder engagement involved in developing plans for traffic operations during construction once the design builder is brought on board. Afterward, Jon showed the ongoing traffic analysis timeline, which depicts the data

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collection process for analyzing traffic capacity needs post COVID-19 (**See Appendix B: Meeting Presentation**). Jon explained the potential impacts this analysis could have on the new boulevard laneage and when to expect results, in Q1 of 2024.

During Jon's presentation, the following questions were asked by attendees:

- What kind of questions will the new traffic data answer and who will collect it?
  - *Project Team: MDOT is collecting the traffic data. The data will inform capacity needs and ensure that the team is right sizing the new boulevard for traffic volumes.*
- How much flexibility is there in changing the amount of the lanes in the new 375 boulevard, in regards to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)?
  - *Project Team: MDOT is working with our federal partners to determine this.*
- What was the timeline of the environmental assessment (EA) and what were the findings? What is the FONSI and where can the document be found?
  - *Project Team: The Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) transportation study from 2017 looked at interchange alternatives and reexamined the environmental impacts, in regards to the [FONSI green sheet](#). Jon explained the engagement behind the FONSI, including public, and stakeholder meetings, and that all the documents are located on the project website.*

Jon reviewed the engagement schedule through the rest of 2023, including various one-on-one stakeholder meetings and listening sessions. Jon also introduced the online aesthetics survey that the project team is using to collect community feedback on streetscape alternatives 2 and 3, light fixtures, bridge types, and retaining wall textures. The online corridor aesthetics survey is available on the [project website](#) for community members.

The following questions from attendees were asked at this time:

- How are public meeting notices disbursed to the public by the project team?
  - *Project Team: The public engagement team sends emails to LAC members, calendar invites, sends out a press release, and mails out postcards to all addresses within the half-mile radius of the project area.*
- Are LAC members supposed to take back the information from LAC meetings to residents in their communities?

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- *Project Team: LAC members were selected to be representatives of their communities and are intended to bring back information to their respective communities.*
- How was the half-mile mailing for the postcard decided and can it be expanded?
  - *Project Team: The engagement area for the project is currently under review in hopes of expanding.*

John Sivills, from the City's Planning and Development Department, introduced Downtown Detroit Partnership (DDP) as a new community partner on the Project. DDP is joining the City to assist with the land use and zoning plan, and provide additional support in community engagement, and construction mitigation. He then explained the goals of restorative justice in the engagement process.

The following questions from attendees were asked at this time:

- How will the negative impacts be mitigated and how will the community be informed?
  - *Project Team: MDOT is determined to mitigate construction impacts on businesses and residents in the best way possible and will work with partners such as Downtown Detroit Partnership to do so. The project team will continue to stay in close contact with the community through the LAC, the project website, engagement opportunities, and a soon to come project newsletter.*
- What is restorative about this project and what will the excess land be used for?
  - *Project Team: Up to 33 acres of excess land will become available, which is included in the Framework Plan. There is potential for possible improvements to communities adjacent to the project, community spaces, and affordable housing, but that is still under consideration and will be developed with community input.*
- A resident suggested that a two-phase restorative justice plan should be included in the project.

Following questions, the meeting concluded with an opportunity for attendees to engage with project team members and look over the design roll plots.

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### APPENDIX A: MEETING ATTENDEES

#### Staff:

- Jon Loree, MDOT
- Dave Langlois, HNTB
- Bradleigh Merrill, HNTB
- Sasha Freeman, HNTB
- Aaliyah Greenhouse, HNTB
- Nate Ford, HNTB
- Kesha McKinney, HNTB
- Tony Migaldi, HNTB
- Kay Adefeso, MDOT
- Dan Lijana, Lovio George Communications
- Christina Lovio George, Lovio George Communications
- James Fidler, Downtown Detroit Partnership

#### City of Detroit:

- John Sivills, City of Detroit
- James Hannig, City of Detroit
- Samuel Krassenstein, City of Detroit
- Antoine Bryant, City of Detroit
- Kenneth Kucel, City of Detroit

#### I-375 Local Advisory Committee (Stakeholders)

- Melanie Markowicz, Greektown Neighborhood Partnership- Executive Director
- Marvin Beatty, Hollywood Casino at Greektown
- Mark Luckhardt, Bedrock Detroit
- Todd Scott, Detroit Greenways Coalition
- Kimle Nailer, NABWIC/Nail-Rite Construction Company Inc.
- Bonnie Leone, Holy Family Church
- James Jenkins, Jenkins Construction, Inc.
- Eric Larson, Downtown Detroit Partnership
- James Fidler, Downtown Detroit Partnership

