

Geddes Road

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

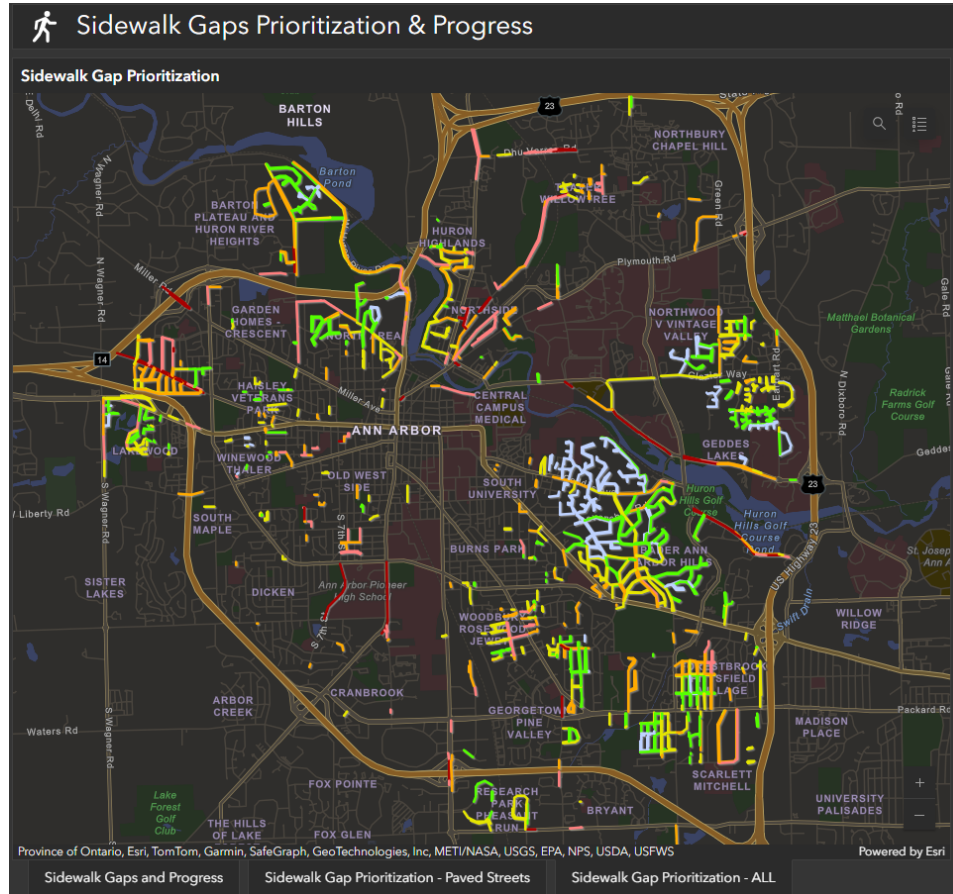
✓ Accessibility for All

✓ Mobility





Sidewalk Gap Prioritization and Progress

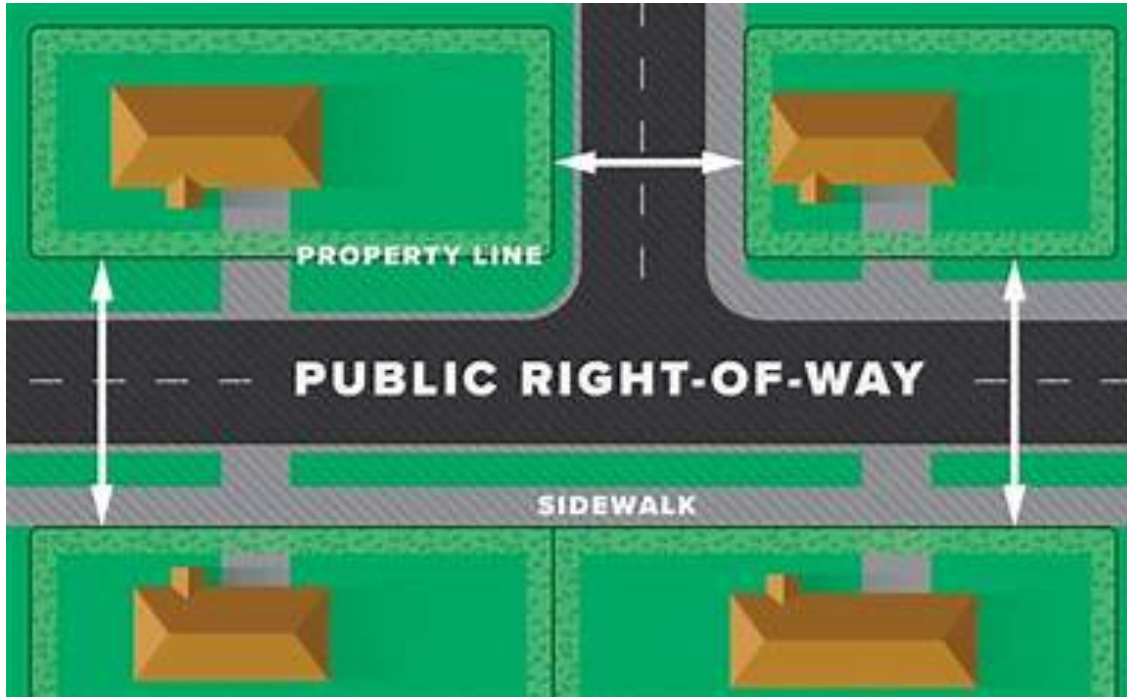


- 442 miles of existing sidewalk
- 140 miles of “sidewalk gaps”
- An online [dashboard](https://a2gov.org/newsidewalks) is available with information on sidewalk gaps:

