

ReImagine Washtenaw Avenue

Project Update

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What is ReImagine Washtenaw?

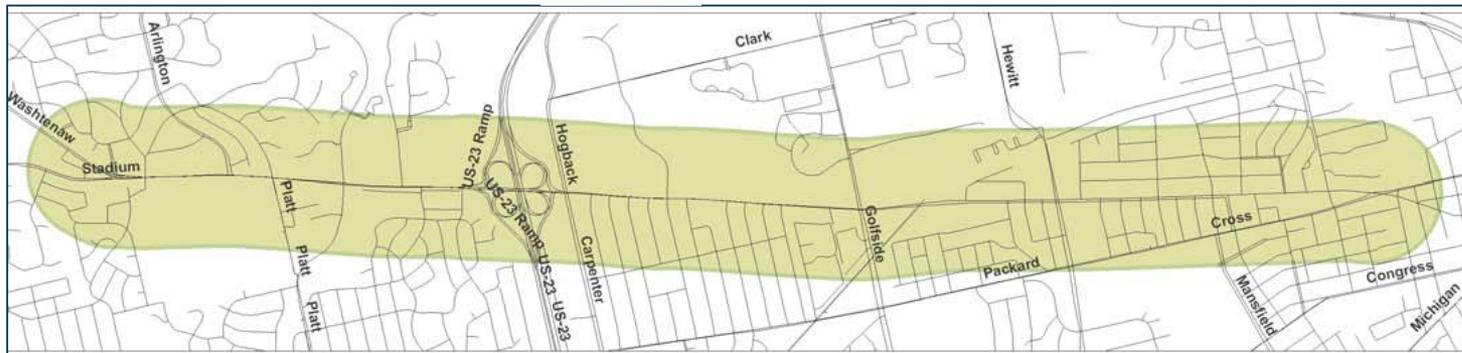


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A multi-jurisdictional, cooperative initiative to TRANSFORM Washtenaw Avenue around efficient mass transit into an attractive, vibrant, walkable, mixed-use corridor, with sense of place.



ReImagine Washtenaw Project Management

- ReImagine Washtenaw led by the *Joint Technical Committee (JTC)*
 - JTC made up of community planners and elected officials from all four local units of government, AAATA, Washtenaw County Road Commission, MDOT, and Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- JTC is provided policy guidance by Leadership Committee of two Township Supervisors and Mayors of local unit partners, and AAATA
- Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development provides project management.
- Project manager (half-time) funded by HUD grant for three years, 2012-2014
- Approximate total cost to fund half-time project manager position is \$70,000/year.
- JTC and County OCED developed 2-year funding plan for 2015-2016, \$35,000/year contribution from OCED, \$5,000/year from each Local Unit, and \$15,000/year from AAATA.
- Project manager funding for 2015 received from all other entities; request Pittsfield Township financial support.

HUD Challenge Grant Review

- \$3 Million, three year grant secured by the County, 2012 through mid-2015
- \$500,000 allocated to corridor implementation:
 - Updated corridor Master Plans
 - Adoption of new Form-Based zoning code
 - Adoption of Design Guidelines
 - Completion of 2014 Corridor Improvement Study
 - Golfside/Washtenaw Design Charrette

2014 Corridor Improvement Study

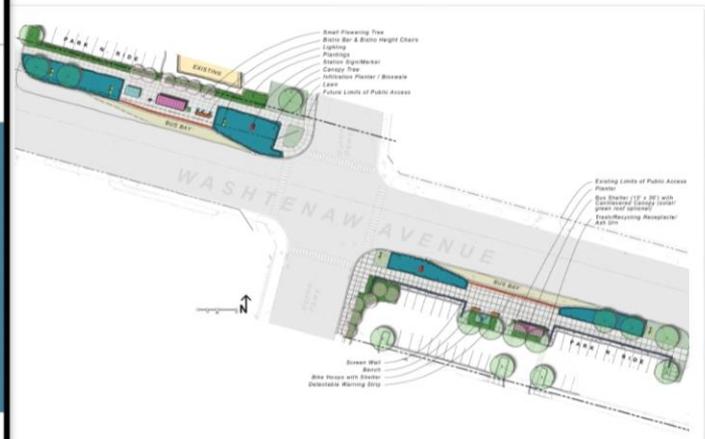
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Corridor Improvement Study