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- Katy Trudeau, Eastern Market
- Kristen Dale, Detroit Lions/Ford Field
- Michael Darga, Giffels Webster
- Shellie Lewis, The Old Shillelagh
- Shawny DeBerry, Olympia Parking
- Margret Daly, Office of State Senator Stephanie Chang
- Rachel Udabe, Detroit City Planning Commission

### **I-375 Local Advisory Committee (Residential)**

- Carol Morton, Chateaufort Place Cooperative
- Olga Stella, Navarre Place
- Maria Urguidi, Lafayette Town Houses Co-Op
- Nathan Fisher, Parc Lafayette Association
- Coleen Kidd, Parc Lafayette Association
- Sommer Woods, Parc Lafayette Association

### **Non-LAC Attendees**

- Daniel Wiest
- Resident

*\*Some non-LAC members may be sitting in for a member at their organization*

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APPENDIX B: MEETING PRESENTATION



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LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2023



## AGENDA

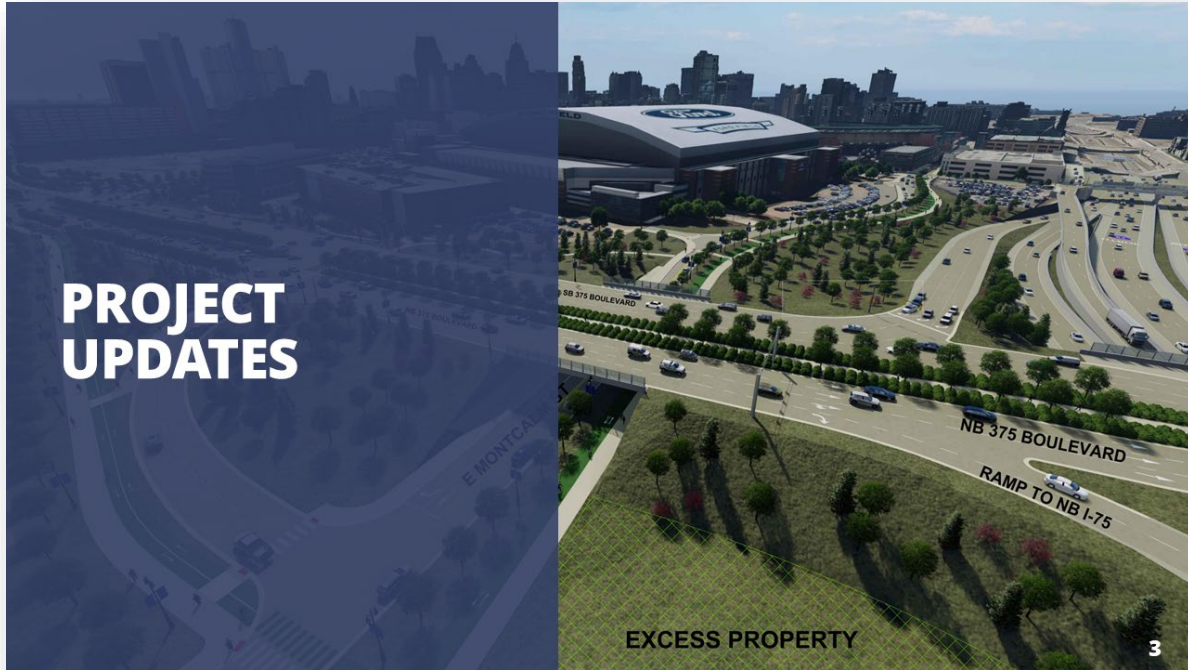
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Updates
3. Traffic Operations During Construction Process
4. Traffic Analysis Timeline
5. Engagement Moving Forward
6. Questions

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## PROJECT UPDATES

### Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

#### November 16 – Public Meeting

❖ 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

#### November 3 – Business Association Meeting

❖ 1:00 p.m.

