

East Huron River Drive

Sidewalk Engagement Session

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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



Purpose of Engagement

Project Overview and Need

Project Challenges

Potential Design Options

Next Steps

Breakout Session

Purpose of Engagement



Purpose of Engagement

- ✓ Need for Non-motorized Accessibility
- ✓ Receive Feedback on Values and Concerns
- ✓ Develop a Realistic Cost Estimate

Project Overview & Need



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

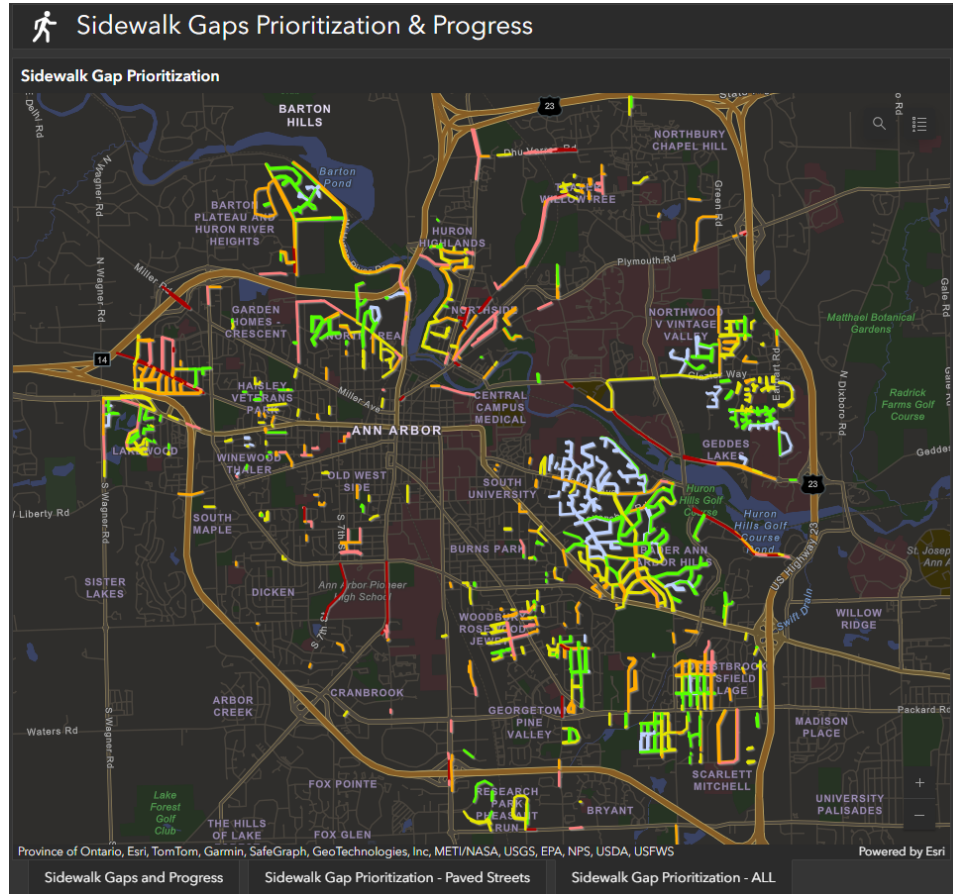
✓ Accessibility for All

✓ Mobility





Sidewalk Gap Prioritization and Progress

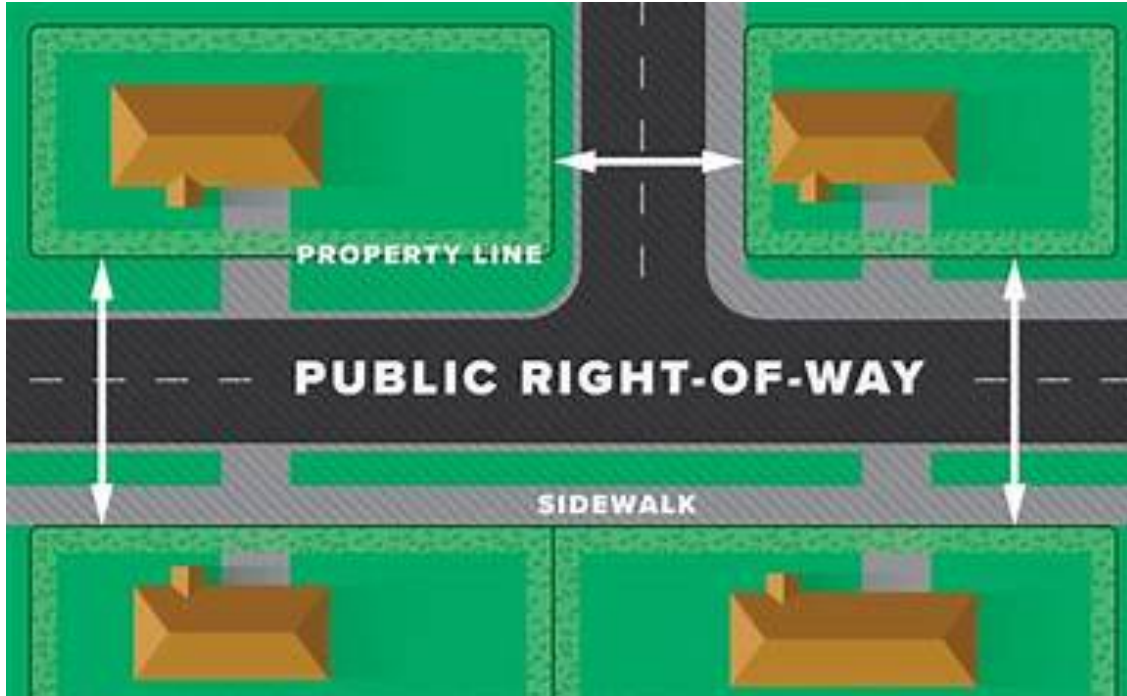


- 442 miles of existing sidewalk
- 140 miles of “sidewalk gaps”
- 2022 Petition
- An online [dashboard](https://a2gov.org/newsidewalks) is available with information on sidewalk gaps:

