

Brightmoor

AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN

Streets Focus Group

Welcome!

Welcome + Introductions

Thank you for joining this evening!

Today's meeting is being recorded.

Our **MC** today:

Dave Walker

Our **speakers** today:

- **Karla Williamson and Steele Hughes**
- **DPW team**
- **Agency + Toole Team**

Today's Agenda

(6 - 7:30 pm)

- **Welcome** + Introduction: *10 minutes*
- **Rules of Engagement/Zoom Etiquette:** *5 minutes*
- **Presentation:** *25 minutes*
 - Project schedule recap and recap of feedback from fall workshop
 - Review **what residents have shared** about streets to date
 - Discuss the state of **neighborhood streets today** and DPWs efforts
 - Review **potential streets strategies**
 - Next steps
 - **Polling** during the presentation
- **Discussion:** *40 minutes*
- **Wrap up + Next Steps:** *5 minutes*

“**Parking lot**” for other ideas outside of today’s focus on streets and mobility will be recorded.



Introduction Zoom Poll

Zoom Poll - Warm Up



What is your relationship to the Brightmoor area?

(Select all that apply)

- A. Live in the area - for less than 3 years
- B. Live in the area - for less than 3+ years
- C. Work in the area
- D. Business owner
- E. Community-based organization
- F. Part of a religious organization in the area
- G. Other

Rules of Engagement/ Zoom Etiquette

- Questions, feedback/input, and ideas are welcome in chat anytime.
- Be respectful and courteous of others.
- Raise your hand if you would like to speak.
- Mute when not speaking.
- We understand if you have conflicts and need to drop off early.
- Disruptive behavior will result in immediate removal from the meeting.

Project Timeline



Phase 2 Workshop Recap

Thank you for participating in our Phase 2 open house last October! Attendees joined to review feedback to date, existing neighborhood conditions, and to envision the future of the neighborhood.

Community suggestions included:

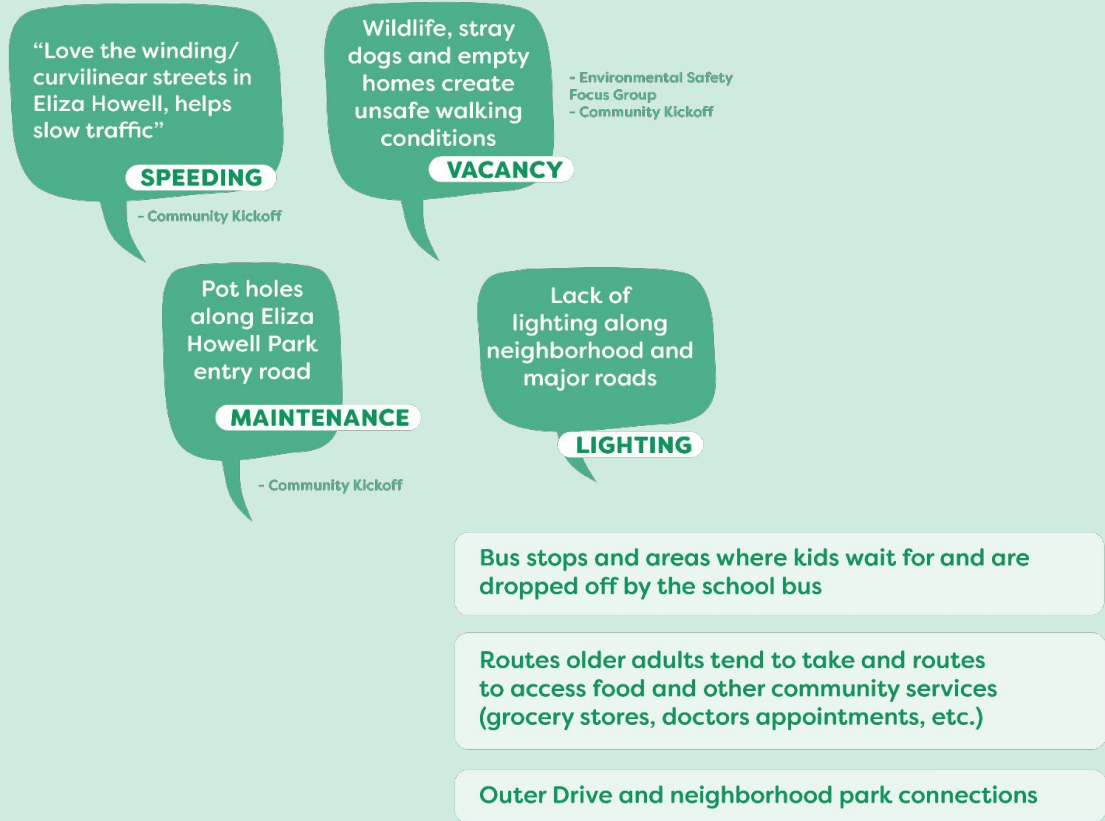
- Establishing a **Fenkell Business Owners Association**
- **Repurposing vacant buildings** for clinics, restaurants and community centers
- **Improving infrastructure like roads and signage**
- Fostering **local entrepreneurship**
- Promoting **green initiatives**
- Addressing **housing diversity and accessibility** through zoning adjustments and innovative projects



