

Streets Community Meeting

Thursday Meeting July 11th

Community Feedback
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Brightmoor

AREA FRAMEWORK PLAN



Streets Meeting

Welcome!

Biza Howell Park

Stoepel
Park No. 1

Welcome + Introductions

Thank you for attending this meeting!

Our MC today:

Dave Walker (Planning and Development)

Introducing:

Jay Biernat (Department of Public Works)

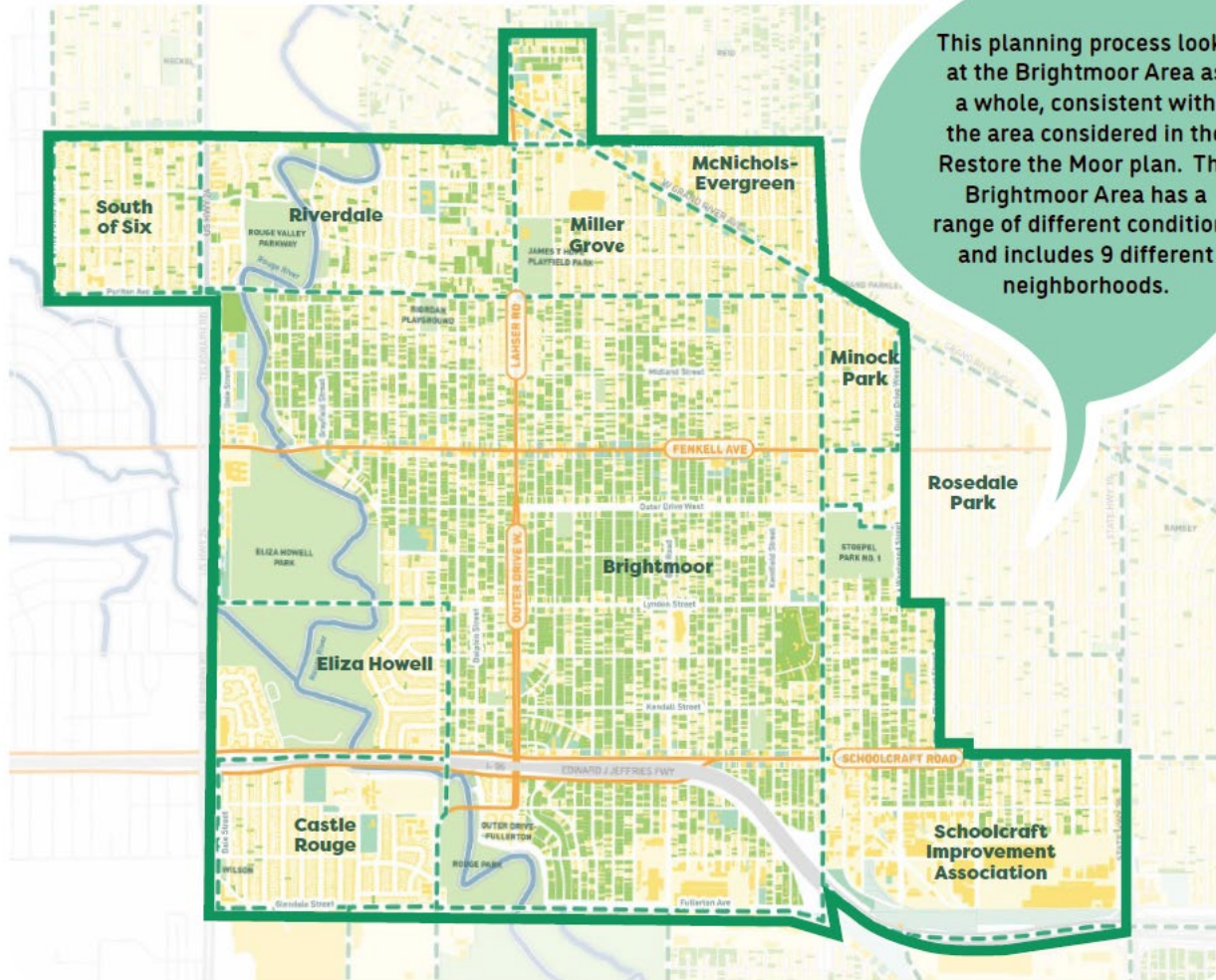
Erin McGarger (Department of Public Works)

Today's Agenda

(6 - 8 pm)

