# Appendix A: Public Hearing Summary

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# 1 Executive Summary

This report summarizes the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) public hearing and virtual event on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the I-375 Improvement Project. The Project's EA was prepared to determine if there were significant impacts on the project area posed by the project and identify a transportation improvement Preferred Alternative that replaces the outdated freeway and deteriorating roadways and structures with improved safety and connectivity that supports economic development and placemaking opportunities. The primary purpose of the public hearing and virtual event was to solicit public and agency comments on the EA during the 45-day public comment period.

To encourage public participation, MDOT held an in-person Public Hearing inside the project area off Jefferson Avenue and a virtual outreach event. There were limitations and additional precautions taken due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Both events were widely promoted through a variety of methods including a print brochure that was mailed out to every address within a ½ mile of the project area (13,300 addresses), internet and social media promotion, and coverage through print, digital, and radio media.

Accommodations were made for persons with disabilities and offered for those with limited English-speaking ability. The public hearing location met accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Translation and American Sign Language (ASL) services were offered on all materials and the project website, but no requests were received. Closed captions were used for the public hearing and virtual event presentation, and the narrated presentation that was made available on the project website(<a href="www.Michigan.gov/l375Study">www.Michigan.gov/l375Study</a>) and MDOT YouTube page (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/michigandot">https://www.youtube.com/michigandot</a>) also included captions.

At the public hearing, MDOT provided exhibits about and printed copies of the EA, as well as roll plots of the project area and Preferred Alternative design. The public had the opportunity to speak with members of the Project team. MDOT provided information about the Project Purpose and Need, the Preferred Alternative, the alternative screening process, EA findings, and more.

The public hearing followed all COVID-19 safety precautions and guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Given state guidance, attendance was limited to allowing 25 people in the building at a time. The four hours were broken into hour appointments that allowed 25 people or fewer per time slot.

Overall, there were <u>166</u> total public comments submitted during the 45-day comment period that ran from January 5, 2021 to February 19, 2021. Between the two events, a total of <u>191</u> people participated with <u>22</u> at the public hearing and <u>169</u> at the virtual event. A total of <u>14</u> verbal comments were recorded during the public hearing by the court reporter and <u>5</u> written comments were received. There were <u>9</u> comments given verbally at the virtual event and <u>21</u> submitted through the live event form. The remainder of comments were submitted through the website, email and phone.

Following the public hearing, an FAQ was created with questions submitted that was made available on the project website following the virtual event. Comments received at the public hearing and virtual event are considered in the Project's Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI).

# 1.1 Meeting Logistics and Attendance

Due to the restrictions of COVID-19, MDOT held **one** public hearing on Thursday evening, January 28, 2021. The public hearing was held at the Former GM/UAW Training Center at 200 Walker St, Detroit. The venue was chosen due to its proximity to the project corridor and its expansive interior that allows for effective social distancing. 22 people signed in at the event. See **Table 1** for the logistics and attendance of the event. See **Section 4.2** for copies of the sign in sheets.

Table 1: Public Hearing Details

Date and Location	Time	Attendance
Thursday, January 28, 2021	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	22
Former GM/UAW Training Center 200 Walker St, Detroit	Public comment period held every hour	

# 1.2 Notification Process

As required under 40 CFR 1506.6, MDOT made diligent efforts to involve the public. Public notice of the public hearings was made to inform persons and agencies who may be interested or affected. Notice was given to the general public, agencies, tribes and all who requested it. **Table 2**, lists the messaging and communication tools used to notify stakeholders of the availability of the EA, the EA public comment period and the public hearing. The notification process included a variety of communication forums to invite stakeholder and public participation. Additionally, all outreach materials included MDOT's "Special Accommodations" statement using the following language: "Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. To make a request, contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or CurryO@Michigan.gov at least seven days' notice."

Table 2: Notification Process

# Medium **Summary of Communication** Brochure A project brochure was created with both a print version which was mailed out and an ADA-compliant, digital version which was posted online. The brochure included an invitation to both the public hearing and virtual event, where to find the Environmental Assessment (EA), how to provide comments in every format, how to make a special request for the EA, language for special accommodation requests, COVID-19 safety guidelines for the public hearing, frequently asked questions on the project and EA, a letter from the project manager, explanation of the alternatives process, environmental effects found in the EA, a timeline of the project history and next steps of the project, and large map and explanation of the Preferred Alternative. The goal was to provide enough information that those that called in on the phone to the virtual event were informed from that one document. The brochure was mailed out on Jan. 6, 2021 to **13,300** addresses within a ½ mile of the project area. Brochure stacks were dropped off at three local grocery stores in the project area -Harbortown Market, Lafayette Foods, and Family Fair Market Place - as well as in Eastern Market. In addition, brochures were available to take at the public hearing. A legal notice of the public hearing and virtual event was sent out Legal on January 5, 2021 by MDOT. It was included in the following Notice/Notice Public Hearing publications a total of 11 times: 1. Lansing State Journal 1-5-21 2. Lansing State Journal 1-10-21 Detroit News 1-5-21 4. Detroit News 1-6-21 5. Detroit News 1-7-21 6. Detroit News 1-8-21 7. Detroit Free Press 1-5-21 8. Detroit Free Press 1-6-21 9. Detroit Free Press 1-7-21 10. Detroit Free Press 1-8-21 11. Detroit Free Press 1-10-21 Media Advisories Two media advisories - one announcing the 45-day comment period opening on January 5, 2021 and another announcing the public hearing and virtual event on January 8, 2021 were sent out by MDOT. This resulted in a good amount of media coverage with 5 articles in Crain's Detroit Business, Detroit Free Press, and others, and radio interviews on WWJ and WDET.

Medium	Summary of Communication		
Project Website	Announcements about the comment period, public hearing, and virtual event were posted on the project website. Attendees could also register for both events on the project website. In addition, the EA document in its entirety, a public comment form, and other pertinent project documents were also made available on the project website. Information is being updated throughout the comment period. The Project website URL is <a href="https://www.Michigan.gov/1375Study">www.Michigan.gov/1375Study</a> .		
Social Media	There were <b>9</b> total posts on MDOT social channels, Facebook and Twitter. Plus, there were Facebook events that were created for both the public hearing and virtual event.		

Chapter 2 includes copies of the meeting notification materials referenced in Table 2.

# 1.3 Public Hearing Materials

The public hearing was held in accordance with MDOT's public involvement/public hearing procedures and consistent with 23 CFR 771.111. The primary purpose of the public hearings was to solicit public comments on the EA during the 45-day public comment period.

At the hearing, MDOT provided exhibits and information about the EA, the NEPA process, and where those interested can get information about the EA. The public was afforded time to speak with members of the project team. A court reporter was available to record private testimony from stakeholders. MDOT provided information about the project purpose and need, alternatives considered, potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts, and details about MDOT's Preferred Alternative.

Wayfinding signage was placed outside at key locations near the hearing site to identify the meeting locations. Interior signage helped attendees identify where specific information was located within the meeting space. To ensure safety during the pandemic, venue capacity was limited to 25 people per hour. Therefore, attendees were asked to sign up in advance for hour-long appointments to view the exhibits, presentation, and make comments. Attendees were given a speaker request/written comment form, and a guide to the EA that included:

- A. An Introductory Letter and Thank You to the Community from the Project Manager
- B. Get Engaged: View the Environmental Assessment and Participate in An Upcoming Public Hearing
- C. Project Purpose and Need
- D. Key Terms
- E. Frequently Asked Questions

Public hearing attendees were greeted and encouraged to visit the project exhibits and interact with project team members prior to the formal hearings. The exhibits – in the form of display boards on easels and roll plots placed on walls – were safely spaced around a large room. Team members were on hand to engage attendees. Exhibits included:

- A. Welcome Board
- B. Purpose and Need (Board)
- C. Project Timeline
- D. Screening Process
- E. Environmental Effects
- F. Boulevard Cross Section
- G. Future Travel Times
- H. Boulevard Comparisons
- I. Riverfront Comparisons
- J. I-75/I-375 Interchange
- K. Nonmotorized
- L. Existing Project Map (Roll Plot)
- M. Preferred Alternative Project Map (Roll Plot)

In addition to the information given in exhibits and handouts, MDOT presented two videos in the venue auditorium for participants to watch before making public comments. The first was a 33-minute narrated video presentation with closed captions that covered project description and background, NEPA process, alternatives screening, the preferred alternative, environmental effects and mitigation, how to submit an official comment and project next steps. The second video (2 minutes 20 seconds) was a digital, bird's-eye rendering of the preferred alternative. Links to both videos can be found in **Chapter 3**.

The virtual event on the evening of Wednesday, January 27 included the same materials as the public hearing to ensure those that were limited from attending in person also had an opportunity to see the narrated presentation, video simulation of the Preferred Alternative, and offer comments.

Additionally, the narrated presentation and an FAQ were added to the project website to ensure anyone who was unable to attend has the information they need to provide a comment.

# 1.4 Public Hearing Comments

During the public hearing, MDOT designated a time for project stakeholders to provide verbal comments to MDOT in a public forum. This part of the public hearing took place in an auditorium setting with a court reporter seated near the stage to transcribe stakeholder comments.

Welcome and opening remarks were provided by Jonathan Loree, PE, I-375 Improvement project manager and Monica Monsma, MDOT's Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, served as hearing moderator.

Stakeholders wishing to provide comments during the public forum were asked to complete a speaker request/written comment form. Stakeholders were called forward by the moderator in the order in which their speaker request forms were received. No time limit was placed on comments. When no further stakeholders came forward, the public forum was closed by the moderator.

After the conclusion of the public forum, the Project team remained available as needed to answer questions and assist attendees in the public hearing exhibit area until after the scheduled close of the event.

Due to COVID-19, there was concern that some stakeholders would not attend a public event. In addition to the formal hearing, the public was also able to comment on the EA at a virtual outreach event on Wednesday evening, January 27, 2021. The virtual outreach event was held on the teleconferencing service, Broadnet, which was chosen for its accessibility to project stakeholders in Environmental Justice communities. The same presentation and simulation video were shown at both events. Exhibit Boards and Roll Plots were also presented at the in-person event and are included in Section 3.1. The Exhibit Boards and Roll Plots were also available on the I-375 website (<a href="www.Michigan.gov/1375Study">www.Michigan.gov/1375Study</a>). A court reporter was only available at the in-person event; however, comments were recorded by the study team for the online event and included as part of the public comment.

A combined total of **14** verbal comments were recorded during the public forums by the court reporter and **5** written comments were received at the event. Table 3 lists all of the public hearing comments received by format. The court reporter transcripts of the public forum, transcripts of comments provided directly to the court reporter, and written comments provided at the public hearing are included in **Appendix B of the FONSI.** 

Table 3: Public Hearing Comments

Amount	Format Given
4 written on comment forms 14 given verbally	Public Hearing
9 (verbal) 21 (written)	Virtual Event
110 (written)	Email or online comment form

Amount	Format Given
8 (written)	<ul> <li>Letters</li> <li>Senator Stephanie Chang</li> <li>Detroit Greenways Coalition</li> <li>Bedrock</li> <li>Greektown Neighborhood Partnership</li> <li>Greektown Casino-Hotel</li> <li>Detroit Mercy Law</li> </ul> Agency Letters <ul> <li>United States Environmental Protections Agency</li> <li>Department of Interior</li> </ul>
166	During full 45-day comment period

# 1.5 COVID-19 Safety Protocols Taken

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and how high the cases of the virus were at the time of the public hearing in Michigan, extensive safety precautions and limitations for the meeting were followed. A new public hearing was essentially held every hour from 4 to 8 p.m. with only 25 people in the building at a time. There was a need for a total of 10 staff (project, building maintenance, and court reporter) on-site at all times, this allowed for 15 attendees per hour. A sign-up sheet was available online with appointment sign ups. There was flexibility for people to show up on-site and the first hour was designated for people most vulnerable to the virus.

When attendees arrived, they completed a CDC COVID-19 survey and had their temperature taken before entering the building. There was signage throughout the building that included safety precautions and protocols to take such as mask wearing and keeping a 6 ft. distance from others. Between each hour, seats, tables, and other highly touched items were wiped down with disinfectant wipes. Pens were thrown away after use and sign-in sheets and Title VI surveys were all separate, so no one was touching the same piece of paper. The auditorium allowed for many seating options and had "seat unavailable" signs between seats so no one sat next to one another. There were three microphones available to deliver comments from with social distance markings on the ground. To learn more about the protocols taken, see the Public Hearing Plan approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in **Section 3.9** of this report.

# 2 Meeting Notifications

# 2.1 Legal Notice

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PREFFFERED ALTERNATIVE FOR I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DETROIT, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preferred Alternative (PA) for the proposed reconstruction of I-375 in the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

MDOT will conduct both an in-person public hearing and a virtual outreach event. All comments received by February 19, 2021 will be included in the official record. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 4-8 pm in the Former UAW-GM Center for Human Resources, 200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207 to receive comments on the EA and PA. To keep all attendees safe, appointment times are available from 4-8 pm. Sign up online at Michigan.gov/1375Study or by calling 517-335-4381. Due to current limitations on public gatherings, non-registered individuals will be accommodated as capacity allows. Please be prepared to wait for entry into the building. The first hour, 4-5 p.m., will be reserved for senior citizens and individuals at increased risk of severe illnesses from COVID-19. To allow easier participation for those in the study area, the public hearing will take place continuously from 4 pm to 8 pm, with a formal presentation on the hour.

The virtual outreach event will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021 from 6-7:30 pm and is accessible by phone and computer. Register to receive an automatic phone call at the time of the event by registering at Michigan:gov/1375Study, or call 866-478-3388 at the time of the event, or participate online at Michigan.gov/1375Study

Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. To make a request, contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or <u>CurryO@Michigan.gov</u> at least seven days before the meeting date.

1-375 is a 1-mile-long freeway that connects the 1-75 freeway directly to Jefferson Avenue. The EA describes and analyzes the proposed work and the measures taken to minimize impacts to the project area. The proposed PA involves re-constructing 1-75/1-375 interchange with right-hand on and off ramps, braided ramps to and from Mack Avenue on 1-75, a new bridge connecting Brush Park and Eastern Market, a street-level boulevard, a new local connector street, signalized intersections, nonmotorized improvements, and potential opportunities for future development resulting from possible excess property. MDOT has encouraged public involvement throughout the study process beginning with a Planning and Environmental Linkages study in 2014. The EA and PA are available for review and comment online at Michigan, gov/1375Study.

A court reporter will record the hearing's formal presentation and public comment session and will be available to take comments in private for inclusion in the public hearing transcript. Citizens also may complete a written comment form at the hearing or mail or e-mail their comments to: Monica Monsma, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Development, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909; Fax: 517-335-5696; Monsman@Michigan.gov. Comments must be e-mailed, faxed, or postmarked on or before February 19, 2021. A copy of the complete transcript, including all of the written and recorded oral comments received, will be available for public review at Michigan.Gov/1375Study.

# 2.2 News Releases

Jan. 5, 2021 - Opening of Public Comment Period

(https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620\_11057-548764--,00.html)



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# MDOT opens public comment period on I-375 improvement project in Detroit

Contact: Rob Morosi, MDOT Office of Communications, 248-483-5107 Agency: Transportation

January 5, 2021 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) today opened the official 45-day comment period on the Environmental Assessment (EA) portion of the I-375 project in Detroit. The EA is part of the federal requirement process to receive clearance to transform the current outdated freeway into a street level urban boulevard. A formal public hearing and virtual outreach event will be held later this month.

Interested parties can submit formal comments on the project website at www.Michigan.gov/l375Study. An online comment form is available to allow the public to voice their opinion on the recommended alternative. All comments received prior to Friday, Feb. 19, will be included in the official record. In addition to the website, options include e-mailing MDOT-I-375Corridor@Michigan.gov or mailing comments via US Mail postmarked by Feb. 19 to:

MDOT

Attn: Monica Monsma P.O. Box 30050 Lansing, MI 48909

The preferred alternative involves building a boulevard from Gratiot Avenue to Atwater Street, creating at-grade intersections at cross streets, realigning the I-75 freeway from Mack Avenue to Brush Street, and building a single-point urban interchange (SPUI) to access the boulevard from the interstate. The design includes features to make the corridor walkable, additional options for nonmotorized users and future placemaking opportunities for the city.