What residents have shared about streets so far

Brightmoor community members have given feedback about streets throughout the planning process, including at the **Kickoff, Environmental Safety focus group, Online Survey, and Phase 2 Public Workshop.**

Comments centered around a **need for street repairs and a focus on safety** through lighting, speed reduction and vacant land maintenance.



What residents have shared about streets so far

At the Phase 2 Workshop, attendees highlighted the need for better and safer street connectivity with a **focus on pedestrians and local traffic.**



“Something positive to do in the neighborhood”

Smooth out roads and create safe space for youth who bike around the neighborhood

Big picture: less cars and more space for kids

More stop and yield signs

Low income housing near Fenkell

Outer Drive is the best street - lots of space

“Connect the dots” to create safe movement for youth

Walkable 20 min safe neighborhood

Green connectivity

Truck traffic needs to go!

EVOLVE INDUSTRIAL USES



Zoom Poll #1

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How do you travel around the Brightmoor area today?

(Select all that apply)

- A. Walk
- B. Drive own vehicle
- C. Carpool / Ride with friends or family
- D. Rideshare (ex. Uber, Lyft, taxi)
- E. Bus
- F. Bike
- G. Other



Zoom Poll #2

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What is the MOST FREQUENT way you get around?

(Select #1 choice)

- A. Walk
- B. Drive own vehicle
- C. Carpool / Ride with friends or family
- D. Rideshare (ex. Uber, Lyft, taxi)
- E. Bus
- F. Bike
- G. Other

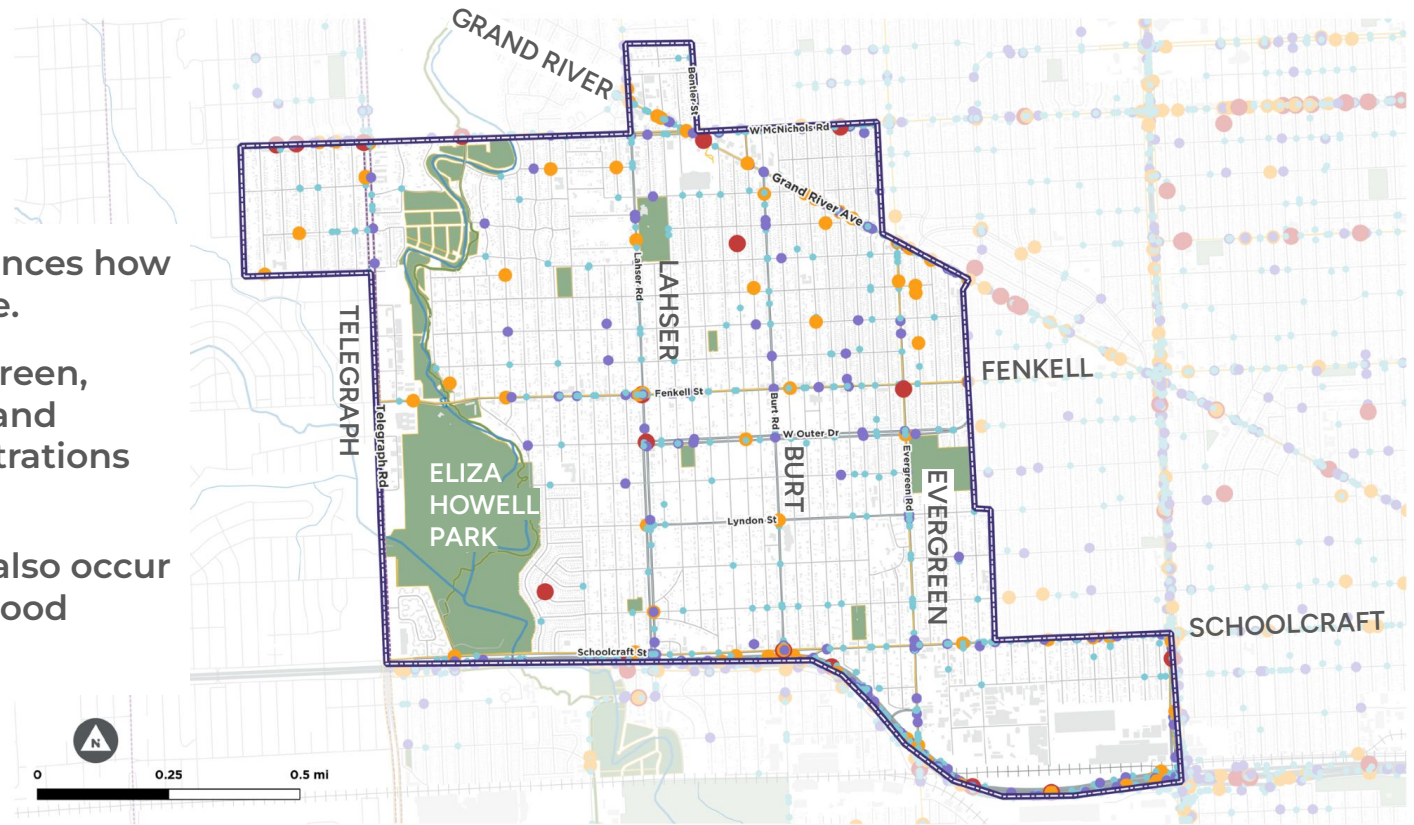
What is the state of
neighborhood streets
today?

