

Washington Boulevard Median Enhancements

Summary

The proposed project along Washington Boulevard will renovate five existing medians. Concept plans were completed by Groundswell in collaboration with Bedrock, City of Detroit and Downtown Detroit Partnership. A community meeting was held in May to review the proposed project. Below is a brief outline of the project elements. Supporting detailed documents attached.

Project Elements

Project elements include removal of approximately 36 trees along the center and select edges; addition of decomposed granite path; and the addition of ornamental grasses, ground covering and flowering perennials.

Trees: Removal of selected trees will increase visibility, allow for more sunlight for the plants; and prevent overcrowding of tree root growth. The recommended tree removal is undergoing a review by City of Detroit GSD specialist, Barry Burton as well as a professional arborist.

Path: The proposed path of decomposed granite will run along the center, creating connectivity between Park and Michigan Avenues.

Plantings: A mix of groundcover, ornamental grasses and flowering perennials to provide a mix of lush colors.

Note: The final plan is pending a survey. Path lighting and pedestrian seating may be added after further evaluation.