

I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study

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Summary of Public
Information Meeting #3
March 2013



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Transportation

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Public Meeting Details

Date of Meeting:	March 27, 2013
Location:	Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway Canton, MI 48188
Time:	4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Purpose:	To provide a recap of the first and second public meetings, share new data that has been gathered, and unveil the Practical Alternatives for the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation Project. The meeting allowed for one-on-one interaction with Study Team members and an explanation of the study for the public through exhibits, a power point presentation, and video. Attendees were given an opportunity to provide feedback and public comments to Study Team members.
Total # of Meeting Attendees:	50 signed in

Communication

A notice for an upcoming meeting was posted in two of the Canton FOCUS monthly newsletters and is located at the end of this summary. At the time of printing the meeting date and time had not been determined and newsletter readers were encouraged to look for the meeting date and time using the following resources: call the Michigan Department Of Transportation (MDOT), Canton Community Television updates, Canton's Facebook page, Canton's Twitter page, and on Canton's website. As soon as the meeting date and time were determined a meeting notice about the purpose and location of the meeting was posted on the Michigan Department of Transportation website, and the Canton Township website on March 19, 2013. Representative Douglas Geiss also posted the meeting notice on his website on March 20, 2013. All of these meeting notices are included at the back of this summary.

A postcard with information about the purpose and location of the meeting was mailed to all businesses within the project study area and is included at the back of this summary.

Public Hearing Format

The Public Information Meeting was conducted using an open-house format. The meeting took place continuously from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with team members gathered to field questions and guide visitors through exhibits, a power point presentation, and a video.

Upon arrival, attendees were asked to sign the meeting register, given a project fact sheet and a comment form to fill out stating their name and contact information. Attendees were encouraged to fill out and submit the comment forms and/or speak to a Study Team member concerning any questions they had about the project and the Illustrative Alternatives presented. All of these documents are included at the back of this summary.

The public was given the opportunity to learn about the project history, data gathered to-date, view the Illustrative Alternatives shared at the second public information meeting, and the Practical Alternatives were unveiled through large exhibit boards and a traffic video. The displayed exhibits, power point slides, and video stills can be found at the back of this summary.

Exhibit Boards

Welcome

Project Purpose and Need

What We Heard

Crash History (2006 – 2011)

Road Safety Audit

Project Constraints

Illustrative Alternative 1 – Advanced

Illustrative Alternative 2 – Advanced

Illustrative Alternative 3 – Advanced

Illustrative Alternative 4 – Dismissed

Illustrative Alternative 5 – Dismissed

Practical Alternative 1: No-Build (map)

Practical Alternative 1: No-Build (description)

16' roll-plot of Practical Alternative 2: Operational Improvements

Practical Alternative 2: Operational Improvements (description)

16' roll-plot of Practical Alternative 3: Boulevard

Practical Alternative 3: Boulevard (description)

Other Potential Improvements

Practical Alternative Performance Measures

PowerPoint Presentation: I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study

Traffic Video

Comment Sheets

Attendees were asked to vote and comment on their favorite Practical Alternative and asked for additional comments relating to the Study.

Practical Alternative Voting

No-Build (0 total votes):

- Larry Lucas: Not good.

- Virginia Garner: This one is a non-starter. Something needs to be done!
- James McKeon: Add right turn lane to WB Ford Road at Haggerty so current lane goes to Lilley.
- Katherine Robinson: Not an option if more businesses grow.

Operational Improvements (2 total votes):

- Bartley Patterson: Improve conditions while keeping some function to the streetscape already in place
- Larry Lucas: No improvement.
- Katherine Robinson: Seem a short term fix.

Boulevard (13 total votes):

- Kathy LeFevre: This is, by far, the best option.
- Tom Gamache: This was proposed in 1976 by a group of homeowners; MDOT did two aerial survey of the proposed ROW. MDOT projected the timing to improved Ford Road (from two-lane) to be approx. 4-5 years. At that time only two businesses would have had to be relocated: The Rusty Rail bar and The Century 21 real estate office. Hope it goes through this time.
- Ryan Eggenberger: PLEASE!!
- John Kowalksi: Get trucks onto Haggerty as best possible. Get Haggerty Road access for rush hour traffic easier.
- Bartley Patterson: I feel the boulevard will hurt the business community during the time that this is being done.
- Frank Tintinalli: Provide street lights not sidewalk lights – so can see curb of boulevard.
- James Mastronardi: Best option given the existing building constraints
- Larry Lucas: This is the only one that will address the left turn problem.
- Paul LeFevre: I believe this will help with congestion and beautification. Let's start it!
- Tony Gullitti: Based on all the engineering analysis this is the best option. It looks like it will resolved many issues of traffic flow.
- Virginia Garner: This would help with flow of traffic and appears that it would make it safer.
- Matt Stacey: Seems to offer the best corridor progression.
- Katherine Robinson: Feel boulevards could be safer. Beautify the road. Create less congestion.

Other Comments:

- The additional improvements for Lotz and Haggerty truck route would also be welcome and be beneficial.
- 1st mistake – when Ford Road widen it was not made into boulevard. 2nd mistake – too costly to buy emanate domain property at intersections of Warren and/or Cherry Hill. 3rd mistake – not providing for Canton future expansion now instead of later. 4th mistake – “Get It Done” another year or so does not help.
- I believe there could be a hybrid of the alternatives. Find a way to relieve pressure from everyone getting off at Ford. Use Warren south to help eliminate traffic at Ford – use Cherry Hill to eliminate Ford. Don't have to have cloverleaf exists and entrance at each Warren & Cherry hill.

- Provide Cherry Hill access to I-275. Provide ramp access to Haggerty at IKEA from I-275 to go North and South elevate traffic at Ford Road. Cherry Hill road to be widened to Canton Center.
- The boulevard seems to be the best to fix the safety issues of crashes of Ford Road.
- All problems are left turners into or out of stores. A boulevard will stop 99% of accidents.
- Truck restrictions at Ford Road N or S of I-275 any over 3-axles. No trucks between 0700-2000. Trucks over 3 axles going west on Ford from M-16 (US 23) cannot continue west on Ford road from Canon Center Road to I-275 between 0700-2000. Do everything you can to eliminate left turns into or out of businesses. Ideally all drives on to Ford Road should be closed – only right turns out of businesses onto Ford Road. They need access created to businesses from the rear of the businesses at Haggerty, Lilley, Morton Taylor, and Sheldon. Canton Center roads access from north or south sides behind businesses. The way this area is growing my guess is you are 5-7 years away from doing it anyhow. No left turns onto Ford Road each direction. EVER. Must turn right onto Ford Road. Trucks can use Michigan Avenue and Joy Road during restricted hours – over three axles.
- Regarding Boulevard: Add another lane on eastbound Ford both before and after Haggerty. Before Haggerty allow traffic to go south on Haggerty and after the light so south on I-275. That would allow traffic going on I-275 north to stay in the next lane and continue onto I-275 north without shifting lanes. Also increase storage on westbound Ford before Haggerty, possibly eliminate the turnaround west of Haggerty to allow a full four lanes eastbound. That would ensure the storage clears for each light cycle. For construction work on I-275/Ford/Haggerty first that would allow or better detours during the remaining construction west of there. I talked with Brian Smith about this. Thank you again for holding this meeting!
- The backup and traffic every weekend is just getting worse and worse.
- How about adding a drive on the I-275 southbound exit ramp that would lead to Haggerty if traffic wants to travel north of Haggerty. This idea is one included with the 4th alternative that the state applied for a TIGER grant. It's an added expense to the 3rd alternative but would get some traffic off Ford Rd.
- Good work by Wilbur Smith Associates and MDOT on the options!
- Turning at present have to be very alert on Ford Road. People cut in front of you to cross to the other side – when they are coming out of the stores – like where turn lanes could be going either left/right.
- I welcome I-275/Cherry Hill Road interchange because it is much simpler than Ford Road expansions and possible ramp modifications. For a short term resolution at Ford/Haggerty intersection, I believe light timing and directions could be optimized for traffic jam there?! Longer passing time for Ford E/W than Haggerty N/S may relieve the traffic jam from I-275/Ford exits.
- I do not like the idea of a boulevard, esp. not extended all the way to Sheldon where left turns are really not that difficult. Operational improvements would be fine as would not doing anything in hopes that perhaps monies would be available in a subsequent year.
- I have been in favor of a boulevard for years, even before it became a consideration officially. It will be far more visually appealing. I have also noticed other major roads; i.e. Telegraph, Michigan Ave, etc. where boulevards have been built and have always noticed traffic moves along very well. I think it's a great idea and hope to see this as the Ford Road improvement.

- I would like to see Ford Road Eastbound be 3 lanes of through traffic from Lilly to Haggerty. Then add a fourth Eastbound lane on Eastbound Ford just before Haggerty. The third and fourth lanes should continue to the I-275 interchange. The fourth lane at Haggerty would allow for access to Haggerty (Southbound and turn around for Northbound Haggerty) and for entrance to I-275 Southbound. The third lane would allow for access to I-275 Northbound without lane shifting. Configuring the lanes like this would minimize lane shifting to get on to I-275. The additional third lane on Ford would allow I-275 and Haggerty traffic to queue, allowing for two full lanes of Eastbound through traffic. Currently Eastbound Ford traffic queues all the way west of Lilly on Saturday/Sunday afternoons, as well as the morning/evening commutes.

Comment sheets and written comments received at the Public Information Meeting are included in full at the back of this summary.

Project Articles

Canton FOCUS Newsletter – February 2013

Canton FOCUS Newsletter – March 2013

MDOT Meeting Notice – March 19, 2013

Canton Township Meeting Notice – March 19, 2013

Rep. Geiss Meeting Notice – March 20, 2013

The Detroit News Meeting Notice – March 22, 2013

Canton Observer/Hometown Life Article – March 28, 2013

Canton Township Website Article – April 3, 2013

Canton Observer/Hometown Life Article – April 14, 2013 (1)

Canton Observer/Hometown Life Article – April 14, 2013 (2)

(Full articles are attached.)

Public Meeting Photos



Attachments

Meeting Articles

Postcard

Sign-In Sheets

Fact Sheet

Blank Comment Form

Exhibits

Power Point Presentation

Traffic Video Stills

Completed Comment Sheets

Meeting Articles



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The calendar is not intended as a substitute for other notices. Please call 201-261-8800 for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VILLAGE THEATER

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Planning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 - Canton Board of Health Body Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 - Meeting for - Transportation Survey 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- 9 - Meeting for - Transportation Survey 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- 10 - Canton Board of Health Meeting 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- 11 - Canton Board of Health Meeting 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- 14 - Senior Hour 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 14 - Board Meeting for - Canton on the Rock 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 14 - Jointly Board of Appeals Meeting 7 p.m.
- 18 - Administrative Building Closed through 7 p.m.
- 18 - Job Training 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ 201-261-8800
- 18 - Town Meeting for Town of Canton 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- 18 - Administrative Building Closed - 7 p.m.
- 20 - Job Board at Canton Boarding 8 a.m.
- 20 - The Principals Film Institute Program 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 20 - Canton Board of Health Board Meeting 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE

- FEBRUARY 1-3, 8-10 - Footstep After Productions - Jan. 31 - 4:30 p.m. - \$5. The new play involves the strange disappearance of the woman in the company, leaving a mystery to be solved. The play has been highly acclaimed and has won many awards. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages.
- FEBRUARY 8-17 - Straight Platters - Monday Mystery Dinner Theater (20 seats) - \$25 per person. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages.
- FEBRUARY 15-17, 22-24 - Straight Platters - The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (20 seats) - \$25 per person. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages. The play is a comedy and is suitable for all ages.

Tickets and Information:

www.village-theater.org or call 201-261-8800

Concert favorite book opens at The Village Theater

Local author and musician Gregory A. Adams' new book "The Village Theater: A History of the Village Theater and the Village Theater" is now available at The Village Theater.

The book is a history of the Village Theater, from its founding in 1911 to the present. It is a comprehensive history of the theater, covering its history, its architecture, its programming, and its future.

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Definition of a snow emergency in Canton

Canton defines a snow emergency as a situation where the amount of snow on the ground is such that it is necessary to close schools and other public facilities.

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Ice and snow removal ordinance

The ordinance requires property owners to clear their property of ice and snow within a certain amount of time after a snow emergency is declared.

Winter tax deferral

Property owners can defer their property taxes until the following year if they are unable to pay them this year.

The deferral is available for property owners who are unable to pay their taxes this year. It is a temporary measure to help them get through the winter.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Snow skiing at the trail - date changed to Saturday, February 16

If we have any snow, be sure to bring the entire family out to the Lower Rouge Trail for an outdoor adventure of snow skiing and snow shoeing fun on February 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hot cocoa, bottled water and snacks will be available for a small donation. Participants can even warm up by a bonfire after hitting the trail, which is located off Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor. Skiers and Snowshoers are encouraged to bring their own equipment, however if you need to rent equipment, it just got easier. Leisure Services has arranged for rental equipment to be available from Sun and Snow Sports in Plymouth.