Traffic Crashes

Street design influences how quickly people drive.

Fenkell, Burt, Evergreen, Schoolcraft, and Grand River* have concentrations of crashes.

Additional crashes also occur on other neighborhood streets.



**This data is from before the Grand River street project.*

**Brightmoor
Neighborhood**
Traffic Crashes
(w/ Injuries or Fatalities)

- Brightmoor Neighborhood
- Rouge River
- Rouge River Greenway
- Brightmoor Parks
- Fatal Injury (K)
- Suspected Serious Injury (A)
- Suspected Minor Injury (B)
- Possible Injury (C)

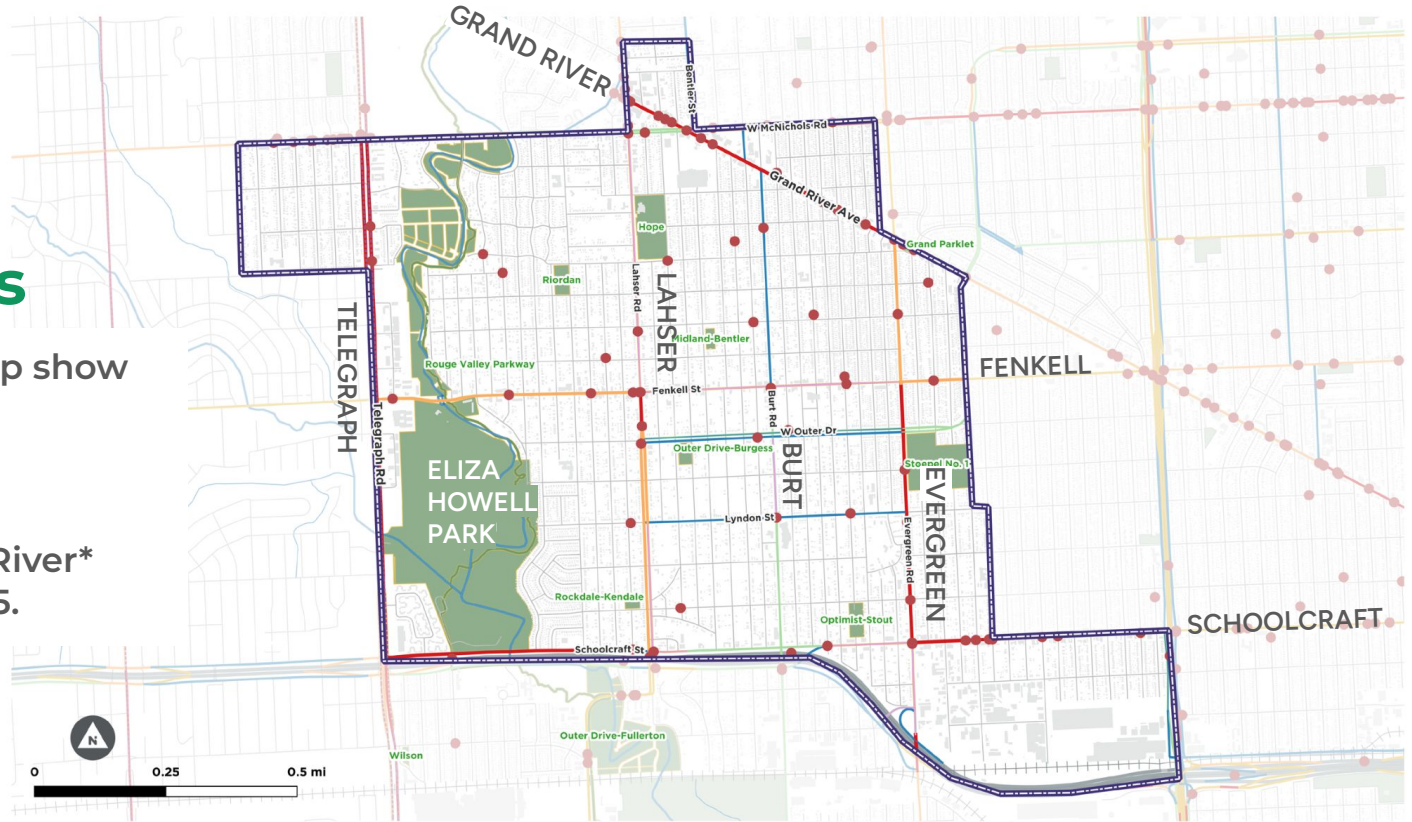
Data: 2011-2017

TOOLE
DESIGN

Traffic Crashes involving Pedestrians

Red dots on the map show crashes involving pedestrians.

Fenkell, Lahser, and Schoolcraft, Grand River* all have more than 5.



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Brightmoor Neighborhood Traffic Crashes (Pedestrians Only)

- Brightmoor Neighborhood
- Rouge River
- Rouge River Greenway
- Brightmoor Parks
- 700 - 3,700
- 3,700 - 5,080
- 5,080 - 9,600
- 9,600 - 13,640
- 13,640 - 32,300
- Traffic Crashes Involving Pedestrians

Data: 2011-2017



Street Capacity

Page from *Streets for People Plan*



Source: Wayne State University

Our streets must adapt to fit today's residents and anticipate tomorrow's.

Detroit's streets were built for a much larger 20th Century population, but we can adapt them to meet 21st Century needs of eliminating severe crashes and providing transportation options for all Detroiters, regardless of how they get around.

BY AND LARGE, our streets were designed to serve a level of traffic that no longer exists and is unlikely to return. Wide streets designed for heavy traffic have become speedways that are expensive to maintain and dangerous, particularly for people walking and biking. Population forecasts show that Detroit's losses will become modest gains by 2030 but that the number of residents in 2040 will still fall below 2010 levels. This means we have an opportunity to rethink how we use excess space on our streets.

These same ideas apply to streets in the Brightmoor area, which carry less vehicular traffic than they were originally designed for.

Complete Streets

Complete Streets main goal is to design streets for everyone. With designs that reflect the neighborhood context.

Complete Streets is about making it safe to walk, bike, take transit, or simply experience our streets and public spaces – no matter one's age or ability.