#### Ongoing Stakeholder Coordination and One-on-one Meetings



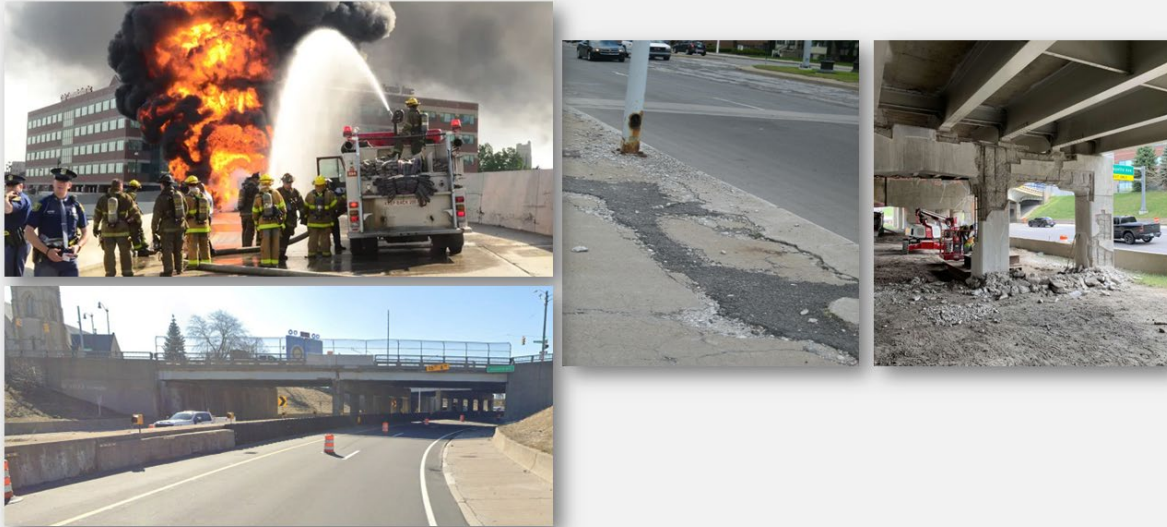
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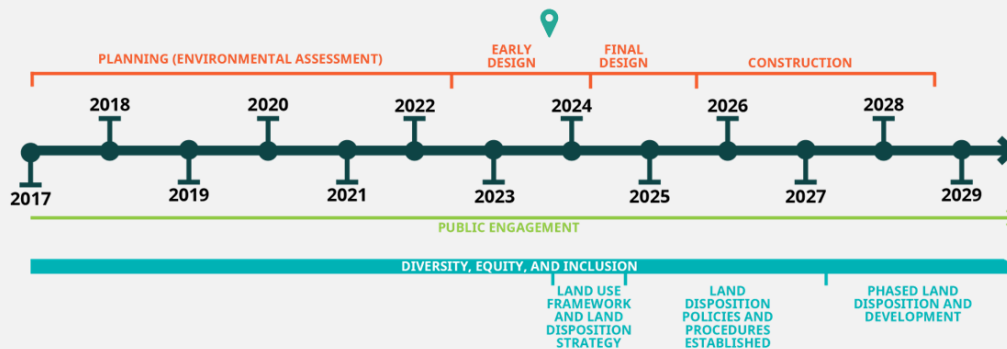
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### PURPOSE AND NEED



