



Sunset Road / Wildt Street

Transportation Improvements
June 23, 2025

City of Ann Arbor – Public Services Area – Engineering

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Meeting Etiquette

- Commit to learning and avoiding speculation.
- Please remember the importance of rights and the dignity of others.
 - Critique ideas, not people.
 - Use thoughtful language so this can be a comfortable and respectful session for all participants.



Public Engagement

- **The project team will conduct public engagement through online and in-person means to:**
 - Learn stakeholder concerns and values
 - Discuss findings after engineering investigation



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Agenda



- **What are Tonight's Objectives?**
- **Current Study Overview & Goals**
- **Past Project Recap**
- **Current Study Details**
- **Design Toolbox**
- **Next Steps**
- **Breakout Session**

What Are Tonight's Objectives?

- **To Inform You**
- **Ask Questions**
- **Gather Your Input!**



Purpose of Engagement for Sunset & Wildt

- ✓ Review Need for Non-motorized Accessibility & Safety Improvements
- ✓ Receive Input on Values and Concerns
- ✓ Develop a Concept & Cost Estimate for CIP

Current Study Overview & Goals



Project Purpose and Need

Transportation Policy Milestones:



Complete Streets Resolution

A2Zero Carbon
Neutrality Plan

Moving Together Towards
Vision Zero Transportation Plan

2015

2020

2011

2020

2021

Vision
Zero

New Sidewalk
Millage Approved



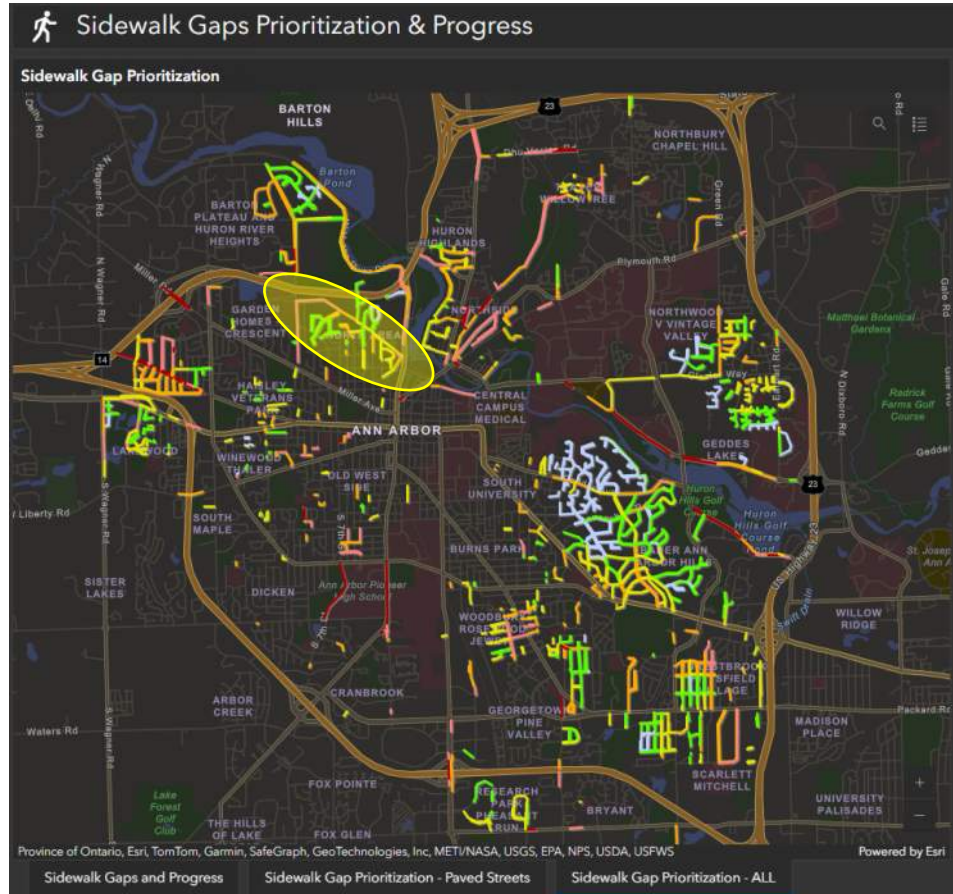
Ann Arbor's Mobility Goals & Values

- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Accessibility for All
- ✓ Mobility





