



# WELCOME

Thank you for visiting the Will County Division of Transportation's Open House for the Mills-Cherry Hill Road Study.

We appreciate you taking time to learn more about this project and provide input.

**Los traductores de español están en el sitio y listos para ayudar!**

## We hope you will:

-  Sign-in
-  Take a look at the exhibits
-  Ask questions!
-  Provide feedback

## What you will learn about:

-  About the Study
-  Study Area
-  Existing Conditions
-  Preferred Alternative



# About the Study



Mills-Cherry Hill Study

The Will County Division of Transportation launched the Mills-Cherry Hill Road Study with a goal of improving **safety and mobility** in the study area.

## MILLS-CHERRY HILL ROAD STUDY SCHEDULE



*\*Pending project readiness and funding availability.*



You are an essential part of this process and helping WCDOT understand the issues and needs in this area.





# What is a Phase I Study?



It includes:



**Preliminary Engineering**



**Environmental Studies**

## Why is this Phase I Study is needed?



The Phase I Study will result in an established purpose and need for project work.



It allows WCDOT to understand problems and develop solutions that are the best fit for the community.



It provides knowledge about social, economic and environmental impacts of roadway improvements.



The Phase I Study will gather input from residents and stakeholders early in the planning process.





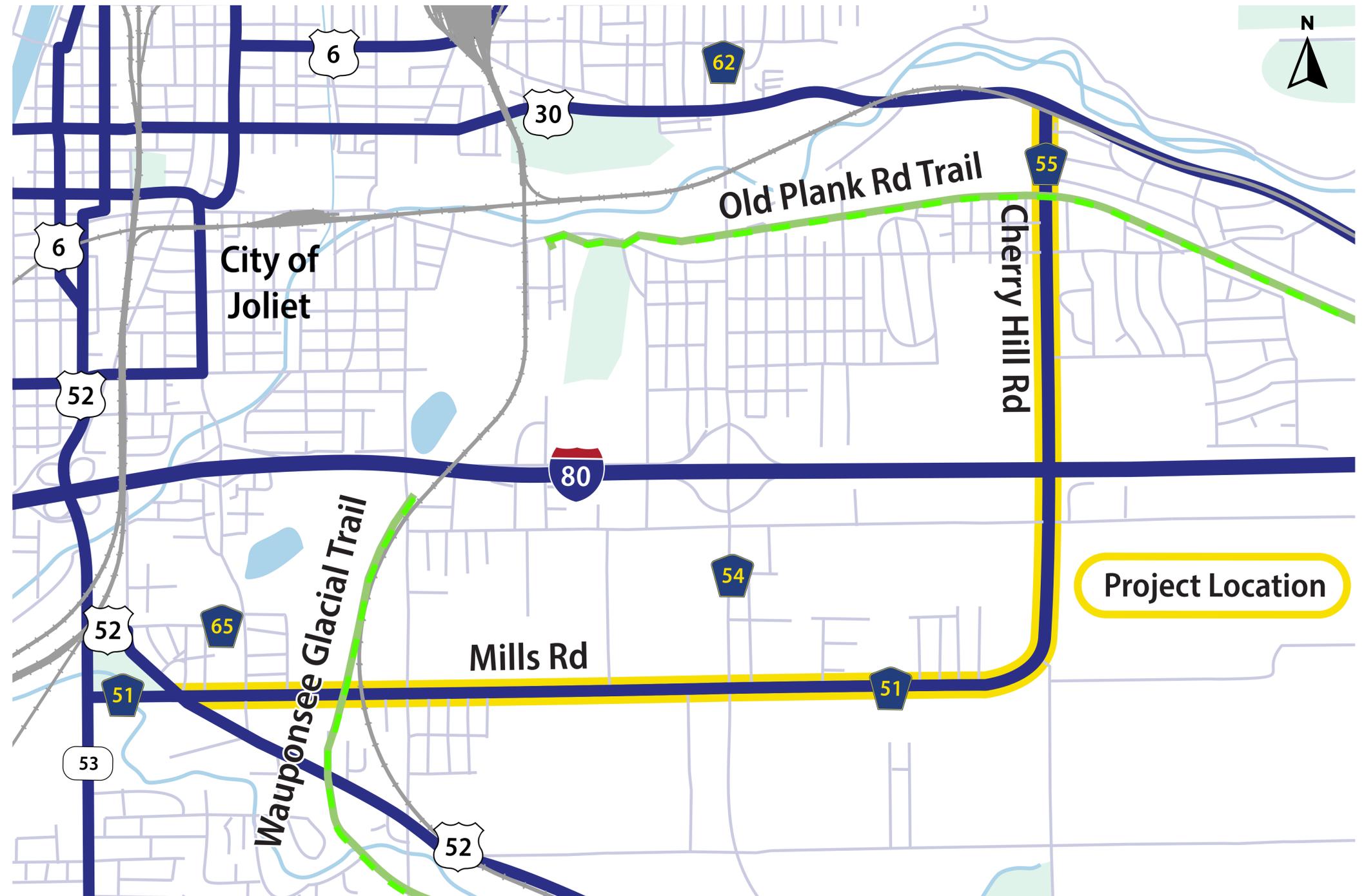
# Project Location



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This Phase I Study assessed Mills Road and Cherry Hill Road from U.S. Route 52 to U.S. Route 30, which includes portions of unincorporated Will County, the Village of New Lenox, and the City of Joliet.