Summary Report – April 2014



Prepared For: Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development

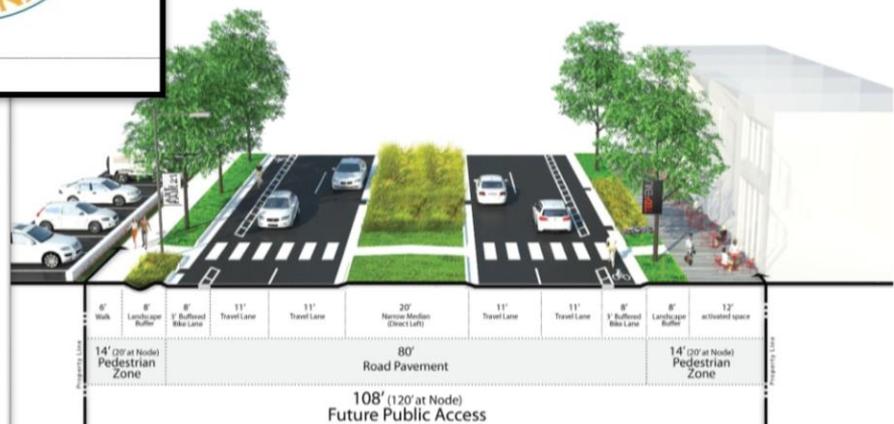


Huron Parkway Service Location



Midblock Crossing at the Washtenaw County **Service Center**

The improvements depicted are conceptual and not geometrically correct. Additional studies and efforts are necessary prior to engineering and implementation.



Two Travel Lanes with Narrow Median, Dedicated Transit and Bike Lanes

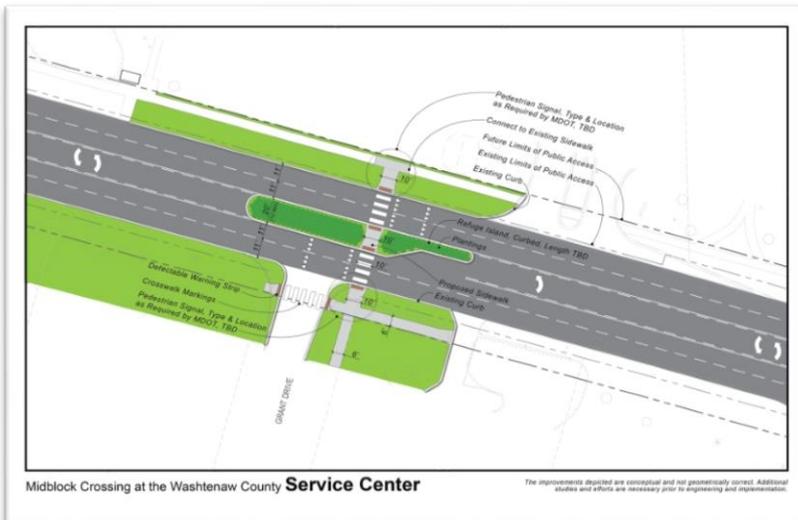
Future Transit

A dedicated transit lane, as part of a road diet, could replace a travel lane when a needed mode shift has occurred.



Corridor Improvement Study Adoption

- Adopted October 2014 – Pittsfield Charter Township
- Adopted October 2014 – Ypsilanti Charter Township
- Adopted October 2014 – City of Ypsilanti
- Adopted February 2015 – Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
- Adopted June 2015 – City of Ann Arbor