Sidewalk Gap Prioritization and Progress



- 442 miles of existing sidewalk
- 140 miles of “sidewalk gaps”
- An online dashboard is available with information on sidewalk gaps:
a2gov.org/newsidewalks
- Sunset / Wildt Sidewalk Gap:
 - Identified as a High, Mid-High, Mid-Low Priority depending on segment



Bicycle Prioritization and Progress

Proposed Bike Network

Existing All Ages and Abilities Routes Existing Routes
Proposed All Ages and Abilities Routes Proposed Routes

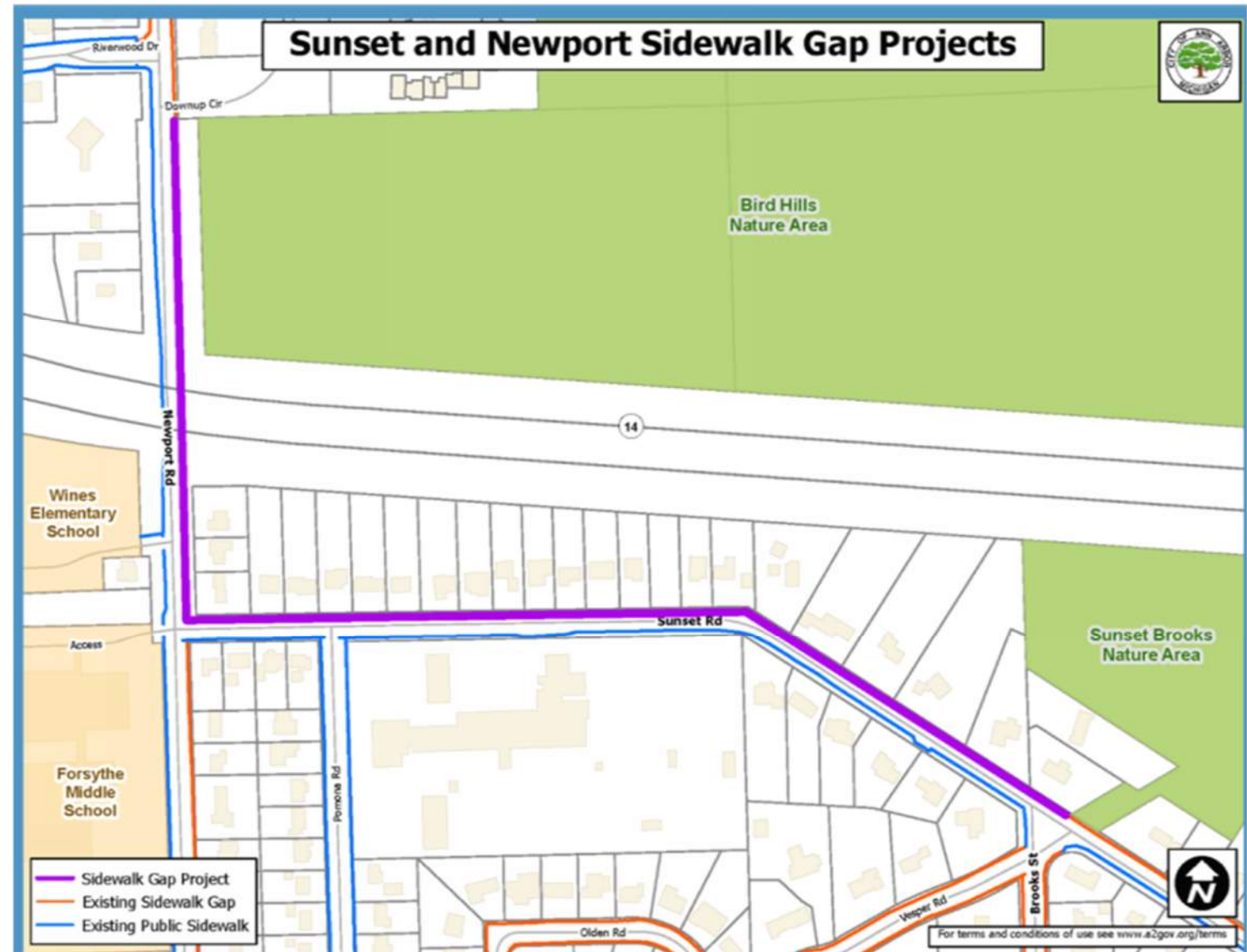


- 102 miles of identified bike routes citywide
 - 26 miles completed
 - 28 miles needing enhancement
 - 48 miles of needed improvements
- Sunset / Wildt: 'All Ages & Abilities / Local'
- Goal is to complete identified routes for 'All Ages & Abilities' by 2035.