- **Introductions** - 5 min
 - **What We Heard (Streets)** - 5 min
 - **Priority Recommendations** - 10min
 - **Slow Streets Network**- 5 min
 - **Priority Recommendations (Choices)** – 5 min
 - **Fenkell Corridor Improvements**- 10min
 - **Additional Improvements (Choices)** – 5 min
 - **Priority Recommendations (Choices)** – 5 min
 - **Additional Priorities)** – 5 min
- Next Steps**– 5 min

PROJECT AREA

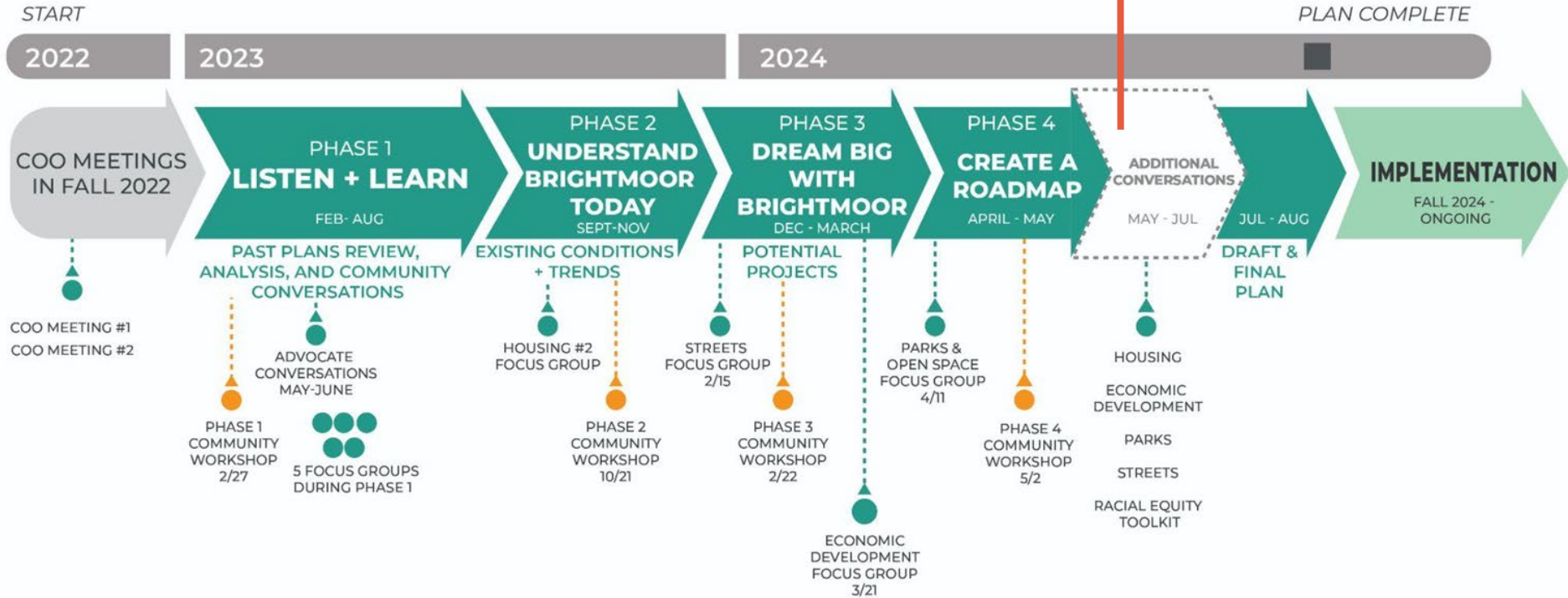


This planning process looks at the Brightmoor Area as a whole, consistent with the area considered in the Restore the Moor plan. The Brightmoor Area has a range of different conditions and includes 9 different neighborhoods.

Schedule Recap

Your feedback today will inform plan recommendations.

We are here





DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Streets & Mobility

What We Heard from You!

Cars speeding by can make walking feel unsafe

Repair the County's bridge on Fenkell Avenue

Wildlife, stray dogs and empty homes create unsafe walking conditions

Pot holes along Eliza Howell Park entry road

Lack of lighting along neighborhood and major roads

Speeding traffic makes it hard to walk to school.

What We Heard from You!

You also shared that safe connections should be prioritized, including...

- **Bus stops** and areas where kids wait for and are dropped off by the school bus.
- Routes **older adults** tend to take and routes to access food and other community services (grocery stores, doctors appointments, etc.)
- **Outer Drive** and neighborhood park connections.

Priority Recommendations

Traffic calming and new sidewalks would make it easier and safer to walk and roll in Brightmoor.