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### PROJECT TIMELINE

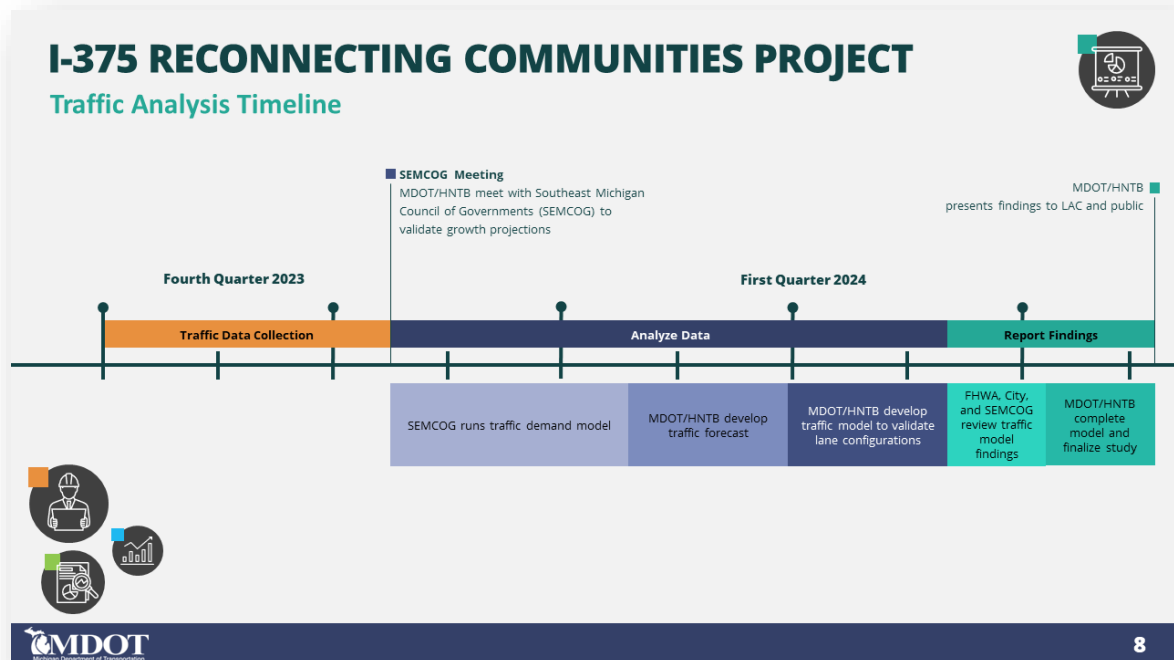
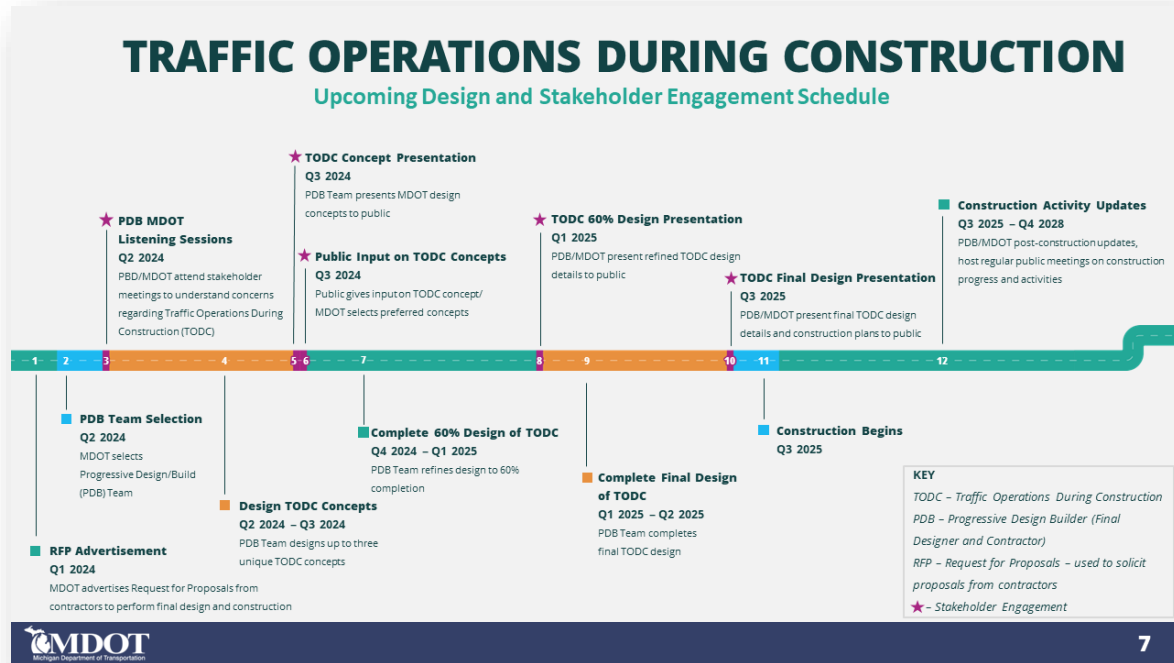