Past Project Recap

2021 Project Scope

- Fill sidewalk gaps on:
 - East side of Newport
 - North side of Sunset (Newport to Brooks)
 - Retaining walls and crosswalks, where needed
- Sunset had three concepts:
 - Option 1 - Sidewalk placed at ROW line behind curb
 - Option 2 - Meandering Sidewalk behind curb
 - Option 3 - placed near back of curb with 3-foot buffer space

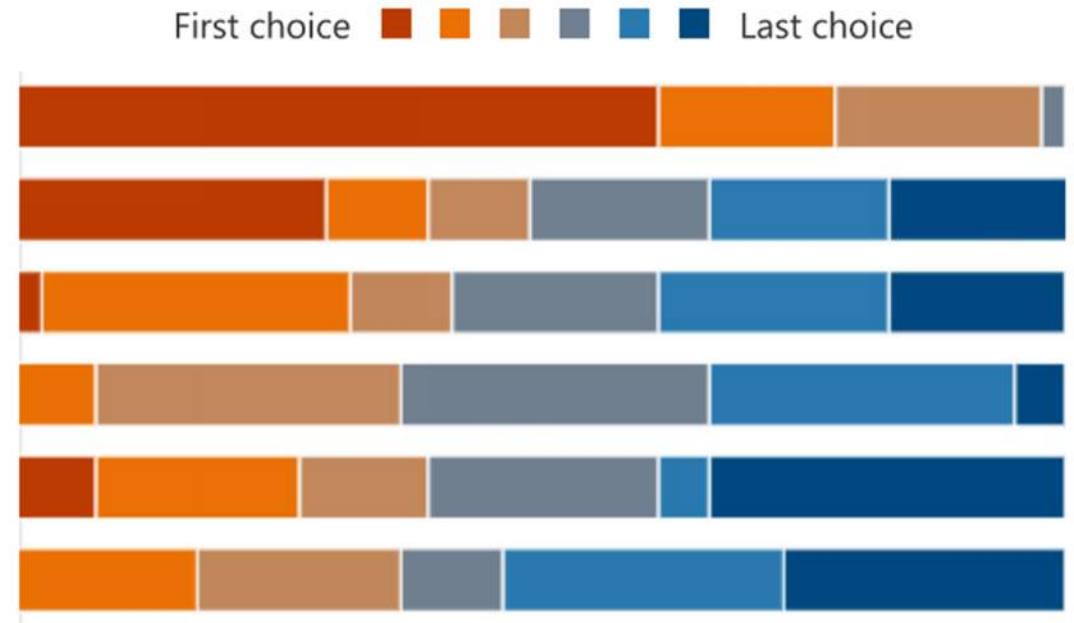


Constituent Feedback from 2021

- All Sunset design options received feedback.

Community Input Survey

- 1) Preserving trees, vegetation and/or landscaping.
- 2) Adequate buffer zone between sidewalk and road.
- 3) Avoid the use of retaining walls.
- 4) Avoid temporary grading easements.
- 5) Maintain on-street parking
- 6) Maximize distance between home and sidewalk

