

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

# Planning & Environmental Linkage (PEL)

## Environmental and Planning Process

- This Environmental and Traffic study focused on improving safety and mobility while minimizing community and natural resources impacts
- Uses public involvement and environmental data to streamline future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis
- Financing opportunities will be pursued as a result of the preferred alternative and its cost range

## Highlights for Preferred Alternative (Boulevard)

### The Preferred Alternative allows

- Long-term improvements to address congestions and safety on Ford Road
- Safety improvements include but are not limited to eliminating left turns and providing refuge areas for pedestrian crossings
- Connection of nonmotorized facilitates
- Address pavement conditions on Ford Road, while at the same time addressing traffic operational needs. This will minimize future construction impacts to the community and businesses

# Preferred Alternative Challenges and Opportunities

## Future Project Funding

- Canton Township is applying for TIGER V grant as one possible source of funding
- MDOT and Wayne County funding constraints
- Canton Township can minimize right-of-way costs through continuing access management and its flexible zoning central business district overlay, including
  - Building and parking setbacks
  - Number of parking space requirements
  - Lot sizes
  - Greenbelt and landscaping requirements
- Phased approaches will be considered for short- and long-term relief



## Future Steps

### Design and Construction

- Occurs after identification of available funds
- Secure National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance
- More detailed information on the locations of loons, pedestrian and nonmotorized facilities, and property impacts
- Follow up on community concerns about minimizing construction impacts and other community and environmental concerns