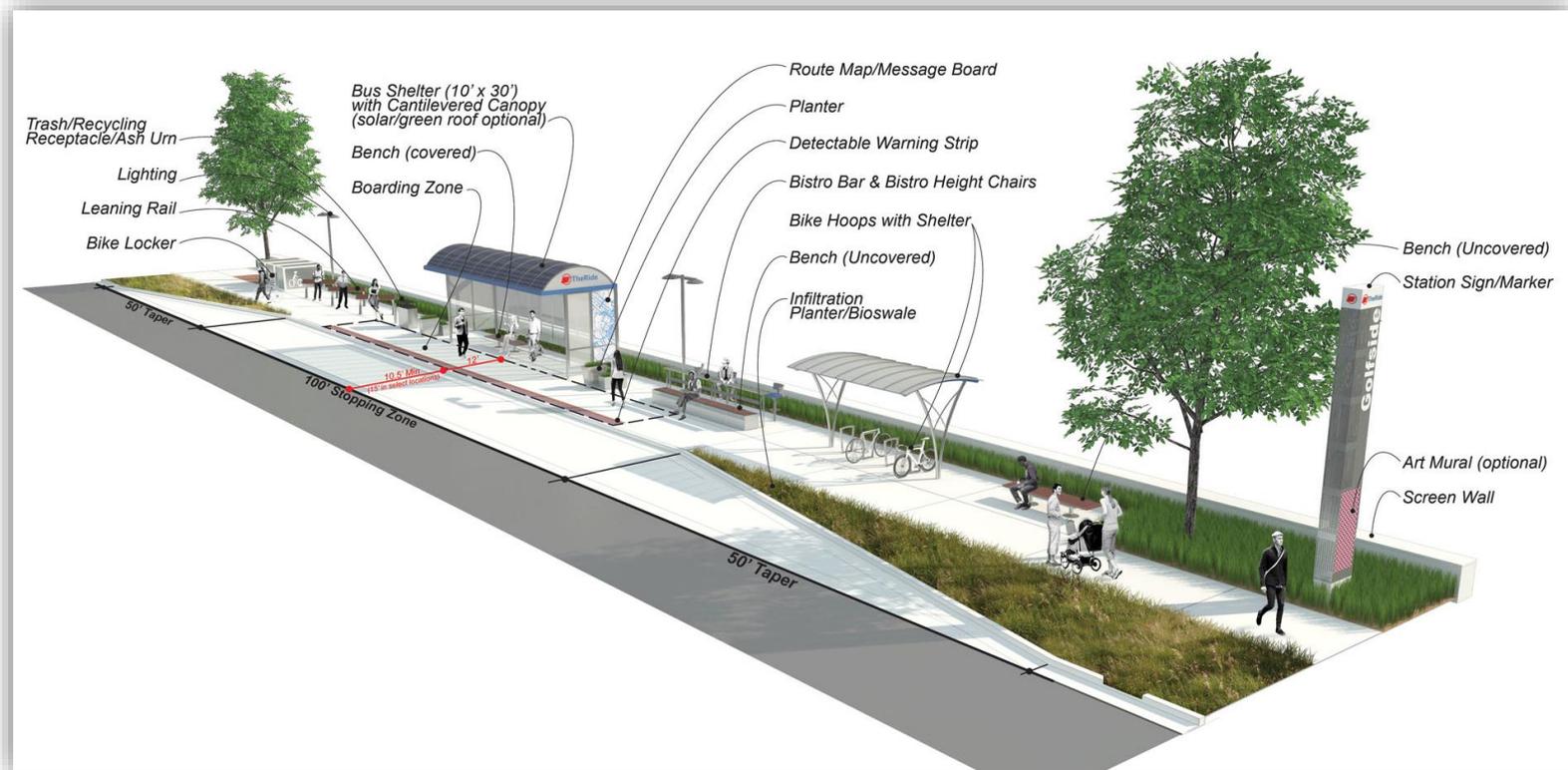
2015-2016 ReImagine Work Plan Summary

- Two-Year list of tasks and projects that present opportunities to advance and implement the ReImagine Washtenaw vision:
- Local Coordination: coordination with business community, marketing Golfside charrette results, coordinated grant applications, coordinated review/comments of corridor projects
- Place-Making: Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper placemaking, public art, wayfinding, streetscape, green infrastructure
- Capital Improvements: Sidewalk Infill, mid-block crossings, public art, streetscape, winter sidewalk maintenance, access management, green infrastructure/stormwater
- Transit Improvements: Super Stops, mid-block crossings, Park N Ride lots, Regional Transit Authority Michigan Ave. Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study, Transit Signal Priority
- Advocacy: Involvement in MDOT improvement committees like M2D2 and Biking/Walking Committee, Transportation Demand Management, market research and economic development, push MDOT to legitimize multi-jurisdictional corridor planning efforts by including in Long-Range Transportation Plans
- Communication/Education: Develop consistent communication/education strategy (website, social media, outreach), explain merits of the strategic approach of ReImagine Washtenaw, place ReImagine construction signs at all corridor projects