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- M-30 temporary bridge construction over the Tobacco River in Gladwin County delayed due to weather
- MDOT receives \$600,000 grant for innovative projects to reduce COVID-19 spread on public transit buses
- CDC issues mandatory mask order for public transportation

# Jan. 12, 2021 – Public Hearing Details (<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-">https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-</a> 9620 11057-549287--,00.html)



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MDOT NEWS AND INFORMATION

# MDOT to host public hearing on I-375 project in Detroit

Contact: Rob Morosi, MDOT Office of Communications, 248-483-5107 Agency: Transportation

#### WHAT

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold a virtual outreach event and inperson public hearing regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed changes on I-375. The project, located in the city of Detroit, extends from Mack Avenue to Atwater Street and transforms the urban below-grade freeway into a street-level boulevard. The virtual outreach event and public hearing will allow interested parties the opportunity to view potential changes and make formal documented comments.

#### WHO:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) officials Consultant staff Interested residents and stakeholders

#### WHEN:

Virtual outreach event 8-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021

Register here for virtual event

In-person public hearing

4-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021

The 4-5 p.m. hour is reserved for senior citizens or individuals at high risk for COVID-19. The 5-8 p.m. time frame is by appointment only. All state guidelines for public health and safety will be followed, including wearing a mask, social distancing and not attending if feeling ill. Register in advance online or by calling 517-335-4381 to reserve a time.

### WHERE:

Former UAW/GM Center for HR 200 Walker St. Detroit, MI 48207

Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers are available upon request. To make a request, please send it at least seven days prior to the event to:

Orlando T. Curry 425 W. Ottawa St. Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: 517-241-7462 Fax: 517-335-0945 TTY: 844-578-5563 CurryO@Michigan.gov

# BACKGROUND:

The I-375 improvement project is designed to address the deterioration of existing bridges and pavement and a functionally obsolete interchange design with an appropriate solution that considers safety, operations and costs while improving connectivity for all users, makes the corridor walkable and supports future economic development plans for the city. Additional information is available on the project website at www.Michigan.gov/1376study

MDOT is in the process of taking public comments during a 45-day public comment period ending Friday, Feb. 19.

Public comments can be made using the online comment form

Via US Mail (postmarked no later than Feb 19, 2021):

MDOT

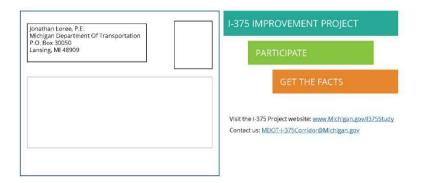
Attn: Monica Monsma, Public Involvement Specialist and Hearings Officer P.O. Box 30050

Lansing, MI 48909

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- · Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority will meet virtually Feb. 3
- · MDOT and OCP virtual public open house Feb. 11 to discuss I-75 modernization project in Oakland County
- · Gov. Whitmer announces transportation economic development grant that will improve E Breitung Avenue in Dickinson County
- · Gov. Whitmer announces transportation development grant

# 2.3 Brochure Mailer



# **I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

A Guide to the Environmental Assessment and Opportunities to Engage



Located in the city of Detroit, I-375 is a 1-mile-long freeway that connects the I-75 freeway directly to Jefferson Avenue. Through the I-375 improvement Project, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plans to replace outdated freeway and deteriorating roadways and structures while improving safety and connectivity, and supporting economic development and placemaking opportunities.

Recently, MDOT finalized the Environmental Assessment (EA). This document is now available for public review before the formal public hearing and virtual outreach opportunities.

Normally, your local libraries and MDOT offices would host hard copies of the environmental documents for your review. However, he COVID-19 pandemic prevents this from happening. To stay safe and provide you with maximum opportunities to review the EA, we are sharing this brochure to provide you with a guide to the EA. The EA document is available on the project website, but we understand not everyone has access to the internet. We are here to assist you with full access to those public documents no matter what the method, including mailing you a copy.

From the start, our stakeholders and the public have been at the center of this work to ensure the project has community, residential, and business input.

The I-375 project team says, "Thank You!" You have been asked on many occasions to help us make the I-375 corridor better and you've shared your time and ideas along the way. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and feedback on the EA at our upcoming public hearing and/or virtually by phone or online.

As we move into the next phases of the project, including Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval, design, and construction, there will be many more opportunities for community input and participation. It is our hope those of you who participated so far will continue to do so, and others will join you.

Thank you again for your past, and future, support.

Sincerely, Jonathan Loree, P.E. I-375 Improvement Project Manager Michigan Department of Transportation

# YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC HEARING!

Thursday, Jan. 28, 4-8 p.m.
Former UAW-GM Center for Human Resources
200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207
Information on how to sign up, COVID-19 safety measures, and virtual outreach options are on the other side of this document.



The 2014 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study defined the project purpose and need and alternatives to address those needs. These were carried forward and refined through the EA process.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT INITIATED

Six Illustrative Alternatives and two Illustrative Interchange Alternatives were studied further as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. A screening process based on the purpose and need and stakeholder feedback was completed to narrow the six Illustrative Alternatives to two Practical Alternatives.

Two Practical Alternatives were identified through the illustrative Alternative screening, and combined with one Interchange Alternative. One Practical Alternative was selected to be further refined.

#### PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS

Four refined Practical Alternatives were developed based on a need to further analyze the boulevard and the introduction of a new interchange alternative as a result of stakeholder feedback.

### PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

A Preferred Alternative was selected and is analyzed in the EA.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

View a complete analysis of impacts that would result from the Preferred Alternative in the EA at www.Michigan.gov/1375Study.

### SAFETY AND MOBILITY

- Robust nonmotorized facilities, including a typoway cycle track, enhanced crosswalks with countdown pedestrian signals, pedestrian refuge islands at signalized intersections, and wider sidewalks.
  Increased number of potential crashes at intersections for pedestrians and bicyclists with vehicles. The same is true for webicular traffic due to the shift from a freeway to an argrade bouleward. No Turn on Red signs for vehicles approaching the protected cycle track will be added to keep vehicles from blocking the cycle track and improve safety at the signalized intersections.

  A reduction in travel signeds to 35 mph along the bouleward from the existing freeway speeds of 55 mph will calm traffic and reduce the severity of potential crashes. Elimination of several diagreeous geometric deficient curves and weaving menesurers.

#### OPERATIONS AND CONNECTIVITY

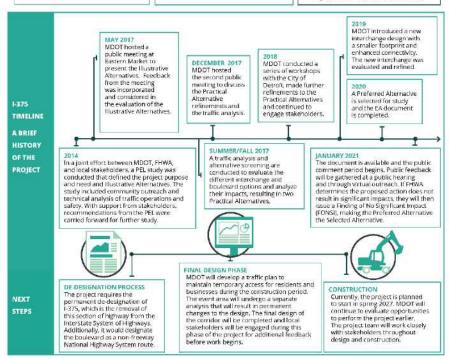
- Several new roadway connections at Clinton Street and Montcolm Screet, and a new local connector near Fastern Market will improve vehicular and nonmotorized access between neighborhoods and districts, including the event area, Brush Park, Eastern Market, and the Central Business District.

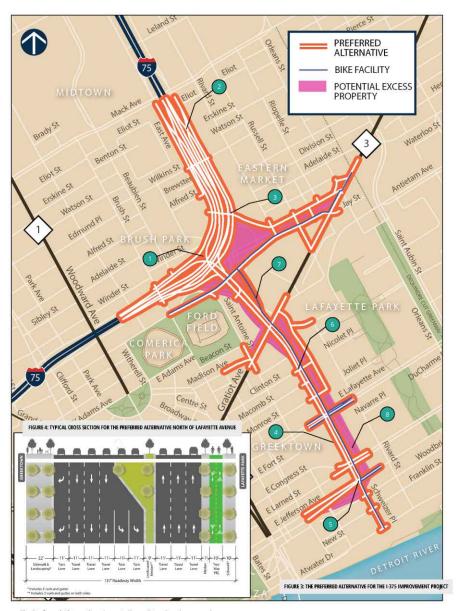
  On average, there is the potential for a two to seven-minute delay, depending on which direction you're coming from The delay is in comparisor to future nu-build conditions for 2000, and is due to the decrease in speed, signalized districts of the the future. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing times with the buildward will be longer than the existing condition, ranging from one minute, 31 seconds to their minutes, 57 seconds.

- Improved nonmotorized facilities, including marked pedestrian crossings, a two-way cycle track on the boulevard and Montcaim Street, and a new connection to the riveriront.

#### RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

- Requires the permanent acquisition of 3.2 es of ROW spread across numerous parcels, uding the land needed to extend Montcalm Street from Brush Street to Gratiot Avenue, extend the boulevard to Atwater Street; and to accommodate the interchange design. A map of temporary and permanent ROW needs can be found in the EA.
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The **Preferred Alternative**, shown in Figure 3, involves the removal of 1-375, corresponding service drives, and the Gratiot Avenue Connector. In place of 1-375, a six-lane boulevard would be built at current city street level from 1-75 to pfferson Avenue and transition to a four-lane boulevard from pfefferson Avenue to Atwater Street. The existing 1-751-375 interchange would be rebuilt with a smaller footprint and enhanced connectivity.

## Some highlights of the Preferred Alternative include:



The I-75/I-375 interchange would be an urban-type interchange with right-hand on and off ramps that would provide access to the Eastern Market, Gratiot Avenue, the new boulevard, Brush Street, and Mack Avenue. This would eliminate the need to exit the freeway to stay on I-75.



Braided ramps to and from Mack Avenue on I-75, meaning the ramps would pass over other ramps to and from the boulevard using bridges to separate the roadways and ramp traffic, eliminating weaving, or conflict points.



Additional connectivity and access would be provided with a new bridge connecting Brush Park and Eastern Market, additional street connections in Eastern Market, and access to Brush Park from southbound I-75.



A city street-level boulevard would begin south of the I-75/I-375 interchange and continue to the Detroit River, opening up additional connections to the Detroit Riverfront, Eastern Market, Brush Park, and a new local connector street from Eastern Market to Gratiot Avenue.



Signalized intersections would be located along the boulevard at Jefferson Avenue, Larned Street, Lafayette Avenue, Monroe Street, Macomb Street, Clinton Street, Gratiot Avenue, and at the Blue Cross Blue Shield parking structure.



Direct left-turns would be allowed along the boulevard, except at the intersection with Gratiot Avenue.



Improved nonmotorized facilities, including a two-way cycle track connecting the Riverfront to the Montcalm Street extension to Gratiot Avenue. The two-way cycle track would then extend west to Brush Street and east to Gratiot Avenue where it connects with the Dequindre Cut Greenway bicycle path.



Potential excess property that could be available for future redevelopment.

### **GET ENGAGED: VIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND** PARTICIPATE IN AN UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING



- View the full document at:
- www.Michigan.gov/1375Study.

  Due to public health guidelines put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, public copies are not accessible. Electronic or paper copies can be made available by request.
- To make a special request for a document or section of the document, please contact Monica Monsma, the public hearing officer for MDOT, at 517-335-4381 or MonsmaM@Michigan.gov

#### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

With advance notice of seven days, accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and/ or limited English-speaking ability, and persons needing, auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print.

To make a request, please contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or CurryO@Michigan.gov.

To hear an update on the I-375 Improvement Project, learn about the EA, and share your feedback and comments on the update.

MDOT will hold both an in-person public hearing and a virtual outreach event. You can choose to comment in-person at the hearing, during the virtual outreach event, online via e-mail, or by U.S. mail. All comments received by Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 will be included in the official record.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 6-7:30 p.m. Register for an automatic call or connect

online: www.Michigan.gov/1375Study By phone: 866-478-3388

Submit a comment via e-mail:

Submit a comment via U.S. mail: Michigan Department of Transportation, Attn: Monica Monsma, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909

Thursday, Jan. 28, 4-8 p.m.
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200 Walker St. Detroit, MI 48207
Upon arrival, please pull up to the gate and a
security guard will direct you to the complimentary
parking under building.

#### 4-5 p.m. High-risk individuals by appointment

The first hour will be for senior citizens and individuals at increased risk of severe illnesses from COVID-19. Please register for an appointment to join us during this time frame.

#### 5-8 p.m. Public access by appointment

- Register for a time frame in advance: To keep all attendees safe, there will be appointment times to select from. Sign up online at www.Michigan.gov/ 1375Study or by calling 517-335-4381 to choose a time
- Non-registered individuals: Due to current limitations on public gatherings, non-registered individuals will be accommodated either during available appointment times or as capacity allow Please be prepared to wait for entry into the building to accommodate appropriate social distancing.

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  Participants should remain at least of feet away from other attendees and staff.

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  Due to current state guidelines, a limited number of people will be allowed inside the room at a time and will be required to follow social distance guidelines.

MDOT will continue to review county and state public health guidelines to provide a safe environment

# **PROJECT PURPOSE**

The I-375 Improvement Project was created to identify a transportation improvement Preferred Alternative that will achieve the following goals:

- Address outdated interchange design and deteriorated bridges and roadways with an appropriate solution that considers safety, operations, and long-term lifecycle costs.
   Address existing and future transportation needs and roadway safety
- Improve connectivity to surrounding areas for both vehicular and
- improve connectivity to surrounding areas for both vehicular and nonmotorized users, and enhance connections to existing and planned transit services, which may result in improved community health.
   Enhance access to enable future development and other placemaking opportunities envisioned in official land use and long-term economic development plans.

#### KEY TERMS

- An Alternative is a design solution that meets the established Purpose and Need. There are various steps to gather feedback, study the area, and update the Alternative before a final selection, a Preferred
- area, and update the Alternative before a final selection, a **Preferred Alternative**, is made. See process displayed in Figure 2.

  The **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** of 1969 requires
  federal agencies to evaluate potential social, economic, cultural and
  natural environmental impacts of a proposed action prior to making
  a decision. Agencies must provide opportunities for public review
  and comment as part of the evaluation of potential impacts. For the
  purposes of this project, the **Environmental Assessment (EA)** is revaluation of the potential impacts and to result in significan
  impacts and the impacts can be mitigated, the **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)** will issue a **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONS)**, and the **Preferred Alternative** becomes the Selected
  Alternative, and moves onto final design and work.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The EA was developed to assist in determining the significance of the impact the I-375 Improvement Project will have on the area. The following FAQs will help you understand key aspects of the project that may be of interest to you.

### Why do we need your participation?

What is an EA and why is it needed?

How will businesses be accessed during work?

To ensure the I-375 Improvement Project serves the needs of all residents, businesses, and commuters, we need your feedback on the Preferred Alternative to ensure that it serves the community as a whole.



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**EMDOT** 

NEPA requires federal agencies to prepare an EA when the impacts of a transportation project are uncertain. An EA determines the significance of impacts and the appropriate environmental document to be prepared.

What will MDOT build?

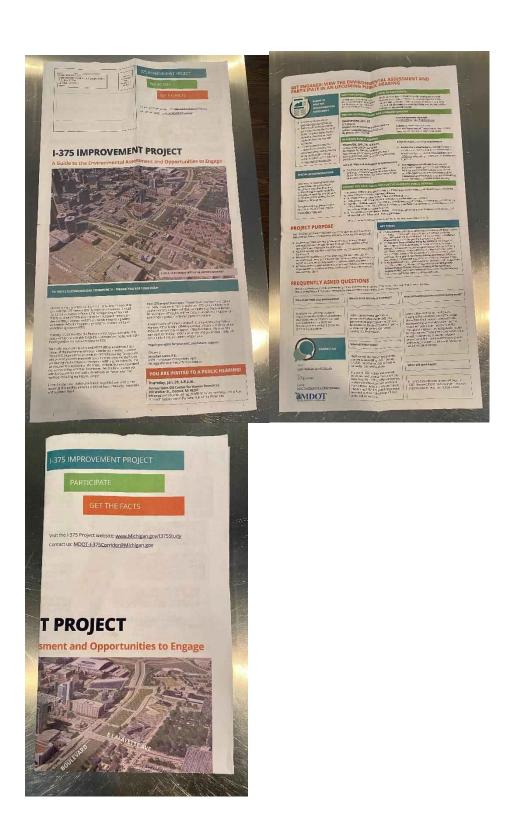
The Preferred Alternative incorporates changes to the existing I-375 freeway, I-75/I-375 interchange, Gratiot Avenue Connector, and service drives.

