

# CHEEKTOWAGA TRAILS FEASIBILITY STUDY

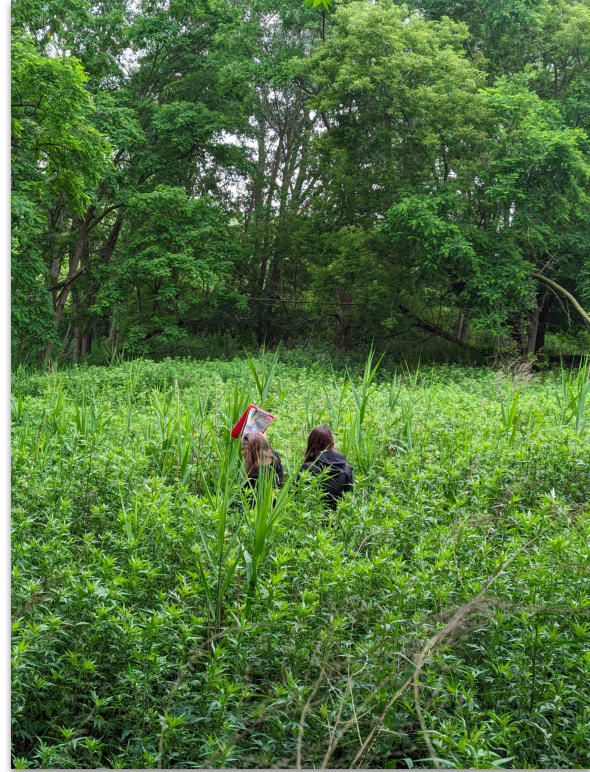
PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023





# Agenda

- I. Introduction & Project Partners
- II. Background on Feasibility Study
- III. Scope
- IV. Interactive Map
- V. Timeline
- VI. Next Steps & Calls to Action
- VII. Share Feedback on Boards



# Meet the Team

## Project Team:

- GObike Buffalo
- Verity Engineering



## Project Partners:

- Assemblymember Monica Wallace
- Town of Cheektowaga
- Village of Lancaster
- Village of Depew
- Town of Clarence
- City of Buffalo
- Erie County
- Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)
- NYSDOT
- NYS Thruway Authority



# Background

The Cheektowaga Trails Feasibility Study is a multifactorial analysis of three sections of trail located in Western New York.

The trail segments, initially scoped out in the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC)'s *Bike Buffalo Niagara: Regional Bike Master Plan* (2020), include:

- **Scajaquada Creek Extension to Cheektowaga**
- **Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension**
- **Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension**





# What happens during a feasibility study?

- Identify feasible route options for connecting existing trails
- Hold conversations with stakeholders
  - nearby residents
  - business owners
  - land owners
- Welcome feedback
  - public meeting
  - tabling sessions
  - interactive map
  - survey



# What are the outcomes of a feasibility study?

- Identify most feasible routes for connecting existing trails
- Incorporate business owner and resident feedback
- Create an implementation plan
- Identify & secure funding for implementation



# Feasibility Study Process and Timeline

- Bike Buffalo Niagara: Regional Bike Master Plan (2020)
- Existing Conditions Analysis (Spring 2023)
- Alternatives Analysis (Summer 2023)
- Community Engagement (Fall 2023)
- Maintenance and Implementation Plan (Fall 2023)
- Final Feasibility Study (Late Fall 2023)





# Existing Conditions

- Histories
- Ownership
- Environmental Conditions
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Existing Infrastructure
- Opportunities and Challenges