Mobility Strategies



SPEED HUMPS AND CUSHIONS

Some streets already have speed humps installed, and more are needed.

Recommendation: consider speed cushions in locations missing sidewalks, as they allow for wheelchair access if ADA accessible sidewalks are not available.



CURB EXTENSIONS

Curb extensions slow down turning vehicles at intersections and make crosswalks shorter and safer. Curb extensions can be constructed out of many materials, ranging from paint to vertical barriers like planters or posts.



NEW CROSSWALKS

High visibility striping, colorful crosswalks, and other crosswalk enhancements can be installed to make new places for people walking to safely cross. In Brightmoor, new crossings near schools may be helpful to create safe routes to/from school (see next page).



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Some key areas will need sidewalk improvements and new pedestrian paths. These correspond with the Designated Walking Routes mapped on the next page, and generally match up with the routes that leads to parks and schools.

Priority Recommendations

Expand the slow streets network to include streets near schools.

New slow streets:

- Lyndon
- Verne

Do you have any feedback on designating these two streets as Slow Streets?

Suggest DPW add a slide explaining the Slow Streets program in more detail



Slow Streets Feedback

- Can we see more examples of existing Slow Streets in Detroit
- Some concern expressed regarding Verne as an identified slow street
- How are the slow streets identified?
- What is the difference between New Slow Streets of Lyndon and Verne and the slow street network?
- Schools and parks should get priority for slow streets
- People don't follow the stop signs which makes it hard for slow streets
- 4 Speed humps per block is excessive
- The Fenkell vehicle Doughnuts is a real problem and cars need to slow down on residential streets
- We need better public transit on Fenkell between Lahser and Telegraph the bus has issues
- Bridge not fixed on Fenkell causing major problems and the County doesn't seem to be making any progress
- Lyndon north of Gompers makes sense for a slow street since it is near a school
- Schools and parks should be safe

Slow Streets Network

The Slow Streets Network is a network of local streets that helps Detroiters get around safely for short trips in their neighborhoods.

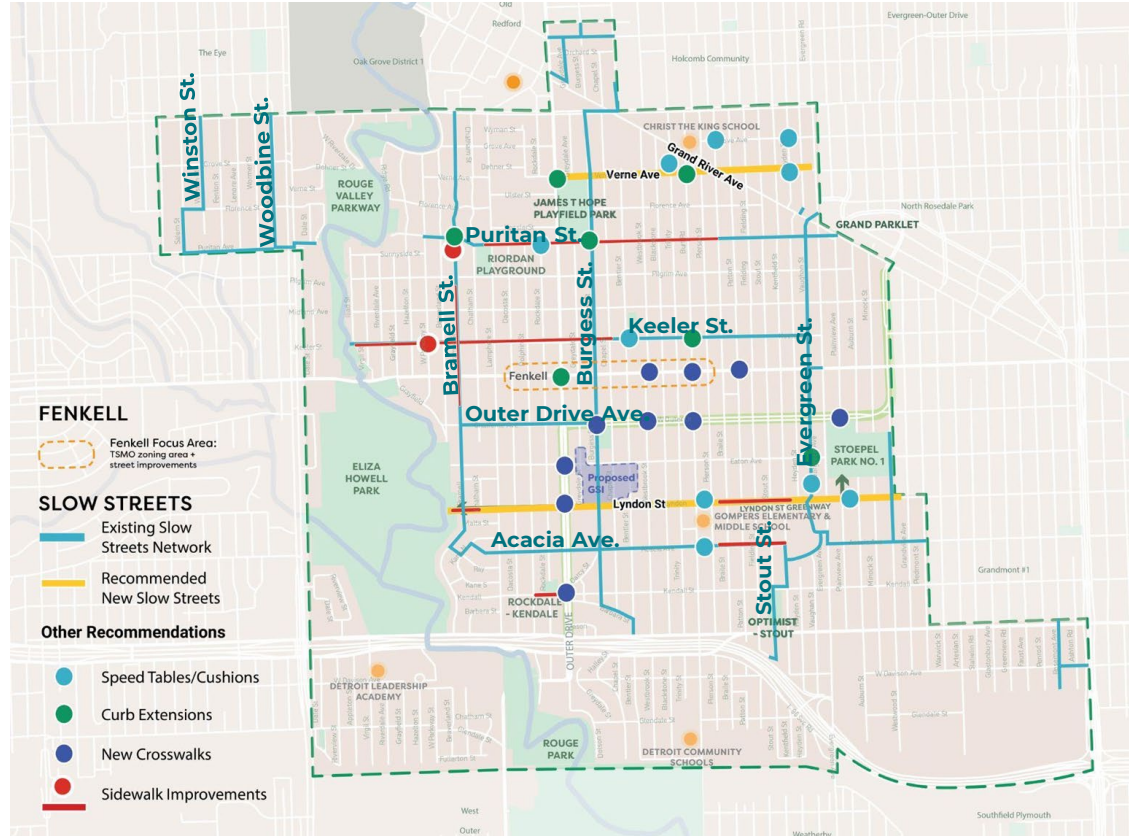
- The Slow Streets Network has potential to be updated as part of City of Detroit's upcoming **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Federal grant award**. Updates are targeted to take place in 2025.
- The Slow Streets program currently is not funded City-wide. However, **priority areas** can be identified for improvements, so that these improvements can be made when funding opportunities arise.