These roads are uniquely located among suburban, rural and industrial properties.





# Public Meeting 1 and 2 Summary



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## What Was Identified as a Priority?

- Safety While Driving
- Safety While Walking or Biking
- Mitigating Noise/Traffic
- Environmental Impacts and Improvements
- Address Speeding Concerns
- Improved Community Engagement

## What We Heard

- Need for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Accommodations
- Concerns over Environmental Impacts
- Concerns over Construction Impacts
- Need for Truck Traffic Control
- Improve Intersection Safety
  - Mills Road at Cherry Hill Road
  - Cherry Hill Road and Washington Street
  - Cherry Hill Road and US 30
- Flooding Concerns
- Improved Lighting
- Cost Concerns



Public Meeting 1 and 2 Materials  
can be found at:  
**MillsCherryHillStudy.com**



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# Purpose and Need



The goal of the Mills-Cherry Hill Road Study is to identify solutions that will improve safety and mobility along the corridor.

## Project Purpose:

-  Improve corridor
-  Reconstruct pavement safety
-  Improve drainage
-  Enhance mobility for non-motorized modes

## Project Needs:

-  Safety concerns for all roadway users
-  Substandard pavement conditions
-  Pavement flooding & roadside ditch ponding
-  Gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network







# Traffic Volume

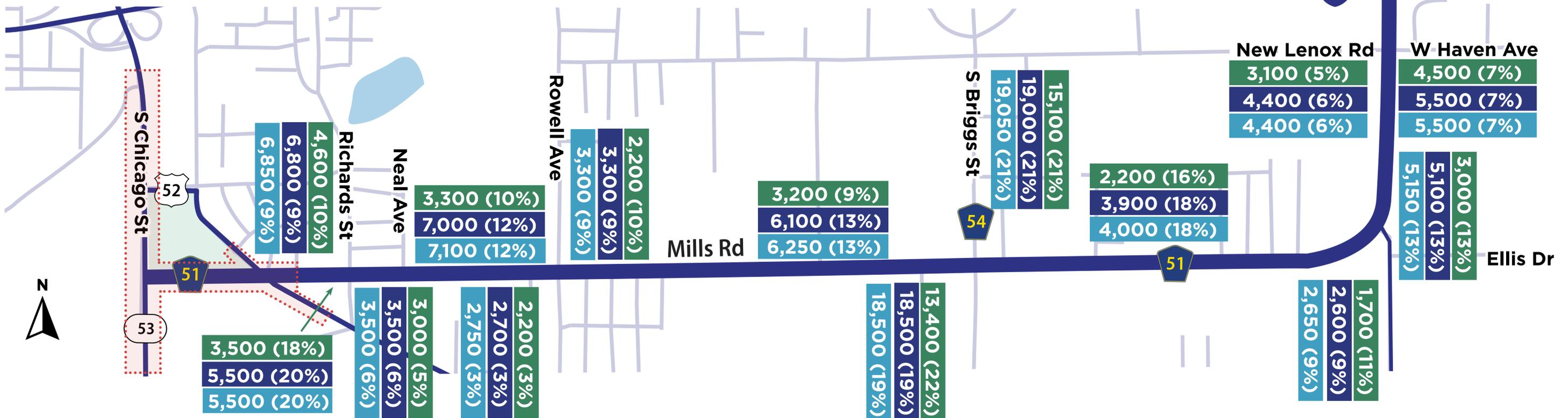


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## The 2050 projected traffic warrants one lane of travel in each direction.