- Streetscape Program
- Speed Hump Program
- Streets for People Implementation



Past and Ongoing Efforts

DPW Complete Streets

Safe Streets for All Grant

- High injury network
- Grant to address crashes

Speed hump Program

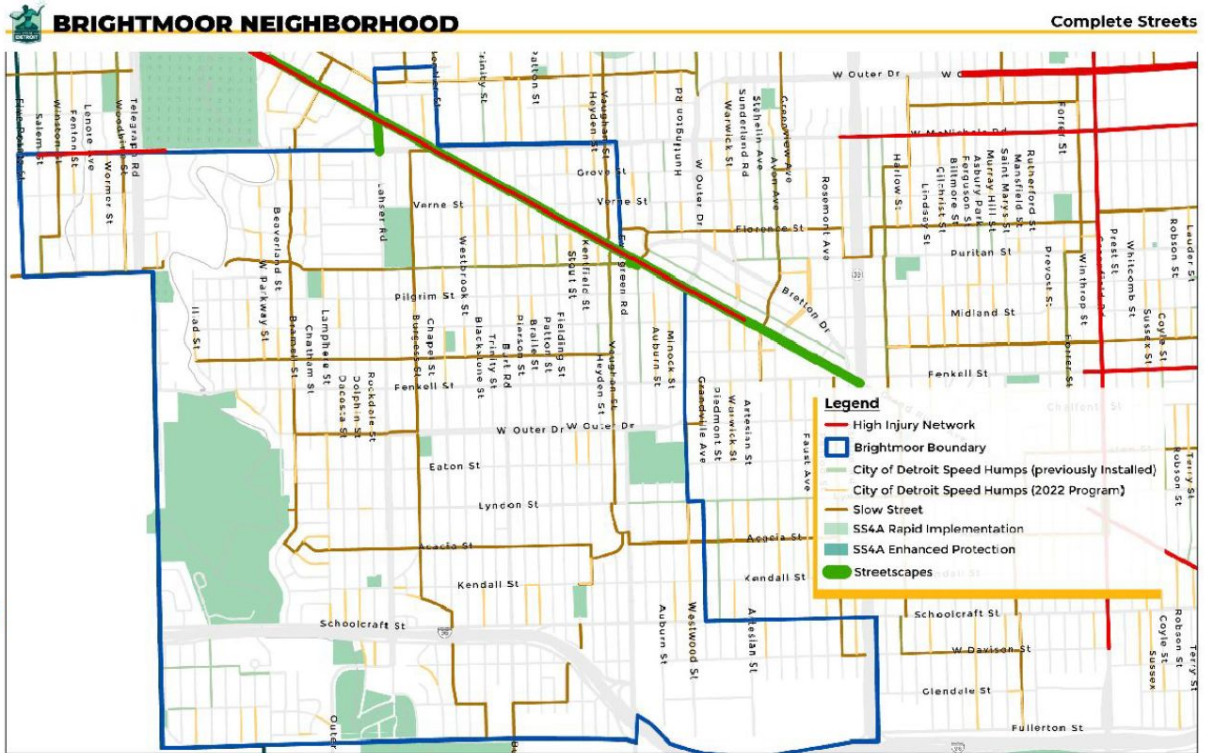
- Speed humps in Neighborhood

Streetscape Program

- Grand River Streetscape
- Grand River Parklet

Other DPW Divisions

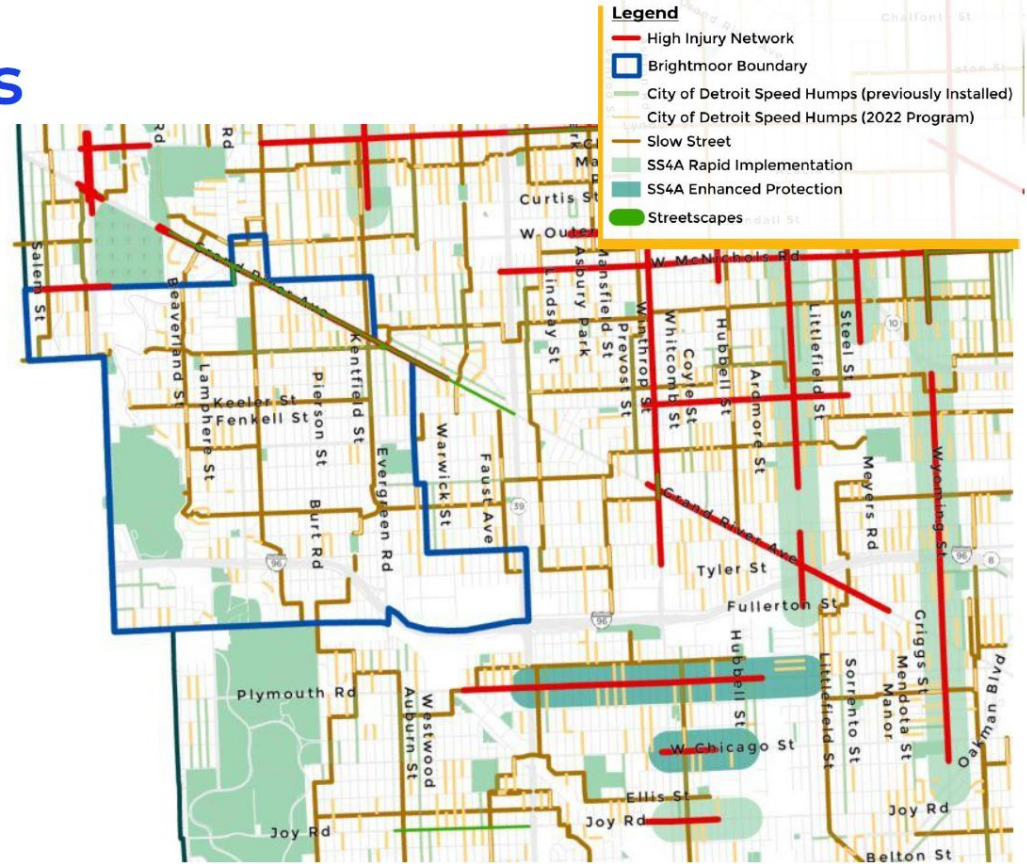
- Annual paving projects (ongoing)
- Annual pavement marking updates (ongoing)
- Sidewalk repair program (tree guarantee - requests)