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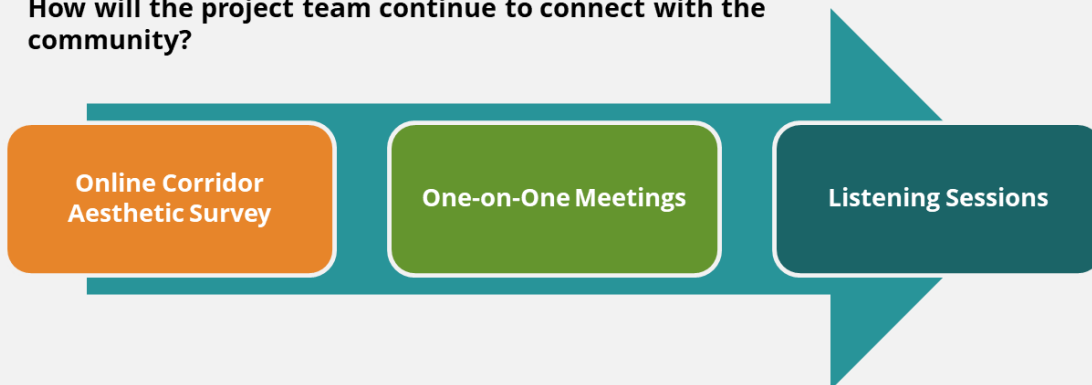
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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH THROUGH 2023

How will the project team continue to connect with the community?



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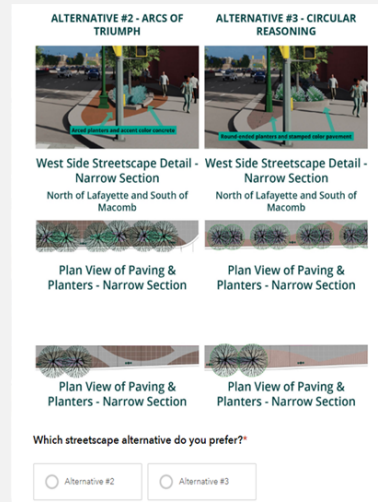
### ONLINE AESTHETICS SURVEY

An online survey is available for you to vote on your aesthetic preferences on the project website, [michigan.gov/i375](http://michigan.gov/i375)

The project team is looking for your feedback on:

- Previously reviewed streetscape alternatives 2 and 3
- Light fixtures
- Bridge types
- Retaining wall textures