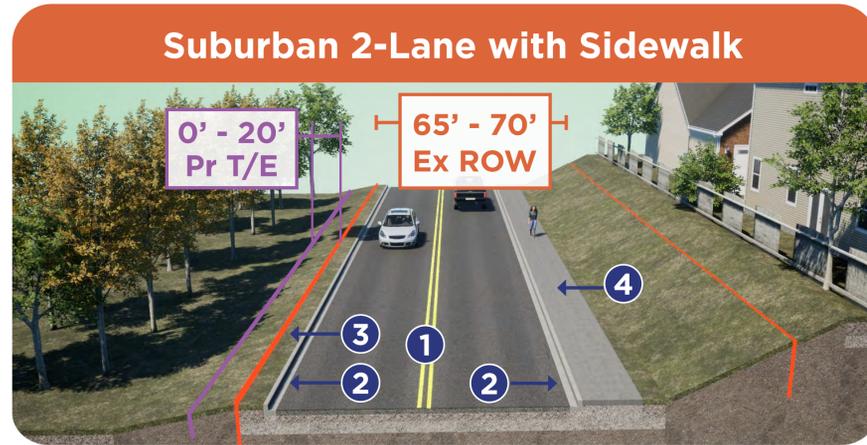
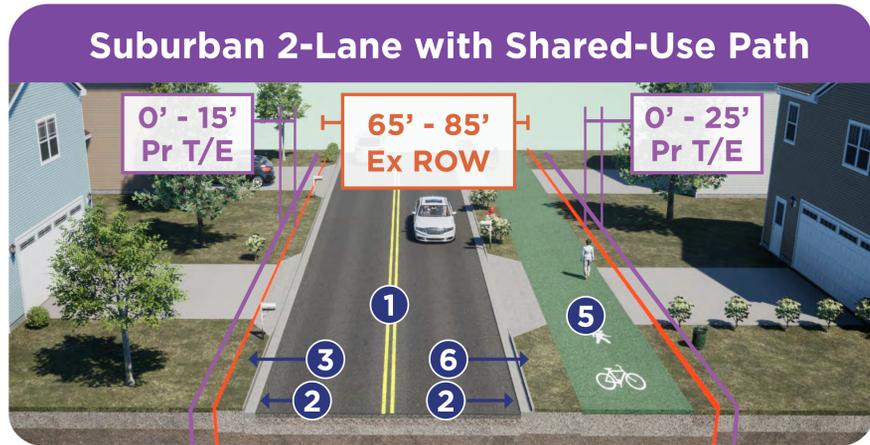
- Average Daily Traffic (ADT) is the total 24-hour weekday two-way traffic volume along a segment of road.
- Traffic data was collected June 20, 2023.
- 2050 traffic projections were provided by Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