Department Goals

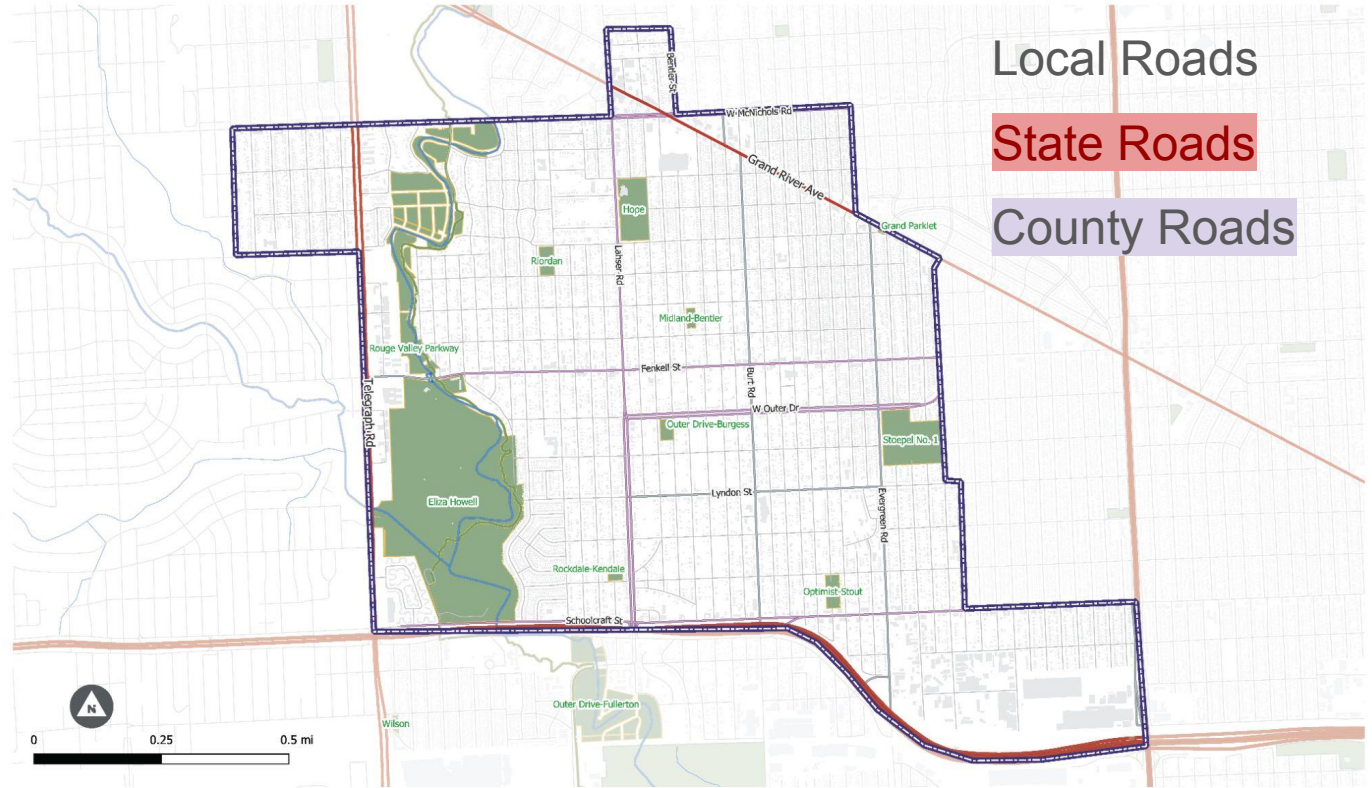
Complete Streets

- Several slow streets proposed in area
- High Injury Network
 - Grand River Avenue from Artesian St to Berg Rd
 - W McNichols from Salem to Riverview St
- SS4A projects near neighborhood
- Several speed humps installed and requested throughout the area



Street Ownership

- Street ownership varies across the Brightmoor area.
- Non-local streets will require collaboration and coordination with county or state for improvements
- County roads: Lahser, Fenkell, Outer Drive, Schoolcraft
- State roads: Grand River, Telegraph



Brightmoor Neighborhood Roadway Jurisdiction

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Brightmoor Neighborhood | State Roads |
| Rouge River | County Roads |
| Rouge River Greenway | Local Roads |
| Brightmoor Parks | |

Local Roads

State Roads

County Roads

Connected Systems

Focusing residential density along commercial corridors can help support businesses as well as transit service.



What kind of
improvements are
possible and when?

Requests for DPW



SIDEWALK REPAIR

Churches and registered block clubs can request sidewalk repairs



SPEED HUMPS

Speed humps are an effective tool in reducing speeds.



REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Use Improve Detroit, makes reporting neighborhood issues easy!

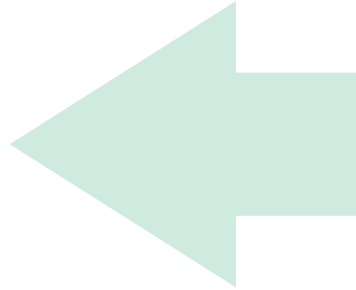
* There is currently a backlog of sidewalk repair requests that exceeds available funding.