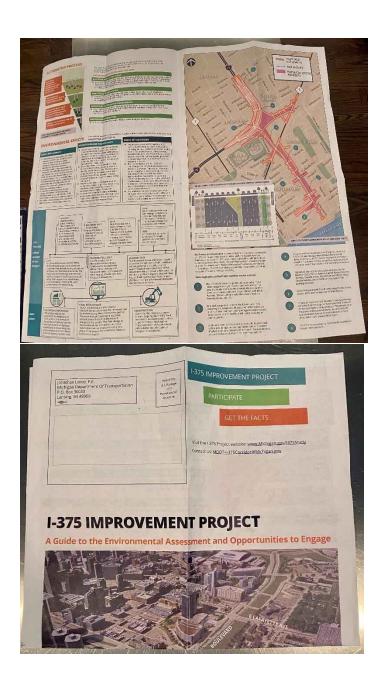
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Access will be maintained during work. Staging will be addressed during the design phase. MDOT will develop a detailed traffic management plan that will outline how the project will be built and how traffic will be project will be built and now traffic will be managed during work, including detour routes for any closures. To the greatest extent possible, access to the service drives and adjacent properties will be maintained throughout work, with limited short-term closures as needed to rebuild private driveways.

When will work begin?

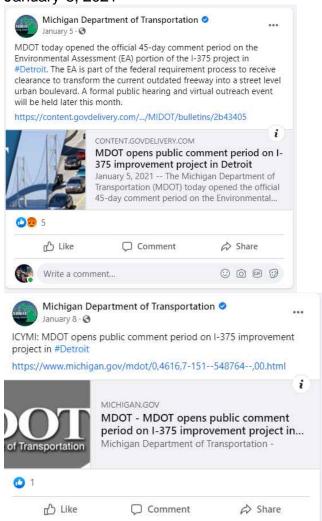
It is anticipated that the project will begin in 2027. However, MDOT will continue to evaluate opportunities to begin the project sooner





# 2.4 Social Media

# January 5, 2021

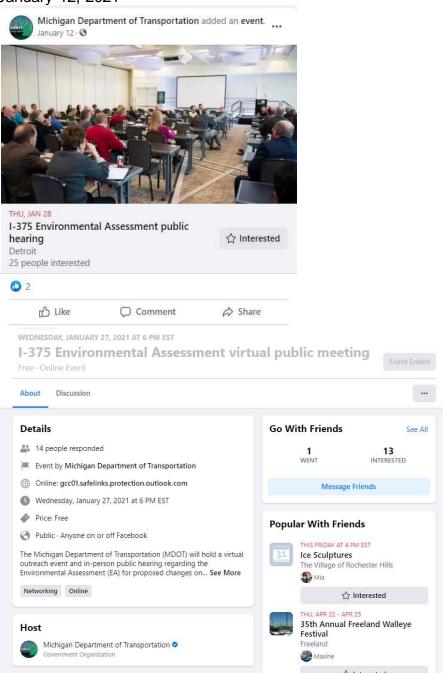


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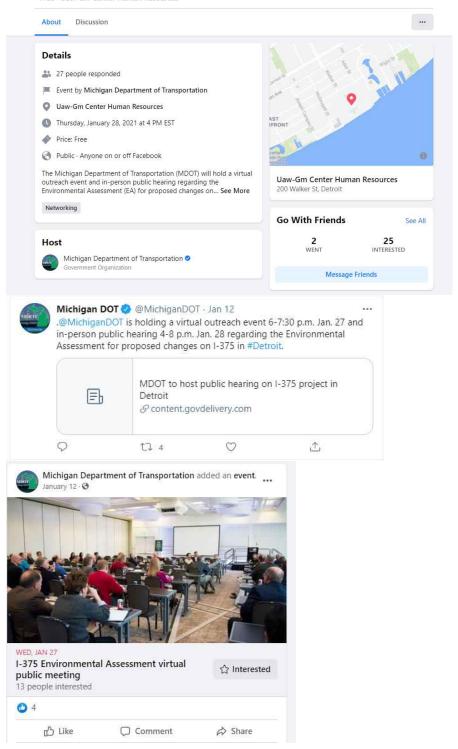


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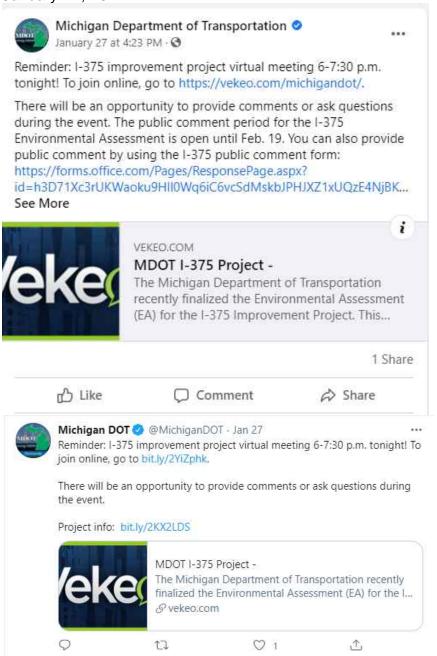


# I-375 Environmental Assessment public hearing

Free - Uaw-Gm Center Human Resources



# January 27, 2021

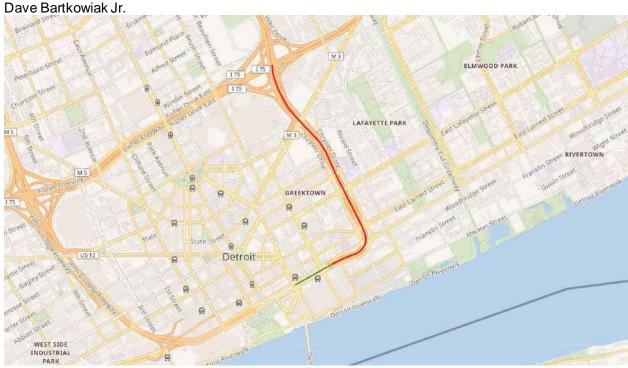


# 2.5 News Coverage

https://www.clickondetroit.com/traffic/2021/01/12/i-375-project-in-detroit-mdot-to-host-virtual-outreach-event-public-hearing/



I-375 project in Detroit: MDOT to host virtual outreach event, public hearing



I-375 map in Detroit (Wikimedia)

DETROIT - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold a virtual outreach event and in-person public hearing regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed changes on I-375 in Detroit.

<u>MDOT</u> said the project extends from Mack Avenue to Atwater Street and "transforms the urban below-grade freeway into a street-level boulevard." The virtual outreach event and public hearing will allow interested parties the opportunity to view potential changes and make formal documented comments.

Virtual outreach event details:

- 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021
- Register here for virtual event

In-person public hearing details:

- 4-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021
- The 4-5 p.m. hour is reserved for senior citizens or individuals at high risk for COVID-19.

- The 5-8 p.m. time frame is by appointment only. All state guidelines for public health and safety will be followed, including wearing a mask, social distancing and not attending if feeling ill.
- Register in advance online or by calling 517-335-4381 to reserve a time.
- WHERE: Former UAW/GM Center for HR, 200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207

# I-375 project details

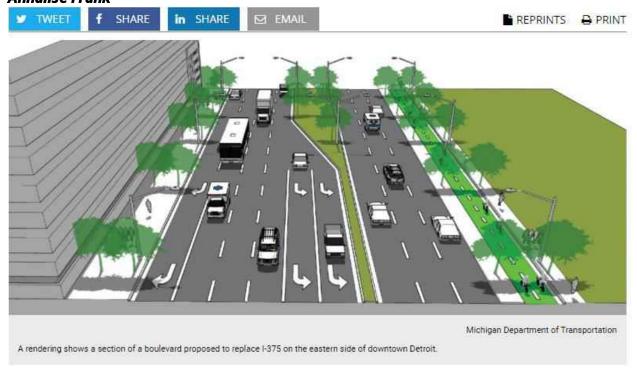
# From MDOT:

"The I-375 improvement project is designed to address the deterioration of existing bridges and pavement and a functionally obsolete interchange design with an appropriate solution that considers safety, operations and costs while improving connectivity for all users, makes the corridor walkable and supports future economic development plans for the city. Additional information is available on the project website at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/1375study">www.michigan.gov/1375study</a>."

https://www.crainsdetroit.com/transportation/7-ways-i-375-redesign-would-impact-people-cars-downtown-detroit

7 ways an I-375 redesign would impact people, cars in downtown Detroit

Annalise Frank



The Michigan Department of Transportation released a <u>report</u> this week analyzing potential impacts of the long-awaited I-375 redo in downtown Detroit, from less parking to more pedestrian accessibility.

The state is taking public comments over the next month and a half that it says it will take into consideration as it makes final decisions in redesigning the freeway as a street-level boulevard.

The mile-long roadway, which won't actually be reconstructed *for up to six more years*, is considered outdated, unsafe and in need of repair. It's also seen by many as a concrete barrier between downtown Detroit and the near-east side. It was built in the early 1960s by bulldozing over what were previously thriving Black-owned businesses.

MDOT scheduled a federally mandated in-person public hearing Jan. 28 and a virtual meeting Jan. 27 for those who want to comment on the new report, which is called an environmental assessment. It gives an in-depth look at the project, how it came to be and, most notably, how it could impact pedestrians, drivers, the environment and more.

Members of the public who don't attend a meeting can also submit comments any time through Feb. 19. More information is **on the department's website**.

MDOT is spending \$8 million to <u>design the new I-75 interchange</u> and a new replacement boulevard from south of Gratiot Avenue leading down to the riverfront. It anticipates another \$8 million bump in the coming months to finish the process as well, according to MDOT senior project manager Jonathan Loree.



Michigan Department of Transportation

A map shows a proposed redo of I-375 and its interchange with I-75 in downtown Detroit. The plan entails replacing the north-south freeway with a street-level boulevard and remaking the freeway interchange to improve safety.

It would entail rebuilding the interchange between I-75 and I-375 and filling in the four-lane, 20-foot-deep freeway. The boulevard would have four lanes in each direction, eliminating the service drives and shifting the boulevard to the west side of where the highway is, which frees up some land for new use. Bridges would be replaced, as well as "confusing" entrance and exit ramps, the report says.

The timeline for when Detroiters could see construction start on I-375 is not clear. While previous estimates were pegged at 2022, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration last year decided not to prioritize it, pushing the \$180 million project back likely to 2027. But Loree said there's a strong desire from the city of Detroit and MDOT to try to get that moved up to 2023 at the earliest.

"The City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department and the Department of Public Works have been working with MDOT to craft a vision for the future of the I-375 corridor that leverages the project's potential to reconnect neighborhoods, support ongoing development and improve the economic outlook for the city and the region," Katy Trudeau, city planning deputy director, said in a statement. "We look forward to sharing more details and to engaging residents to get their feedback on the project in the future."

As MDOT and those it would impact think about this project, here are some of the biggest changes it portends:

Say good-bye to Jefferson Avenue curve

The exit from I-375 to Jefferson Avenue, east of the Renaissance Center, curves east in a unique way that is prone to accidents. That would disappear and be replaced with a regular street light intersection between Jefferson and the new boulevard that would allow cars to continue south toward the Detroit River (they can't currently).

Traffic delays

The new corridor will no longer be a highway; it will have traffic lights, meaning slower going for car commuters. The report estimates it will add a two-minute traffic delay in peak morning hours and seven-minute delay in evening rush hours.

More access for buses, bikes

The boulevard allows for expanded bus service and new routes that make going east to west into and out of downtown easier, and adds bicycle lanes along the boulevard and streets that connect with Eastern Market.

Wins, woes for walkers

Pedestrians will come into contact with cars more and face potentially long wait times to cross the boulevard. It can take up to 3 minutes and 57 seconds to cross the boulevard east to west. But MDOT does say it's adding pedestrian shelter areas and more sidewalk space. Pedestrians will also, crucially, have shorter walking distances with more accessibility along the boulevard and around Eastern Market. With wait times it could take up to 3 minutes and 57 seconds to cross the boulevard east to west.

Fewer parking spots

Taking out the service drives will eliminate 449 street parking spaces, according to Loree and the report, including some that are often used around Eastern Market on busy weekend days.

Homeless people affected

Removing some bridges and reconstructing others will mean either permanently or temporarily displacing homeless people who find shelter anywhere along I-375. It "may require moving homeless people and their belongings out of the 'right of way,'" the report says. It adds that "MDOT will work with the city of Detroit to give the homeless notice of construction and assist them with finding services to help them find alternative housing." Specifics on that process were not laid out.

Historic structures and environment

MDOT's environmental assessment says, based on the department's research, that the project would have "no adverse effect" on historic and archaeological sites, air quality or environmental justice issues. But it does say there is a "potential" impact on surface water quality.

You can read the full report **here**.

# https://wdet.org/posts/2021/01/14/90509-i-375-improvement-project-in-detroit-seeks-public-feedback/

# I-375 Improvement Project in Detroit Seeks Public Feedback **Tia Graham**



The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is looking for public input regarding the I-375 project in Detroit. The project, which has a timeline extending through 2027, will convert the current highway system into a boulevard.

An official 45 day period opened up on the environmental assessment portion of the I-375 project in January. According to the Federal Highway Administration, with an undertaking as large as this project, there must be an opportunity for public feedback.

Last November, a study was released by MDOT outlining the tentative schedule regarding public comment hearings, the design process and future construction plans.

Rob Morosi is the spokesperson for MDOT. He says if there are no serious objections, MDOT will move forward with the proposed alterations. "If there is no significant impact, then we can move forward with design, if there is significant impact, there will be further studies that will be required," explains Morosi.

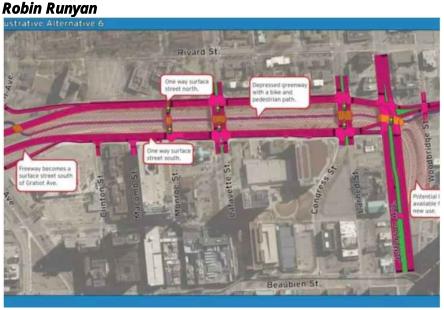
Currently, the stretch of freeway is at ground level and the proposed plan is to create a street-level boulevard from Gratiot Avenue to Atwater.

Anyone interested in commenting on the future of the project can participate in virtual or in-person public hearings. There are multiple ways to be included in the discussion. According to Morosi, "You can submit public comments via email by attending the virtual outreach event, by attending in-person public hearings, all will be part of the official record that will be reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration. And you can even do it via us mail."

The open comment period ends on February 19.

# https://detroit.curbed.com/2017/11/29/16714886/mdot-375-open-house

MDOT to update public on I-375 progress in an open house



One of the most debated stretches of road in Detroit is one that could see big changes in the next few years. MDOT will be hosting an open house Tuesday, December 5 from 4-7:39 at the DNR Outdoor Adventure Center to update the public on its environmental study.

Six alternatives were proposed in 2014 for the urban freeway that links the eastern side of downtown (near the Ren Cen) to I-75 near Eastern Market. Proposals range from merely upgrading the current freeways to creating two one-way streets with a greenway.

We asked readers which alternative they prefer earlier this year. The one-way streets won by a large margin.

The urban freeway is a major thruway for workers at the Ren Cen. It could also be a vital place for future development on the side, with connections directly to the riverfront. It also runs alongside the fail jail site, which should see more development in the coming years. Earlier this year, it was named one of America's worst urban highways.

According to a news release, Tuesday's open house, "will focus on the practical alternatives that will be analyzed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be completed in 2018."

MDOT staff and City of Detroit Planning Department staff will be on hand to answer questions. Presentations will be at 5 and 6 p.m.

Can't attend? Some background on the project can be found here and comments can be sent to **MDOT-I-375Corridor@michigan.gov**.

https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2021/01/27/detroit-highway-replaced-black-bottom/4260800001/

MDOT: I-375 redesign funding redirected while project study continues

Darcie Moran

Detroit Free Press

The funding allotted for the rebuilding of Interstate 375 was moved to aid other projects while study of the effort continues, says Michigan Department of Transportation Director Paul C. Ajegba.

Crain's Detroit Business first reported Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration pulling the \$180 million in MDOT's five-year project plan, leaving \$6 million still slated for project planning.

In January, Whitmer announced her latest plan to "fix the damn roads" — a \$3.5-billion road bonding plan — and the State Transportation Commission, made up of governor appointees, removed the I-375 project from its 5-year approved project list.

Discussions on turning the milelong strip back into a surface street have spanned much of the last decade. It's been long recognized as a remnant of the 1960s, when Black Detroit neighborhoods were destroyed for freeways to the suburbs; the Black Bottom neighborhood was destroyed for the creation of I-75 and I-375.

The history is not forgotten, but the process of reviewing possible plans for the road isn't over and needs to play out, Ajegba said. Meanwhile, other roads need attention.

"It doesn't make sense to be holding \$180 million aside for something we don't know what we're going to do (with) when we have roads that are falling apart," he said.

It's also premature to say the expressway will definitely be ripped out as an environmental study is still underway and an OK from the Federal Highway Administration is still needed, he said.

The environmental study has continued for several years and proposals have included making the road a surface-level street with landscaped medians, bicycle lanes and new lighting.