X,XXX (X%)	Existing 2023 ADT (% Truck)
X,XXX (X%)	No Build 2050 ADT (% Truck)
X,XXX (X%)	Build 2050 ADT (% Truck)
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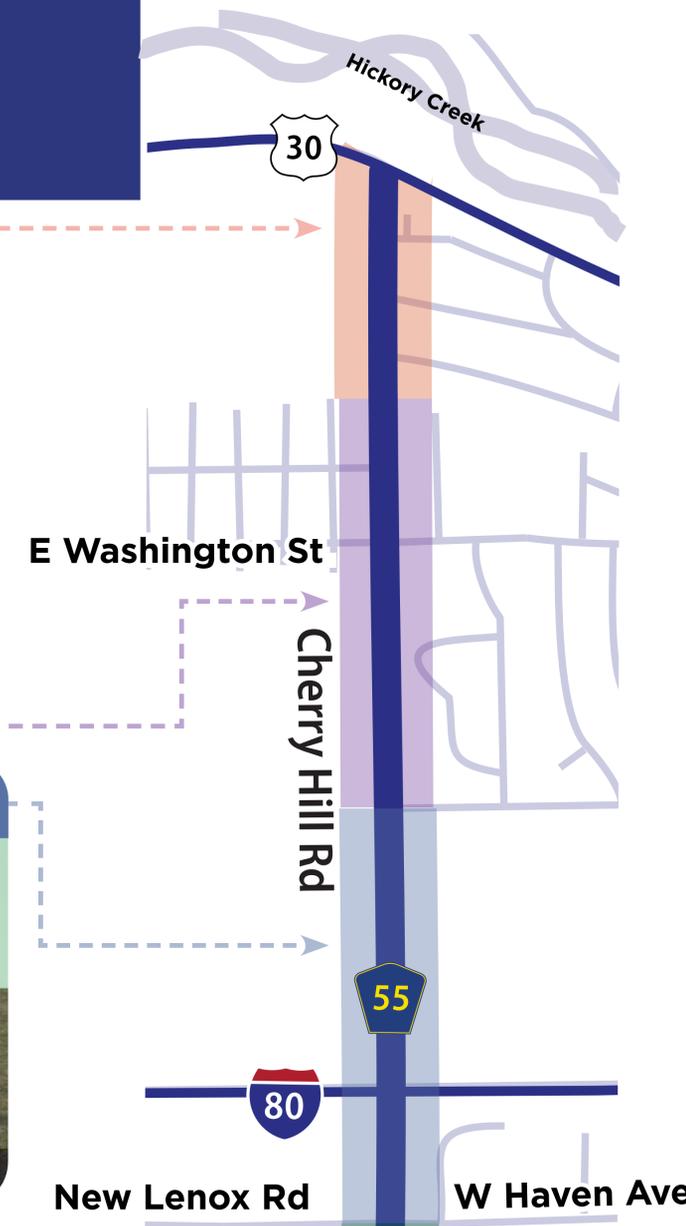
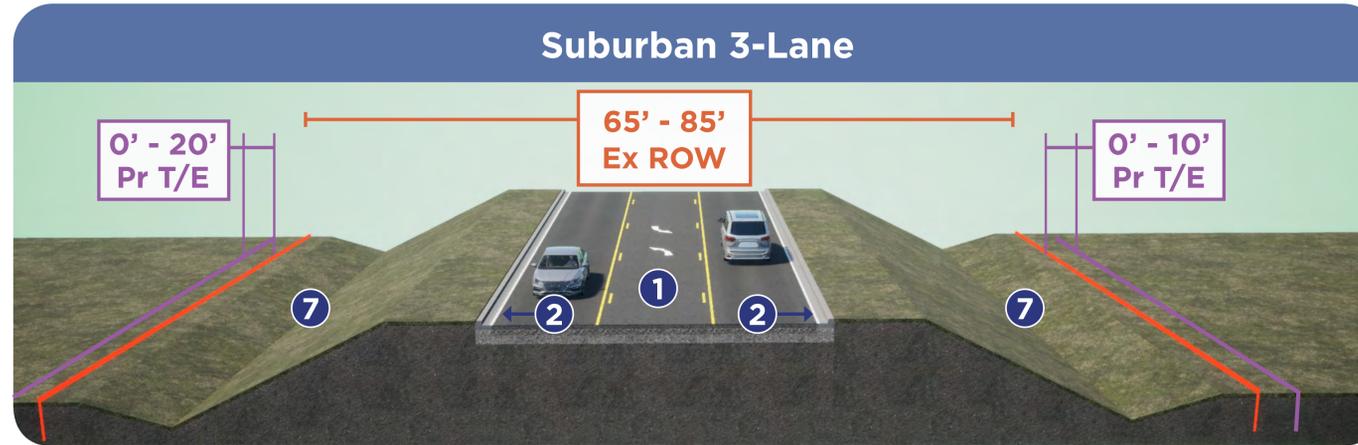
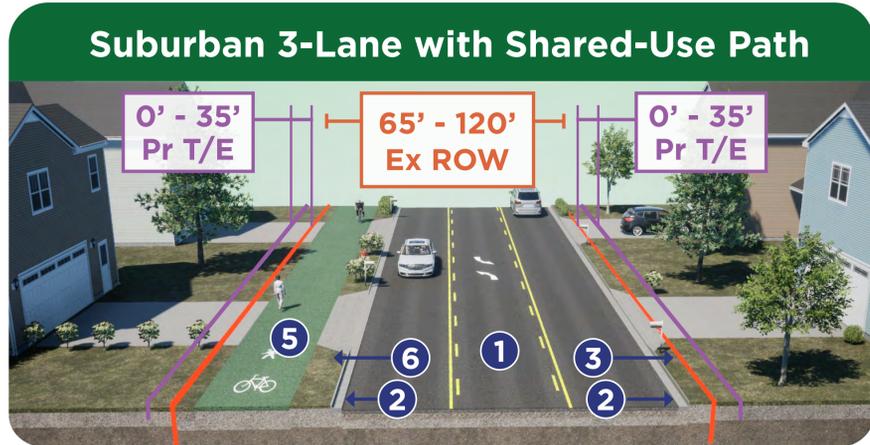
# Preferred Alternative