DPW Website: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/departments-public-works>

Capital Planning Processes

Capital projects include:

- Major street and residential street **resurfacing programs**
- **Greenways, streets, and other active transportation projects:** usually look to MDOT or federal grant programs for funding



How are decisions made?

- Citywide data to identify highest needs
- Potential funding sources
- Example: *how are streets selected for resurfacing?*



The Brightmoor-area Framework Plan could be referenced in grant applications

Possible future streets and transportation projects?



Near Term

DPW

- Draft repaving list for 2024 will be available shortly
- Any grant projects already identified
- Slow Street and other on-going programs

Long Term

Rouge River Greenway

- Idea identified in prior plans
- No funding yet
- Could be implemented in stages

Any future projects would include outreach and engagement once funding is identified.

Ideas for mobility and street projects?

Quick Build Mobility Pilots?

Use temporary infrastructure to test out various safety improvements and to slow traffic

Greenway enhancements?

- West Outer Drive
- Lyndon Greenway
- Fenkell stormwater garden pathway

Stray Dog Collaboration

- Campaign to report and address dangerous stray dogs
- Increase vaccination and healthy pet population control
- Support existing pet owners
- Advocate for long-term city or state animal control legislation reform

Fenkell Place-making + Nighttime Activation

- Public art
- Increased lighting and evening programming
- Additional safety + beautification strategies

Street Tree Re-planting

Remove and replace dying street trees to improve shade along walking routes

Other Ideas?





Zoom Poll #3

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Which of the ideas on the prior slides would you be interested in seeing?

Select all that apply

- A. Quick Build Mobility Projects to improve safety
- B. Greenway enhancements
- C. Stray dog collaboration
- D. Fenkell public art and nighttime activation
- E. Street tree replanting
- F. Ongoing DPW programs like road repaving
- G. Something else



Zoom Poll #4

Zoom Poll #4



Would you be willing to take more time getting places if it meant that everyone using the road had greater safety?

How much delay would you accept?

- A. Less than 2 minutes
- B. 2 to 5 minutes
- C. 5 to 10 minutes
- D. More than 10 minutes.
- E. I would not accept any delay.

Discussion

Discussion



- **What street and mobility projects would you like to see?**
 - Along **connector streets**: ex. Fenkell St, Lahser Rd, Outer Drive, Schoolcraft St
 - Along other **neighborhood streets**: ex. Puritan, Evergreen, Burt, etc.
- **Where are improvements needed most? Why?**
- **Have you seen projects in other places that you want to bring to Brightmoor?**

Feedback

Greenway connections
 Each pocket pock with a theme
 Focused on **healing of community** - lavender, wind chimes, workout equipment
 Other park ideas:
 Parks focused on family, harmony.
 Sensory park for autistic people
 ADA play areas

Expanding educator voices and engaging with schools, consider meetings at schools that allow more to participate; consider natural pathways that students take through urban design and architecture.