With crumbling roads and Whitmer's attempts to fix them, the money was primarily redirected for other metro Detroit projects, Ajegba said.

Officials are committed to Detroit and spending significant money there, he said, pointing especially to the I-94 corridor, a nearly \$2-billion investment.

"375 will eventually take care of itself but we are using that money wisely to do some big projects in the city, and that's a good thing," he said. "We're reinvesting it back in the city."

But the city of Detroit is hoping for a continued discussion while the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, or SEMCOG, weighs the next step — removing the I-375 project from its 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program.

SEMCOG's executive committee last week tabled an amendment to the program plan, used to get federal funding, which included pushing the project to 2027.

A Detroit representative on the transportation coordinating council had previously recommended approval of the amendment, minus the I-375 project deletion.

Detroit Chief Operating Officer Hakim Berry said officials are hoping to sit down to get more information on the choices and reasons at hand.

He noted the years of work that have gone into the project.

"There's been a lot of energy, a lot of meetings and a lot of planning to make this happen," he said. "375 is historically a thorn for many of the Detroiters here."

<u>https://www.radio.com/wwjnewsradio/podcasts/wwj-on-demand-45729/public-discusses-i-375-construction-project-in-detroit-355899478</u>

Public discusses I-375 construction project in Detroit

WWJ's Greg Bowman reports there was little if ar surface boulevard in downtown Detroit.	ny opposition in replacing I-375 with a

# 3 Meeting Materials

# 3.1 Public Hearing Exhibit Boards and Roll Plots

# I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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# **COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

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# I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# Purpose & Need

# PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose is to identify a transportation improvement alternative that will:

- Address outdated interchange design, deteriorated bridges and roadway with an appropriate solution which considers safety, operations and long-term life-cycle
- Address existing and future transportation needs and roadway safety for all users.
- Improve connectivity to surrounding areas for both vehicular and nonmotorized users, and enhance connections to existing and planned transit services which may result in improved community health.
- Enhance access to enable future development and other placemaking opportunities envisioned in official land use and long-term economic development plans.

# **PROJECT NEED**

The proposed project will address the following needs:

- Deteriorated bridges crossing I-375, which are over 50 years old, and deteriorated pavement conditions.
- Outdated existing geometric conditions, such as ramp widths and sharp curvature at the south end of the corridor, along with insufficient weave/merge areas, which result in elevated crash rates and increased congestion.
- Lack of a direct connection for vehicles and pedestrians to the developing East Riverfront from the I-375 corridor.
- Poor connectivity and confusing access to downtown destinations through the I-75/I-375 Interchange and Gratiot Avenue Connector. Operational congestion and safety issues along the Jefferson Avenue corridor west of I-375 due to high volumes and inefficient left turning movements.
- Poor environment in I-375 and Jefferson Avenue corridors for transit and nonmotorized travel, including long pedestrian crossing distances, lack of bike facilities, and poor connectivity to existing transit services.

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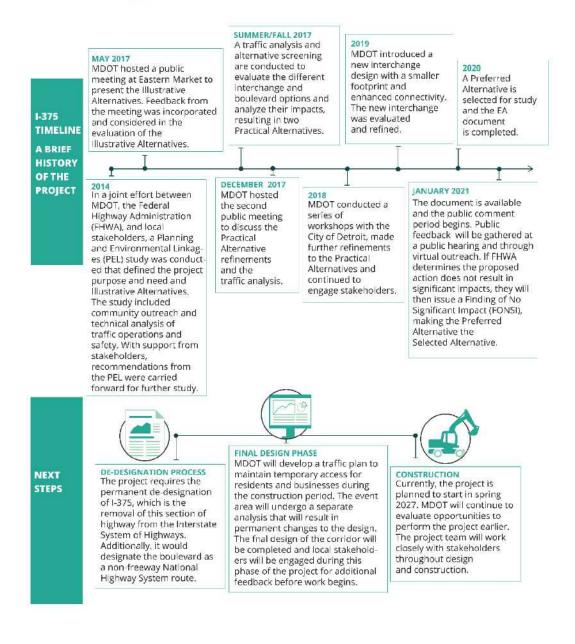
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# I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# **Project Timeline**



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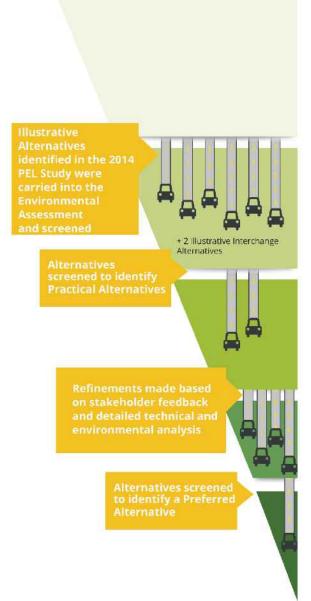






# I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# **Screening Process**



# PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES STUDY

The 2014 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study defined the project purpose and need and alternatives to address those needs.

The study included community outreach and technical analysis of traffic operations and safety. The planning decisions made during the PEL study were carried forward into the NEPA review process.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT** INITIATED

### ILLUSTRATIVE ALTERNATIVES

Six Illustrative Alternatives and two Illustrative Interchange Alternatives from the 2014 PEL Study were studied further as part of the NEPA process. A screening process based on the purpose and need and stakeholder feedback was completed to narrow the six Illustrative Alternatives to two Practical Alternatives.

# PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES

Two Practical Alternatives were identified through the Illustrative Alternative screening, and combined with one Interchange Alternative. One Practical Alternative was selected to be further refined.

# PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE REFINEMENTS

Four refined Practical Alternatives were developed based on a need to further analyze the boulevard and the introduction of a new interchange alternative as a result of stakeholder feedback.

# PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

A Preferred Alternative was selected and is analyzed in the Environmental Assessment.

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## **Environmental Effects**

STUDY PARAMETER	EFFECT	MITIGATION
Public Transportation	Providing infrastructure to support expanded transit service, improved bus stop- placement, and improved east-west connectivity.	Temporary or permanent bus stop location and route detours will be coordinatated with DDOT/SMART.
Vehicular	Addition of more intersections, Benefit from reduced speeds at the boulevard and eliminating the Jefferson Avenue Curve.	Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized to reduce speeds, such as traffic calming measures.
Nonmotorized  Parking	Addition of marked pedestrian crossings, two-way cycle track and new connections to the riverfront and east-west. Increased number of conflict points with vehicles.	BMPs for non-motorized design will be utilized to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, such as countdown signals, refuge island, and protected left-turns.
Turking	449 spaces removed	None
Right-of-Way	3.24 acres of Fee Simple Acquisition 0.87 of Temporary Easement	The purchase of property will be conducted in accordance with state and federal laws. All temporary grading easement areas will be returned to existing condition or better.
Environmental Justice and Title VI	Not disproportionately high or adverse	None
Historic Resources	No adverse effect	MDOT will maintain access to historic properties and conduct monitoring where necessary during construction.
Section 4(f)	Temporary impacts to Dequindre Cut Greenway (1.143 acres) and RiverWalk/Iron Belle Trall (0.393 acres). Temporary impacts to Holy Family and Mrs. Solomon Sibley.	Access will be maintained during construction and when construction has been completed, the properties will be returned to as good, or better condition.
Air Quality	No adverse effect	None
Noise	27 Impacted noise receptors	There is no feasible way to build a noise wall that provides enough benefit for the receptors.
Contaminated Properties	Potentially †2	MDOT will complete the recommended Phase II Preliminary Site Investigation (PSIs) for sites within the Project footprint during final design.
Natural Resources	None	During the Project's design, the existing natural and ornamental vegetative cover, including trees, will be preserved and replaced where possible.
Water Resources	Decrease in impervious surfaces to 80.8 acres, 9% less than the existing amount of impervious surface.	The Project will include BMPs to protect water quality, preserve water resources and minimize the overall impact on aquatic resources.
Short-term Construction	Temporary impacts to traffic, soil erosion and sedimentation control, construction air quality, construction noise, and construction vibration.	MDOT will follow MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction for mitigation.

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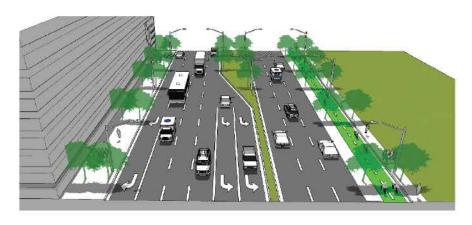


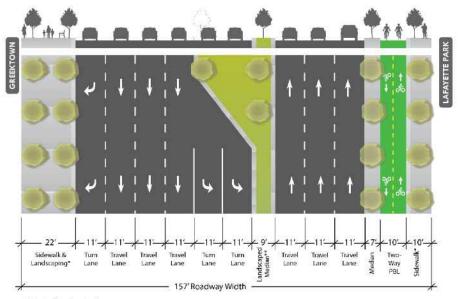


## **Boulevard Cross Section**

#### TYPICAL CROSS SECTION FOR THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE NORTH OF LAFAYETTE AVENUE

Viewer is looking north





\* Includes 2' curb and gutter \*\* Includes 2' curb and gutter on both sides

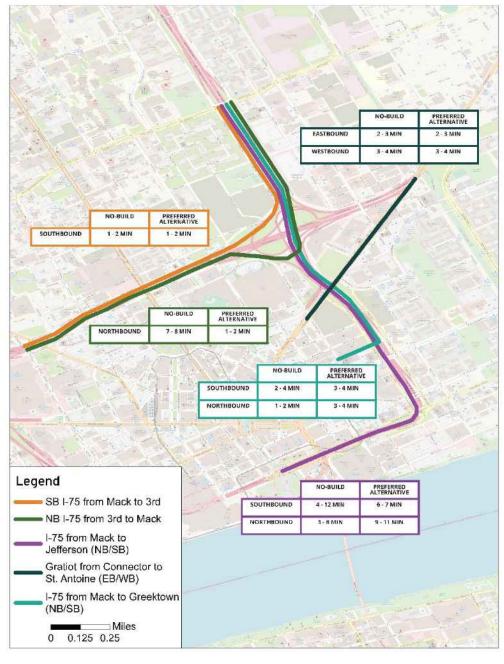
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## **Future Travel Times**

#### **TRAVEL TIMES PREDICTED FOR 2040**



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## I-75/I-375 Interchange







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### Nonmotorized

#### THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE INCLUDES:

- Two-way cycle track on the east side of the boulevard
- Wide sidewalks (22 feet) on the west side of the boulevard
- Pedestrian refuges for pedestrians to wait for a signal to change
- Countown pedestrian signals







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#### 3.2 Public Hearing Comment Form



#### **Public Hearing Comment Form**

Environmental Assessment I-375 Improvement Project in Detroit from I-75 South of Mack Avenue to South of Jefferson Avenue

Public Hearing: Thursday, January 28, 2021, 4 to 8 p.m., at 200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207

The Environmental Assessment (EA) considers the impacts of significant changes and/or planned improvements to the Detroit I-375 Improvement Project. It also reviews the purpose and need for improvements and describes the alternatives that were considered. To read the EA and to learn more about the I-375 Improvement Project, please visit: www.michigan.gov/l375Study.

Please use this form to provide MDOT with your comments on the EA by:	Name (Please Print):	
• Dropping it into the comment box at one of the public hearings,	Date:	
Emailing your comments to:     MDOT-I-375Corridor@michigan.gov	Address:	
· Sending your comments to:		
Attn: Monica Monsma Michigan Department of Transportation P.O. Box 30050	Phone Number:	
Lansing, MI 48909 E-mail: MDOT-I-375Corridor@michigan.gov	E-mail Address:	
All comments must be submitted or postmarked, by February 19, 2021.		
Comments: Write on the back or use additional pages if necessary.		
Thank You!	MD	OT



### **Public Hearing Comment Form**

Comments:	
Thank You!	ÉMDOT

#### 3.3 Public Hearing Title VI Survey

#### Title VI Survey for I-375 Public Hearing

Public Hearing: Thursday, January 28, 2021, 4 to 8 p.m., at 200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide opportunity for everyone to comment on transportation programs and activities that may affect their community. Title VI specifically states that "No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program, service, or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

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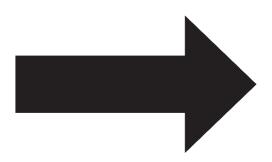
#### 3.4 Public Hearing Signage



## MDOT Public Event

Face masks are required.

Please keep a 6 ft. distance from all attendees.



# Welcome and thank you for joining us.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Only aisle seats are open.
- Maintain a 6 ft. distance from all attendees and staff.
- During the comment period, three microphones will be available. Please use the "X" on the ground to form lines and maintain your 6 ft. distance.



## **Title VI Survey**

Please take and complete a
Title VI survey. As part of the
Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964,
this survey helps to assess our
outreach efforts among those who
are affected by or interested in the
project. Participation is voluntary.

Completed surveys can be returned to the labeled box at the end of the table.

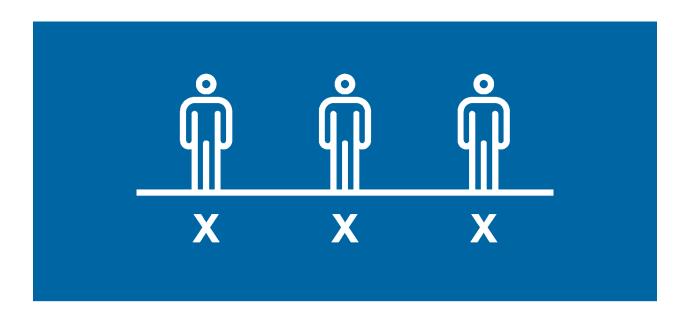


## Welcome and thank you for joining us.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

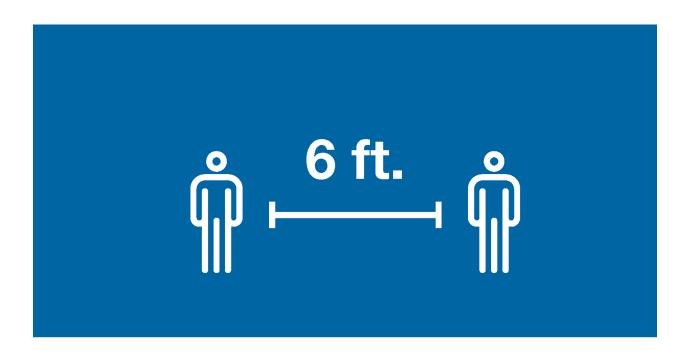
- Upon arrival, please sign in and fill out your Title VI survey.
- Take 15 minutes to review the project boards and roll plots.
- Continue to main auditorium for 25-minute presentation followed by a 20-minute public comment period.
- Face masks and social distancing of 6 ft. from other attendees & staff is required.





# Please form a line using the X on the ground.

The formal comment period will open following the presentation.



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#### 3.5 Public Hearing Presentation



Hello and welcome to this I-375 Improvement Project presentation during the public comment period for the Environmental Assessment.

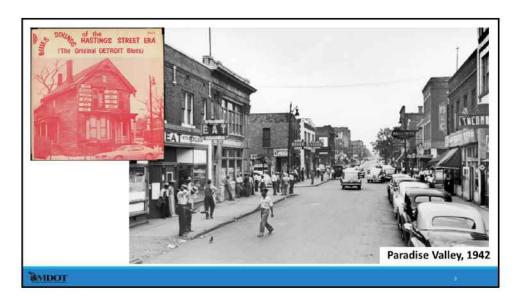
#### Agenda

- Project Description and Background
- NEPA Process
- · Alternatives Screening
- Preferred Alternative
- Environmental Effects and Mitigation
- How to Submit an Official Comment
- Next Steps

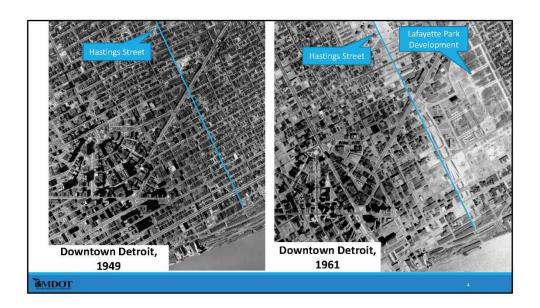
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The agenda for this presentation is to review the project itself and the background, the Environmental process, screening of the alternatives, the Preferred Alternative, the environmental effects and mitigation, how to submit an official comment on the EA, and next steps in the project.



As some background on the study area, this is a photo of Paradise Valley from 1942 along Hasting Street, before the I-375 freeway was built. This was once a Detroit neighborhood where African-American businesses thrived, Paradise Valley was destroyed in the name of urban renewal in the early 1960s.