Priority Recommendations:

Implement sidewalk and traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety.

Any feedback on the proposed recommendations?

Which 3 locations would you prioritize for improvements?



Priority Recommendations

- We should make sure the intersections next to schools are safe
- The Outer Drive Lahser intersection is an issue
- These intersections seem to make sense especially those near Gompers School

Priority Recommendations: IMPROVEMENTS ALONG FENKELL



Do you have any feedback on these proposed improvements to Fenkell Avenue?

Priority Recommendations Fenkell

- Need more police cars monitoring streets
- Outerdrive and Lahser is an intersection that has some issues as well
- Police need to do a better job at monitoring stop signs
- Bus stops need shade and we need more street trees
- More public transit and direct links through the neighborhood utilizing major streets
- ATV use in the neighborhood is a problem
- Need more lighting
- Provide more Stormwater bumpouts on local streets
- The weeds on Fenkell are overgrown and need to be maintained
- Maintenance on homes

Related Strategies

1 Improve/Fix Sidewalks

2 Fix Potholes / Improve Road Surface Quality

3 Stray Dogs Collaboration

Do you have any feedback on these additional strategies?

Top Streets & Sidewalk Priorities

Of all the mobility recommendations shared today,
which is your #1 priority?

Where in the neighborhood is it needed most?

1

Sidewalk + slow street improvements for pedestrian safety

2

Fenkell Avenue Improvements (Street, Sidewalk, Branding, and Placemaking)

3

Fix Potholes / Improve Road Surface Quality

4

Stray Dogs Collaboration

5

Other?

Next Steps

Next Steps + Upcoming Meetings

Today's materials will be uploaded to the project website **next week**.

PDD to confirm website updates timing.

**Project
Website**



www.detroitmi.gov/brightmoor

**Phase 4
Survey**



<https://tinyurl.com/Phase4Survey>



BRIGHTMOOR FRAMEWORK PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**THURS
JUN 20TH**

Housing Priorities
(Housing and Revitalization Department)

**THURS.
JUL 11TH**

Street Calming Priorities
(Department of Public Works)

**THURS.
JUL 25TH**

Parks and Open Space Priorities
(Parks & Rec Division, General Services Department)

**THURS.
AUG 8TH**

Economic Development along Fenkell
(DEGC, Neighborhood & Economic Development Team)

**DATE
TBD**

Equity Tools for Implementation
(Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department)

FROM 6-8PM @ CROWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

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Thank You

Community Conversation:

How would you like to see
your streets improved?

Community Conversations

- Cleaner Streets
- More people in the neighborhood concerned about Curb Appeal
- Improve maintenance
- More outdoor public activities so neighbors socialize more
- Focus and care about neighbors
- Streets more accommodating to existing residents
- More spaces for public activity
- Beautification and Safety for our neighborhood
- Sustainable Storm Water treatments on roads
- Demolish Vacant School (Hubert School)
- Bio Swales and more trees in ROW
- More places where kids can play in smaller parks or plazas

Community Conversations

- Parkways along residential streets not maintained
- DTE and DWSD not doing enough to clean maintenance areas where they have done work
- Street sweeper routes need to be defined and more frequent
- City needs more dog breeder enforcement
- Need more and better lighting throughout neighborhood
- Better recycling strategy for City with new cans and better service
- People releasing dogs should be found and be arrested / fined
- We need better enforcement for people to obey existing traffic laws
- More community branding and placemaking throughout
- Fenkell should be our top priority
- School safety very important
- Beautification, sustainable living with Healthy Food