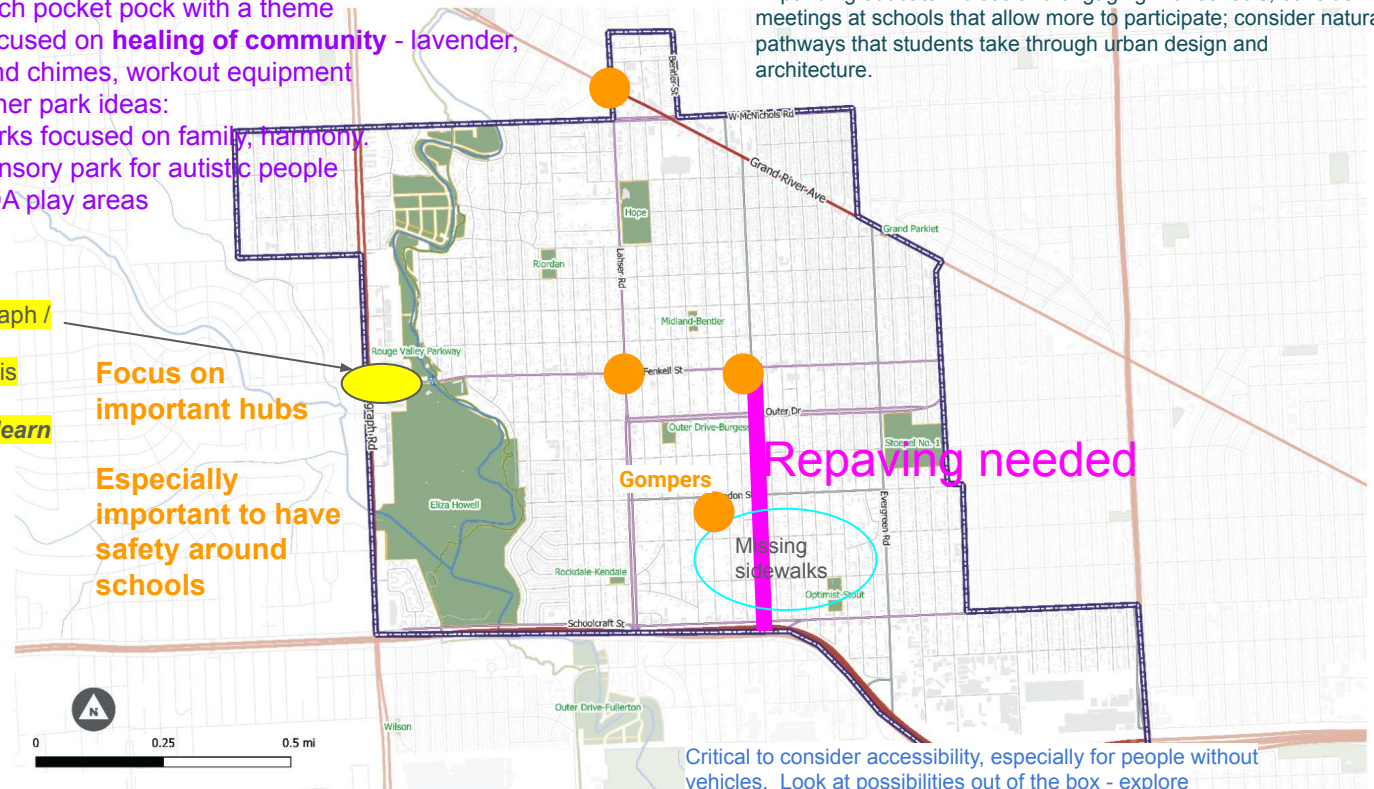
Update on bridge near Telegraph / Fenkell near Eliza Howell?
 (access has been cut off and is challenging for community)
 Place to contact county or learn about updates?

Focus on important hubs

Especially important to have safety around schools

Repaving needed

Missing sidewalks



Brightmoor Neighborhood Roadway Jurisdiction

- Brightmoor Neighborhood
- Rouge River
- Rouge River Greenway
- Brightmoor Parks
- State Roads
- County Roads
- Local Roads

Critical to consider accessibility, especially for people without vehicles. Look at possibilities out of the box - explore connectivity outside of roads.

Important to consider accessibility implications of traffic projects
 (ex. If speed hump is in an area without sidewalks, the speed hump blocks routes of access for people with disabilities)



These notes were recorded live during the discussion portion of the meeting. Additional notes will be added based on other chat comments and other verbal comments shared.

Wrap up + Next Steps

Next Steps + Upcoming Meetings

Your feedback today will inform the framework plan's draft recommendations for streets and mobility.

Please share any additional suggestions for streets/mobility with Dave Walker (walkerdav@detroitmi.gov)

Today's slide deck, meeting recording, "parking lot" notes, and feedback will be uploaded to the project website by 2/29.

Join us for our upcoming Focus Groups and Community Workshops in person!

- For more information, visit: www.detroitmi.gov/brightmoor