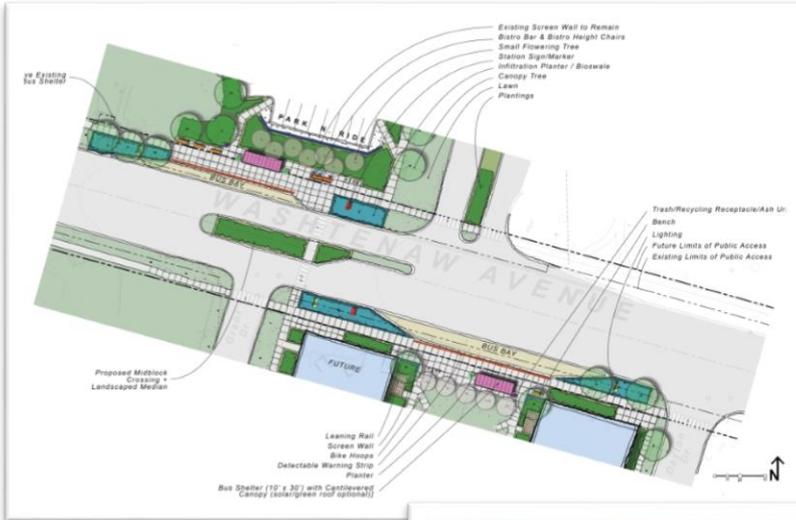
Overview of Current Projects

- Super Stops

- County extended contract with SmithGroupJJR from the Corridor Improvement Study and AAATA is providing compensation to develop Super Stop specifications and construction plans for up to four Super Stops.