To rent equipment, call them at 734/927-0007 before Monday, February 11. Please note the date change from the Discover Brochure. For additional details, call 394-5460 or visit cantonfun.org.

Canton pavilion online rentals available this month

It's not too early to think ahead to spring and summer! Starting February 11, Canton Leisure Services will begin accepting online reservations from Canton residents for its open-air pavilions at Cantonfun.org.

Only online bookings from Canton residents will be accepted during this first week of the new reservation season.

Starting February 18 at 8:30 a.m., Canton residents may submit phone reservations by calling 394-5140, however online reservations are still encouraged. Online or phone reservations for non-residents will be accepted starting April 1.

For rates and additional information, visit cantonfun.org or call 394-5470.

Village Theater update

Thanks to a \$11,250 grant awarded to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill by the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), every 5th grader in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will be taking part in "African American History Through Artists Eyes" February 11-15. This award-winning program introduces students to African American art, folk music and storytelling through interactive experiences. Additional program sponsors include: the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Republic Services, Inc, DTE Energy Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Get your tickets early for two hot shows coming this April: Singer/Songwriter Tony Lucca, a finalist from NBC's hit show "The Voice," will perform on April 6 at 8 p.m. (tickets \$20) and the three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music group, "Tiempo Libre," will appear on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. (tickets \$25).

For additional informational or to purchase tickets, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 394-5460.

A Call for Artists to exhibit at The Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is still accepting proposals for our 2014 exhibition season. The deadline for submission is March 22. We are interested in exhibiting both local and regional artists in all medias of artwork. The Village Theater comfortably showcases established as well as emerging artists that have been recognized for their exceptional talent.

Artists' submissions can be sent via email to villagetheater@canton-mi.org or by U.S. Mail. Artists must submit high quality digital images or slides, contact information, current resume/biography, artist statement, and availability.

For more information, or to download an application, please visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

Christmas in Action volunteers needed

Christmas in Action is looking for both skilled and unskilled volunteers to help provide repairs to seniors' homes on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old to participate.

If you are able to help out, please call 394-5191 today. For more information, visit cantonfun.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Summit on the Park energy construction project

The Summit on the Park is currently upgrading several of its building systems with energy efficiency and water conservation technologies that will result in overall improved building operations. These renovation projects will include improvements to the Summit's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, which will provide a more comfortable experience to all building visitors, reduce energy costs and limit energy consumption.

Some of these system upgrades will result in the CLOSING of several key areas within the Summit, including: the Aquatic Center pools, sauna and steam room, and the Women's, Men's, and special accommodations/ Family locker rooms from February 11 through February 20. The Summit's Fitness Center, Gym, Racquetball Court, Indoor Track, Aerobics Studio and Dance Studios will remain open during most of the construction phase, closing only briefly for safety reasons starting February 11 through February 12 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 13. During these closures, Summit staff will provide some fitness equipment in the Summit Banquet area, so that guests will be able to workout in a limited capacity. Please note that there will be no access to locker rooms and shower facilities during closure hours.

All of these equipment upgrades are being financed by annual cost savings over a 15-year period, as a result of an Energy Savings Performance Contract between Canton and Chevron Energy Solutions. No Canton operating funds are being used to pay for any of these improvements, including the already completed installation of new lights, boilers, and water fixtures.

To learn more about these construction upgrades, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.

Summit to offer Free Day and Membership Special

Canton residents and Summit members are invited to take part in a Heart Healthy Fun Free Day on Thursday, February 14. Visitors can enjoy a FREE trial day and test drive all the amenities that the Summit has to offer from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Be sure to check out special Valentine's Day classes, games and even win some wellness prizes. From February 14-17, take advantage of a Special Membership Offer; purchase any six-month membership at the Summit Front Desk and receive one month FREE.

Visit Pheasant Run Golf at the Michigan Golf Show

Get ready for the upcoming golf season at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi March 1-3 and make sure to stop by our booth. You'll find great discounts on prepaid golf cards at Pheasant Run as well as our popular 2-round golf show special. Clearance merchandise will also be available. While you're there, make sure to sign up for monthly email specials...new subscribers will receive a free round of golf!

Dog Park electronic gate to go live

The Canton Dog Park will begin operating its electronic gate access card system starting Monday, March 4. Dog Park members will be able to enter the park using a key fob, which are currently available at the Clerk's Office with Dog Park membership renewals. A refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 will be collected at time of registration and returned when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued. For additional information, please visit www.canton-mi.org or call 394-5310.

Winter Farmers Markets scheduled

Three Winter Farmers Markets will be held on February 10, March 10 and April 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Cady-Boyer Barn (500 N. Ridge Road).

Eighteen local food growers and producers will participate. The Miller Elementary Brownie Troop will also be collecting pasta for the Open Door Ministry.

Local food available at the Winter Markets includes: farm fresh produce grown in hoop houses, eggs, smoked fish, honey, artisan cheese and bread, jam, baked goods, teas and much more! For Market updates, visit facebook.com/cantonfarmermarket.

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Centex's Home Expo comes to the Summit March 2 and 3

Centex's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held next month on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Century Summit on the Park.

Highlights of this year's Expo include live painting and demonstrations, live product demonstrations, live music, public open houses, lots of "new" Home-View Master Club® and 100 MAWB and the Captain™ The Captain™ "Rocker" from 1950 (MAWB Home-View Master Club®) will be the highlight of a special exhibit. An award-winning Home-View Master Club® will be the highlight of a special exhibit. An award-winning Home-View Master Club® will be the highlight of a special exhibit.

If you plan on attending the Expo, make sure you bring a Home-View Master Club® and a Home-View Master Club®. The exhibit is held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3.

For more information, call the Home-View Master Club® at 1-800-368-3688.

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Home Expo workshop schedule - PDC Room

Saturday, March 2

- 8:30 a.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 9:15 a.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 10:30 a.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 11:45 a.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 1:15 p.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 2:30 p.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 3:45 p.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
- 5:00 p.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program

Sunday, March 3

- 8:30 a.m. - How to make your first fully and efficiently - Open House Program
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Hall of Fame nomination forms now available

Nominations for Century's Hall of Fame Community Achievers and Community Leaders Awards are now available at the Century Summit on the Park, Century Summit on the Park, Century Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the Home-View Master Club® at 1-800-368-3688.

Important Centex Phone Numbers

Administrative Building
394-5100

Public Safety
(non-emergency)
394-3489

Supervisor's Office
394-5100

Clark's Office
394-5100

Travener's Office
394-5100

Water Billing
394-5100

Customer Service Reporting
397-5851

Administrative Building closings

Centex Administrative Building will be closed on the following dates in 2007:

- Friday, February 16
- Monday, April 2
- Friday, May 18
- Friday, June 15
- Friday, July 13
- Friday, August 10
- Friday, August 24
- Friday, September 21
- Friday, October 19
- Friday, November 16

Additionally, Century's Business Hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Newsletters and Neighbors Club hosts general meeting

In observance of Veterans Day, Neighbors Club, the Centex Community and Neighbors Club will host a general meeting on Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Centex Community Building. The meeting will be held at the Centex Community Building.

Members are asked to come and bring a guest. The meeting will be held at the Centex Community Building. The meeting will be held at the Centex Community Building.

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MDOT holds public meeting

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be holding another public meeting for the I-75 to I-475 interchange. The meeting will be held at the Centex Community Building.

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Centex Lions Club holds fundraising fund-raising tournament

On Saturday, February 2, the Centex Lions Club will be holding a fund-raising tournament at the Centex Community Building.

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Community calendar and subject to change. Check with organizers for confirmation dates and information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR		VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE	
MARCH 1	First Meeting City Council 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. 7100, Canton Center	MARCH 2	Preparations for the Arts - Name King and the Dishes 7 p.m. \$25/\$35
MARCH 2	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 3	Canton's State of the Township 11:30 a.m. \$25/\$35
MARCH 4	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 13-17	Sold-Gods Players - One Foot in the Snow (Directed 11:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. \$15/\$15). *This is a special production and is the longest that it is usually held in which it has been with the same amount of weekly rehearsals. This will be the longest it is ever held in the town.
MARCH 5	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 14-17	Spotlights on Youth - The Sound of Music 3:30 p.m. \$15/\$15. For any of March's workshops, see ongoing activities, activities and the town-wide street and block tours longer than March.
MARCH 6	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 21-24	Forever After Productions - The Little Mermaid at Village Theater \$15. *This is a special production. Performances are presented every Wednesday. Shows longer than the other weeks listed in this month's calendar.
MARCH 7	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 22-23	Spotlights on Youth - Mumble Memory Deeds Theater (Directed 6:30 p.m. \$45)
MARCH 8	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	MARCH 30	Canton Chinese Cultural and Cultural Cultural Festival 9 a.m. \$1. *This is a special production. Performances are presented every Wednesday. Shows longer than the other weeks listed in this month's calendar.
MARCH 9	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 10	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 11	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 12	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 13	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 14	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 15	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
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MARCH 24	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 25	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 26	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
MARCH 27	Home Improvement Open House 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.		
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Leadership Canton

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FOCUS on Leisure Services

Fellows Creek Golf Club under new management

New for the 2013 golf season, Fellows Creek Golf Club will be managed by Billy Casper Golf. The company is committed to provide first-class and enjoyable golf experiences to area golfers, league players and visitors by consistently delivering outstanding golf conditions, a welcoming and comfortable clubhouse, and a professional and engaging staff.

Once the season opens, visit the course at 2936 S. Loitz Road. For additional information, visit www.cantonfun.org and select Golf - Fellows Creek or call 728-1300.

Farmers Markets' winter offerings

Canton's next Winter Farmers Market will take place on Sunday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Cady-Boyer Barn at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Eighteen local vendors will be participating and offering: fresh produce grown in hoop houses (mixed greens, spinach, carrots, lettuce, Swiss chard, kale, turnips), farm eggs, gluten-free baking mixes, smoked fish, hand blended teas, honey, artisan cheese, natural meats, frozen fruit (blueberries, peaches, cherries) popcorn for popping, sauerkraut, hand cut jerky, meat sticks, granola, jam and baked goods, as well as hand crafted soaps and soy candles.

Miller Elementary's 2nd and 3rd grade Brownie Troop will be onsite collecting pasta for the Open Door Ministry Food Distribution to help restock their shelves. Pasta is a staple in the weekly food distribution to over 450 local folks in need. The last Winter Market is scheduled on April 21.

For additional details, visit Cantonfun.org under the Community Events tab. See you at the Market!

Catch this sizzling Village Theater lineup

Things are heating up this Spring at Canton's Village Theater. Don't miss the First annual Chinese Cultural and Confucian Festival on Saturday, March 30 from 7-9 p.m. This special event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's Multicultural Subcommittee in partnership with the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit, offers mesmerizing traditional performances of Chinese music and dance. Reception begins at 6 p.m. and tickets are just \$5 for an evening of Chinese culture.

Fans of NBC's hit show, "The Voice," and all music lovers are in for a special treat as recording artist and last season's finalist, Tony Lunta, comes to Canton on Saturday, April 6. This self-proclaimed "soul-folk" singer/songwriter and Michigan native will perform live on stage starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Canton Township and the National Endowment for the Arts presents Tiempo Libre, a three-time Grammy-nominated Cuban music phenomenon on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Watch as one of the hottest young bands around today performs its signature Timba music, a mix of high-voltage Latin Jazz and Afro-Cuban rhythms. Tickets are \$25.

To purchase tickets, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 394-5460.

Community organic garden plot rentals available

Canton Leisure Services is once again offering local residents the opportunity to rent their own garden space. If you don't have space in your own yard, plant your flowers and vegetables at one of Canton's local community garden spots. So, get your garden gloves and shovels ready and get started working on your rented plot May 1 - October 1. Registration is currently underway for either a West Plot, located near the Cady-Boyer Barn or an East Plot, located near the Canton Dog Park. For prices and additional information, please email cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call 394-5375.

2nd Annual Liberty Run registration is now underway

Registration for the 2nd Annual Liberty Run 5k/10k is NOW open at www.cantonlibertyrun.com/. Sign up to be a part of another record-breaking race June 15.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

The BLOCK to hold focus group

Canton Leisure Services is in the process of meeting with community members representing various groups, including: Canton Public Safety, Growthworks, Canton Public Library, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Church leaders to discuss the needs of teens in our community.