**TYPICAL SECTION LEGEND**

- 1 12-foot Travel Lanes
- 2 Curb & Gutter
- 3 3-foot Grass Parkway
- 4 7-foot Sidewalk
- 5 10-foot Shared-Use Path
- 6 5-foot Grass Parkway
- 7 Grass Ditch

Ex ROW Existing Right of Way  
Pr T/E Proposed Temporary Easement

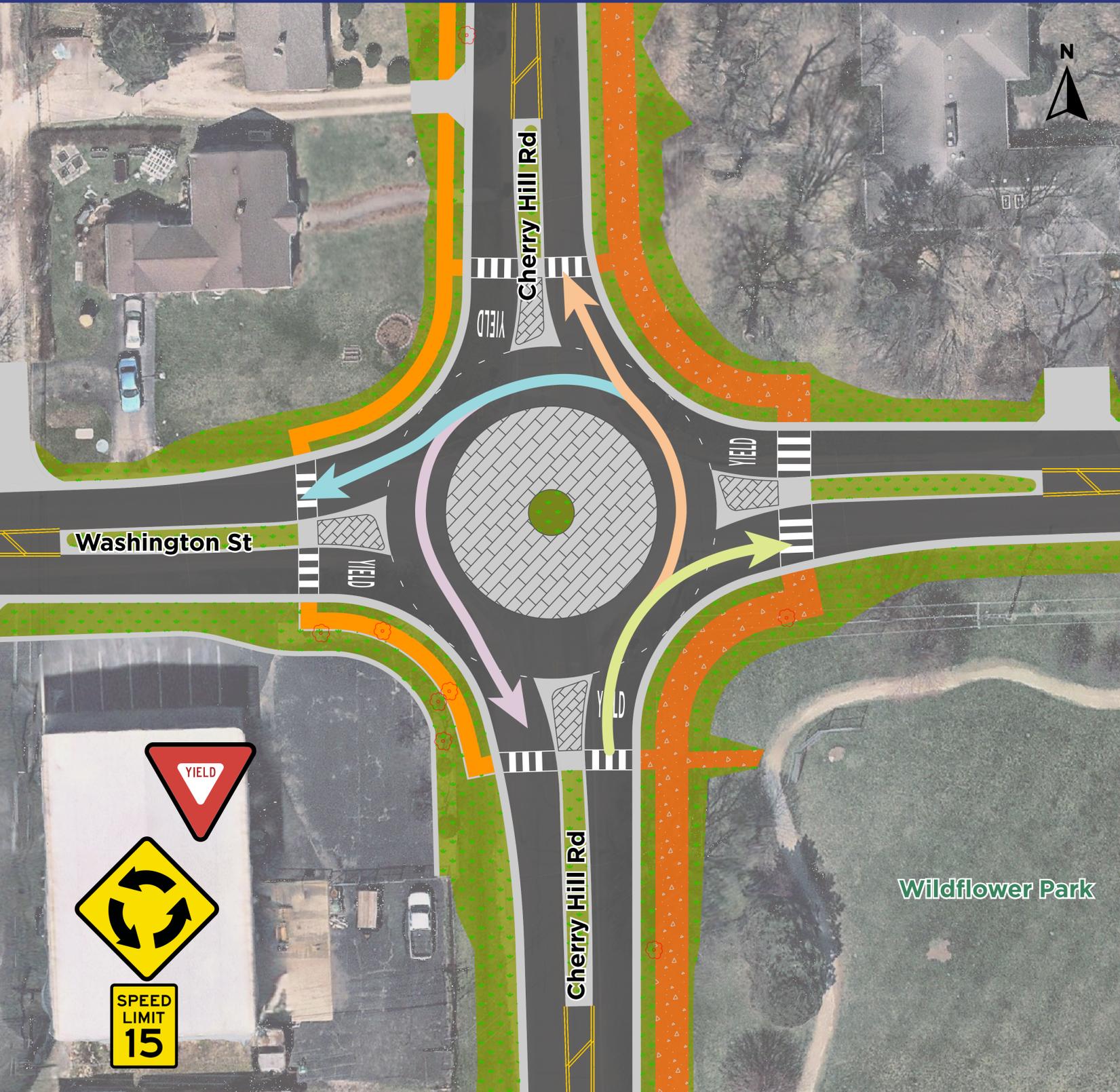




# Proposed Compact Roundabout Cherry Hill at Washington Street



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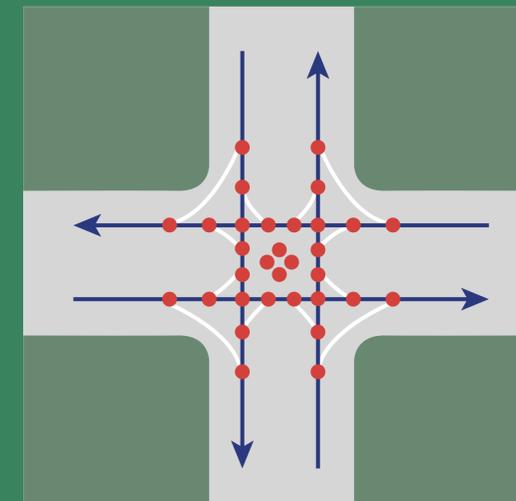