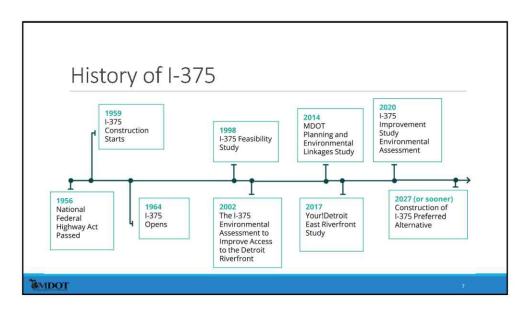
Moving forward, the image on the left is an aerial image of Downtown Detroit in 1949, Hastings Street is located along the eastern side of downtown from the railroad tracks in south to north of Mack Avenue. The image on the right is of downtown from 1961, which illustrates the beginning of construction of I-375 from Jefferson Avenue in the south to Gratiot Avenue in the north. Another area of the Lafayette Park neighborhood is also continuing to be developed to the east of the freeway, while the northern part started construction in 1956.



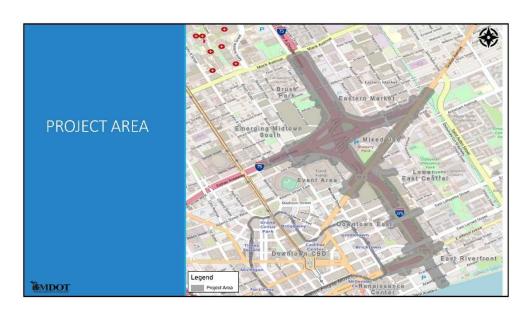
This is a photo of Hastings Street looking north from south of Mack Avenue prior to the construction of I-75. Notice the steeple of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the upper right off of Rivard Street and St. Josaphat Catholic Church in the upper left off of I-75.



This is approximately the same view looking north south of the Wilkins Street bridge during the construction of I-75. Notice the steeple of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the upper middle of the screen. The building of I-75 and I-375 were plotted directly along Hastings Street, wiping out much of Black Bottom and Paradise Valley. The freeway and interchange created a physical barrier that limited crossing options. Local access challenges divided the remaining neighborhoods and affected the land use potential close to downtown Detroit.



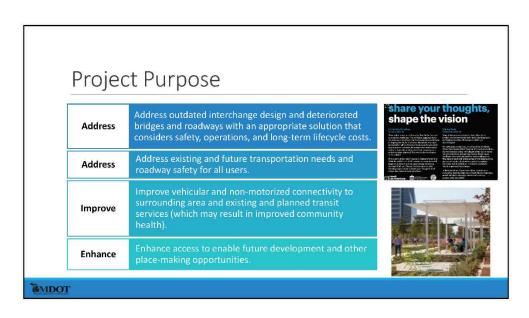
This is a graphic history of the I-375 freeway. The National federal Highway Act passed in 1956, construction of I-375 started in 1959 and opened in 1964. From 1998 to 2002, a feasibility study and Environmental Assessment was conducted on the corridor which was more of a rebuild of the current corridor around plans to locate the Detroit casinos along the east riverfront but was not pursued. In 2014, a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study was conducted by the Detroit Downtown Development Authority, in association with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and MDOT that initially looked at replacing the freeway with an at-grade boulevard. In 2017, the Your!Detroit East Riverfront Study was also conducted. Today, we are presenting the Environmental Assessment and expect to construct the project in 2027 or sooner.



This is the project area, which includes I-75 from John R Street to Mack Avenue, the Gratiot Avenue Connector, Gratiot Avenue from St. Antoine Street to the Dequindre Cut, and the entirety of I-375 corridor from I-75 to the Detroit River.



The Team has had a robust stakeholder engagement process since 2017, including having two public meetings, 7 LAC/GAC meeting, 12 workshops with the City of Detroit, and more than 70+ meetings with various stakeholders. The LAC is a Local Advisory Committee, which is made of local businesses, neighborhood and business associations. The GAC is the Governmental Advisory Committee, which is a group of governmental agency representatives. The stakeholders included neighborhood associations, businesses, civic stakeholders, faith-based groups, and others. All these meetings helped to refine the alternatives.



The Purpose of the Project was defined with the 2014 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study and has been further refined through the Environmental Assessment. The Purpose of the Project explains "Why" we are doing the study. This was developed based on information from stakeholders and how they want the corridor to function.



The Need of the Project is based on the existing and future conditions of the corridor and identifies where there are issues and concerns. Since the freeway was built over 50 years ago, there are deteriorating bridge and pavement conditions. There are several curves along I-75 and I-375 that have frequent crashes and are an outdated design. Connectivity, both vehicular and nonmotorized, is lacking and can be confusing in getting into and out of area, especially with the Gratiot Avenue Connector. The project should also activate pedestrian and other nonmotorized uses within and around downtown Detroit.

#### What is NEPA?

- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- All projects receiving federal dollars or federal approval must be reviewed for environmental impacts:
  - Social
  - Environmental
  - Economic



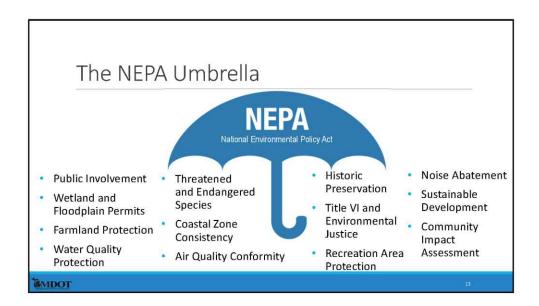




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The Purpose and Need of the Project is a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA is one of the most influential environmental laws affecting all federally funded programs, including transportation. NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the environmental, social and economic consequences of their actions. Today, because of NEPA transportation investments require a transparent, collaborative, inclusive decision-making process.



NEPA is an umbrella law that ensures that all types of environmental and socioeconomic factors are reviewed, including wetlands, water quality, air and noise quality, recreation areas and others. Within our study area, we do not have to consider farmland or coastal zone consistency. MDOT has staff in the Environmental Services Section who are Specialists in all of the NEPA factors. Later in this presentation we will review how the I-375 Preferred Alternative will impact the environment.

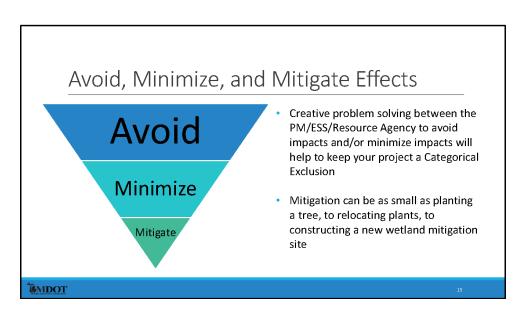
#### **NEPA Classes of Action**

- Class I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
  - Known significant environmental impacts
- Class II Categorical Exclusion (CE)
  - No significant environmental impacts
- Class III Environmental Assessment (EA)
  - Significant environmental impacts unclear

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There are three different classes of action under NEPA and vary by the degree of impact that the project will have on the environment. Class I actions include Environmental Impact Statements and are developed for those projects that will have known significant environmental impact. Class II actions include Categorical Exclusions which is the opposite end of the spectrum and will have no significant impacts. Class III are Environmental Assessments where the impacts are unknown. For the I-375 Improvement Project, the NEPA Class of Action is an Environmental Assessment.



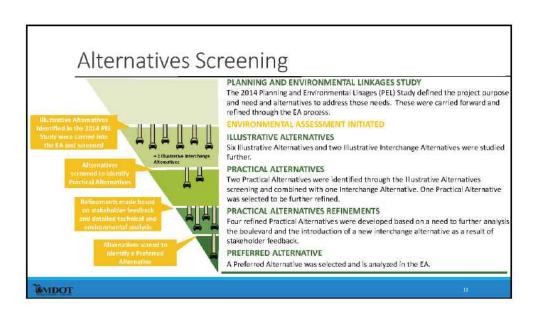
The NEPA process first tries to avoid any impacts and if they can't avoid the impact, then the process will try to minimize the impact to the best extent possible. For those impacts that can't be avoided or minimized, a mitigation measure will be developed to further avoid or minimize the impact.



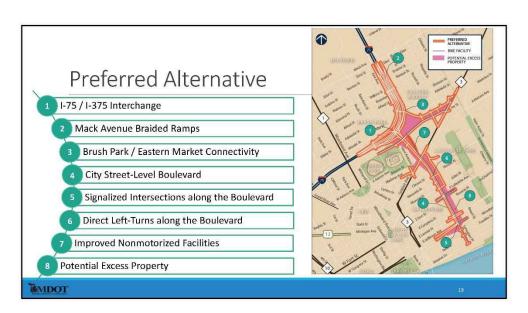
NEPA also requires coordination with other regulatory agencies, including those shown here. There are also other agencies that the Team has coordinated with throughout this project, including the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Detroit Department of Transportation, SMART, and others. In addition, a Technical Team includes representatives from FHWA, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and the City of Detroit.



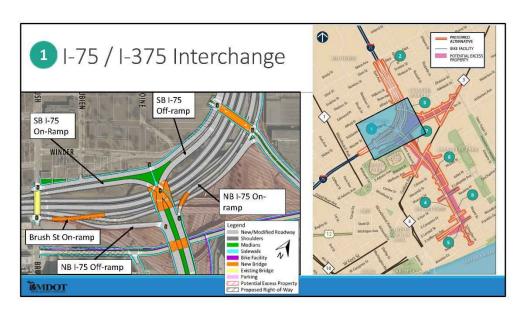
As indicated earlier, NEPA requires how impacts are avoided, minimized or mitigated. The list of mitigations and commitments are contained within the Environmental Assessment and called a "Green Sheet". This sheet identifies the mitigation measures and the follow-up that needs to occur so that there are no significant impacts to the environment due to the construction of the project.



Following on the previous slide, the 2014 PEL developed Six Illustrative Alternatives and Two Interchange Alternatives and were carried into the Environmental Assessment. In 2018 two Practical Alternatives were selected from the Illustrative Alternatives. Through continued Stakeholder Engagement, in early 2019 the two Practical Alternatives were refined to include four Practical Alternatives with the introduction of a second interchange alternative. In early 2020, a Preferred Alternative was selected from one of the four. The EA analyzes the Preferred Alternative and is presented next.



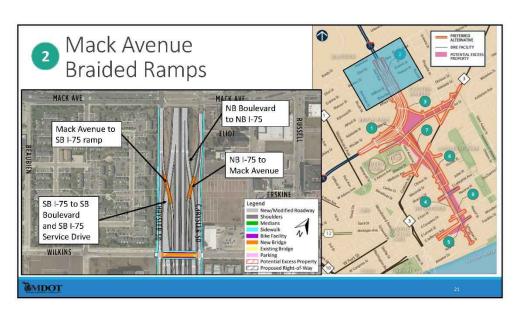
As shown in the Figure 3 of Brochure and this graphic, there are eight areas of the Preferred Alternative that we would like to highlight. This includes changes to the I-75/I-375 interchange, the additional of braided ramps at the Mack Avenue interchange, additional connectivity within the corridor, improved nonmotorized facilities, and potential excess property.



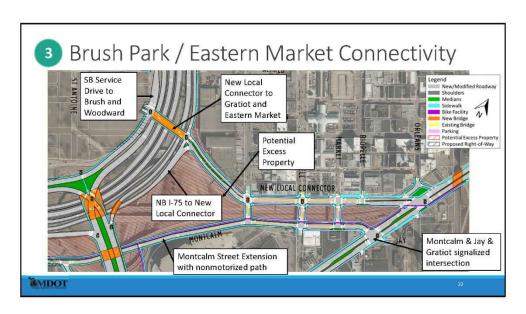
The first area to highlight is the I-75 and I-375 interchange. This is an urban—type interchange with right-handed on and off ramps that would provide access to Eastern Market, Gratiot Avenue, the new Boulevard, Brush Street and Mack Avenue. This would eliminate the need to exit the freeway to stay on I-75.

This is a unique interchange design due to the heavy traffic volumes going to and from the boulevard. The intersection in the middle has only two approaches, which allows traffic to enter southbound I-75 from the northbound boulevard and enter the southbound boulevard from southbound I-75. This type of intersection allows heavier traffic volumes, with longer green times for southbound in the morning and northbound in the evening. There are also pedestrian signals and non-motorized pathways to connect the neighborhoods north and south of the freeway.

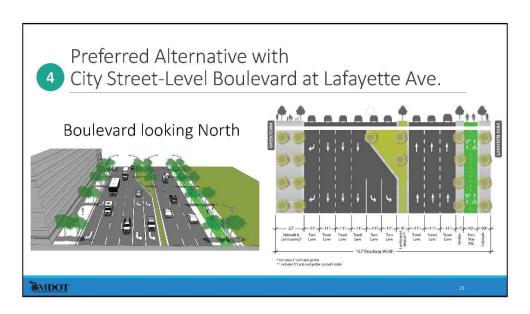
The SB I-75 off-ramp and the NB I-75 on-ramp at Brush Street reconnect the local service drives to the west of the interchange with I-75.



The Preferred Alternative would have braided ramps for the Mack Avenue interchange at I-75, meaning that the ramps would pass over other ramps to and from the boulevard using bridges to separate the roadways and ramp traffic. This eliminates the weaving and conflict points that exist today on I-75 and allows the news ramps to extend further to the north. This configuration is similar to the interchange at I-75 and Warren Avenue near I-94. Vehicles from the boulevard would not be able to exit to Mack Avenue and vehicles entering from Mack Avenue would not be able to exit to the boulevard. Instead, those vehicles will have to use local surface streets to make those movements.

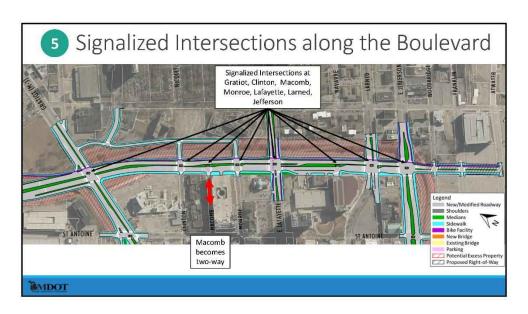


With the Preferred Alternative, there would be additional connectivity between Brush Park and Eastern Market with a new bridge along the New Local Connector. There would be additional street connections within Eastern Market and access to Brush Park from northbound and southbound I-75. Montcalm Street would also be extended from the Events Area to Eastern Market, providing additional connectivity from downtown. A cycle track would be implemented along the Montcalm Street extension to connect downtown to the Dequindre Cut Greenway. The intersection of Montcalm Street, Jay Street, and Gratiot Avenue would be signalized and add another point of connectivity between Eastern Market and the Lafayette Park areas.

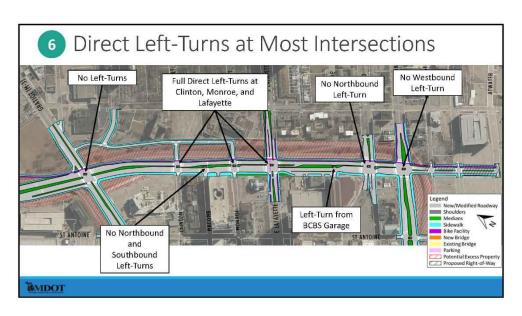


As shown in Figure 4 of the Brochure, a City Street-Level boulevard would begin south of the I-75/I-375 interchange and continue to the Detroit River. North of Jefferson Avenue, there would be three lanes in each direction along the boulevard. Three lanes are needed based on future year 2040 traffic volumes.

South of Jefferson Avenue, there would be two lanes in each direction. The median would separate the directions and there would be direct left-turn allowed at most signalized intersections. A separated cycle track would be located along the east side of the boulevard and extend from Atwater Street to the Montcalm Avenue extension. Sidewalks would be 10-feet on the east side and 22-feet on the west side of the boulevard in most places.



Signalized intersections would be located along the boulevard at Jefferson Avenue, Larned Street, Lafayette Avenue, Monroe Street, Clinton Street, Gratiot Avenue, and at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Garage. Macomb Street would become two-way. Due to the closely space intersections along the corridor and the amount of future year 2040 traffic volumes, some turns will need to be restricted which is covered on the next slide.