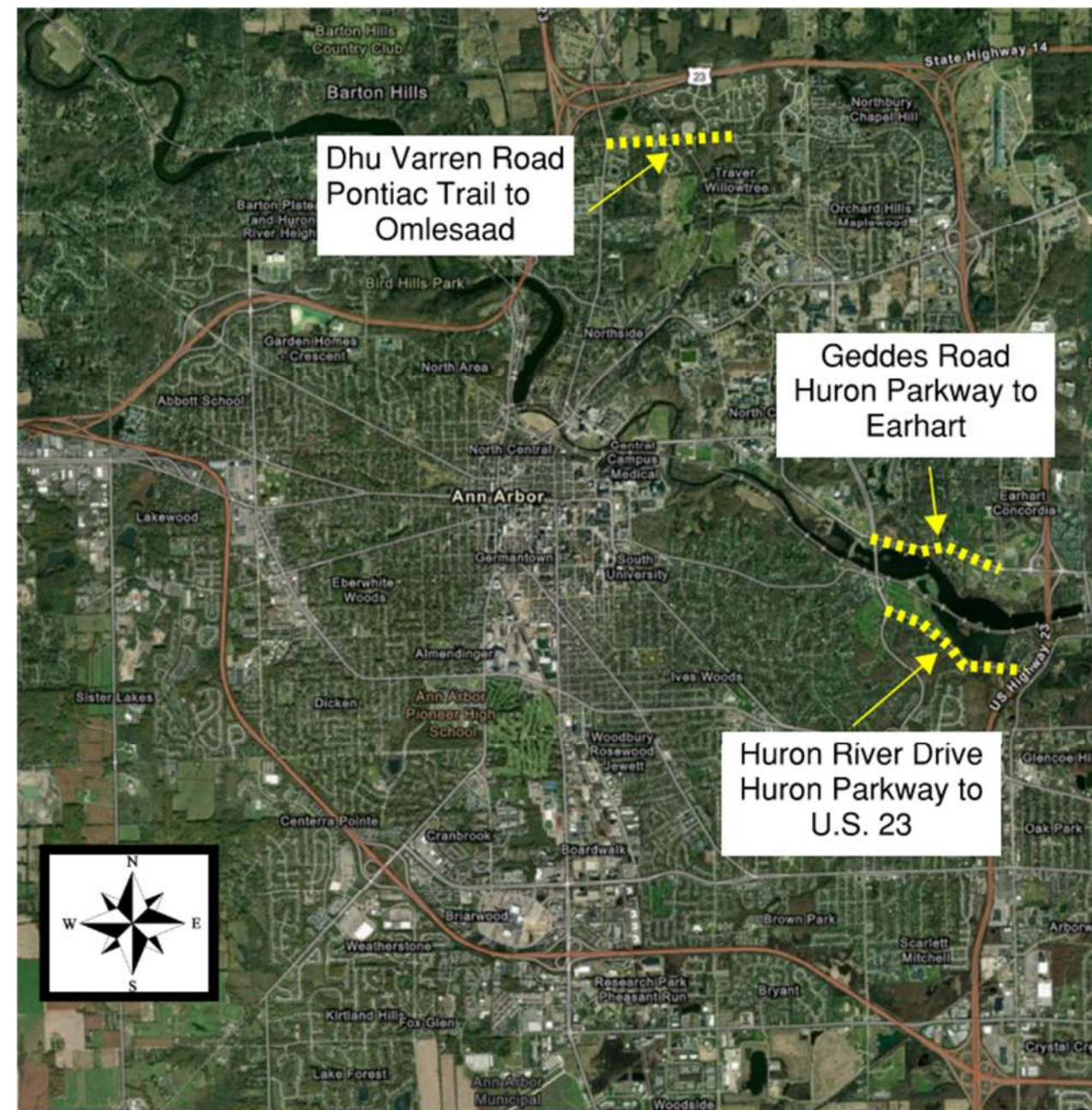


Outcomes from 2021 Engagement

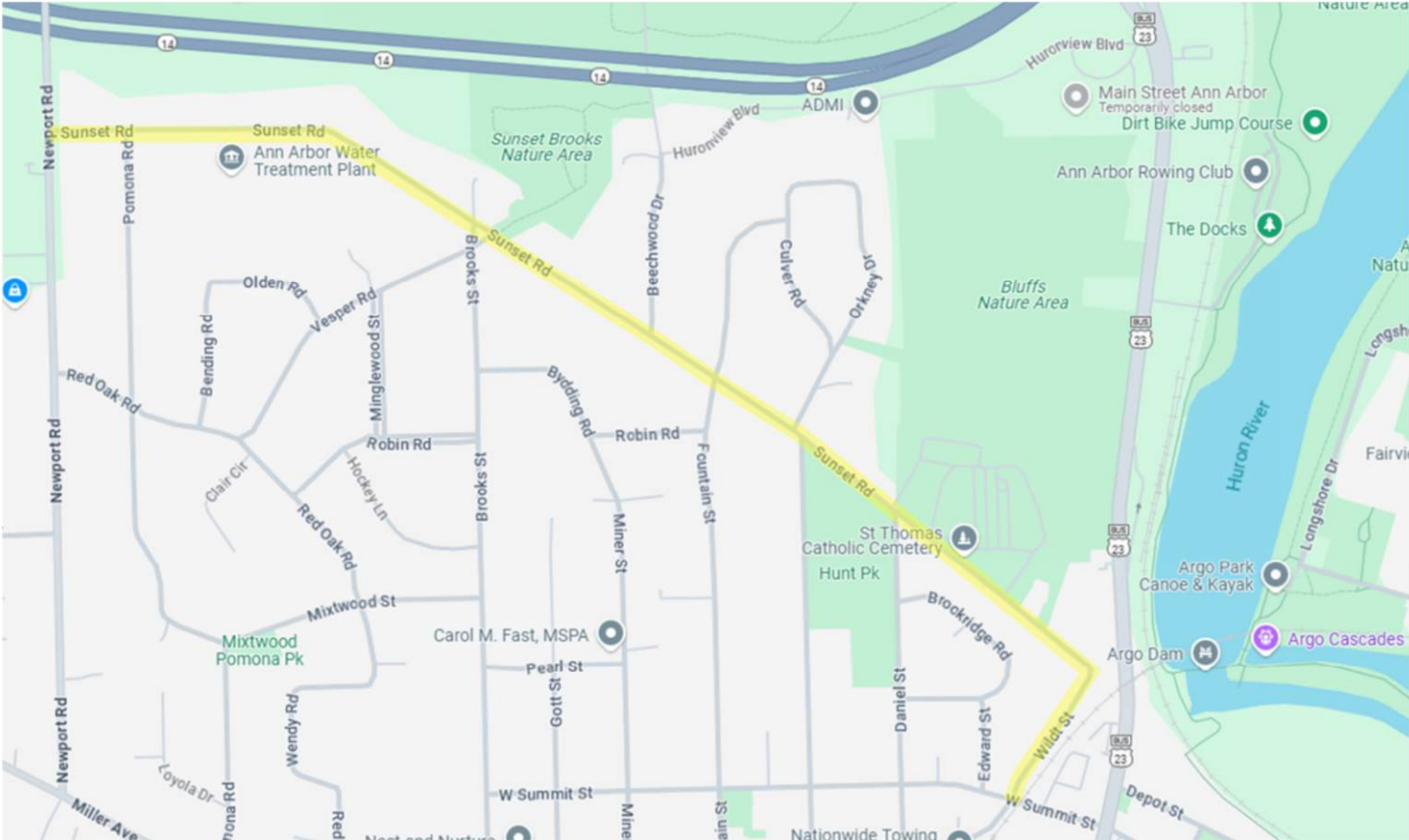
- Newport Road sidewalk moved forward while Sunset Road was placed on pause.
- *“A more wholistic review was necessary”*. The future project scope would be vetted through the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) process.
- A future project would review the Sunset/Widlt Road corridor and funding.
 - Non-motorized improvements (bicycle and pedestrian amenities).
 - Street resurfacing
 - Possible watermain & utility work
- The project is captured in the CIP but beyond the current planning window (2031 or later).
- **We are here to begin this process.**

Current Study Details

- Updating CIP Costs for Sidewalk Gap Projects
 - Huron River Drive
 - Geddes Road
 - Dhu Varren
- Reimagine Sunset/Wildt as larger corridor wide transportation project.
- Focus on non-motorized
 - All Ages+Abilities, Local Bike Route
 - Priority Sidewalk Gap



Limits of Study for Sunset Road and Wildt Street



Design Toolbox

Sidewalk Design Alternatives

- Place sidewalk meandering behind existing curb to minimize impacts.
- Narrow road and move curb into road, then place sidewalk behind new curb and provide buffer to minimize impacts.
- Reallocate part of road to provide a protected 'pedestrian lane'.