Now we are asking parents and teens ages 11-17 in the community to join us for a focus group on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at The BLOCK, located at 44237 W. Michigan Ave., to give input that will be used for future planning of Canton's teen programming.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 394-5360.

Golf Season is fast approaching at Pheasant Run

Dust off those golf clubs and get ready to hit the links. Pheasant Run Golf Club is scheduled to open Friday, March 29, 2013, weather permitting.

Now's the perfect time to purchase prepaid golf cards! Get yours on sale through the end of March. Choose from our 10 round or 4 round cards and save up to 40% OFF regular green fees. Call the Pheasant Run Pro Shop at 397-6460 for more information. For additional details, visit www.golfprgc.org.

Christmas in Action still needs your help

Christmas in Action is still looking for both skilled and unskilled volunteers to help provide repairs to seniors' homes on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Skilled services that are still needed include, but are not limited to: electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for clearing, yard work, and painting.

If you can help, please call 394-5191 to sign up today!

Canton's Mom Prom coming soon!

Calling all Canton Ladies! Mark your calendars for the first annual Mom Prom, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8-11 p.m. in the Summit Grand Ballroom. Dig out your old prom dresses, bridesmaid attire or even wedding gowns and dance the night away for a worthy cause.

Proceeds from this "21 and Over Girls Night Out" will benefit Gleaners Food Bank. Tickets go on sale March 9 at 9 a.m. for \$40 per person, which includes appetizers, dancing, and prizes. Get yours online at www.cantonfun.org or at the Summit Front Desk. For more information, visit cantonfun.org or call 394-5460.

Canton Acts of Culture Week Returns

Canton's Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage is proud to present the 3rd annual Canton Acts of Culture Week April 27 - May 5.

This week-long celebration will feature a variety of cultural offerings at various locations throughout the Canton community culminating in a special Cinco de Mayo concert, presented by the Michigan Philharmonic on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. Don't miss this special event along with a silent auction coordinated by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for youth. All organizations are invited to participate in this week-long celebration of the arts. Watch for a complete calendar of events at Cantonfun.org starting March 29.

For more information, call 394-5362.

Senior Center's Recipe Roundup

Come out and enjoy a special "Soup Recipe Roundup" at the Canton Senior Center on Monday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prepare your favorite soup at home, then, bring enough to share, along with a copy of your recipe so that Senior Center staff can make copies for Roundup participants. During this event, sponsored by Generations Home Care Group, participants will also enjoy a demonstration on how to prepare a delicious Chicken and Rice Soup, and get to sample this tasty soup, presented by a chef from the Dearborn Inn. Plus, participants will leave with the recipe and spices to make their own. Register by calling 394-5485.

FOCUS

MDOT to hold public meeting

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be conducting a public meeting for the I-75 at I-195 Interchange South Area Study, and Environmental Study and Alternatives for the Interchange Area in the Lansing area. The study is currently in the preliminary design phase. MDOT plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the study's findings and to solicit public input and participation in the meeting on Monday, March 11.

The meeting will be at the Lansing Convention Center, 1000 S. State Street, Lansing, MI 48906. The meeting will be available for you to get information on the project or to talk with project team members. Please visit the further options of view information on the website: www.mdot.state.mi.us. More information on I-75 at I-195 at 313.935.3400.

2013 frog and toad survey training begins this month

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for state members is underway throughout the month. The goal is to help bring the report of 2013. This year's survey sessions have been organized for schedule as follows:

- Saturday, March 2, from 8am-5pm at Northville Northville
- Saturday, March 9, from 8am-5pm at Canton, Canton Public Hall
- Saturday, March 9, from 8am-5pm at the Greenhills Inn, 175 W. Greenhills Inn, Greenhills, MI 48843
- Wednesday, March 13, from 8am-5pm at the Michigan State University, Michigan State University
- Saturday, March 16, from 8am-5pm at the Lansing Convention Center, Lansing
- Saturday, March 23, from 8am-5pm at the Lansing Convention Center, Lansing
- Saturday, March 30, from 8am-5pm at the Lansing Convention Center, Lansing
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394-5500

Public Safety
Canton Emergency
394-3400

Supervisor's Office
394-5185

Chief's Office
394-5176

Treasurer's Office
394-5130

Water Billing
394-5245

Sewer and the Pond
394-5460

Canton Waste Recycling
397-5851

Administration Building closings

Canton's Administration Building will be closed for an additional hour on the following dates:

- Monday, April 1
- Tuesday, May 7
- Friday, June 7
- Friday, July 5
- Friday, July 26
- Friday, August 23
- Friday, September 20
- Friday, October 18
- Friday, November 8

Additionally, Canton's Administration Building will be closed on the following dates:

Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for April 13

The Wayne County Department of Public Safety will hold a hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, April 13, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10000 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48033. The event is open to anyone who has hazardous waste at home or at work. The event is free and will be held from 9am to 5pm. For more information on the collection event, visit the website: www.waynecounty.com.

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Hill of Fame nominations forms now available

Nominations forms for Canton's Hill of Fame, Community Achievement and Excellence Award are now available at the Canton Supervisor's Office, 10000 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48033.

The Canton Hill of Fame program is an annual award that recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The award is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the community in the areas of business, industry, education, and the arts.

For more information on the Hill of Fame program, visit the website: www.cantonmi.com.

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Canton is the place where you can find it all! For the finest items, visit our local businesses. To visit right in Canton, visit the local businesses. The Michigan Avenue retail corridor is a great place to visit, along with many wonderful neighborhood shopping centers located throughout the community. To support the local economy, visit the local businesses. For more information on the local businesses, visit the website: www.cantonmi.com.

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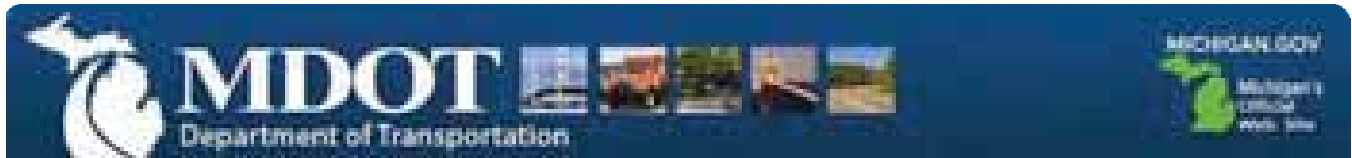
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Deputy Fire Chief emergence change

The Fire Department's Deputy Fire Chief position is now open. The position is a full-time position and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department. For more information on the position, visit the website: www.cantonmi.com.

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MDOT to hold third public meeting on I-275/M-153 (Ford Road) area study in Wayne County

Contact: Rob Morosi, MDOT Office of Communications,
morosir@michigan.gov
248-483-5127

Agency: Transportation

WHAT: The third open-house style public meeting to discuss the ongoing I-275/Ford Road Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation Project in Canton Township. MDOT will be recapping previous meetings, sharing new data, and presenting practical alternatives to gauge public opinion.

WHO: Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project staff
Engineering consultants
Residents, business owners and interested stakeholders

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 4-7 p.m.

WHERE: Summit on the Park
46000 Summit Parkway Canton Township

Special accommodations: 734-394-5460

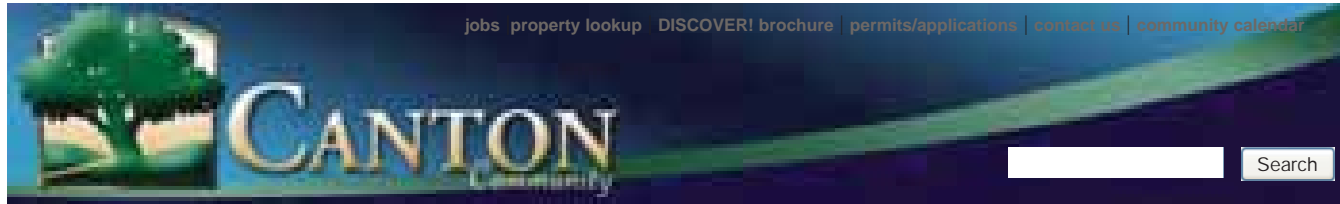
BACKGROUND: MDOT and its consulting team are studying existing traffic patterns and roadway features while recognizing the needs of the local municipalities and commercial businesses in the area.

MDOT reminds drivers: Snowplows need room to groom.



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MDOT Holds March 27 Public Meeting on I-275/Ford Road Interchange

March 19, 2013, Canton, MI – The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold the next public meeting for the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation on Wednesday, March 27 from 4-7 pm in Canton’s Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom.

During the meeting MDOT plans to share a DRAFT report detailing several proposed alternatives to address Ford Road congestion. Public input and participation at this meeting are strongly encouraged. The meeting will be an open house format. There will be no formal presentation but numerous stations will be available for you to get information on the project or to talk with project team members.

For more information on the meeting please call MDOT at 313/375-2400.

Media Contac: MDOT, 313/375-2400

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March 20, 2013

Rep. Geiss Encourages Residents to Attend MDOT I-275/Ford Road Public Meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Michigan Department of Transportation and its consulting team are studying existing traffic patterns and roadway features while recognizing the needs of the local municipalities and commercial businesses in the area.

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WHERE: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

For special accommodations call 734-394-5460

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MDOT seeks public input on Ford Road traffic

Sun, Apr 14

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Here's some information you should know.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has slated a public meeting for the Interstate 275/Ford Road (M-153) traffic study in Canton Township.



Westbound Ford Road at I-275 is full of traffic heading toward the commercial district in Canton. MDOT wants to talk to business owners and residents to find the best way to improve mobility and safety in the area. (Googlemaps)

"This will be the third public meeting on the traffic situation at this location," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said. "Ford Road was originally a boulevard with a few businesses that was mostly used as a direct route to Washtenaw County. It was

farming back then, but now it's suburbia. Ford Road is now a huge commercial corridor that attracts traffic from miles around."

According to Morosi, MDOT is trying to identify through studies and talking to businesses and residents what would be the ideal fix for increased mobility and safety in the area.

"What would it need? Additional interchanges with access to Cherry Hill or would it be widening Ford Road?" Morosi said. "And identifying a fix and being able to fund it is two separate stories."

The meeting will be held from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township.

Crash reports now online

Did you know Michigan has initiated a program where you can get a copy of traffic crash reports, all without having to leave your home?

It's called the Traffic Crash Purchasing System (<http://detne.ws/1630Aiy>), and it offers reports provided by all Michigan law enforcement agencies for a \$10 fee.

It's pretty handy since many insurance companies require their clients to obtain a copy of the report for any crash in which they have been involved.

Credit card payment for the report is required before viewing or printing the crash report image and all charges are in U.S. currency.

(Incidentally, at no extra cost you can reprint crash reports you've already bought.)

For information, either call (517) 241-1699 or email crashpurchaseTCPS@michigan.gov.

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- Bob Wojnowski: Burke is headed to the NBA, right after he's done traveling the country to collect all his awards. John Beilein and pretty much everyone knew this was coming, which made Sunday's announcement relatively upbeat.
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Ford Road boulevard plan gaining steam in Canton

Written by Darrell Clem Staff Writer
Mar. 28

[hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

A proposal to transform Ford Road into a boulevard in Canton is gaining momentum as the Michigan Department of Transportation narrows the list of options to ease traffic congestion along the bustling thoroughfare.

“I think a boulevard is what’s going to happen,” township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

His remarks came as MDOT officials Wednesday evening visited Summit on the Park to gauge public opinion as they inch toward finding a solution to fix one of Michigan’s most accident-prone, traffic-clogged roads.

Gorette Yung, MDOT project manager, said public support appears to lean toward the boulevard concept, based on feedback the state has received. The plan also calls for paving Lotz Road from Cherry Hill to Ford.

“The support is very overwhelming from the community,” Yung said Wednesday.

A formal decision on a Ford Road fix is expected by early to mid-summer, said Matt Wendling, senior engineer for Wilbur Smith Associates, a consulting firm hired by MDOT to spearhead the latest study.

“We are not far from making that decision,” he said.

Wendling said officials hope to reach a consensus among MDOT, Canton Township, the local Downtown Development Authority, Westland and federal highway authorities.

“We have to make sure everybody is on board,” he said.

MDOT has narrowed down the Ford Road plan to three options:

- Do nothing. Most everyone calls this option unacceptable.
- Adopt a Band-aid approach by adding a westbound Ford lane from I-275 to Sheldon and an eastbound lane from Lilley to Haggerty, along with better turn lanes at key intersections.
- Transform Ford Road into a boulevard by adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes; widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turn-around lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

MDOT has eliminated other options such as reshaping the I-275-Ford interchange — a plan killed by federal officials — and a costly suggestion to add new interchanges along the interstate at Cherry Hill and Warren roads.

MDOT and local officials say that leaves the boulevard as likely the best alternative, considering Ford Road in coming years will have to undergo a major reconstruction, regardless.