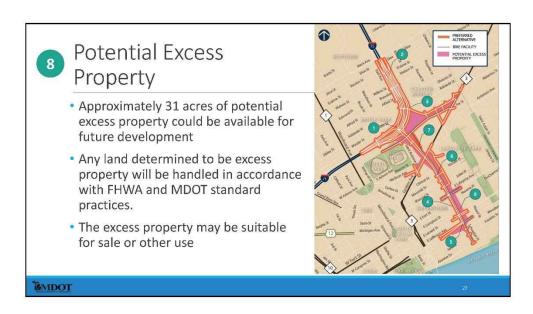


Direct left-turns would be allowed at most intersections along the boulevard. There are some exceptions, and this is to improve traffic flow along the boulevard. The locations where no left-turns are allowed include:

- · No left-turns allowed at Gratiot Avenue
- · No northbound and southbound left-turns allowed at Macomb Street
- · No northbound left-turn to the BCBS garage
- No northbound left-turn to Larned Street
- · No westbound left-turn from Jefferson Avenue to the boulevard



The Preferred Alternative would have improved non-motorized facilities, including a two-way cycle track connecting the Riverfront to the Montcalm Street extension. As shown in the interchange slide, the Montcalm Street extension included a two-way cycle track connection from Brush Street to the Dequindre Cut. There would be pedestrian count-down signals located at each intersection. No Turn On Red would be implemented for westbound approaches at the boulevard to improve the safety for the two-way cycle track along the east side of the boulevard. The existing Lafayette Avenue bike lanes would be connected across the boulevard.



The Preferred Alternative has the potential for approximately 31 acres of excess property that could be available for future development. Additional design is necessary, and the amount of potential excess property may change. Any land deemed to be excess will be handled in accordance with FHWA and MDOT standard practice. These areas are highlighted in pink shown in this graphic and also in Figure 3 of the brochure.



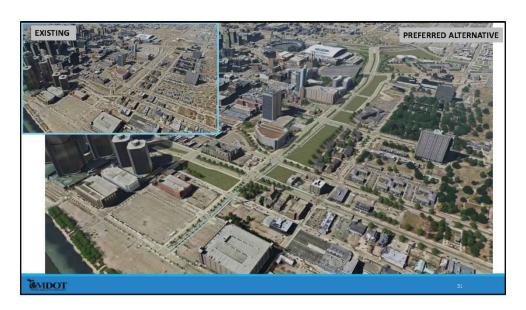
This is a photo of the current I-75 and I-375 interchange, looking north from Ford Field near Gratiot Avenue. Notice the Madison Avenue ramps located in the middle of I-375. Additionally, to continue on northbound and southbound I-75 through the interchange, drivers have to stay right and exit on a ramp.



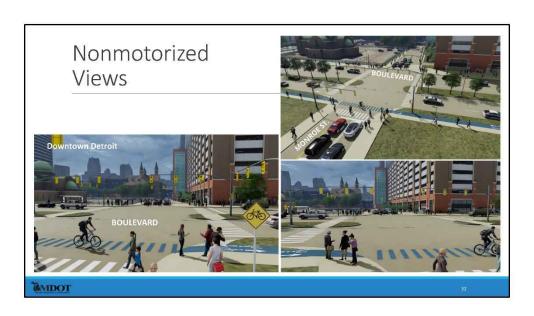
Located in the same location, this is a rendering of the Preferred Alternative of the I-75 and I-375 interchange. Notice the at-grade intersection of the Gratiot Avenue and the boulevard in the lower right and the boulevard continuing north to the interchange. In order to continue on I-75, drivers would stay to the left and would exit to the right to access the boulevard. I-75 would be below grade with retaining walls and the boulevard would be at-grade. Also notice the Montcalm Street extension from Brush Street on the left to Gratiot Avenue to the right.



This is a photo of the current I-375 looking north from the Detroit River and looking toward downtown. I-375 is below grade and has a curve to connect to Jefferson Avenue at the southern end.



Located in the same location, this is a rendering of the Preferred Alternative of the boulevard. The boulevard would be located along the west side of the alignment, which is closer to downtown Detroit. Potential excess property would be located along the east side of the boulevard. This would provide a buffer between the central business district and Lafayette Park. The curve from/to I-375 to/from Jefferson Avenue would be changed to an at-grade intersection and allow direct left-turns. The boulevard would also connect to Atwater Street in the south, providing connectivity to and from parking for the Renaissance Center as well as better non-motorized connections and access to the recreational uses along the riverfront.



These are renderings of the Preferred Alternative at the intersection of the boulevard at Monroe Street. All these views are looking to downtown Detroit from the east side of the boulevard. Notice the two-way cycle track on the east side of the boulevard. Sidewalk widths would be 10-feet on the east side and 22-feet on the west side. There would be pedestrian refuge islands located in the median of the boulevard, allowing pedestrians to wait for a signal to change. There will be pedestrian countdown signals for all signalized intersections. Again, there would be no turn on red for westbound approaches at the boulevard to improve safety for the cycle track.

### **Environmental Assessment**

- Available at <u>www.Michigan.gov/I375Study</u>
- Due to public health guidelines, public copies are not accessible.
   Electronic or paper copies can be made available by contacting
   Monica Monsma at (517) 335-4381 or MonsmaM@Michigan.gov



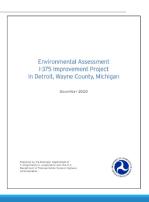
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Normally, our local libraries and MDOT office would host hard copies of the environmental documents for your review. However, the COVID-19 pandemic prevents this from happening. To stay safe and provide you the maximum opportunities to review the EA, we have provided a brochure to provide you a guide to the EA. The EA document is available on the project website, but we understand not everyone has access to the internet. We are here to assist you with full access to these document, including mailing you a copy. For more information on receiving an electronic or hard copy, please contact Monica Monsma at (517) 335-4381 or MonsmaM@Michigan.gov.

### **Environmental Assessment**

- Examined impacts to cultural, natural, social and economic resources
- Published in January 2021
- Public Hearing on January 28, 2021 at the Former UAW-GM Center for Human Resources at 200 Walker Street in Detroit from 4-8 PM
- Comments can be received until February 19, 2021



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The EA examines the impacts to cultural, natural, social and economic resources and was published in January of 2021. A virtual online event will be on January 27th and a federally required public hearing will be on January 28th at the Former UAW-GM Center for Human Resources at 200 Walker Street in Detroit from 4-8PM. Federal requirements indicates that the minimum public comment period for an EA is 30-days. However, due to the pandemic, MDOT and FHWA have increased the period to 45-days. Comments on the document can be made until February 19, 2021. Any comments made during the virtual online event will be included as a comment on the EA.

Summary of Environmental Effects				
Study Parameter	Effect	Mitigation		
Public Transportation	Providing infrastructure to support expanded transit service, improved bus stop placement, and improve east-west connectivity.	Temporary or permanent bus stop location and route detours will be coordinated with DDOT/SMART.		
Vehicular	Addition of more intersections. Benefit from reduced speeds at the boulevard and eliminating the Jefferson Avenue Curve.	Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized to reduce speeds, such as traffic calming measures.		
Non-Motorized	Addition of marked pedestrian crossings, two-way cycle track and new connections to the riverfront and east-west. Increased number of conflict points with vehicles	BMPs for non-motorized design will be utilized to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, such as countdown signals, refuges islands, and protected left-turns.		
Parking	449 spaces removed	None		
Environmental Justice and Title VI	Not disproportionately high or adverse	None		
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These next three slides summarize the environmental effects of the Preferred Alternative. Some highlights from this slide, there will be some additional travel time for vehicles for some routes and will be covered in a later slides. There is an expected increase in the number of crashes within the study area due to the conversion of a freeway to a surface street boulevard. Speeds will be reduced along the boulevard which is expected to calm traffic and reduce the severity of crashes. Crashes are expected to decrease along the freeway due to the change of the I-75 and I-375 interchange and elimination of dangerous curves. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing times with the boulevard will be longer than the existing conditions, ranging from one minute, 31 seconds to three minutes, 57 seconds.

Approximately 449 parking spaces would be removed with the Preferred Alternative, the majority would be located northbound I-375 service drive near Lafayette Park, northbound I-75 service drive near Eastern Market, and the surface parking lots in the southern end of the corridor near the Detroit River.

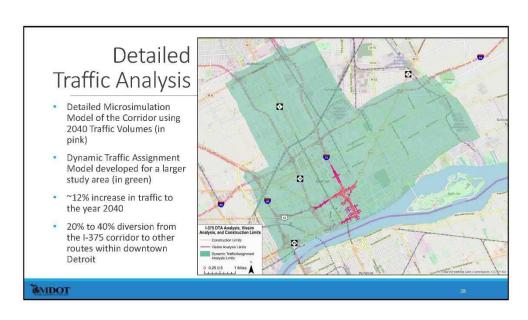
Summary of Environmental Effects				
Study Parameter	Effect	Mitigation		
Right-of-Way	3.2 acres of Fee Simple Acquisition 0.9 acres of Temporary Easement	The purchase of property will be conducted in accordance with state and federal laws. All temporary grading easement areas will be returned to existing condition or better.		
Historic Resources	No adverse effect	MDOT will maintain access to historic properties and conduct monitoring where necessary during construction.		
Air Quality	None	None		
Noise	27 Impacted Noise Receptors	There is no feasible way to build a noise wall that provides enough benefit for the receptors.		
Contaminated Properties	Potentially 12	MDOT will complete additional site investigation for sites within the Project footprint during final design.		
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The Preferred Alternative would need approximately 3.2 acres of permanent right-of-way spread across numerous parcels, including the land needed to extend Montcalm Street from Brush Street to Gratiot Avenue, extend the boulevard to Atwater Street, and to accommodate the interchange design. The construction of the Preferred Alternative would require 0.9 acres of temporary easement. A noise analysis was conducted and found that none of the future noise levels would substantially exceed existing noise levels. 27 impacted receptors were identified, and analysis found no feasible way to build a noise wall that would provide enough benefit for the receptors.

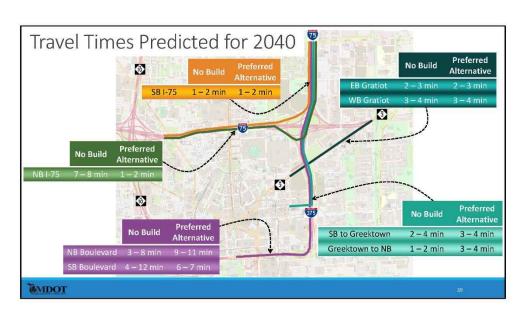
A preliminary analysis found that there may be potentially 12 contaminated properties. Additional site investigation will be conducted, and the sites will be identified with mitigation prior to construction.

Summary of Environmental Effects				
Study Parameter	Effect	Mitigation		
Section 4(f)	Temporary impacts to Dequindre Cut Greenway and Riverwalk/Iron Belle Trail. Temporary impacts to Holy Family and Mrs. Solomon Sibley House.	Access will be maintained during construction and when construction has been completed, the properties will be returned to existing condition or better.		
Natural Resources	None	The existing natural and ornamental vegetative cover including trees, will be preserved and replaced where possible.		
Water Resources	Design in impervious surfaces to 80.8 acres, 9% less than existing	Project will protect water quality and will minimize overall impact on aquatic resources.		
Short-term Construction	Temporary impacts to traffic, soil erosion, sedimentation control, construction air quality/noise/vibration.	MDOT will follow MDOT Standard Specifications for Construction for mitigation.		
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The Preferred Alternative would have temporary impacts to the Dequindre Cut Greenway and the Riverwalk/Iron Belle Trail during construction. In addition, there may be temporary impacts to the Holy Family Church and the Mrs. Solomon Sibley House. Access will be maintained during construction and the properties will be returned to existing condition or better. The design for the Preferred Alternative would decrease the amount of impervious area by 9%, reducing the amount of stormwater runoff overall. Additionally, a new stormwater system will be constructed to separate water and sewer and the team will be looking at more best practices during design. There will be temporary impacts to traffic and air quality/noise during construction. Additional meetings will be held maintenance of traffic at the conclusion of the environmental process.



A detailed microsimulation traffic analysis was developed for the immediate I-375 corridor which is highlighted in pink in the graphic. This included a morning and even peak periods on a typical weekday. A dynamic traffic assignment (or DTA) model was developed for the larger study area and shown in green. This innovative model was developed to determine the amount of diversion that would be expected with a conversion of I-375 from a freeway to a boulevard. There was approximately a 12% growth in traffic from today to the year 2040. The DTA model estimated that between 20 to 40% of traffic would be diverted off of I-375 and utilize other routes to either enter or leave downtown Detroit. This information was input into the detailed microsimulation model to determine the amount of expected congestion along I-375. It was found that three lanes would still be needed in each direction between I-75 and Jefferson Avenue. Even with three lanes in each direction, there is still expected to be some delay in travel times along the corridor. Additional special event analysis will be conducted during design to further optimize intersection operations around the Event Area.



On average, the Preferred Alternative has the potential for a two- to seven-minute delay along the boulevard with the conversion of I-375 to a surface street. The largest increase is expected from Jefferson Avenue to northbound I-75, specifically during the AM peak hour. This would be increased from 3.4 minutes to 10.7 minutes in the AM peak hour, which is an increase about 7 minutes. There are other routes that are available and could be used which would decrease travel time, such as M-10. Most of the other travel times would increase by one or two minutes. Travel times would improve significantly along northbound I-75 due to the removal of the curve and the weaving.

# How do I get from here to there?

- Updated I-75 / I-375 interchange design allows more access to Eastern Market and Brush Park
- Montcalm Street Extension allows more connectivity from Events Area and Eastern Market

area for both motorized vehicles and non-motorized.

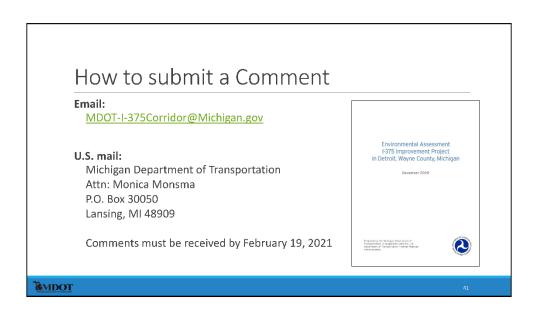
 Boulevard provides better access between north and south and between east and west



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We hear a lot of questions on how will I get to my home, or a business, or an entertainment venue with the Preferred Alternative. The new design of the I-75/I-375 interchanges allows better access to Eastern Market, Brush Park, as well as to Ford Field, Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena and the I-75 service drives. The Montcalm Street extension provides additional connectivity between the Events Area near Comerica Park and Ford Field and the Eastern Market area, which is beneficial during large events at Ford Field. The new boulevard with direct left-turns at the intersections allows better connectivity between downtown Detroit and Lafayette Park, and between Brush Park and

the Detroit River. This additional connectivity allows more options to traverse the study



Comments on the EA must be received by February 19 and can be submitted via email at <a href="MDOT-I-375Corridor@Michigan.gov">MDOT-I-375Corridor@Michigan.gov</a> or via mail at the address shown on the slide or within the brochure. Comments can also be submitted at the online event or at the Public Hearing.

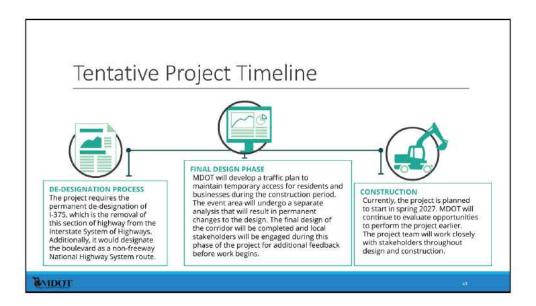
### Next Steps in Environmental Process

- Public Comment Period will end on February 19, 2021
- FHWA and MDOT will review and evaluate public comments received during the months of March and April 2021
- If no significant impacts are identified, FHWA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) which includes response to comments and a revised (errata) EA as appropriate
- It is expected the Environmental Process will be completed by the end of May 2021
- If FHWA identifies significant impacts, a FONSI will not be issued and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be conducted on the corridor



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FHWA and MDOT will review and respond to all comments received on the EA. If no significant impacts are identified, a FONSI will be issues with a revised EA with response to comments. The FONSI is expected to be published by May 2021. If FHWA identifies significant impacts along the corridor, an Environmental Impact Statement will need to be conducted and a FONSI will not be issued.



The conversion of I-375 from freeway to a surface street boulevard would require I-375 from the Interstate System of Highways. FHWA would need de-designate the freeway to a boulevard and include the section of roadway as a non-freeway on the National Highway System. I-375 would be renamed to M-375 through the construction process. Future public meetings will be held to discuss the naming of the boulevard and how to incorporate historic aspects along the corridor. The final design phase will begin after the FONSI and include stakeholder engagement on maintenance of traffic, as well as some refinements to the intersection operations in the event area. Construction is expected in 2027, however, MDOT will continue to evaluate opportunities to construct the project earlier.