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**?

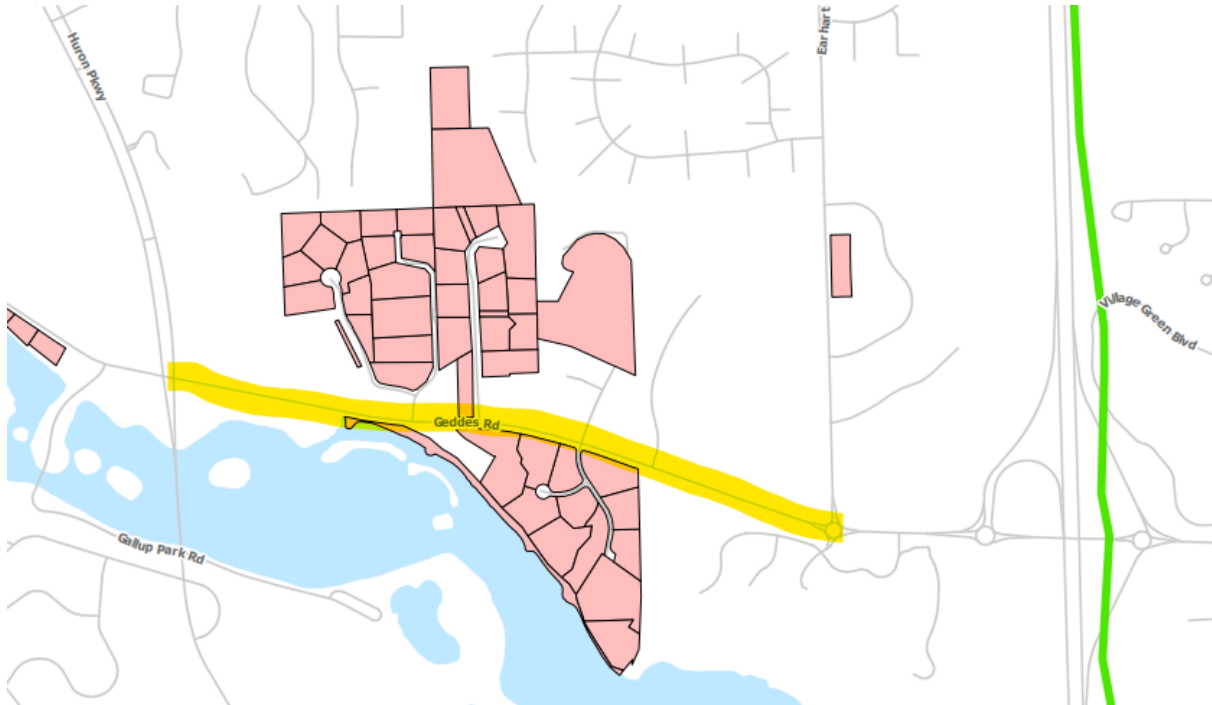
- Portion of property the city and its contractor can enter during a specified time period in order to make changes to allow for a sidewalk to blend into the existing ground.

What is a **Permaent Easement**?

- An agreement between the city and property owner that grants the city legal rights to use a specified area of the land for sidewalks.