“If anything, the facts are kind of pointing in that direction because Ford Road will have to be improved anyway,” Wendling said.

Wending, Yung and others have said officials would try to disrupt Canton’s main shopping corridor as little as possible during construction, though traffic snarls and other difficulties would be unavoidable.

MDOT still would have to figure out a funding mechanism, and Wendling said the costs could approach the \$40-million mark.

In a best-case scenario, Yung said the project could be finished in five years, although that estimate is tentative at best.

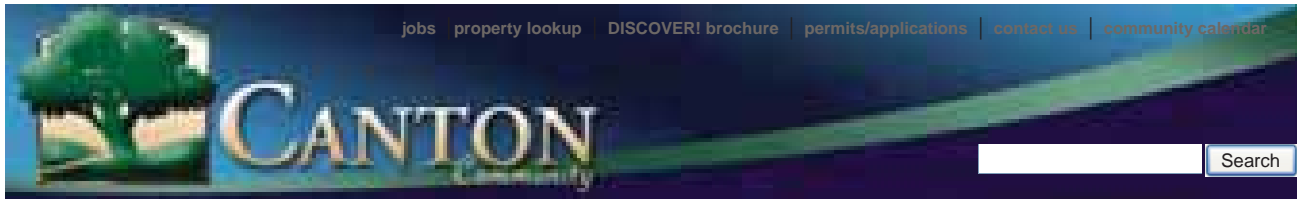
State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, attended Wednesday's forum and said he supports the boulevard concept as long as Lotz Road is paved between Cherry Hill and Ford. Earlier, he had held out hope the I-275/Ford interchange could be altered.

Canton resident Dale Hartford, 53, said he believes the boulevard should be accompanied by new exits from I-275 at Warren Road. He said he has lived in Canton since he was 3 years old.

"I stay away from Ford Road at all cost," he said.

Resident John Kowalski, a retired Ford Motor Co. skilled trades employee, said he had hoped MDOT could move forward with installing new ramps from the southbound I-275 exit onto Haggerty Road, allowing motorists to bypass Ford Road. Like many, he just wants the traffic congestion to ease.

"Whatever they do, do it," he said. "It can't be any worse than what we've got."



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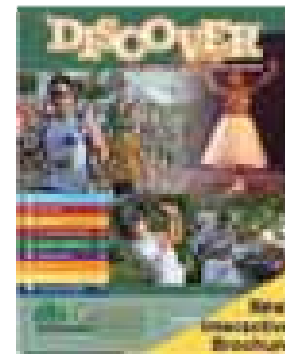
Accepting input through April 13, 2013.

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Ford Boulevard idea gains traction

Written by Darrell Clem Staff Writer
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[hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

A proposal to transform Ford Road into a boulevard in Canton is gaining momentum as the Michigan Department of Transportation narrows the list of options to ease traffic congestion along the bustling thoroughfare.

“I think a boulevard is what's going to happen,” township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

His remarks came as MDOT officials Wednesday evening visited Summit on the Park to gauge public opinion as they inch toward finding a solution to fix one of Michigan's most accident-prone, traffic-clogged roads.

Gorette Yung, MDOT project manager, said public support appears to lean toward the boulevard concept, based on feedback the state has received. The plan also calls for paving Lotz Road from Cherry Hill to Ford.

“The support is very overwhelming from the community,” Yung said Wednesday.

A formal decision on a Ford Road fix is expected by early to mid-summer, said Matt Wendling, senior engineer for Wilbur Smith Associates, a consulting firm hired by MDOT to spearhead the latest study.

“We are not far from making that decision,” he said.

Wendling said officials hope to reach a consensus among MDOT, Canton Township, the local Downtown Development Authority, Westland and federal highway authorities.

Trio of options

“We have to make sure everybody is on board,” he said.

MDOT has narrowed down the Ford Road plan to three options:

- Do nothing. Most everyone calls this option unacceptable.
- Adopt a Band-Aid approach by adding a westbound Ford lane from I-275 to Sheldon and an eastbound lane from Lilley to Haggerty, along with better turn lanes at key intersections.
- Transform Ford Road into a boulevard by adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes; widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turn-around lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

MDOT has eliminated other options such as reshaping the I-275/Ford interchange — a plan killed by federal officials — and adding costly new interchanges along the interstate at Cherry Hill and Warren roads.

MDOT and local officials say that leaves the boulevard as likely the best alternative, considering Ford Road in coming years will have to undergo a major reconstruction, regardless.

“If anything, the facts are kind of pointing in that direction because Ford Road will have to be improved anyway,” Wendling said.

Best case

Wending, Yung and others have said officials would try to disrupt Canton's main shopping corridor as little as possible during construction, though traffic snarls and other difficulties would be unavoidable.

MDOT still would have to figure out a funding mechanism, and Wendling said the costs could approach the \$40-million mark.

In a best-case scenario, Yung said the project could be finished in five years, although that estimate is tentative at best.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, attended Wednesday's forum and said he supports the boulevard concept as long as Lotz Road is paved between Cherry Hill and Ford. Earlier, he had held out hope the I-275/Ford interchange could be altered.

Canton resident Dale Hartford, 53, said he believes the boulevard should be accompanied by new exits from I-275 at Warren Road. He said he has lived in Canton since he was 3 years old.

"I stay away from Ford Road at all cost," he said.

Resident John Kowalski, a retired Ford Motor Co. skilled trades employee, said he had hoped MDOT could move forward with installing new ramps from the southbound I-275 exit onto Haggerty Road, allowing motorists to bypass Ford Road. Like many, he just wants the traffic congestion to ease.

"Whatever they do, do it," he said. "It can't be any worse than what we've got."

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Canton drivers weigh boulevard proposal

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Lisa Beningo lives near Ford and Haggerty roads, but she has found shortcuts to get to her bartending job at Bowery Grille & Pub, just east of the high-crash intersection.

“There are so many accidents at this intersection. I try to avoid Ford Road as much as possible,” Beningo, 31, said, standing behind the bar. “I live near here, and all I hear are sirens.”

That's because police cars and, sometimes, ambulances are often rushing to Canton's most accident-prone intersection, called Michigan's worst by local officials.

Bowery employee Katrice Haggadone, 27, described nightmarish rush-hour driving conditions to Canton from Westland, where she lives near Merriman and Hines Drive.

“It takes me 30 minutes some days during rush hour, and it's not that far,” she said.

Beningo, Haggadone and others who brave Ford Road to get to work and home are hopeful their driving woes could ease if the Michigan Department of Transportation adopts a proposal to transform the bustling thoroughfare into a boulevard.

Down the road

A decision is expected by mid-summer, though it still could be years before the project is started. Even then, it could take one to two years to complete. The proposal suggests adding greenery and landscaping to separate east and west lanes; widening the road to three lanes in certain areas; prohibiting left turns at major intersections; and installing turnaround lanes similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

“I think if they add lanes, it could help,” Haggadone said, as long as the boulevard doesn't encroach on bar parking or drive away customers during construction.

“That would be my only concern,” she said, adding that ramp work last construction season at the Ford/I-275 interchange “killed our business. It was horrible.”

In late 2011, local officials said the stretch of Ford Road from Canton Center to the Westland city limit recorded 2,411 accidents during a six-year period, with 815 of those occurring between Haggerty and Lilley.

Gary Krone, who owns the Carvel Ice Cream shop on Ford west of Haggerty, said he has witnessed numerous accidents, which often occur when motorists are turning across busy lanes of traffic. On the surface, he said the boulevard concept has appeal.

“My first concern is for the safety of my customers — and will it make it safer for them,” Krone said. “I think it could only improve safety.”

Avoiding Ford

Like many business owners, Canton officials and the Downtown Development Authority, Krone worries that a long-term construction project could hurt business.

“From a business standpoint, my immediate question, as any other business owner on Ford Road, is how long is the construction going to take,” Krone said. “How long would it affect the road closest to my entrance, and how would it affect the ability of my customers to get here?”

Krone often advises his customers to maneuver through the Willow Creek Shopping Center as much as possible to

<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20130414/NEWS03/304140422/Canton-drivers-weigh-boulevard-proposal>
reach Haggerty or Lilley, rather than crossing busy lanes of Ford Road traffic.

MDOT has vowed to make any construction project as painless as possible and to maintain access to local businesses. Ford Road would not be shut down.

Still, Zane Birchler and Emily Pitcher, Plymouth residents who work at the nearby Jimmy John's sub shop, question whether the disruptions are worth transforming Ford Road into a boulevard. Birchler recalled the I-275 bridge and ramp work of last construction season.

“That took forever,” he said. “I don't know if a whole year or more of that kind of (construction zone) traffic would be worth it.”

Still, Birchler conceded, “the traffic is pretty awful most of the day.”

Pitcher agreed. “Five o'clock traffic is the worst,” she said.

Pitcher said the boulevard plan, once completed, could help ease traffic patterns. It's the lengthy process that concerns her: “I think it will make everything really messed up.”

Safety suggestions

Over at the Bowery, Beningo and Haggadone had another safety suggestion: install pedestrian overpasses across Ford Road. They recalled one man who was killed walking across the road.

Some local officials, such as township board Trustee Tom Yack, have questioned the boulevard plan. Yack, a former 20-year supervisor, and others had hoped for new ramps allowing traffic to access Haggerty Road from the southbound I-275 exit without getting onto Ford Road. MDOT officials say federal authorities axed that plan.

Amid ongoing talks with MDOT, Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said he believes the boulevard proposal is most likely to happen. He has sought a solution for a decade or longer. State officials say Ford Road within a few years will have to be reconstructed anyway — and the time could be ripe for broader changes.

LaJoy and others have insisted the plan should be accompanied by paving Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill, giving motorists another route.

Gorette Yung, MDOT project manager, has said public support appears “overwhelming” for the boulevard plan. The only other options on the table are to do nothing or to adopt stopgap measures such as adding a westbound Ford lane from I-275 to Sheldon and an eastbound lane from Lilley to Haggerty, along with better turn lanes at key intersections.

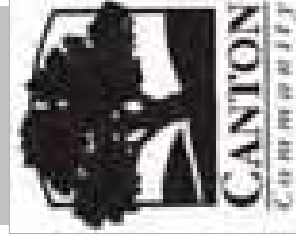
Most motorists agree that doing nothing is not an option. Just ask Haggadone: “Canton is still growing.”

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Postcard



I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation Public Meeting



Wednesday, March 27, 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Summit on the Park

46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold the third public meeting for the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation on Wednesday, March 27 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. MDOT plans to recap the first two public meetings, share new data that has been gathered, and unveil the Practical Alternatives for the project. Public input and participation at this meeting are strongly encouraged.

The meeting will be in an open house format. There will be no formal presentation but numerous information stations will be set up around the meeting room and project team members will be available to answer questions.

We encourage you to give us feedback and voice your concerns. Please stop by anytime between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

We hope to see you there!



Taylor TSC
6510 Telegraph Road
Taylor, MI 48180

**I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area
Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation
Public Meeting**

Wednesday, March 27
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Please join us at the
Summit on the Park
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For more information, call the Taylor
Transportation Service Center
at (313) 375-2400

Fact Sheet

FACT SHEET

I-275 and M-153 (Ford Road) Area

Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation

Public Information Meeting – March 27, 2013

Summit on the Park, Canton, MI

Purpose

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investigating improvements to existing traffic and roadway features while recognizing the needs of local municipalities and commercial businesses in the study area. Today, MDOT will share new data that has been gathered, recap the second public meeting, and present the Practical Alternatives.

Study Area

The study area for the project is bordered by Sheldon Road, Warren Road, Lotz Road, and Cherry Hill Road as indicated on the map located on the back side of this fact sheet.

Practical Alternative Quick Facts

1. *No-Build*: Assumes no changes from current conditions.
2. *Operational Improvements**: Addition of a westbound through-lane on Ford Road from I-275 to Sheldon Road and eastbound through-lane from Lilley Road to I-275. Numerous right-turn lanes added to Ford Road and side roads.
3. *Boulevard**: Provides a two-lane boulevard along Ford and Haggerty roads in each direction, with restricted left turns at intersections, numerous passenger vehicle turnarounds, and truck turnarounds where necessary.