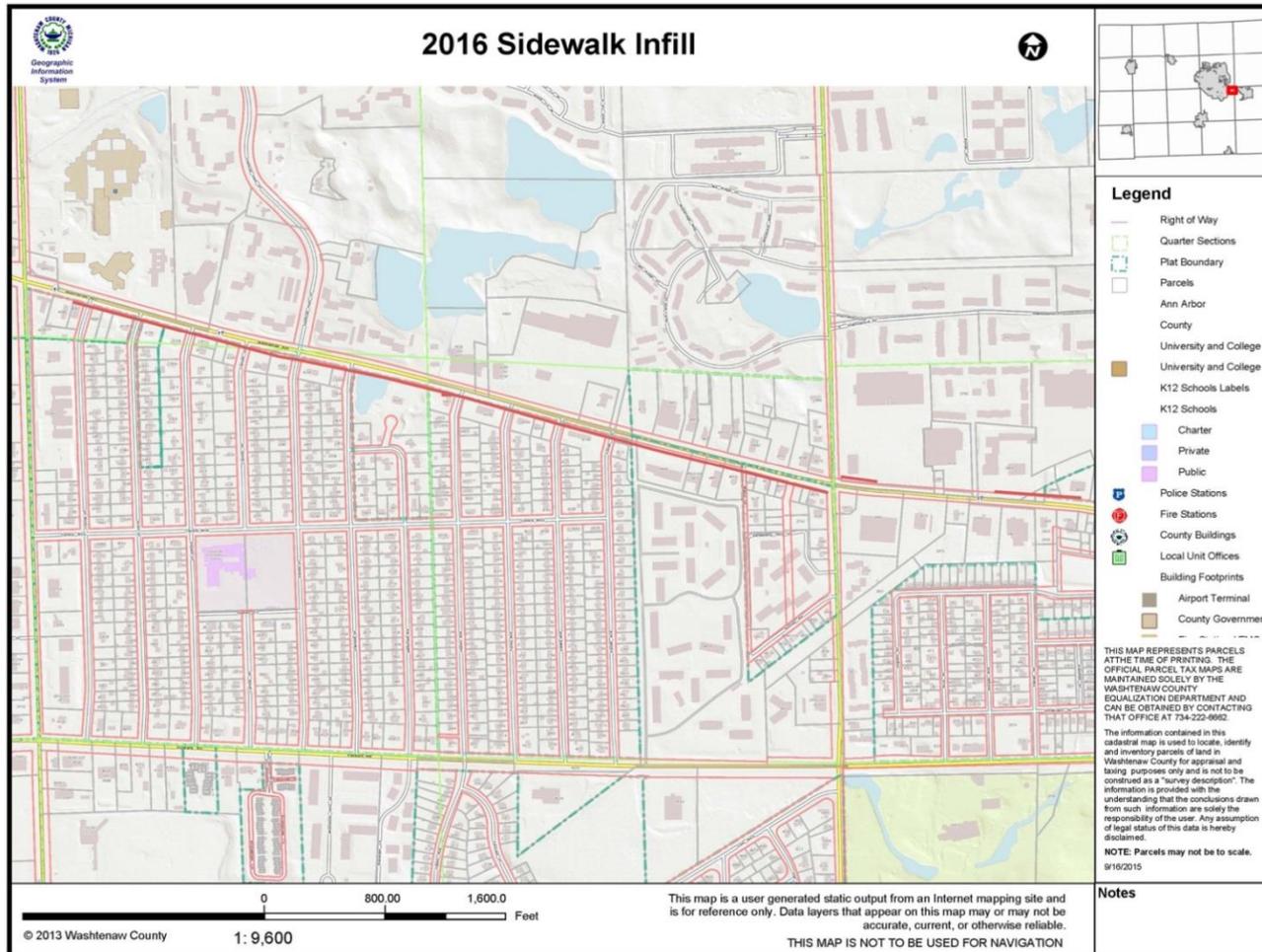


- Super Stop and Mid-Block Crossing-(Explore for 2016)
 - Pittsfield Charter Township – County Service Center