Meandering behind existing curb



Curbline moved inward to narrow roadway



Biking Design Alternatives

- Conventional bike lanes
- Shared lane markings
- Bike boulevard



Conventional bike lanes



Shared lane markings

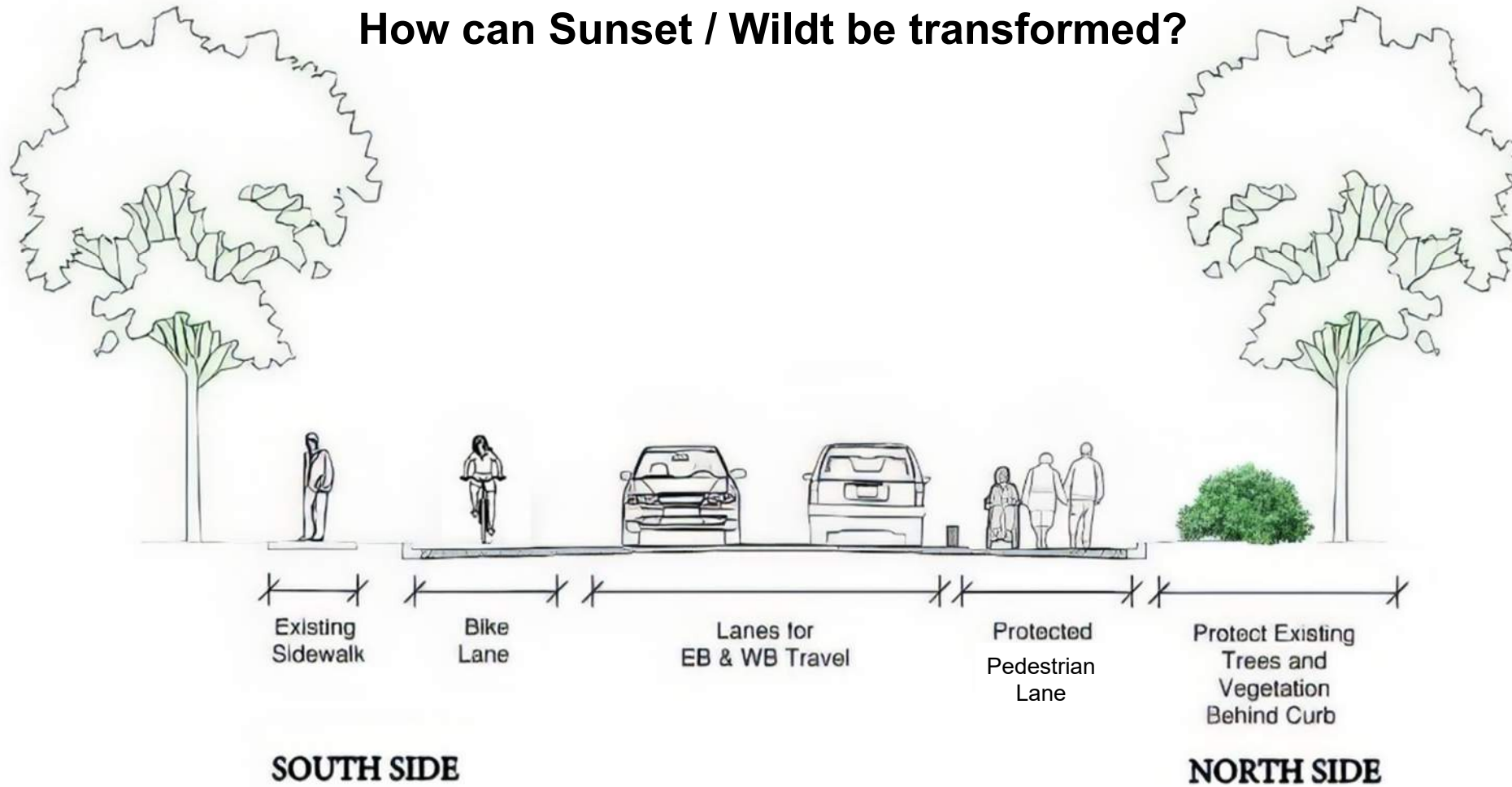


Bike boulevard



Design Toolbox

How can Sunset / Wildt be transformed?