***Additional Improvements:**

- Pave Lotz Road
- Provide alternative truck route for southbound Haggerty Road to I-275

Next Steps

- Determine the Preferred Alternative
- Finalize Traffic and Environmental Study
- Present the Preferred Alternative at the next public meeting in summer 2013

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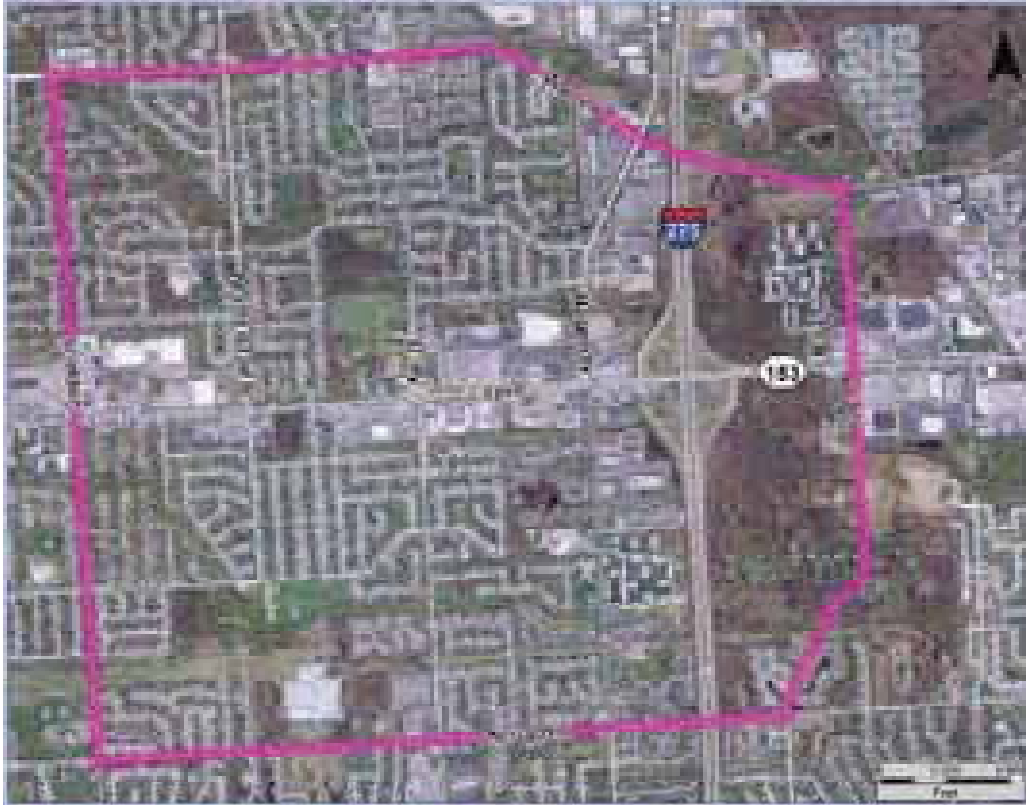
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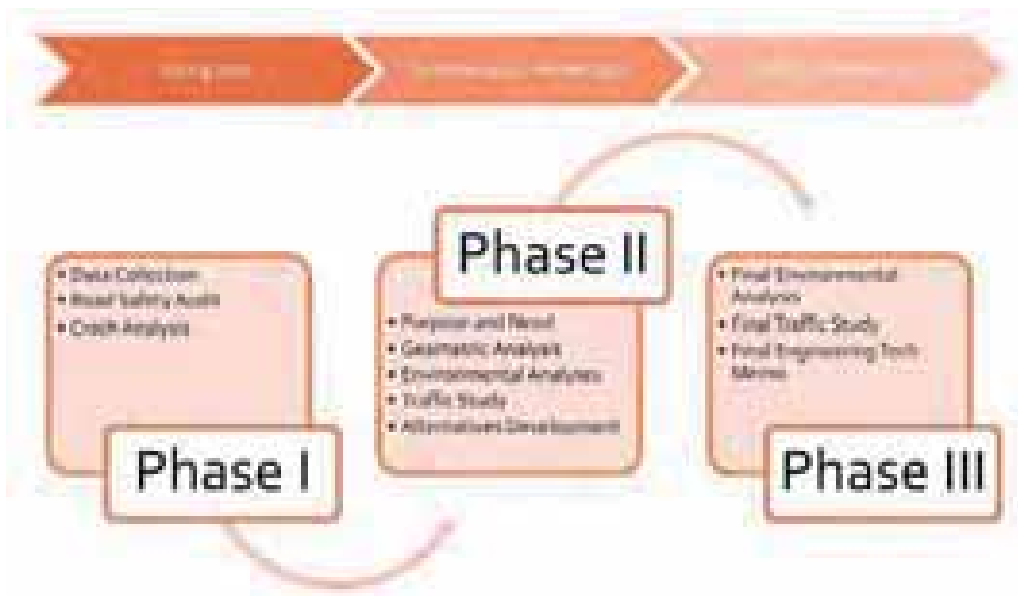
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Study Area Map



Schedule



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I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

Traffic and Environmental Study

Public Information Meeting Comment Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build		
Operational Improvements		
Boulevard		

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

Gorette Yung, Project Manager

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Please place this form in a comment box.

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Comments will be accepted through April 13, 2013.

Thank you for your valuable input!



Practical Alternatives

Alternative 1 – No-Build

Description: Maintains existing geometry and operations along Ford Road, however condition of pavement warrants full pavement reconstruction of Ford Road.

Alternative 2 – Operational Improvements

Description: Addition of westbound through-lane from I-275 to Sheldon Road, addition of eastbound through-lane from Lilley Road to Haggerty Road, addition of second left-turn lane for all bounds of Haggerty Road, conversion of northbound right-turn bay to right and through-lane at Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads, addition of southbound and westbound right-turn bay at Lilley Road, and addition of northbound right and through-lane at Sheldon Road. Condition of pavement also warrants full pavement reconstruction of Ford Road.

- Advantages
 - Improves traffic flow over existing conditions
 - No environmental impacts
- Disadvantages
 - Multiple failing turning movements at Ford Road intersections
 - Does not improve safety on Ford Road

Alternative 3 – Boulevards

Description: Two-lane boulevard along Ford from I-275 to Sheldon Road, and on Haggerty Road at Ford Road with restricted left turns at signals, numerous passenger vehicle turnarounds and dedicated truck turnarounds (loons)

- Advantages
 - Improved safety with restricted left turns
 - Safer access to businesses
 - Improved level of service at intersections and reduced backups
- Disadvantages
 - Indirect access to businesses
 - Right-of-way impacts at lane additions and loon locations

Exhibits

**I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area
Traffic and Environmental Study**

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Public Information Meeting



I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study

Project Purpose and Need

Project Purpose:

The project's purpose is to improve operational service on M-153 (Ford Road) and support local land use within the study area. Improving operational service on M-153 may also involve improvements to the network of local roads within the study area. The study area for this project is defined by Lotz Road to the east to Sheldon Road to the west; and Warren to the north to Cherry Hill to the south.

The project will need to improve operational service on M-153 (Ford Road) between Lotz Road and Sheldon Road, without degrading I-275 operations, and will:

- Consider improvements to key intersections along M-153 at Lotz, Haggerty, Lilley, Morton Taylor, and Sheldon roads
- Consider improvements on M-153 and on local roads benefitting the operation of M-153
- Incorporate existing and future transportation needs while respecting local land use
- Increase users' safety and convenient travel while serving key destinations
- Better separate and prioritize commuter, business, and residential traffic
- Give attention to truck traffic
- Support smart sustainable growth and apply access management principles

Project Need:

The project is needed as a result of:

- Growing use of M-153 (Ford Road) by commuters, businesses, and residents
- Traffic operational levels of service at key intersections along the M-153 corridor
- Current level of safety
- Decreasing traffic flow and mobility along M-153

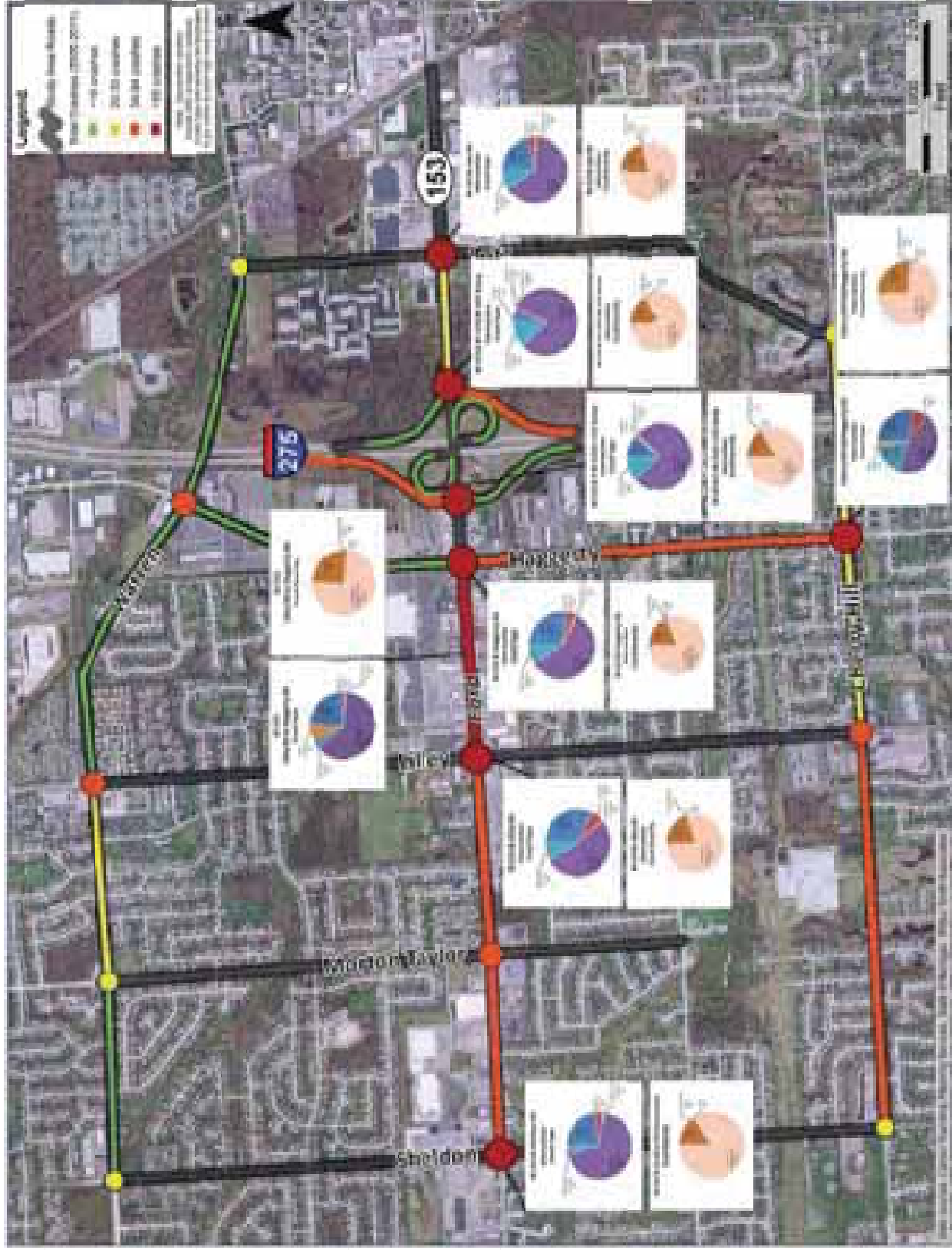
What We Heard

- Alternative 1 – No-Build
“Unacceptable, something needs to be done”
- Alternative 2 – Operational Improvements
“ Too short-term a fix, would offer immediate relief”
- Alternative 3 – Boulevards
“ Better access to businesses, restricted lefts = safer travel”
- Alternative 4 – WWTIP Study
“Complicated ramp movements, too expensive”
- Alternative 5 – New Interchanges
“ Far too costly with major right-of-way impacts”