## How to Use a Roundabout:

- Entering traffic slows when approaching the roundabout
- Entering traffic yields to vehicles in the roundabout approaching from the left

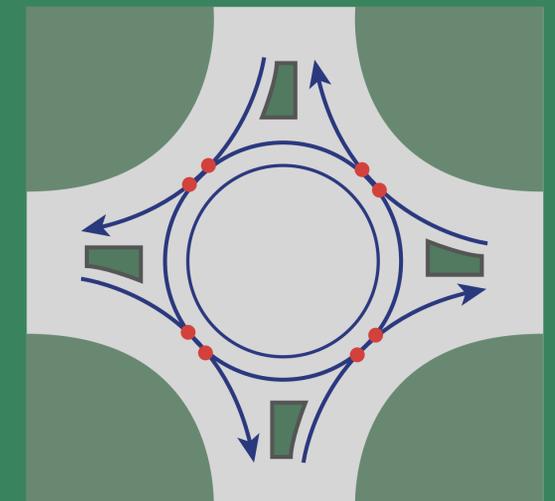
## Key Features:

- Traffic is slowed to 15 mph or less improving safety
- Entering vehicles only need to observe vehicles approaching from the left reducing the complexity of navigating around other vehicles

With roundabouts, head-on and high-speed right angle collisions are virtually eliminated.