THE CITY OF DETROIT INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE
UPCOMING BRIGHTMOOR FRAMEWORK MEETINGS

--- TOPIC-BASED FOCUS GROUP ---

FEB 15
6-7:30p
STREETS FOCUS GROUP (Virtual)
Zoom Link: bit.ly/brightmoorstreets - Meeting ID: 288 261 5951
Join us online to discuss street safety, comfort, and maintenance concerns for Brightmoor and share ideas for the future.

MAR 21
6-7:30p
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP
at Crowell Rec Center - 16630 Lahser Rd
Join us to share your ideas and feedback on business support and development in Brightmoor and along corridors like Fenkell Ave.

APR 11
6-7:30p
PARKS & OPEN SPACE FOCUS GROUP
at Crowell Rec Center - 16630 Lahser Rd
Join us in person to discuss what you would like to see for the future of Brightmoor's parks and open spaces.

--- COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ---

FEB 22
6-8:00p
FEBRUARY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
at Crowell Rec Center - 16630 Lahser Rd
Join us for our Phase 3 community workshop, an open house event similar to Workshop #2, from 6 to 8 pm. We'll review previous engagement feedback and welcome input from community members on the vision, goals, and strategies for the plan.

MAY 02
6-8:00p
FINAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
at Crowell Rec Center - 16630 Lahser Rd
Join our final community workshop this spring to review community-driven framework recommendations, and give your thoughts on what you'd like to see happen first.

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Thank You