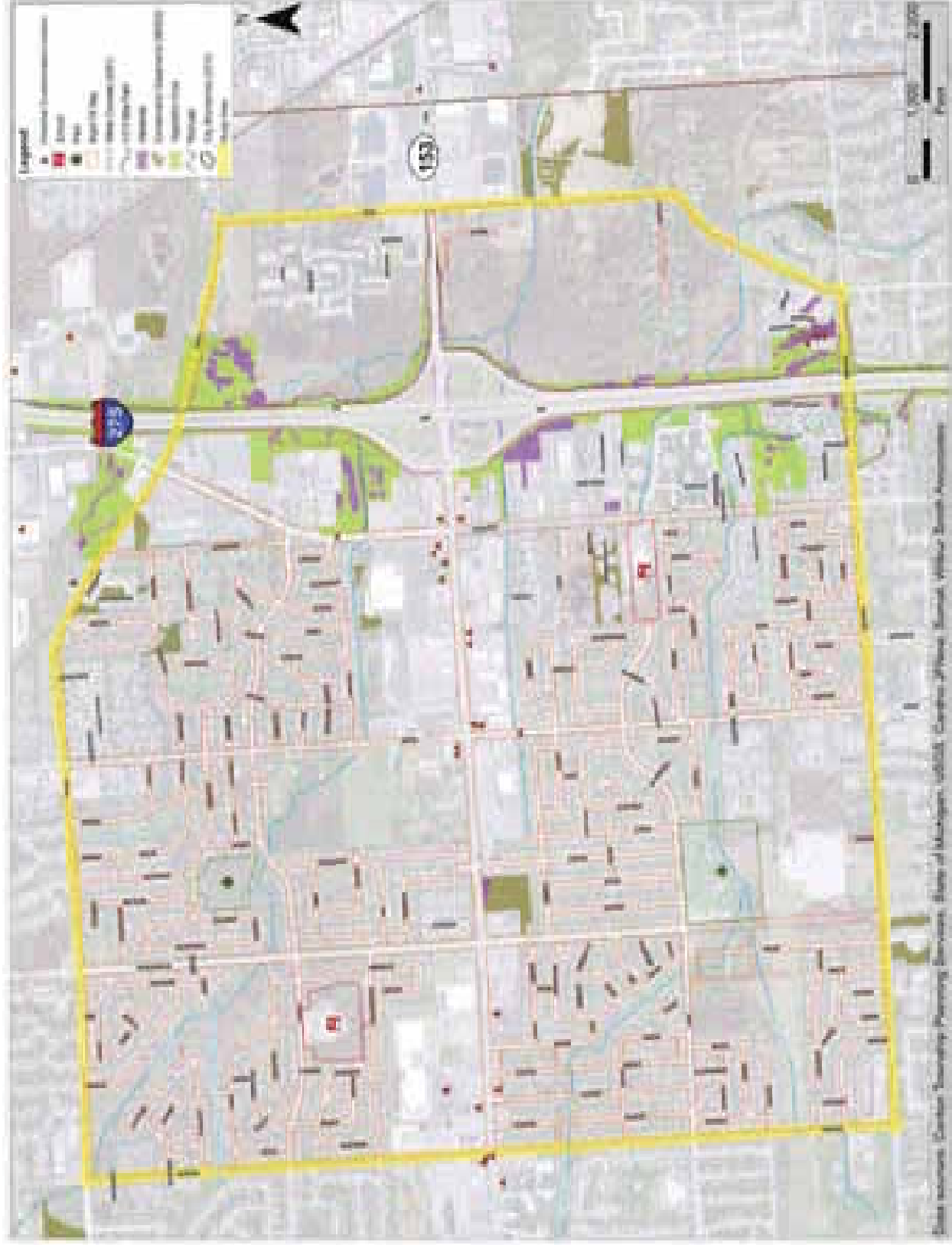
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Crash History (2006-2011)



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Project Constraints



Illustrative Alternative 1 - Advanced

Alternative 1 – No-Build

Description: Maintains existing geometry and operations along Ford Road, however condition of pavement warrants full pavement reconstruction of Ford Road

- Advantages
 - No additional right of way (ROW) or environmental impacts
 - Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
 - Provides short-term relief and some additional safety improvements, such as sidewalk and pushbutton pedestrian signals
- Disadvantages
 - Does not address operational deficiencies along Ford Road
 - Ford Road at capacity for 2012 traffic, which consistently gets worse through 2035 study year
 - Traffic backups continue at each intersection and on southbound I-275 ramp at Ford Road

Carried forward as base condition for study for comparison purposes

Alternative 2 – Operational Improvements

Description: Addition of eastbound and westbound right-turn and through-lanes.
Condition of pavement warrants full pavement reconstruction of Ford Road

- Advantages
 - Improves traffic flow over existing conditions
 - Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
 - Provides short-term relief and some additional safety improvements
 - No environmental impacts
- Disadvantages
 - Contains multiple failing turning movements at Ford Road intersections
 - Does not improve future safety on Ford Road
 - Traffic backups continue on southbound I-275 ramp at Ford Road
 - ROW impacts

Carried forward primarily due to:

- Minimal ROW and environmental impacts
- Lower construction cost
- Ability to quickly improve capacity on Ford Road

Illustrative Alternative 3 - Advanced

Alternative 3 – Boulevards

Description: Two-lane boulevard along Ford and Haggerty roads with restricted left turns at signals, numerous passenger vehicle turnarounds and dedicated truck turnarounds (loons)

- Advantages
 - Improved safety with restricted left turns - safer access to businesses
 - Improved level of service (LOS) at intersections and reduced backups on southbound I-275 at Ford Road
 - Minimal environmental impacts
 - Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
 - Continuity of sidewalks and improved safety for pedestrians
- Disadvantages
 - Indirect access to businesses
 - ROW impacts at lane additions and limited truck turnarounds

Carried forward primarily due to:

- Minimal environmental impacts
- Lower construction costs
- Improved safety and traffic flow at intersections and along Ford Road

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Illustrative Alternative 4 - Dismissed

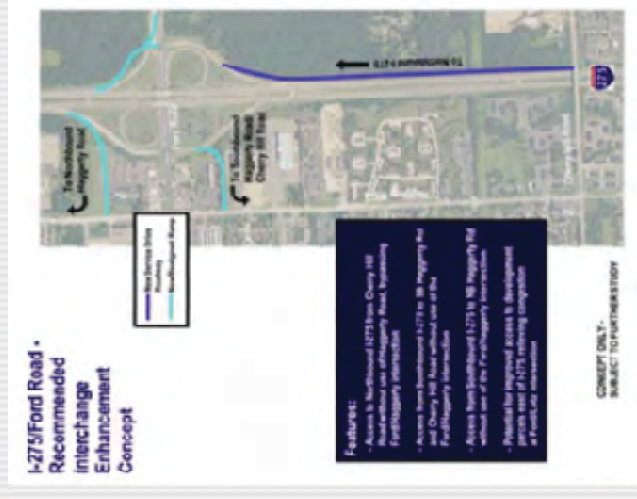
Alternative 4 – WWVIP Study

Description: Provides direct ramps from southbound I-275 exit and entrance ramps to Haggerty Road and a frontage road from Cherry Hill Road to Ford Road along northbound I-275

- Advantages
 - Minimal construction impacts on Ford Road
 - Improvement in LOS at Haggerty and Ford Road intersection
 - Draws traffic from Haggerty Road
- Disadvantages
 - Degrades operation of I-275 and ramps
 - Many ROW and environmental impacts
 - No change in Ford Road operations including safety and access to businesses

Dismissed primarily due to:

- Non-standard ramp configuration leading to unsafe condition at I-275 ramps and freeway
- Significant environmental and ROW impacts
- No improvement in safety or capacity on Ford Road or cross street intersections



Illustrative Alternative 5 - Dismissed

Alternative 5 – New Intersections

Description: Provides full access interchanges at Cherry Hill and Warren roads

- Advantages
 - Offers additional freeway access from residential areas
 - Diverts traffic from Ford Road
- Disadvantages
 - High construction cost
 - Numerous ROW and environmental impacts
 - Introduces conflicts along I-275 which degrades freeway and ramp operation

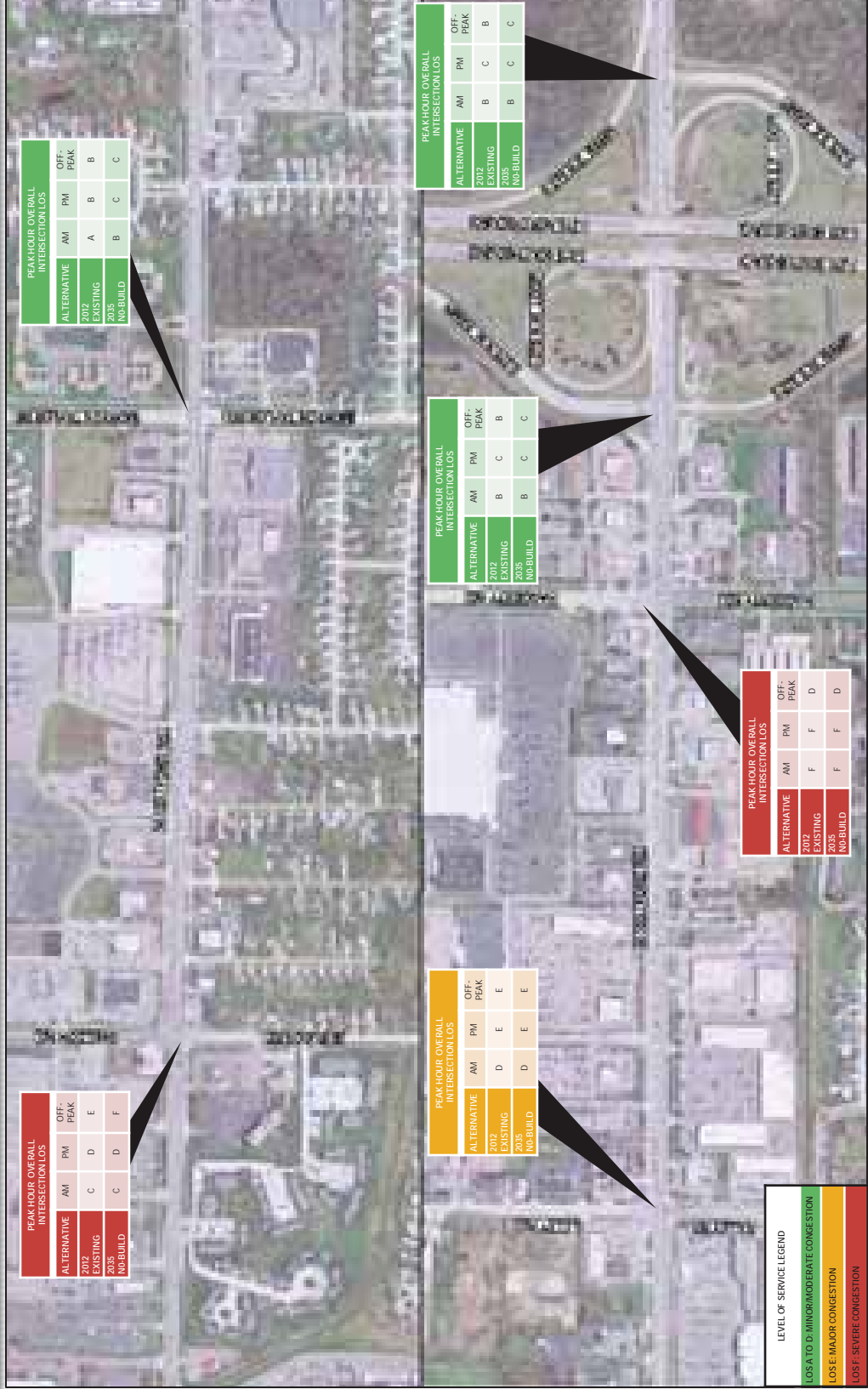


Dismissed primarily due to:

- Excessive ROW and environmental impacts
- Very high construction cost
- Safety concerns on I-275 due to proximity of entrance and exit ramps
- No improvement in safety or capacity on Ford Road or cross-street intersections

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Practical Alternative 1: NO-Build



Practical Alternative 1: No-Build

Description:

- No change from current traffic operations
- Reconstruct existing Ford Road from Sheldon Road to Lotz Road

Advantages:

- No additional right of way or environmental impacts
- Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
- Provides short-term relief and some additional safety improvements, such as sidewalk and pushbutton pedestrian signals

Disadvantages:

- Does not address operational deficiencies along Ford Road
- Ford Road at capacity for 2012 traffic, which consistently gets worse through 2035 study year
- Traffic backups continue at each intersection and on southbound I-275 ramp at Ford Road



Practical Alternative 2: Operational Improvements

Description:

- Addition of westbound through-lane on Ford Road from I-275 to Sheldon Road and eastbound through-lane from Lilley Road to I-275
- Addition of numerous turn and through-lanes on side roads at intersection with Ford Road
- Reconstruct existing Ford Road from Sheldon Road to Lotz Road
- Additional pedestrian and safety improvements

Advantages:

- Improves traffic flow over existing conditions
- Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
- Provides short-term relief and some additional safety improvements, such as sidewalk and pushbutton pedestrian signals
- No environmental impacts

Disadvantages:

- Does not improve safety on Ford Road
- Contains several failing turning movements at major Ford Road intersections
- Traffic backups continue on southbound I-275 ramp at Ford Road
- Right of way impacts



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Practical Alternative 3: Boulevard

Description:

- Provides a Ford Road and Haggerty Road boulevard with at least two through-lanes in each direction, with restricted left turns at intersections, numerous passenger vehicle turnarounds, and truck turnarounds (loons)
- Additional pedestrian and safety improvements

Advantages:

- Improved level of service throughout
- Reduction in traffic backups on southbound I-275 at Ford Road due to improved Ford Road operations
- Improved safety (restricted left turns) – safer access to businesses
- Minimal environmental impacts
- Comparable construction costs and impacts to other options
- Continuity of sidewalks and improved safety by providing crossings and pedestrian islands