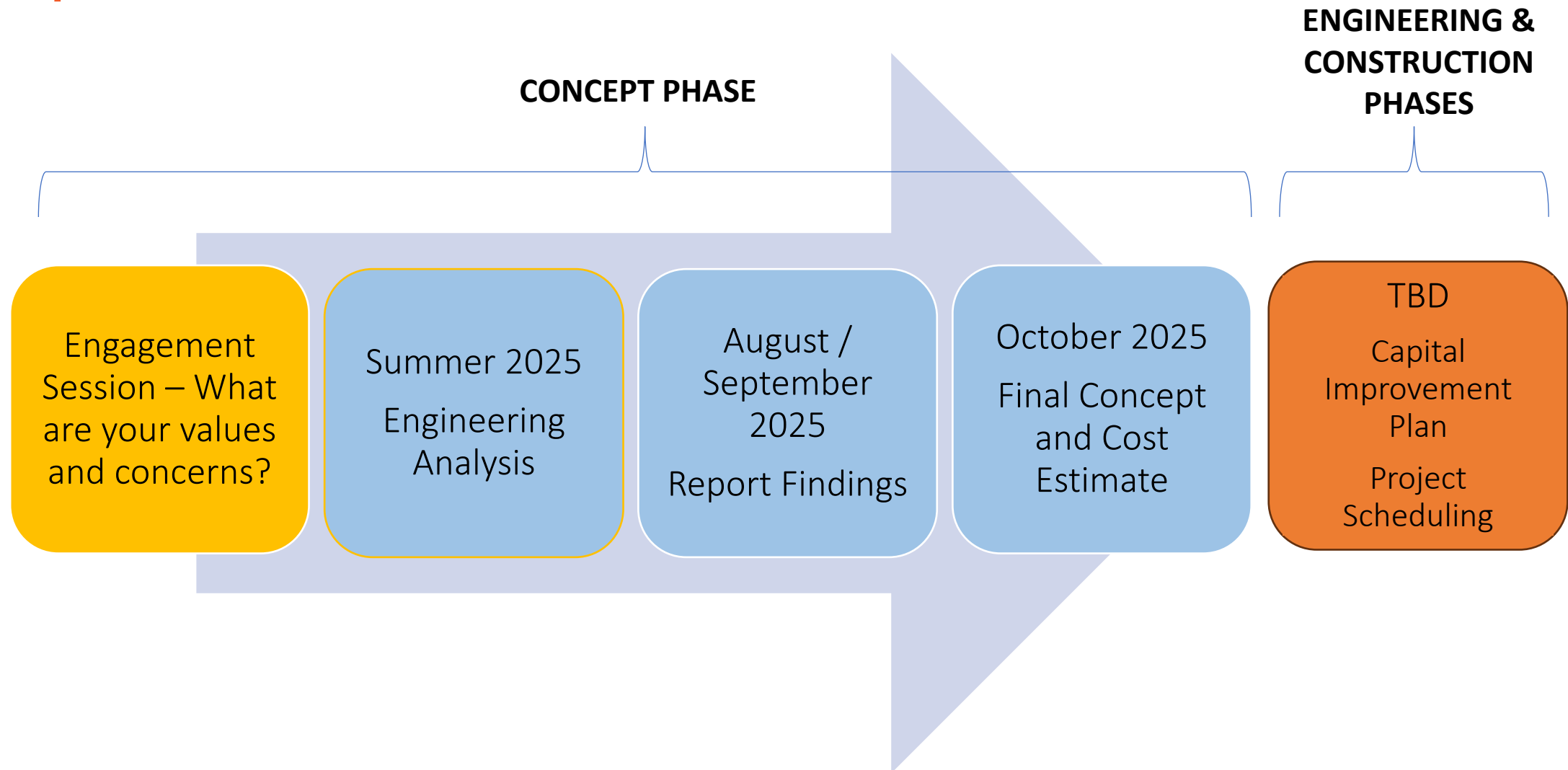
Possible Impacts to Consider

- Tree and landscaping removal
- On-Street parking removal
 - One or both sides?
- Others?

Next Steps...



Project Timeline



Breakout Session





Thank You!

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