Traditional Intersection



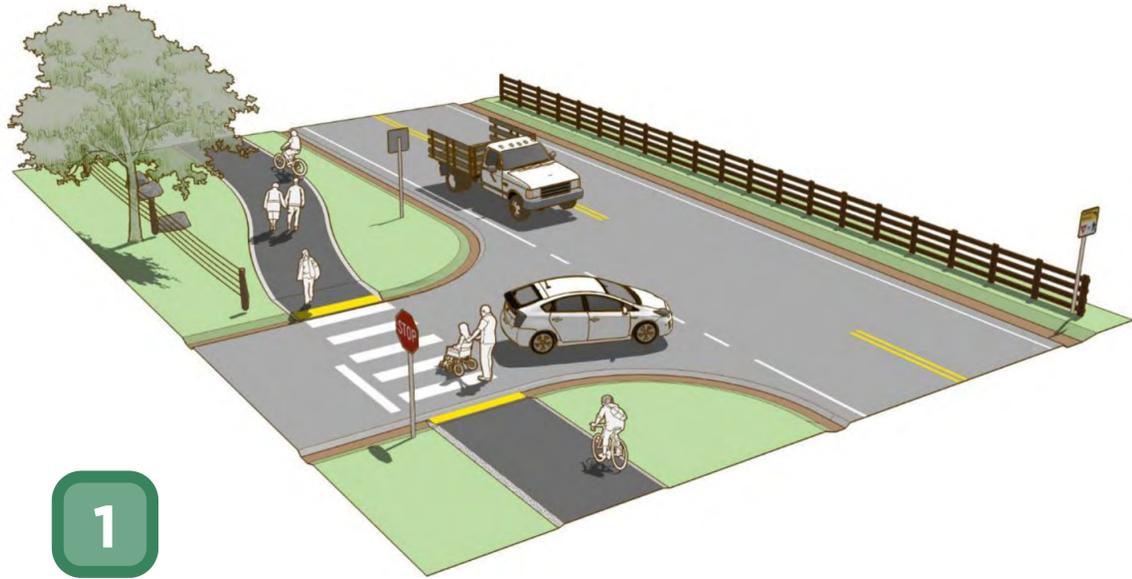
Roundabout

● Potential Vehicle Conflict Point





# Non-Motorized Improvements

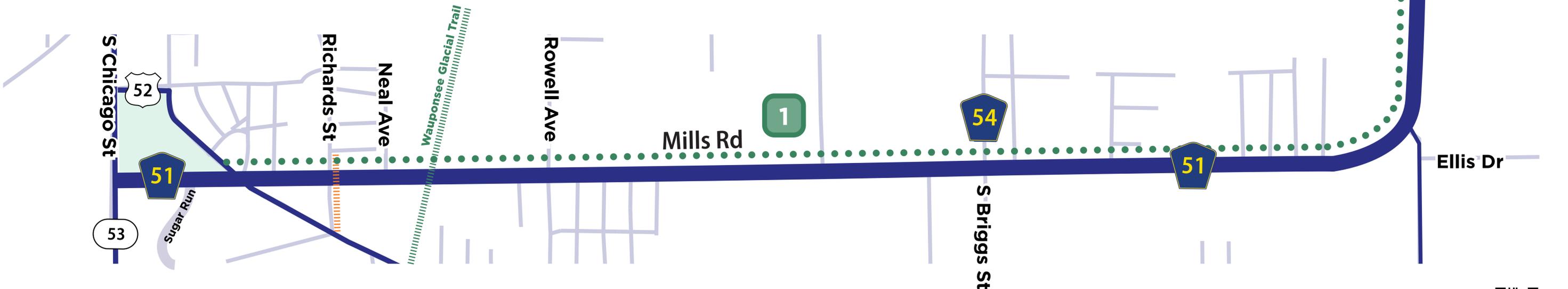


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A **shared-use path** provides a safer route for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized users.

2

A **sidewalk** provides dedicated space for pedestrians that is safer, comfortable, and accessible.





# Section 4(f) Impacts



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**What is 4(f)?** 4(f) properties are identified as publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or historic properties.