Disadvantages:

- Limited truck turnarounds along Ford Road and Haggerty Road
- Indirect access to businesses
- Right of way impacts

Other Potential Improvements

County road improvements that will help Ford Road traffic operations

- **Pave Lotz Road**
 - Realign for 45 mph design speed
 - Apply to become a federally funded road
 - Approximately 40% traffic volume increase
- **Alternate Southbound Haggerty Road truck route to I-275**
 - Lengthen southbound Haggerty Road left-turn lane to eastbound Warren Road
 - Upgrade Warren Road pavement
 - Realign Lotz Road to avoid pump station

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Practical Alternative Performance Measures

Alternative	Transportation Factors		Environmental Factors				Community Factors			Cost Factors	
	LOS	Safety (crashes)	Wildlife Habitat Impacts	Wetland Impacts	Noise Level Increase	Pedestrian Mobility	Access to Businesses	Estimated ROW Cost (million)	Estimated Const. Cost (million)		
1 – No Build	See below	+	None	None	Barely Perceptible	++	++	\$0	\$14 - \$16		
2 – Operational Improvements	See below	++	None	None	Barely Perceptible	++	+	\$5 - \$7	\$18 - \$20		
3 – Boulevard	See below	+++	None	<0.1 acres	Slightly Perceptible	+++	+++	\$8 - \$40	\$19 - \$22		

+, ++ and +++ are relative to one another with +++ being the greatest improvement and + being the least/no improvement

Alternative

2035 LOS at Major Ford Signals (AM/PM/OP)

	Sheldon	Morton Taylor	Lilley	Haggerty
1 – No-Build	C/D/F	B/C/C	D/E/E	F/F/D
2 – Operational Improvements	C/D/D	B/C/C	C/D/D	D/D/C
3 –Boulevard	A/B/C	A/A/A	B/B/B	C/B/C

Power Point Presentation

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Public Information Meeting
March 27, 2013
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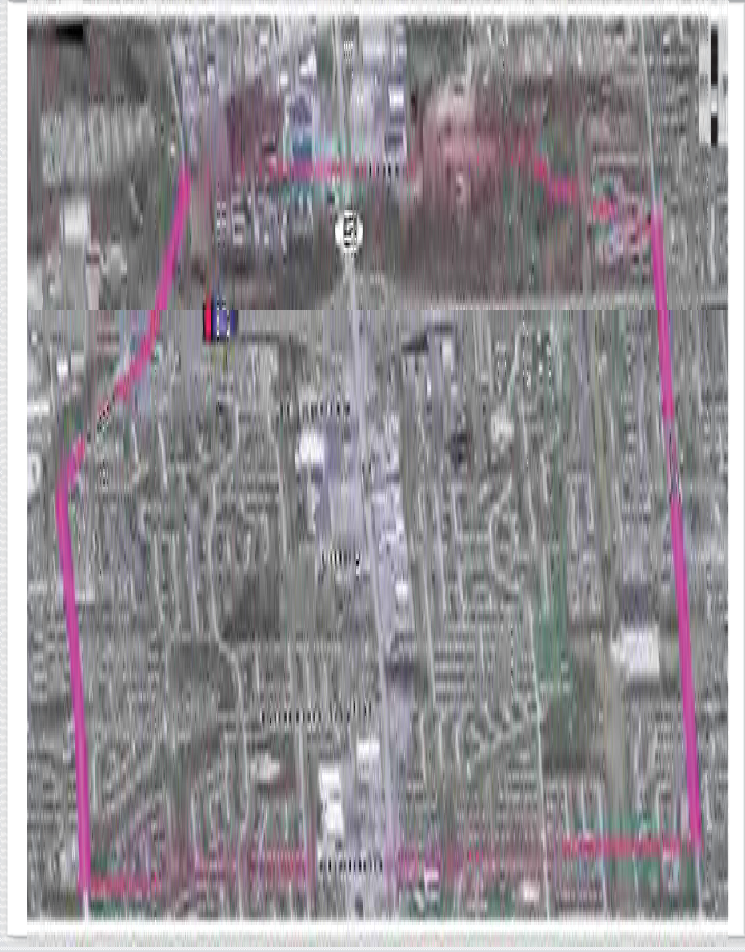
Meeting Purpose

- Present project history
- Present what we heard
 - Illustrative Alternatives
 - Final Purpose and Need
- Present gathered data
 - Crash Data
 - Environmental Constraints
- Present the Practical Alternatives



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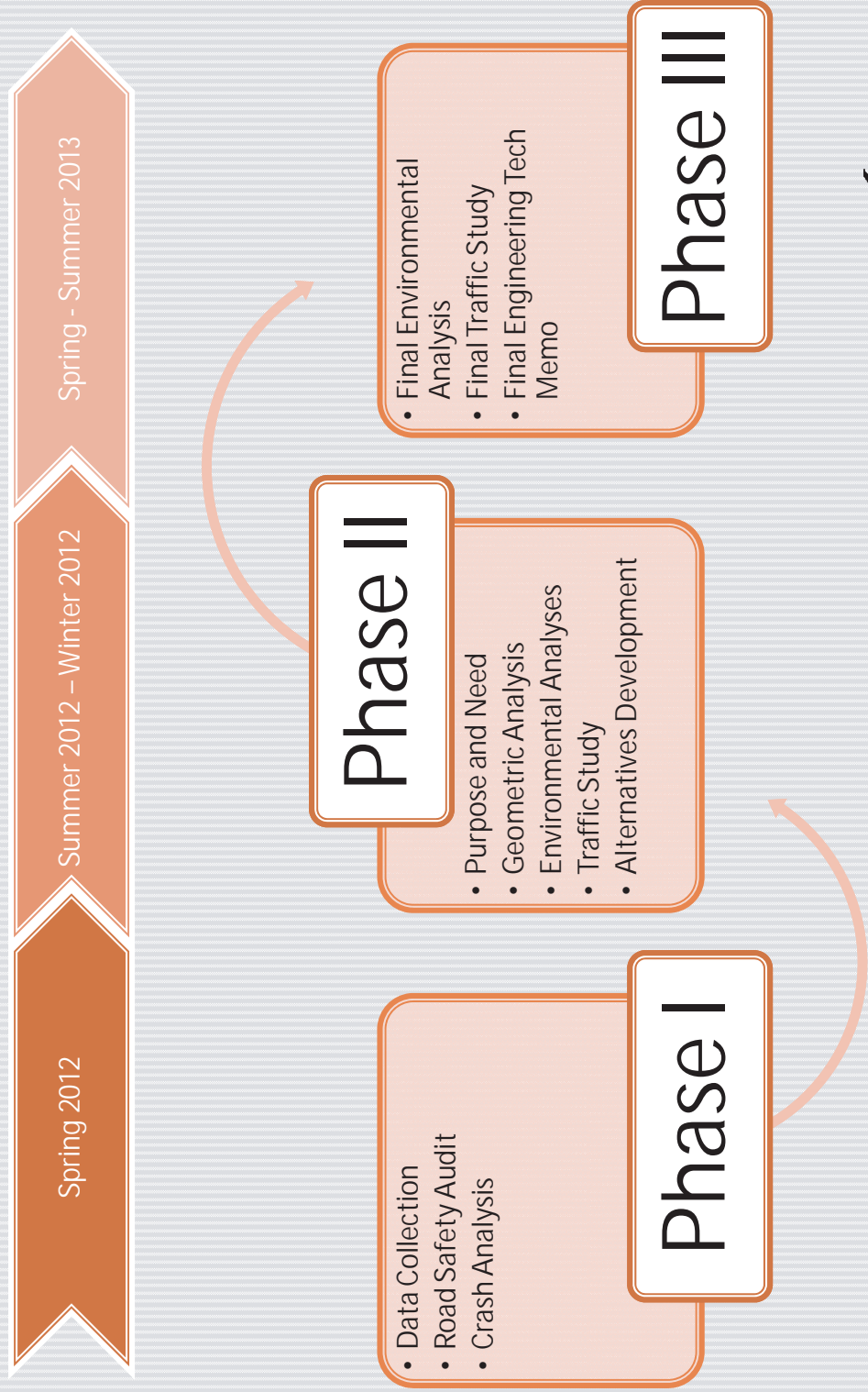
- Study Area
 - Warren Road south to Cherry Hill Road
 - Sheldon Road east to Lotz Road
- Why are we here?
 - Complete a Traffic and Environmental Study
 - Propose safety improvements



Prior and Current Work

- Western Wayne Transportation Improvement Plan (WWTIP) - 2006
 - Traffic Operations Study, focused on improvements within I-275 at Ford Road interchange
- Per federal guidelines, we are assessing whether an environmental study is required and ensure alternatives are working toward all requirements for the environmental process

Project Schedule



What Have We Done?

- Data collection
 - Utilities, traffic data, crash history, environmental constraints
- Traffic Analysis
- Road Safety Audit
- Public Information Meeting #1 (June 7, 2012)
- Public Information Meeting #2 (October 11, 2012)
- Established final project purpose and need
- Developed Illustrative Alternatives
- Developed Practical Alternatives



Next Steps...

- Soliciting comments on the Practical Alternatives
- Recommending Preferred Alternative for further analysis/evaluation
- Upcoming Public Information Meeting
 - Summer 2013
 - Present Preferred Alternative
 - Present Traffic and Environmental Study



Contact Information

- We want to hear from you
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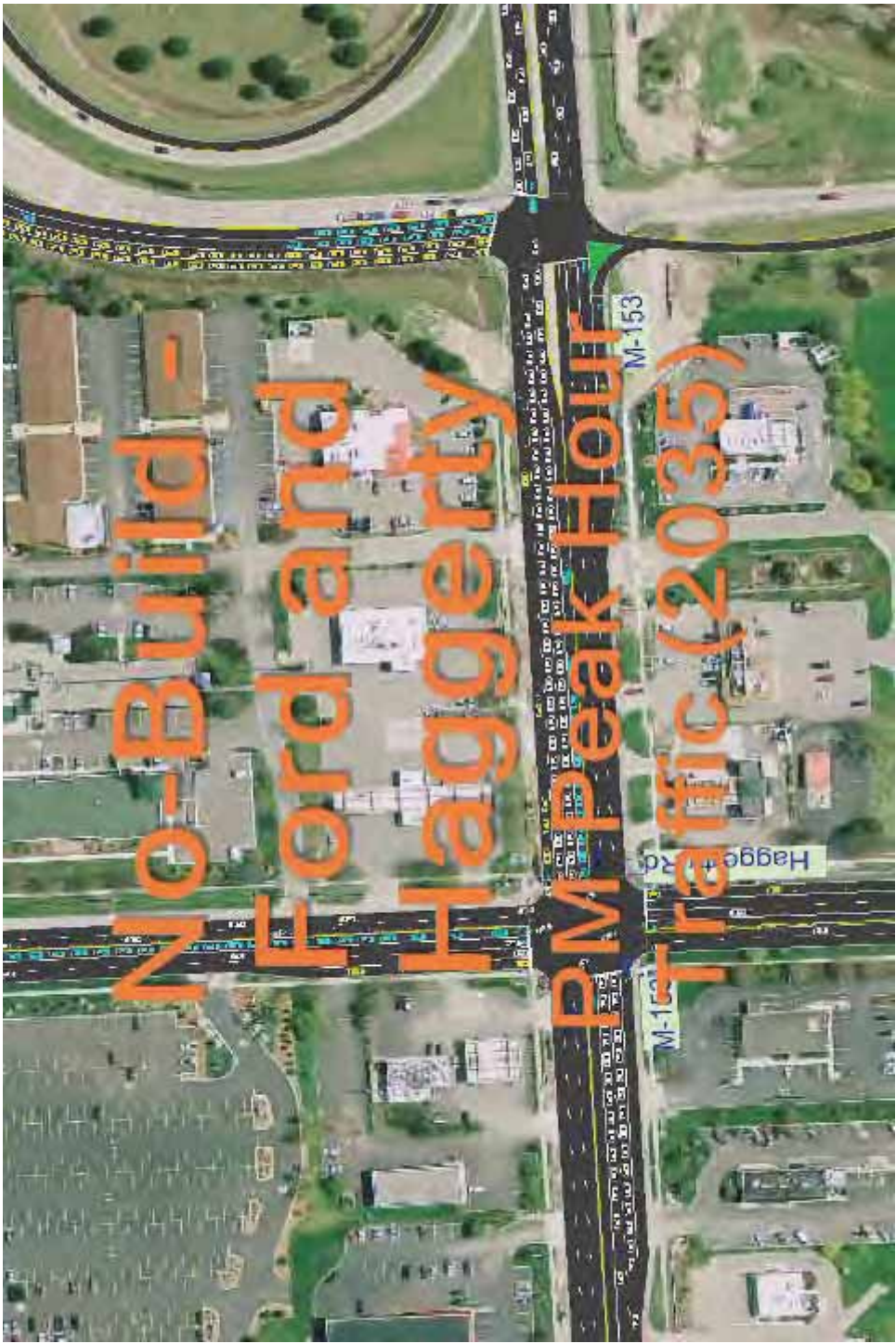
Conclusion

Your feedback is important and appreciated

Please remember to sign in and comment
before leaving today or email

Thank you for coming!