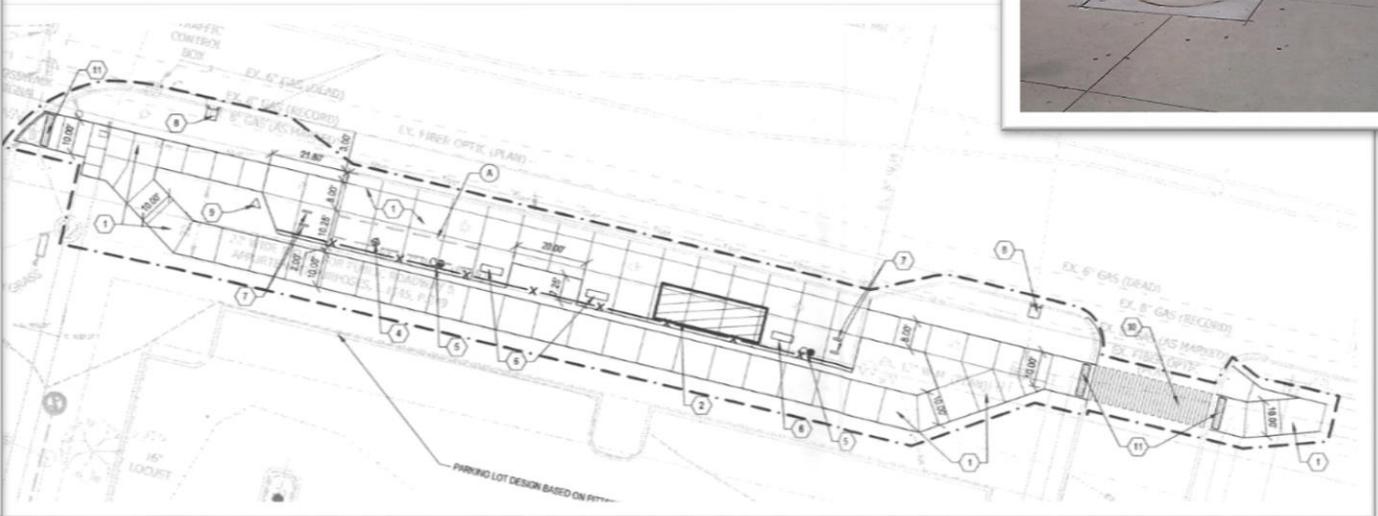


- **SIDEWALK INFILL**

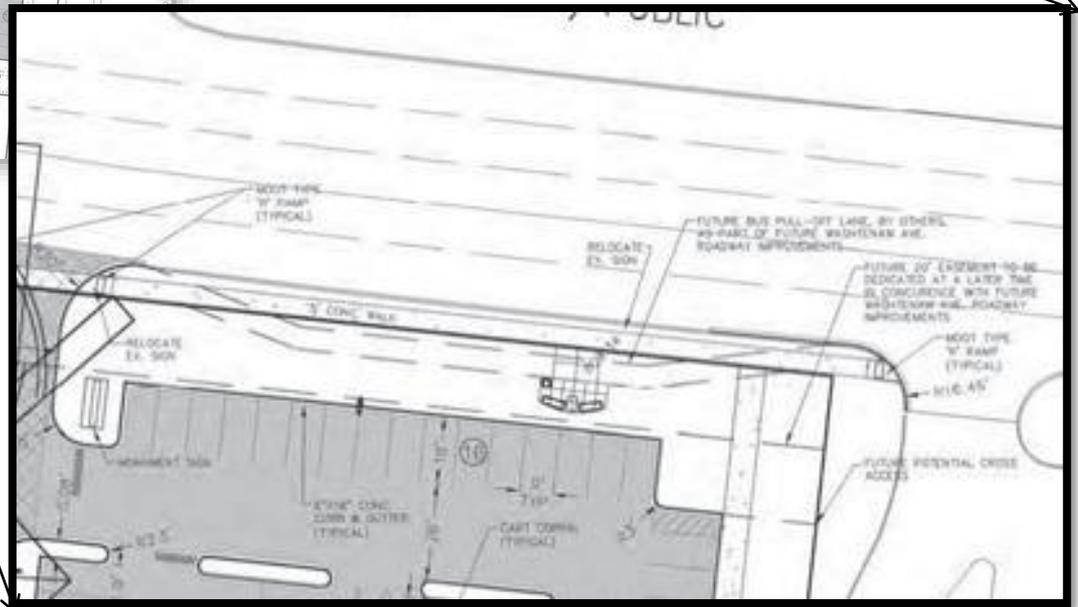
- Pittsfield and Ypsilanti Charter Townships – South side, from Carpenter to Golfside, and north side, Golfside to Fountain Plaza
- CDBG funded, scheduled for 2016 construction



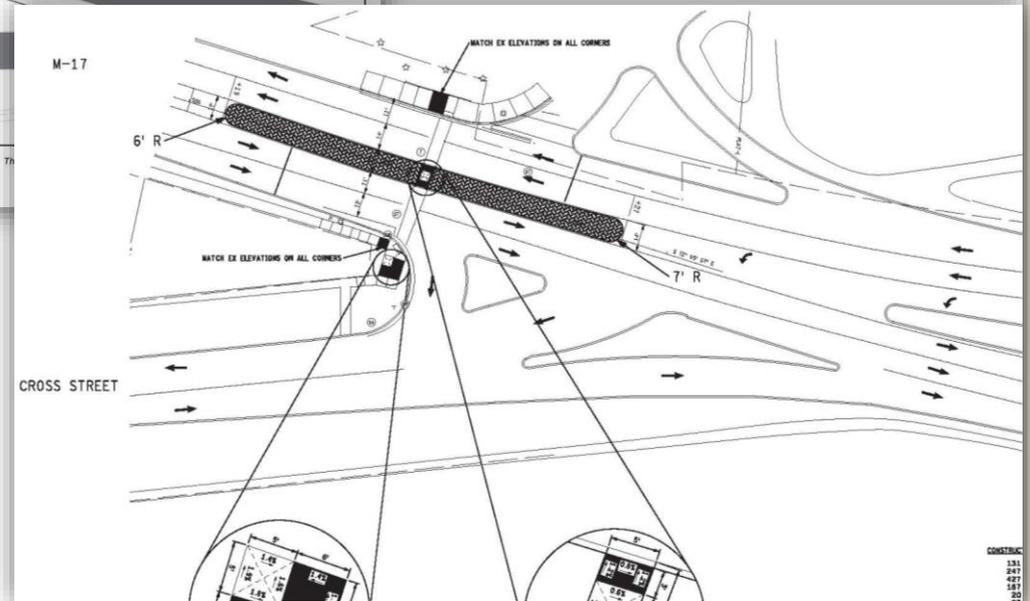
- Super Stops: Ann Arbor - South side at Pittsfield Blvd at Arborland



- Super Stops: Ypsilanti Charter Township – Southeast corner of Golfside/Washtenaw



- Mid-Block Crossing
 - City of Ypsilanti – East of Oakwood, near EMU Campus



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2015-16 Work Plan Activities in Pittsfield Charter Township

- Explore feasibility for Mid-Block Crossing at County Service Center, including compliance with MDOT criteria for mid-block crossings, and identifying funding sources.
- Work with AAATA and the Township to construct Super Stop at County Service Center, in conjunction with Mid-Block and sidewalk infill. Explore public art at Super Stop.
- Assist Township with more sidewalk infill, through the Urban County and CDBG funding; and
- Explore larger sidewalk infill program among all ReImagine partners, utilizing multiple funding sources, including local, CDBG, TAP, MDOT, and AAATA to complete sidewalk network.
- Assist the Township in reviewing redevelopment proposals for compliance with the Corridor Improvement Study, including securing future public access easements, providing for AAATA Super Stops, and others.

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