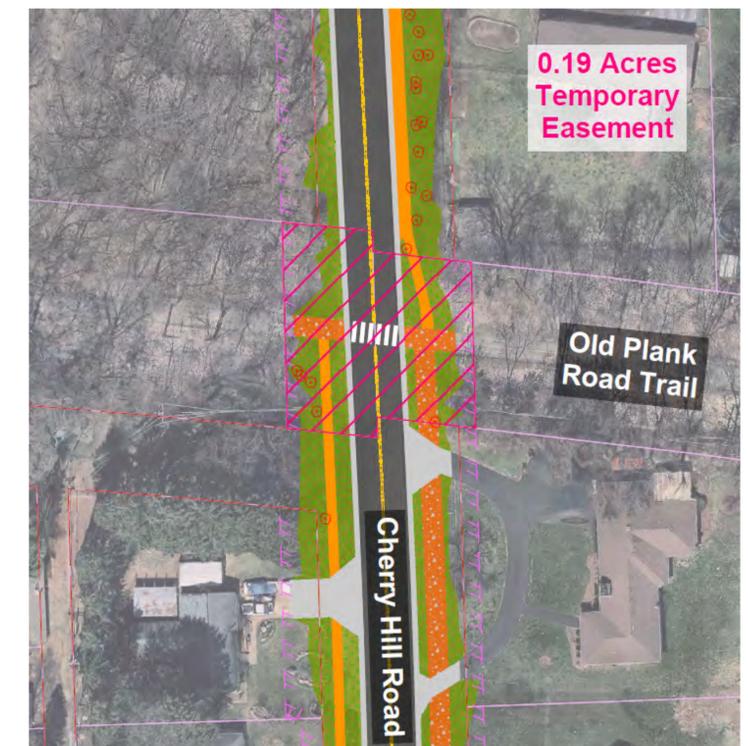
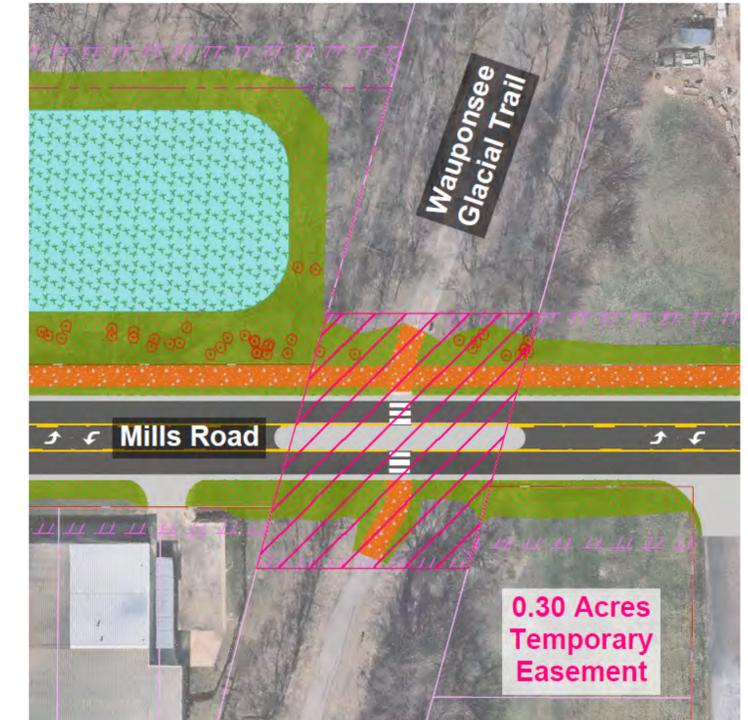
## Section 4(f) Property Impacts

The project impacts the Wauponsee Glacial Trail and the Old Plank Road Trail. These trails are under the jurisdiction of the Forest Preserve District of Will County (FPDWC). Improvements within FPDWC property include:

- Reconstruction of the road
- Connections to new shared-use path and sidewalk
- Construction of storm sewer
- Grading

Access will be maintained throughout construction using a temporary crossing or minor detour.

Will County intends to seek a Section 4(f) “de minimis” impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration based on a *determination that the project will not adversely affect the features, attributes, or activities* that qualify Wauponsee Glacial Trail or Old Plank Road Trail for protection under Section 4(f). Report is available upon request.





# Share Your Thoughts



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Community members and other stakeholders play an important role in this Phase I Study and any decisions made about the future of Mills and Cherry Hill Roads. We want to hear from you about transportation and community needs in this area!

Please fill out a comment form either in person or online to share your feedback on the preferred alternative.

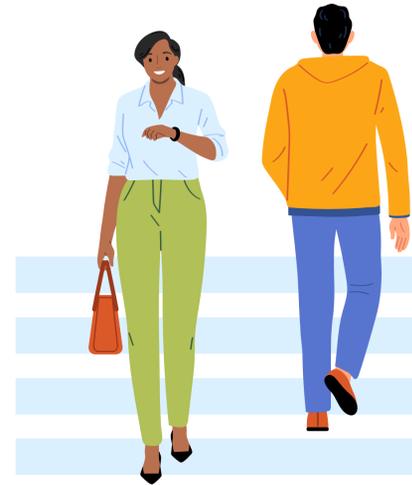




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# We want to hear from you!

The comment period is open **August 5 – September 2, 2025.**



Today in-person



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