Traffic Video Stills





Alternative 2 -
Ford and
Haggerty
PM Peak Hour
Traffic (2035)

M-153

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Alternative 3 -
Ford and Haggerty
PM Peak Hour
Traffic (2035)

Completed Comment Sheets

I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

Traffic and Environmental Study

Public Information Meeting Comment Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	This is, by far, the best option.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

The advanced improvements for Lake
and Haggerty truck route would also
be a valuable and beneficial.

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

Gorette Yung, Project Manager

MDOT Taylor TSC

6510 Telegraph Road

Taylor, MI 48180

313-375-2400

E-mail questions to: gyung@michigan.gov

E-mail comments to: MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov

More information at: www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies

Comments will be accepted through April 13, 2013.

Please place this form in a comment box.

Thank you for your valuable input!



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Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build		
Operational Improvements		
Boulevard	1	This was proposed in 1976 by a group of home owners MDOT did 2 Aerial survey

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

of the proposed ROW. MDOT provided the timing to impacted Ford Rd (from 2 lane) to be approx 4-5 years. At that time only 2 business would have had to be relocated. The Rocky Hill town & the Anthony ZI road state office. Hope it goes then this time

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E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	3	
Boulevard	1	PLEASE!!!

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

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 City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED] Phone #: [REDACTED]
 E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational improvements	3	
Boulevard	ALT 5-2 ALT 4-1	GET TRUCKS ONTO HARBORCY AS BEST POSSIBLE GET HARBORCY ROAD ACCESS FOR RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC ONLY

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

1st MISTAKE - NEW FORD ROAD WIDEN IT WAS NOT MADE WIDEN BLVD,
 2nd MISTAKE - TO COSTLY (\$) TO BAY (EMPHATIC DEMAND) PROBLEM
 AT INTERSECTION OF WARREN AND/OR CHERRY HILL,
 3rd MISTAKE - NOT PROVIDING FOR CANTON'S FUTURE
 EXPANSION NOW INSTEAD OF HELP,
 4th MISTAKE - GET IT DONE
 ANOTHER YEAR OR SO
 DOES NOT HELP.

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 Taylor, MI 48180
 313-375-3400

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E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	2	
Operational Improvements	1	Improve Conditions while Keeping some functions to the Streetcar already in Place
Boulevard	3	I feel the Boulevard will hurt the business Community during the time that this is being done

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

I believe there could be a high hybrid of the alternatives. Find a way to relieve pressure from everyone getting off at Ford. Use Warren South to help channel traffic at Ford - Use Chagrin Hill to eliminate Ford. Don't have to have cloverleaf exits and entrance at each - Warren + Chagrin Hill.

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Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

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6510 Telegraph Road

Taylor, MI 48180

313-375-3400

E-mail questions to: yyung@mdot.michigan.gov

E-mail comments to: MDOT-I27525@mdot.michigan.gov

More information at: www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies

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Thank you for your valuable input!



I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED] Phone #: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	3	
Boulevard	1	PROVIDE STREET LIGHTS NAT 3/00 WALKWAY - TO CAN SEE CURB OF BOULEVARD.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

- PROVIDE CHERRY HILL ACCESS TO I-275 -
- PROVIDE RAMP ACCESS TO HALLGOTRAN @ I-275 FROM I-275 TO 90 NORTH OF SOUTH SERVICE TOLLWAY AND JAIL RD.
- CHERRY HILL ROAD TO BE EXPANDED TO CENTER CENTER.

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

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6510 Telegraph Road
Taylor, MI 48180
313-375-2400

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Thank you for your valuable input!



I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

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Address: [REDACTED]

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E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	Best option given the existing buildings, constraints

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

The boulevard seems to be the best to fix the safety issues of crashes on Ford Rd.

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

Corette Yung, Project Manager

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I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

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E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	NOT GOOD
Operational Improvements	3	NO IMPROVEMENT
Boulevard	2	THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL ADDRESS THE LEFT TURN PROBLEM.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

ALL PROBLEMS ARE LEFT TURNERS INTO OR
OUT OF STREETS. A BOULEVARD WILL
STOP 99.9% OF ACCIDENTS.

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Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	I believe this will help with congestion beautification. Let's do it!

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

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E-mail comments to: MDOT-ford275@mdot.michigan.gov

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Thank you for your valuable input!



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Address: [REDACTED]

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E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build		
Operational Improvements		<i>SEE BELOW</i>
Boulevard		

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

*TRUCK RESTRICTIONS ON Ford Rd. Not 5' or 6'275 but over 3' max
No Trucks Between 0700-2000 Trucks over 3' max going in the form
From M-16 (US43) coming southbound to the Ford Rd. from Clinton County Road
to I-275 between 0700-2000, Do everything to ease and eliminate left
turns into the exit in emergency. Every 100' trucks in to Ford Road
Should be closed - any truck going out in emergency onto Ford Road.*

*They Need Access Granted to Businesses
from the back of the business @
Hampden, Casey, Racine, Spring, and Sycamore.*

Please place this form in a comment box.

*Central County Roads Dept. for
more in South side of Clinton
Businesses. The way they are
conducting my quest as you are 5-10 7 years away from getting it done!*

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E-mail comments to: MDOT-feedback@michigan.gov

More information at: www.michigan.gov/mdotshelley

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Thank you for your valuable input!



*No left turns
onto Ford Road, even
direction. EVER*

*Must that sign on Ford Road
Trucks can use Michigan Avenue and Ford Road using restricted hours - 3-08103*

I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

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 E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	Based on all the engineering analysis this is the best option. It looks like it will reduce many blocks of traffic flow.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

Regarding Boulevard: Add another lane on east bound Ford before and after Haggerty. Before Haggerty, allow traffic to go south on Haggerty and after the light go south on I-275. That would allow traffic going on I-275 north to stay in the west lane and continue onto I-275 north without shifting lanes. Also increase storage on west bound Ford before Haggerty, possibly eliminate the two-lane west of Haggerty to allow a full four lanes east bound. This would ensure the storage clear for each light cycle.

Comments and questions may also be sent to:

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 6510 Telegraph Road
 Taylor, MI 48180
 313-375-2400

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For construction work on I-275 / Ford / Haggerty First. That would allow for better delays during the remaining construction west of there. **Thank you for your valuable input!**

I talked with Brian [MDOT logo] about this. Thank you again for holding this meeting!

I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area

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E-mail Address: _____

Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 – most favored to 3 – least favored)	Comments
No-Build		
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

The backing up traffic every week
is just getting worse & worse.

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Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-build	3	This one is a non-starter. Something needs to be done!
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	This would help with flow of traffic and approve that it would make it easier.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

How about adding a drive on the I-275 southbound exit ramp that would lead to Hegarty if traffic wants to travel north on Hegarty. This idea if one included with the 4th alternative that the state applied for a TIGER grant. It's an added expense to the 3rd alternative, but would get some traffic off Ford Rd.

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Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

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No-Build	5 = 3	Add Right Turn Lane to WB Ford at Haggerty so current lane goes to 2nd
Operational Improvements	1	
Boulevard	3 = 2	

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

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Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-Build	3	
Operational Improvements	2	
Boulevard	1	Seems to offer the best overall progression.

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study:

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Please vote below for your Preferred Alternative (See reverse for description)!!

Practical Alternative	Ranking (1 - most favored to 3 - least favored)	Comments
No-build	3	Not an option if more business growth
Operational Improvements	2	Seems A short term fix
Boulevard	1	① Feel Boulevards could be safer & beautify the Road ② create less congestion

Other comments relating to the I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study: Turning At present Have to be very careful about on Ford Rd. People cut in front of you to cross to the other side - when they are coming out of the stores - like when two lanes could be going either left / right

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Thank you for your valuable input!



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 10:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 1:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment

[REDACTED]
We received the following e-mail. Please incorporate into the study.

I already sent a response to this resident.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
MDOT Taylor TSC
6510 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 8:05AM
To: MDOT-Ford275
Subject: RE: MDOT Public Meeting #3 for I-275 at Ford Rd study

Dear MDOT Representative,

Due to my unexpected schedule conflict, I missed 3/27 Public meeting yesterday.
I assume you had a great meeting.

Personally I welcome I-275/Cherry Hill Road Interchange because it is much simpler than Ford Road expansions & possible ramp modifications.
For a short term resolution at Ford/Haggerty intersection, I believe light timing & directions could be optimized for traffic jam there?!,
Longer passing time for Ford E/W than Haggerty N/S may relieve the traffic jam from I-275/Ford exits.

I look forward to seeing your final process draft soon.

Best regards,



From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:50 AM
Subject: MDOT Public Meeting #3 for I-275 at Ford Rd study

Good morning,

This e-mail is sent to inform you of the continuing I-275 at M-153 (Ford Road) Area Traffic and Environmental Study and Evaluation Project. The study area for the project is bordered by Sheldon Road, Warren Road, Lotz Road, and Cherry Hill Road.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites you to attend public information meeting #3 on **Wednesday, March 27, 2013** from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The meeting will be held at **Summit on the Park** in Canton, Michigan. The address is **46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188**.

MDOT plans to recap the first two public meetings, share new data that has been gathered, and unveil the Practical Alternatives for the project.

The meeting will be an open house format. There will be no formal presentation but numerous stations for you to get information on the project and to talk with project team members. We encourage you to give us feedback and voice your concerns. Your input and participation with MDOT will help to identify the goals and solutions which is a critical element of the project process.

If available, please plan to attend this important meeting. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MDOT Taylor Transportation Service Center at 313-375-2400.

Thanks.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment
Date: Monday, April 08, 2013 7:37:29 AM

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Wendling, [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment

[REDACTED]

We received the following comment. Please incorporate into the study.

I already sent a response to this resident.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
MDOT Taylor TSC
6510 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 10:30AM
To: MDOT-Ford275
Subject: I-275 at M-153 Project

Hi,

I wanted to respond to the request for comments on the I-275 at M-153 project. I'm a Canton resident. I do not like the idea of a boulevard, esp. not extended all the way to Sheldon where left turns are really not that difficult. Operational improvements would be fine as would not doing anything in hopes that perhaps monies would be available in a subsequent year.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment
Date: Monday, April 08, 2013 7:37:35 AM

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
517.622.2500

-----Original Message-----

From: MDOT-Ford275 [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2013 10:45 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 115177 (275/Ford) resident comment

[REDACTED]

We received the following comment. Please incorporate into the study.

I already sent a response to this resident.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
MDOT Taylor TSC
6510 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Austin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 11:26AM
To: MDOT-Ford275
Subject: Ford Rd. improvement project

I have been in favor of a boulevard for years, even before it became a consideration officially. It will be far more visually appealing. I have also noticed other major roads; i.e., Telegraph, Michigan Ave, etc where boulevards have been built and have always noticed traffic moves along very well. I think it's a great idea and hope to see this as the Ford Road improvement.

[REDACTED]
Canton Resident

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: More Comments on I-275 and Ford Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 9:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: More Comments on I-275 and Ford Road

[REDACTED]

Please see the comment below.

I sent a response to this resident.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

MDOT Taylor TSC
6510 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 2:28PM
To: Yung, Gorette (MDOT)
Subject: More Comments on I-275 and Ford Road

Hello,

I attended the public meeting in Canton on March 27, 2013 and submitted a comment form there. I would like to add another comment.

I would like to see Ford Road Eastbound be 3 lanes of through traffic from Lilly to Haggarty. Then add a fourth Eastbound lane on Eastbound Ford just before Haggarty. The third and fourth lanes should continue to the I-275 interchange. The fourth lane at Haggarty would allow for access to Haggarty (Southbound and turn around for Northbound Haggarty) and for entrance to I-275 Southbound. The third lane would allow for access to I-275 Northbound without lane shifting. Configuring the lanes like this would minimize lane shifting to get on to I-275. The additional third lane on Ford would allow I-275 and Haggarty traffic to queue, allowing for two full lanes of Eastbound through traffic. Currently Eastbound Ford traffic queues all the way west of Lilly on Saturday/Sunday afternoons, as well as the morning/evening commutes.

Thank you for seeking public input to this issue. Please contact me if you need further clarification.

Best Regards,

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