Township Islands



- Land parcels located inside the city limits that do not pay city property taxes are subject to a local public improvement charge via a special assessment on their property.
- The assessment is deemed necessary when the asset built by the city benefits the property.
- This assessment covers expenses and construction costs incurred by the city.

Project Challenges



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Environment



- Huron River
- Trees

Grade Changes (Topography)



Impacts to Property



Project Costs



Potential Design Options



Curb and Gutter



Shoulder with Ditch



Shared Use Path



Retaining Wall

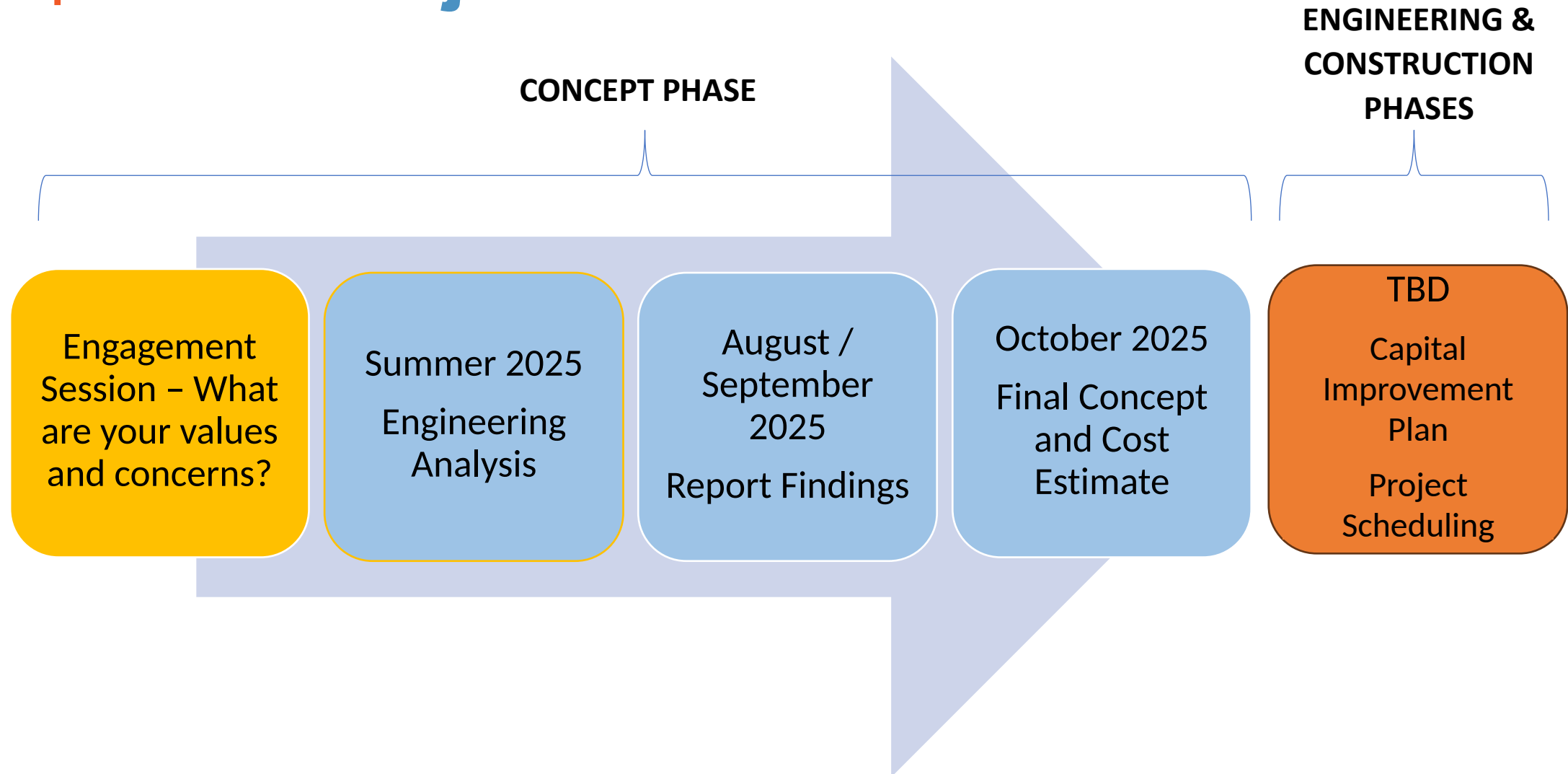


Pedestrian Bridge

Next Steps...



Project Timeline



Breakout





Thank You!

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