## Thank you!

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In conclusion, the I-375 project team says, "Thank you!". We've asked you on many occasions to make the I-375 corridor better and you've shared your ideas and time along the way. We look forward to continuing to work with you as the project proceeds into design and construction. Please visit the project website at www.Michigan.gov/i375study for more project information and to keep updated on the project.

### 3.6 Narrated and Closed Caption Presentation

https://youtu.be/xCH-Zw 8HE

3.7 Simulation Video

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# I-375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

View the Preferred Alternative design and the Environmental Assessment (EA) document at <a href="https://www.Michigan.gov/1375Study">www.Michigan.gov/1375Study</a>. The EA was developed to assist in determining the significance of the impact the I-375 Improvement Project will have on the area. The following FAQs will help you understand key aspects of the project that may be of interest to you.

#### What is an EA and why is it needed?

Why do we need your participation?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to prepare an EA when the impacts of a transportation project are uncertain. An EA determines the significance of impacts and the appropriate environmental document to be prepared.

needs of all residents, businesses, and commuters, we need your feedback on the Preferred Alternative to ensure that it serves the community as a whole.

To ensure the I-375 Improvement Project serves the

### How will businesses be accessed during work?

Access will be maintained during work. Staging will be addressed during the design phase. MDOT will develop a detailed traffic management plan that will outline how the project will be built and how traffic will be managed during work, including detour routes for any closures. To the greatest extent possible, access to the service drives and adjacent properties will be maintained throughout work, with limited short-term closures as needed to rebuild private driveways.

### Will there be increased air pollution?

There are no anticipated impacts to air quality. The air quality analysis found that the project is not one of air quality concern and that it meets state and federal regulations.

### When will work begin?

It is anticipated construction of the project will begin in 2027. However, MDOT will continue to evaluate opportunities to begin the project sooner.

### What will MDOT build?

The Preferred Alternative incorporates changes to the existing I-375 freeway, I-75/I-375 Interchange, Gratiot Avenue Connector, and service drives. In place of I-375, a six-lane boulevard would be constructed at the current city street level from I-75 to Jefferson Avenue, and transition to a four-lane boulevard from Jefferson Avenue to Atwater Street. The existing I-75/I-375 Interchange would be rebuilt with a smaller footprint and enhanced connectivity.

#### What are the non-motorized improvements?

The Preferred Alternative would have improved non-motorized facilities, including a two-way cycle track connecting the Riverfront to the Montcalm Street extension. The Montcalm Street extension includes a two-way cycle track connection from Brush Street to the Dequindre Cut. There would be pedestrian count-down signals located at each intersection. No Turn On Red would be implemented for westbound approaches at the boulevard to improve the safety for the two-way cycle track along the east side of the boulevard. The existing Lafayette Avenue bike lanes would be connected across the boulevard.

### What will happen with the potential excess property?

The Preferred Alternative's surface streets and the I-75/I-375 Interchange require less physical space than the existing freeway. This results in potential excess property. In accordance with MDOT's Real Estate Procedures Manual, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval will be required for any potential release of property which was originally secured for I-375. Due to the significant change in highway orientation and operation proposed by this Project, a post-construction engineering and operations review will be performed to determine next steps. The additional acreage may be available for development. MDOT would maintain it as green space until future land use has been determined.

# If land east of the boulevard will be used for future development, why not have parking lanes on that side?

The project does not include parking lanes on the east side of the boulevard to ensure that adequate width of the potential excess property remains for future development. The land use will be further studied during the project design and will consider parking needs, including potential for on-street parking.

### What is the reason for the number of travel lanes?

The number of lanes are needed to support traffic volumes anticipated along the boulevard. A city street-level boulevard would begin south of the I-75/I-375 Interchange and continue to the Detroit River. North of Jefferson Avenue, there would be three lanes in each direction along the boulevard. Three lanes are needed based on future year 2040 traffic volumes and included a 20% to 40% diversion to other routes in the study area. South of Jefferson Avenue, there would be two lanes in each direction. The median would separate the directions and there would be direct left-turn allowed at most signalized intersections. A separated cycle track would be located along the east side of the boulevard and extend from Atwater Street to the Montcalm Avenue extension.

### Will there be changes to available parking?

Due to adjustments for safety and operations, the Preferred Alternative impacts on-street parking as well as private parking lots within the Project area, including the Eastern Market area. The Preferred Alternative will create new access between the Event Area (stadiums and theater district) and Eastern Market, opening up additional parking opportunities. The new connection at Montcalm Street includes sidewalks and a cycle track that would allow visitors to park and then use the non-motorized facilities to reach their destination.

### What are next steps for the project?

If the FHWA determines that the proposed action does not result in significant impacts, then FHWA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). MDOT will then begin the design of the project and then ultimately move into construction.

### How is MDOT planning on keeping vehicle speeds at posted limits?

The posted speed limit for the boulevard will be 35 miles per hour. Best Management Practices (BPMs) will be used in the high speed to low speed transition area to improve safety. A series of signals to slow down prior to the boulevard will help reduce speeds. Other potential measures also include creating a gateway appearance prior to the transition and utilizing traffic calming measures to increase driver awareness of the speed change.

#### Will noise increase?

Changes in the noise levels under the Preferred Alternative would range from -6.2 to 5.3 decibels compared to existing conditions. Therefore, none of the predicted future noise levels would substantially exceed existing noise levels. Along I-375, noise levels generally slightly increase on the west side and slightly decrease on the east side. Two noise barriers were evaluated along the I-75 freeway, but were either not acoustically feasible (did not achieve a significant enough noise reduction) or reasonable (cost exceeds allowable cost per benefited receptor). Noise may increase during construction. Construction noise will be minimized by measures such as requiring that construction equipment have mufflers, that portable compressors meet federal noise level standards for that equipment, and that all portable equipment be placed away from or shielded from sensitive noise receptors if at all possible. All local noise ordinances will be adhered to.

What are the pros and cons of East Grand Boulevard to Belle Isle Park being converted from traffic under Jefferson Avenue to traffic at grade level?

This intersection is outside of the project study area and was not studied as a part of this project.

Will there be dedicated bus lanes, a streetcar extension, or sheltered bus stops located on the proposed boulevard?

This project does not include dedicated bus lanes, extensions of the streetcar, or changes to bus shelters. The Preferred Alternative includes new at-grade local street crossings that will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit services, wider sidewalks and cycle track facilities, which improve access for SMART and DDOT riders. In addition, the Preferred Alternative provides the infrastructure to support expanded transit service to the riverfront, enhanced routing along East Jefferson Avenue, improved bus stop placement, and new routes with more direct east-west connections and access to the Central Business District. The boulevard cross section does not preclude re-dedicating lanes for transit in the future which could be identified in future studies.

#### Why can't Chrysler Drive be removed?

Chrysler Drive will provide driveway access to the adjacent parcels. A portion of the northbound service drive alignment from Gratiot Avenue south to Clinton is kept in the Preferred Alternative. This would serve two-way traffic. Replacing this segment of Chrysler Drive allows for the removal of potential driveway connections to the boulevard. Removing driveway connections to the boulevard will help improve traffic flow and safety on the boulevard.

How will the Preferred Alternative impact the residents using Chrysler Service Drive, like the driveway for Jean Rivard at Larned?

The Jean Rivard Apartments access along the service drives will be permanently removed. The project will incorporate appropriate access along Larned Avenue and Lafayette Avenue that provides similar, but slightly more indirect access.

### What is MDOT's plan to deal with special event traffic?

Additional analysis will be performed during design to refine intersection operations related to event traffic. This includes the project limits along the new boulevard from Clinton Street north to I-75 and the Gratiot Avenue/Madison Avenue/St Antoine intersection to the west. Meetings will be held with the Detroit Police Department and event venues to develop a Special Event Traffic Management Plan for events large and small. With the Preferred Alternative, special event traffic would have new ways to enter and exit the area, including the southbound I-75 service drive exit, Brush on-ramp, gated access to the northbound boulevard for large event egress at the Ford Field garage, and the Montcalm extension. Special event traffic will be considered during construction and development of the traffic management plan.

### Will there be roundabouts installed to improve traffic flow and prioritize non-motorized users?

Different intersection types were considered early on in the planning phase. The challenge with roundabouts is the amount of space that they use. The project uses traditional intersections to work with the existing city grid as much as possible by providing more connections for the traffic to flow in and out of the central business district and the residential areas to the east. Roundabouts are also more challenging for non-motorized users in urban environments. Vehicles in roundabouts never come to a complete stop and pedestrians must rely on timing gaps between traffic to cross.



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### How will drivers access I-75 from Madison Avenue going east?

Eastbound Madison vehicles would take Brush north to the new Brush on-ramp at the service drive to access northbound I-75. To access I-75 using the new boulevard, vehicles would take Brush or Beaubien south to Clinton. Vehicles would turn left onto Clinton, then turn left onto the new boulevard to access northbound and southbound I-75. Additional event traffic analysis and intersection operations refinement will occur during design to optimize traffic movements in the Events area and Theatre District. This includes optimizing intersection operations to provide a stronger connection between Madison Avenue and the new boulevard.

### How will the project memorialize Black Bottom and Paradise Valley?

During the design phase, the project team will explore opportunities and engage with stakeholders and the public on how to recognize the historical significance and contributions of the Black Bottom and Paradise Valley communities which were displaced in conjunction with the original I-375 construction.

#### Can comments still be submitted?

All comments received by February 19, 2021 will be included in the official record.

#### Submit a comment via e-mail:

MDOT-I-375Corridor@Michigan.gov

#### Submit a comment via U.S. mail:

Attn: Monica Monsma, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909



### 3.9 Public Hearing Plan

### I-375 Public Hearing Plan

The I-375 Improvement Project public hearing for the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with guidance provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Current NEPA protocols require a public hearing be held during the EA process. Presently, Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) is not considered a replacement for traditional in-person public hearings. However, VPI can be used to supplement in-person meetings. As such, other forms of public involvement are being considered to determine the safest and most efficient way to conduct a public hearing.

#### 1. Considerations

Residents, businesses, commuters and stakeholders in the study area each have unique interests and participation capabilities. Identifying these qualities to maximize engagement from stakeholders who may be impacted by the project is important to the success of the public hearing. The in-person hearing will apply NEPA and social distancing requirements.

MDOT will ensure that Environmental Justice (EJ), Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) populations have access to fair treatment and meaningful participation through the following measures:

- Advertisements for the public hearing will include language on how to request accommodations, such as large print, interpreters, etc.
- Virtual events will include closed captioning during the live stream.
- People will be able to attend remotely through call-in features to any virtual meeting, regardless of access to the internet.
- The in-person public hearing will follow public health guidelines for group gatherings.
  - Due to the unpredictable nature of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MDOT will plan for the most stringent requirements to keep the public and staff safe.
  - Staff will continue to monitor the Governor's Executive Orders pertaining to crowd size. Once a location has been selected, anticipated crowd size and venue setting may require additional measures to properly adhere to state mandates, which may include pre-registration and appointment-based attendance at the inperson meeting.
  - Staff will also adhere to current City of Detroit and Wayne County Public Health practices for public interactions.
- An in-person venue will be accessible via public transportation and will be ADA
  accessible.
- All invitations and announcements will include details about the in-person public hearing, including virtual and audio outreach opportunities. They will also describe that the inperson hearing's first hour, from 4-5 pm, will be reserved for high risk individuals.

### 2. Public Hearing Option, Including Virtual and Audio Opportunities

A multifaceted approach that combines the in-person hearing, with virtual and audio opportunities is proposed to safely reach all project stakeholders.

Advertisement of the public hearing, including the virtual and telephone Town Hall opportunities will begin eight weeks in advance with a targeted mailing campaign to residents, businesses,

places of worship and community organizations within a half mile of the project area. The mailer advertisement will contain the following information:

- · Public Hearing Information
- · Repository Information
- Project Updates
- Project Timeline
- Map of Preferred Alternative
- Frequently Asked Questions

At four weeks out, MDOT will publish the public hearing schedule on their website. Two weeks ahead of the public hearing, MDOT will make their official announcement in the form of a press release and a media advisory. The statement will include the dates, times, and instructions on where and how to register in advance of the first meeting. Instructions on how to participate in advance of the public hearing will include pre-registration details, safety precautions and how to access information. Legal notice for the public hearing will be published one week prior to the public hearing. The in-person public hearing, along with the virtual and audio opportunities will be advertised using the same process. A full schedule for the public hearing process can be found in Appendix A.

All advertisements will state:

With advance notice of seven days, accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities and/or limited English-speaking ability, and persons needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print. Please call us at 517-373-9534.

### 2.1 In-Person Public Hearing

An in-person meeting will follow strict public health guidelines. Ideally, if the meeting takes place during a warmer season, an outdoor space can be used, like Eastern Market. These venues provide options for adequate ventilation and social distancing measures. Other locations that may be appropriate are schools or community centers where multiple rooms can be set up in a manner that people can participate in smaller socially distant groups. The face-to-face hearing may require participants reserve a time in advance in order to limit crowd size. A special time, between 4-5pm, or area will be reserved to allow at-risk populations, such as the elderly and immunocompromised, to attend. MDOT can also offer reservations for at-risk populations. MDOT will encourage pre-registration for the event to estimate the number of attendees. The final accommodations will need to be determined once the venue is selected.

There will be ongoing contact with Wayne County Public Health officials leading up to the inperson public hearing to ensure compliance with the latest health ordnances.

### 2.1.1 In-Person Public Hearing Protocol

Current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for events and gatherings recommends individuals remain at least six feet apart, wear a cloth face mask and increase circulation of

outdoor air as much as possible<sup>1</sup>. Staff will ensure adherence to these guidelines throughout the public hearing using procedures discussed here.

- Project staff will arrive at 2 pm to prepare the venue and ensure accordance with local health policies. There is potential to use both indoor and outdoor space to set up the project meeting.
  - At every entrance and other high contact areas a sanitizing station will be set up.
  - Registration Tables with project sign-in and Title VI sign-in will have a plexiglass divider set up separating staff and participants and will be spaced at least six feet apart. Floor markings will be placed at six-foot intervals while people sign-in.
    - Sign-in station staff will ensure that anyone entering the venue is wearing a mask and if the attendee is not, one will be provided. Temperature checks may be required at sign-in as well.
    - All participants will be required to wear a mask at all times throughout the public hearing. Any individuals that refuse will be directed to provide their comment by email to MDOT-I-375Corridor@michigan.gov.
    - Each participant will be given a pen at sign-in, which they will be informed
      to keep or dispose of, in order to eliminate spreading the virus through
      repeated public use.
    - A project brochure and any supplementary materials will be handed out at sign-in.
  - MDOT will supply signage to instruct participants on proper safety precautions of the event. Signs will be posted at all entrances and throughout the venue.
     Sample signage can be found in Appendix B. Topics will include the following:
    - All participates must have a mask to attend.
    - Participants should remain at least six feet away from other attendees and staff.
    - Proper use of hand sanitizer and hand washing.
  - A large screen and audio-visual equipment, including microphones and speakers, will be set up to accommodate the added space required for appropriate social distancing.
  - A microphone can be provided to each speaker, or a microphone on a stand can be used by speakers. If the microphone is reused for speakers a staff member, in proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), will be available to sanitize between uses
- At 4 pm, high-risk individuals will be allowed to enter the venue to review materials and
  exhibits and speak with staff before the general public arrives. High-risk individuals
  interested in participating in the early admission to the public hearing will self-identify as
  such.
- At 5 pm, the meeting will convene with an opportunity for attendees to review project exhibits and materials. Staff will circulate throughout the meeting space to answer questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Considerations for Events and Gatherings. (n.d.). Retrieved July 31, 2020, from https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html

- Any exhibits will be set up no less than six feet apart. Each exhibit will have floor markings in front to discourage attendees from standing close to one another.
- Exhibits will be spread throughout the room in a manner that encourages oneway movement from one to the next, with floor markings to provide direction.
- If a roll plot is required, a table will be roped off so that only two people are able to view at a time. A staff member will monitor the station to ensure only two people are in the viewing area and that they remain six feet apart at all times.
- A separate comment table will be set up with space for attendees to write out comments using their pen provided during sign-in. Spaces will be spread six feet apart and supervised by two staff members. After each comment is submitted the space will be wiped down and sanitized before the next commenter.
- A 30-minute presentation will start at 5:30 pm to discuss the project.
  - Seating will be spaced at least six feet apart.
  - Time for questions will be provided after the presentation but prior to official testimony.
- Following the presentation, the public hearing will officially begin. Individuals will each be given three minutes to provide comment.
  - o Attendees will give testimony at a stationary microphone stand.
  - Speakers will fill out a comment form and their name will be called when it is their turn to approach the microphone.
  - o The microphone will be sanitized between speakers.
  - o A court reporter will be present to record all comments.
  - After the public comments, an option for private testimony to the court reporter will also be provided. The testimony space will accommodate a six-foot buffer between the reporter and commenter.
- The presentation and public hearing will repeat at 7 pm to allow more opportunities for the public to participate and to space out attendance.
- At 8 pm, the meeting will adjourn and MDOT will announce additional ways to provide comments and review the environmental document.
- Upon conclusion of the public hearing, staff will disinfect surfaces and break down stations.