a2gov.org/newsidewalks



Existing Right-of-Way/Easements



- What is a road **right-of-way (R.O.W.)**?
 - Property owned by the city, includes the road and strip of property behind it.
- What is a **Temporary Grading Easement**?
 - Portion of property the city and its contractor can enter during a specified time period in order to make changes to allow for a sidewalk to blend into the existing ground.
- What is a **Permanent Easement** ?
- Agreement between the city and property owner that grants the City legal right to use a specified area of the land. Ie for sidewalks

Project Challenges



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Environment



- Huron River
- Trees
- Wetlands



Grade Changes (Topography)



Impacts to Property



Project Costs

Potential Design Options



Design Toolbox



Curb and Gutter



Shoulder with Ditch



Retaining Wall

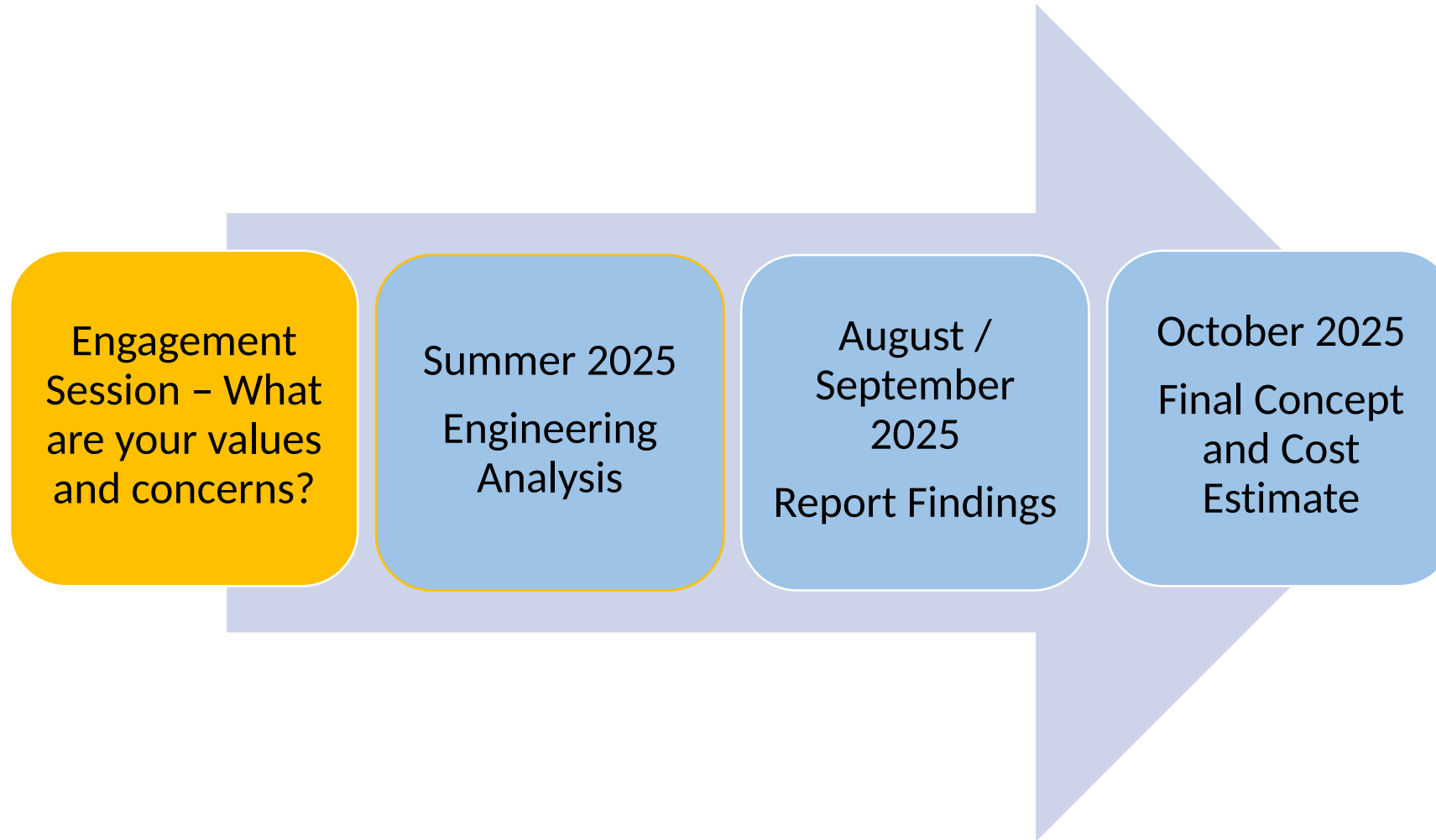


Boardwalk

Next Steps...



Project Timeline



Breakout





Thank You!

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