**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO VIEW THE SURVEY**

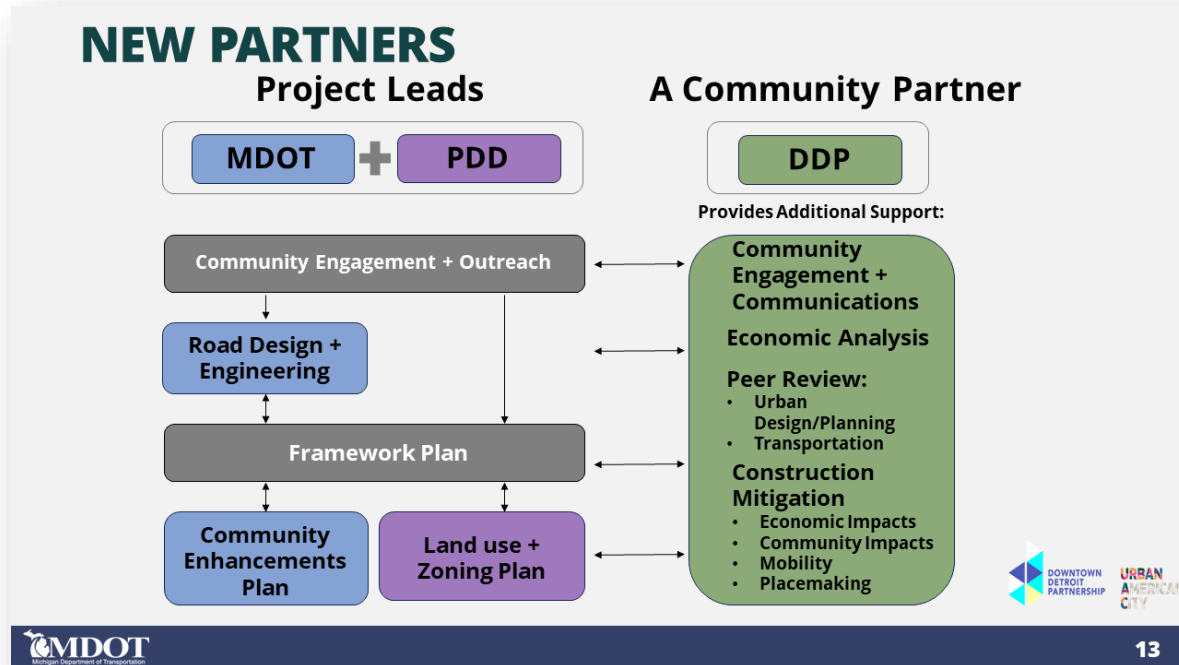


**COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

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## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- **ELEVATE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN THE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**
  - WHO REPRESENTS THIS ISSUE?
  - HOW BROAD IS ENGAGEMENT?
- **GOAL: WORK TO DEVELOP A POLICY, THAT WHILE CONNECTED TO THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE LONGER THAN THE DURATION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT**
  - NOW DURING AND AFTER IMPLEMENTATION
- **UNIQUELY DETROIT FOR DETROITERS-**

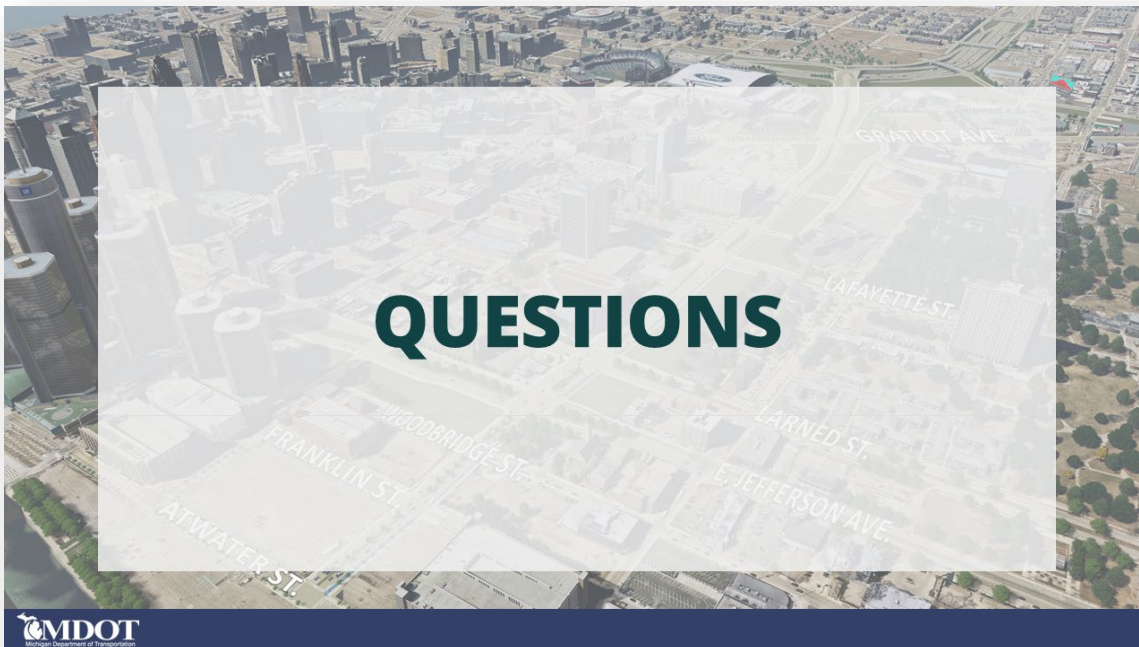
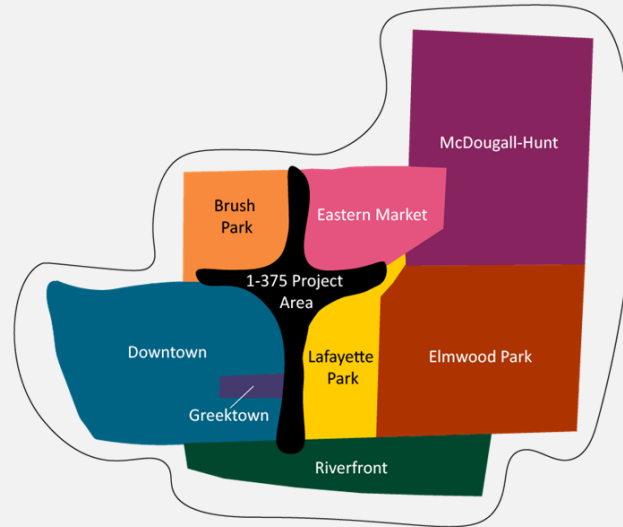
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### OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT AREA



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