### 2.1.2 Public Safety Supplies

Due to the added health concerns for this public hearing, extra precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved. The following materials will be required in addition to standard public hearing supplies.

- Alcohol based hand sanitizer and dispenser
- · Face coverings (for attendees and staff)
- Gloves
- Literature holders
- Surface disinfectant that meets the Environmental Protection Agency's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2
- · Pens for individual use
- Measuring tape
- Masking tape for floor markings
- Signs

- CDC recommendation poster
- Social distance signs
- Face covering requirements
- · Plexiglass dividers (as needed)
- Infrared thermometer (as needed)

#### 2.2 Public Hearing with VPI Strategies

The virtual outreach component of the in-person public hearing will take place one day prior to the hearing. MDOT is looking at several options for the virtual outreach component of the public hearing. It could be held using a telephone Town Hall or using a tool such as Microsoft Teams Meeting.

A mailer will be sent eight weeks in advance to announce the EA repository location and this will include a map for reference that can be used as a visual aide for individuals that do not have internet access to follow along, see Appendix C for an example.

### 2.2.1 Telephone Town Hall Outreach for Public Hearing

Participants will be encouraged to pre-register for the event. A telephone Town Hall will be scheduled to last two hours. With this service, landline phone numbers from the study area are sent automated calls inviting the recipient to a live Town Hall session. The public will also have the opportunity to call a dedicated number to access the telephone Town Hall. Once connected, prompts explain how to access the public hearing information by phone and allow the user to use the touchtone keypad to submit questions. Throughout the event closed captioning will be available for those with hearing impairments.

- In the week prior, meeting materials will be uploaded to the MDOT website for public review
- At 5 pm the meeting will convene with MDOT providing introductions and an explanation of how the telephone Town Hall outreach will proceed.
- A Title VI survey can be provided in the chat functionality with a reminder at the beginning and end to complete the survey.
- The Project team will provide an oral overview of the project that will last for 30 minutes.
- Time for questions will be announced and provided after the presentation, but prior to official testimony.
- Following any questions, the public will be able to make their own official statements for the record regarding the project. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes for each person and time will be kept by a dedicated staff member.
  - o All statements will be recorded and be transcribed into written form.
- At 7 pm the public hearing telephone Town Hall outreach will adjourn and MDOT will announce the time frame to provide further written comments.

#### 2.2.2 Microsoft Teams Meeting

A second option for the virtual outreach opportunity is to use a tool such as Microsoft Teams. This meeting will be scheduled to last for up to two hours. The public can connect to the event using the internet or they will be able to call and listen in. Closed captioning will be available throughout this meeting including the questions and comment portions. Participants will be encouraged to pre-register for the event.

- In the week prior, meeting materials will be uploaded to the MDOT website for public review
- The meeting will convene at 5 pm with MDOT providing introductions and an explanation of how the virtual outreach will proceed.
- A Title VI survey will be available in the chat functionality with a reminder at the beginning and end to complete the survey.
- The Project team will present live on the project for 30 minutes using a PowerPoint presentation.
- Time for questions will be announced and provided after the presentation but prior to official testimony.
  - Participants can submit written questions in the chat feature to the presenter that staff will review and answer or they can be asked over the telephone.
- Following any questions, the public will be able to make their own official statements for the record regarding the project. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes for each person and time will be kept by a dedicated staff member.
  - All statements will be recorded and be transcribed into written form.
- At 7 pm the meeting will adjourn and MDOT will announce the time frame to submit any additional written comments.

### 3. Repository Alternatives

For the public hearing, along with the virtual opportunities, the 30-day comment period would be extended to 45 days to increase the amount of time recipients would have to provide comments.

Typically, in the NEPA process libraries and other public spaces act as a public repository for the NEPA document, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Detroit libraries and public spaces may be closed to visitors. While libraries may still be an option by reservation, other locations open to the public are being evaluated as well. Other government buildings, as well as private locations, within the project area will be contacted to determine their willingness to participate.

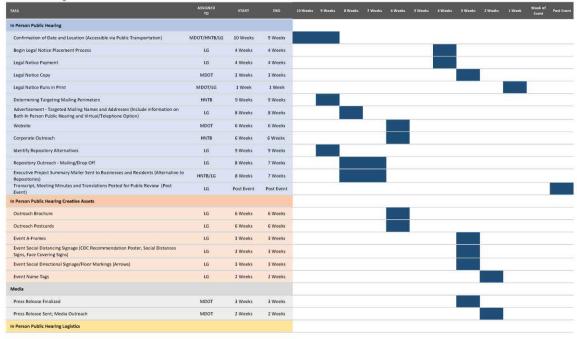
If no suitable location can be found, the following actions will be taken:

- An executive project summary mailer would be sent to all residents and businesses in the project study limits. The mailer would include description of the EA, information on how to obtain a hard copy of the material, the website address, and an invitation to attend the public hearing or virtual outreach opportunity. The mailer would also include instructions on how to receive translation services. The mailing campaign would be used to reach stakeholders who may not have access to the internet. The mailer will also act as a resource for people to follow along during the telephone Town Hall. Appendix C provides an example repository mailer for the I-94 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).
- The EA document would be posted on the project website and a corresponding email would be sent announcing any interested party of its location. The announcement email would also offer translation services upon request.

Transcripts from the public hearing, copies of the written comments and any necessary translations will be posted for public review on the MDOT website.

## **Appendix A: Public Hearing Schedule**

### I-375 Public Hearing



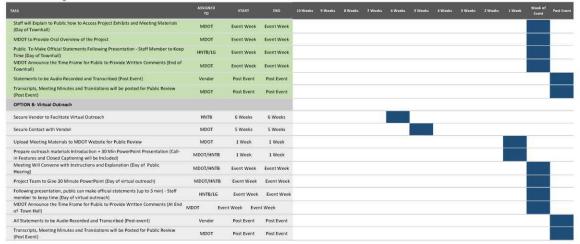
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## **Appendix B: Public Health Posters**



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## What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



## **Know about COVID-19**

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



### Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



## Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



### Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



## Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



## Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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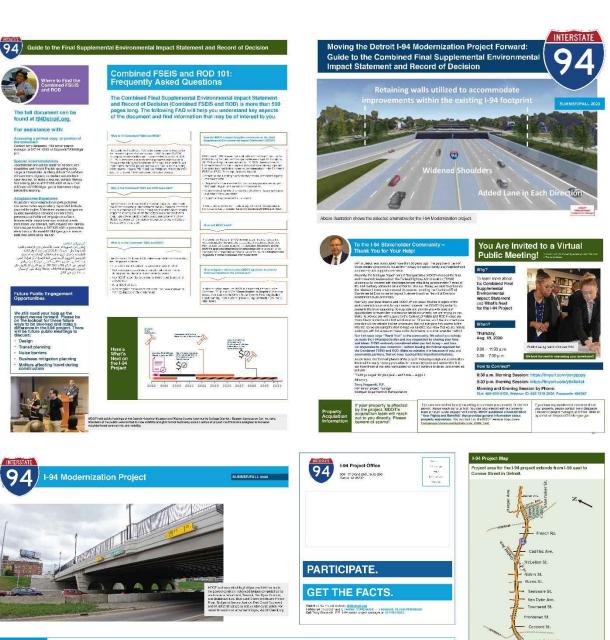
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## **Appendix C: Repository Mailer**





## 4 Attendance Records

## 4.1 Title VI Forms: Public Hearing

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Public Hearing: Thursday, January 28, 2021, 4 to 8 p.m., at 200 Walker St., Detroit, MI 48207

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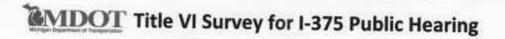
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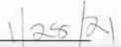
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Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?	YES	NO	
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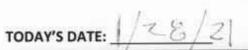
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## **MDOT Public Hearing COVID-19 SCREENING**

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION	CAREFULLY	ANSW	CIRCLE THE ER THAT S TO YOU
Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in t  fever or chills  cough shortness of breath or difficulty breathing fatigue muscle or body aches headache new loss of taste or smell sore throat congestion or runny nose nausea or yomiting diarrhea	the past 48 hours:	YES	NO
Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical cumulative total of 15 minutes) with:  Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirm OR  Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with C	ned COVID-197	YES	NO
Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have t COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID	peen exposed to a person with	YES	NO
Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 tes	st?	YES	NO
Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS?	Access to MDOT Public H security at the facility ent us protect you and other	rance. Thank y	ou for helping

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Did you answer YES to ANY QUESTION?

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Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical cumulative total of 15 minutes) with:  • Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirm OR  • Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with C	ned COVID-19?	YES	NO
Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have to COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID		YES	NO
Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 ter	st?	YES	NO
Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS?	Access to MDOT Public H security at the facility en us protect you and other	trance. Thank y	ou for helping
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Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 tes	it?	YES	NO
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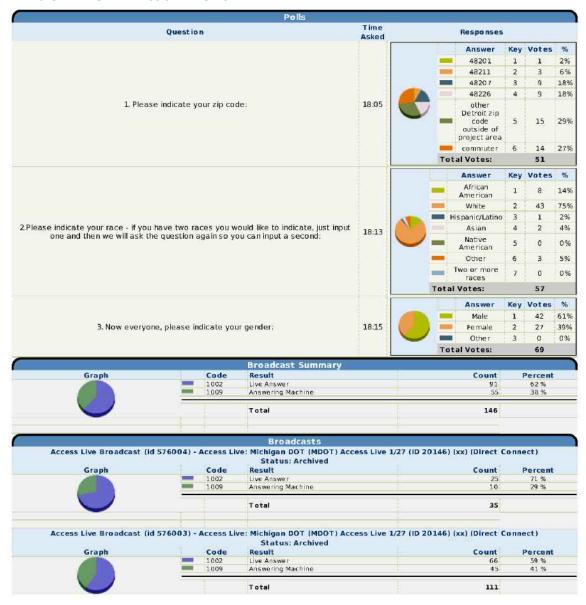
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Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 te	it?	YES	(NO)
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#### 4.4 Title VI Poll: Virtual Event



#### 4.5 Attendee Report: Virtual Event



The above numbers are skewed from inclusion of staff and duplicates who called in and joined online.

#### After extensive review, below is the breakdown of attendance:

97 online attendees + 33 online attendees that did not give name, but we have IP Address 39 call-in attendees

#### 169 attendees for the virtual event

(duplicates and staff were removed from these numbers)

Online A	Attendees
1.	Aaron Johnson
2.	Adam Cook
3.	Alex
4.	Alex Fields
5.	Amber
6.	Andrea Wilcox
7.	Andy Pickard
8.	Anthony
9.	Anton Schauerte
10.	Aram Kalousdian
11.	Ashley Dreyer
12.	Athina Papas
13.	Brad Wieferich
14.	Brandy Solak
15.	Breon Lewis
16.	Brian Peck
17.	Carol Morton
18.	Carole Wrubel
19.	Caryl Williams
20.	Charles Johnson

21.	Chaundra Trumpp
22.	Chinyere Neale
23.	Connie White
24.	Corey Leon
25.	Craig Yaldoo
26.	Dan Carmody
27.	Daniel
28.	Daniel Himes
29.	David Di Rita
30.	David I Tobar
31.	David Robert Webb
32.	Derek W Boice
33.	Ed Baldwin
34.	Edward Fowler
35.	Eric D. Lawrence
36.	Eric Polvi
37.	Evelyn Cooper
38.	Evelyn Goodwyn
39.	Gary Zundel
40.	Gerald D Conover
41.	Gregory Clark
42.	Gregory J. Perkowski, P.E.
43.	Hunter Harig
44.	Jack Wheatley
45.	Janet Attarian
46.	Jason Bailey
47.	Jessica
48.	JH
49.	Jimmy Mcbroom
50.	John Sivills
51.	Julia Schlau
52.	June West
53.	Jw Mitchell
54.	Kay Adefeso
55.	Ken Kucel
56.	Kimberly Webb
57.	Kristin Palm
58.	Lorraine Grinnell
59.	Margaret Barondess
60.	Margaret Ceifetz
61.	Mark B

62.	Mark de la Vergne
63.	MARY ARNONE
64.	Matt Binkowski
65.	Matt H.
66.	Megan Owens
67.	Melanie Markowicz, Greektown Neighborhood Partnership
68.	Michael Darga
69.	Michael Lamping
70.	Michael Shaya
71.	Michelle Andonian
72.	Mitchell Mantey
73.	Nathan Loree
74.	Ray Smith
75.	Raymond Prost
76.	Ria Screws
77.	Rob Davidek
78.	Rochel Rusan
79.	Royce A Gueringer
80.	Ruth Hepfer
81.	Ryan Reincke
82.	Ryan Southen
83.	Saima
84.	Sara Campbell
85.	Sharon Tevis Finch
86.	Sherman Puckett
87.	Stacie Percell
88.	Stan Reinke
89.	Suzanne Cleage
90.	Tai Tran
91.	Ted
92.	Timothy Boscarino
93.	Todd Wyett
94.	Valerie Strassberg
95.	Vince Keenan
96.	Vince Ranger
97.	WWJ
There w	ere 33 additional attendees that did not provide a name -

There were 33 additional attendees that did not provide a name – just an IP address from the attendee report.

Duplicates were removed.

### Highlighted blue if they also joined online - only counted once.

Phone Attendees
Inbound Caller: [Pamela Zonca]
Inbound Caller: [Mark Delavergne]
2. Theresa Tejada
Gerald Conover
Todd Wyett
Royce Gueringer
3. Rita Screws
4. Anthony Vanky
5. Jill Buterbaugh
6. Kumar Kintala
7. Sheryl Theriot
8. Marisa Varga
Corey Leon
9. David young
10. Todd Sheffer
Saima
11. Eric D. Lawrence
12. John Kruse
13. Inbound Caller: [Wa Cornerstone]
Julia Schlau
Michael Shaya
14. Jeff spakowski
Inbound Caller: [Johnson C.]
Anton Schauerte
Athina Papas
15. Danny Hines
Matt Binkowski
Michael Darga
MARY ARNONE
Brad Wieferich
Michael Lamping

Melanie Markowicz
Tai Tran
David Robert Webb
June West
Ken Kucel
Megan Owens
Vince Ranger
16. Inbound Caller: [Wireless Caller]
John Sivills
Jw Mitchell
17. Chris Casteel
18. Jeff Stover
Breon Lewis
Kimberly Webb
19. Aaron Mondry
20. Inbound Caller: [Ray Jackson]
21. Inbound Caller: [Wireless Caller]
22. May Red
23. Christina Lovio George
Alex Fields
24. Jeffrey Nolish
Ryan Southen
Inbound Caller: [Arnone Mary]
25. James Mcbroom
Craig Yaldoo
26. Inbound Caller: [Morton Carol]
27. Jackson Hurst
28. Inbound Caller: [Wireless Caller]
Chinyere Neale
Stacie Percell
Connie White
Aaron Johnson
Aram Kalousdian
Inbound Caller: [Craig Yaldoo]

29. Terry Coleman-Hannon
Michelle Andonian
Adam Cook
30. Inbound Caller: [Wireless Caller]
Ray Smith
Melanie Markowitz
31. Sharleta Paris
32. Wendy Caldwell-Liddell
Brandy Solak
33. Inbound Caller: [Ayers Geralyn]
34. Sara Campbell
35. Randy Nathaniel
Ruth Hepfer
David Di Rita -Detroit
Timothy Boscarino -Detroit
Eric Polvi
Janet Attarian
Ashley Dreyer
Carol Morton
Derek W Boice
36. Shellie Zamponi
Inbound Caller: [Evelyn Cooper]
Edward Baldwin
Edward Fowler
37. David Tobar
38. Connie Heavenridge
39. Nazeeh Oudeh
Greg Perkowski
Brian Peck
Lorraine Grinnell

Public Hearing and Virtual Event Comments have been moved to Appendix B of the FONSI.