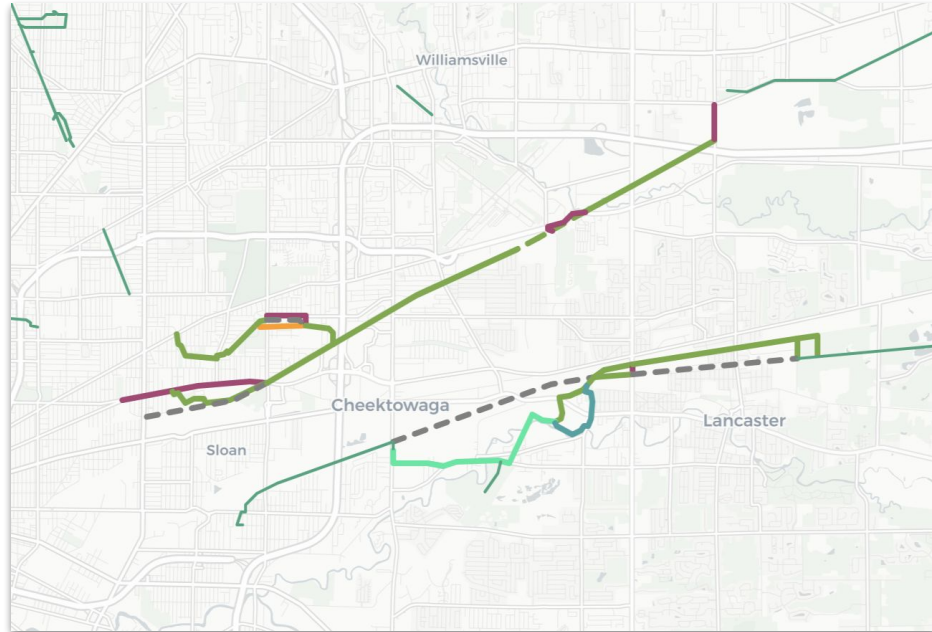
# Outreach & Engagement

- Project team has visited 70 businesses along route
- Survey & Interactive Map open until October 4th
- 1 Public Meeting @ Cheektowaga Senior Center (9/27)
- 2 Tabling Sessions:
  - Lancaster Fall Festival (9/24)
  - Erie County Fall Festival (9/30)



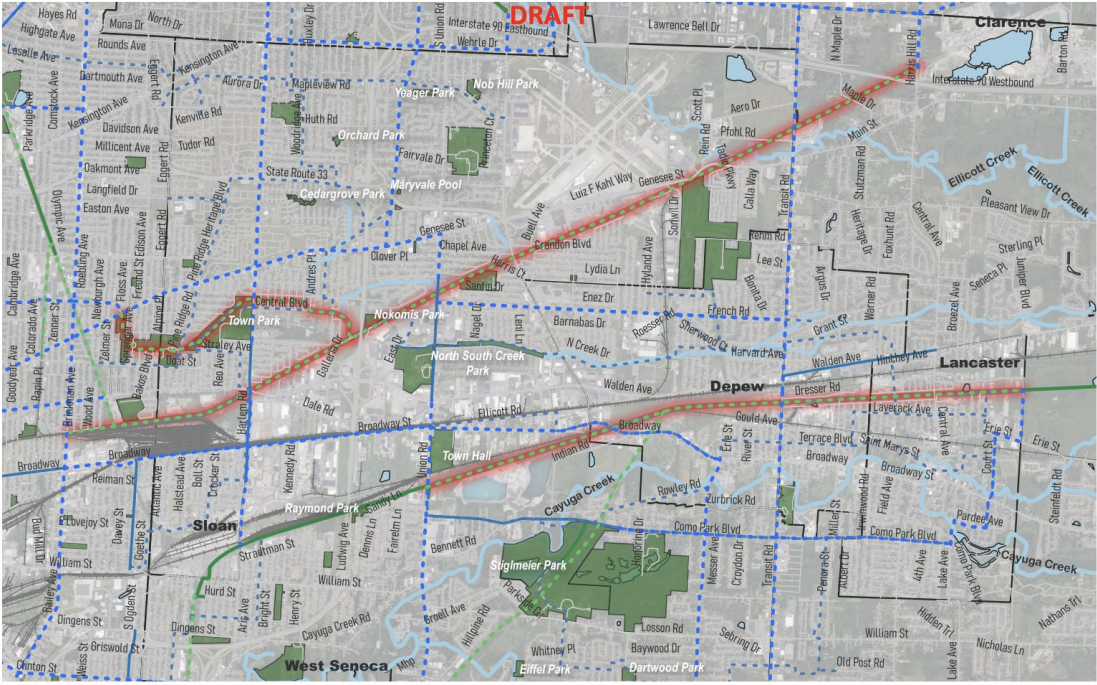
# Cheektowaga Trails Overview

- Scajaquada Creek Extension
- Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension
- Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension





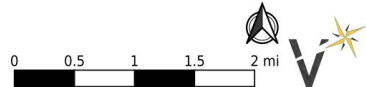
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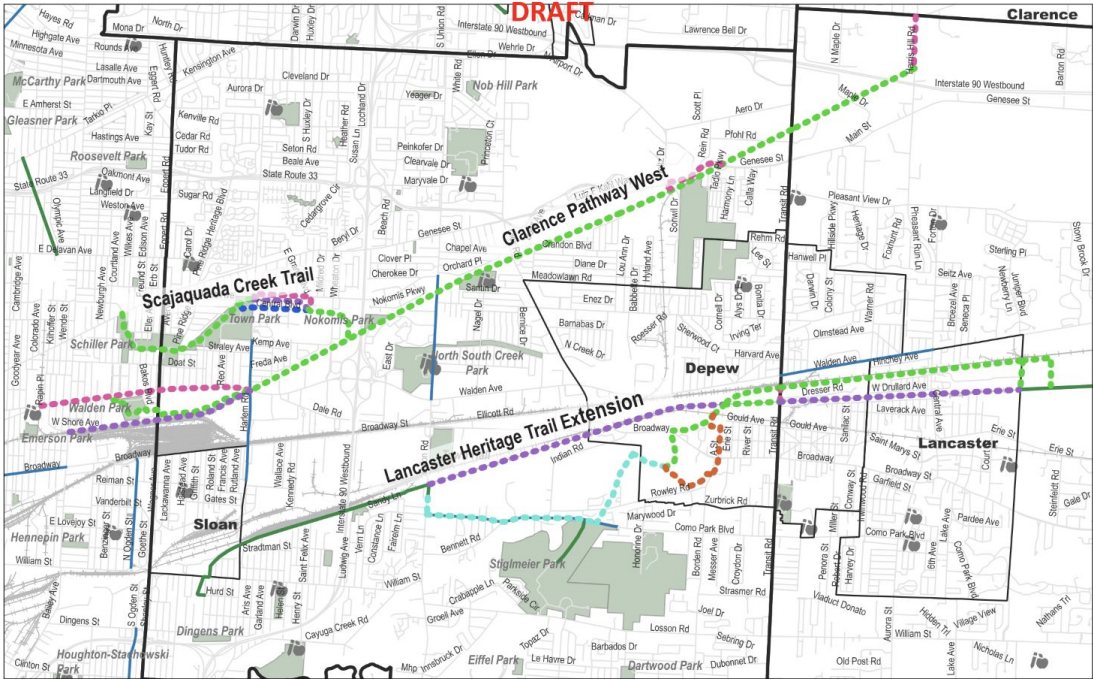
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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Proposed Facilities       | — OFF ROAD                | — Surface Waters |
| ••• OFF-ROAD              | — Roadways                | — Creeks         |
| ••• ON-ROAD               | — Railroad                | — Lakes/Ponds    |
| ••• Proposed_Cycle_Routes | — Study Corridors         | — Villages       |
| Existing Facilities       | — City of Buffalo Parks   | — Cities_Towns   |
| — ON ROAD                 | — Park_Community_Facility |                  |

Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Destinations



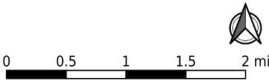
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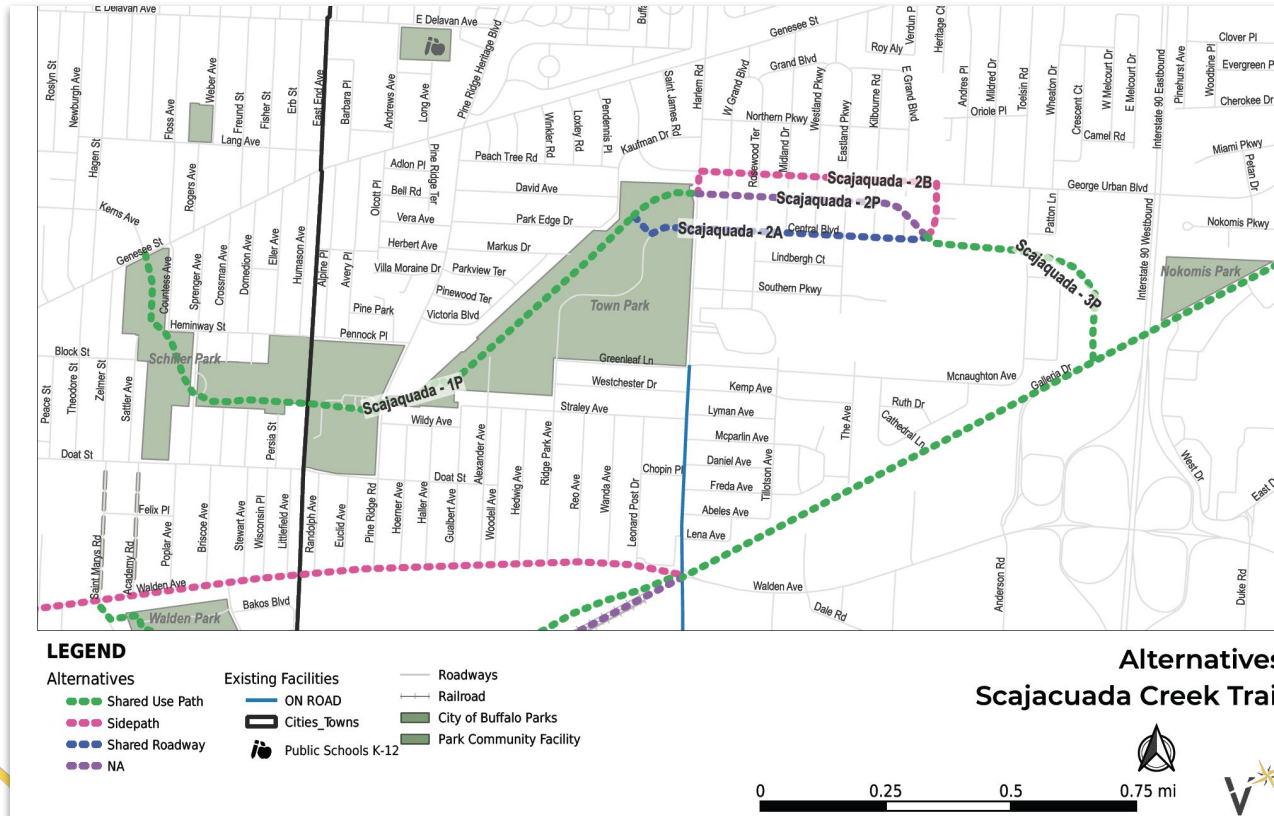
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<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Existing Facilities</b>	<b>—</b> Roadways
● Shared Use Path	— ON ROAD	— Railroad
● Sidepath / SUP	— OFF ROAD	— City of Buffalo Parks
● Sidepath	— Villages	— Park Community Facility
● SUP / Shared Roadway	— Cities/Towns	
● Shared Roadway	Public Schools K-12	
● NA		

Alternatives



# Alternatives Analysis - Scajaquada Creek Trail





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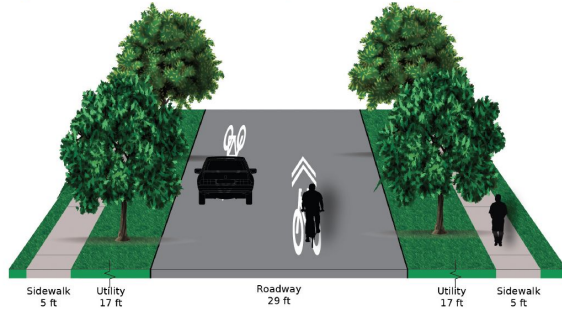
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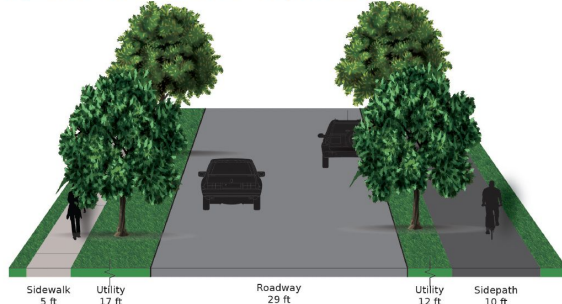
# Alternatives Analysis - Scajaquada Creek Trail

## Segment 2 Route

Segment 2A - Central Boulevard - Proposed Shared Roadway



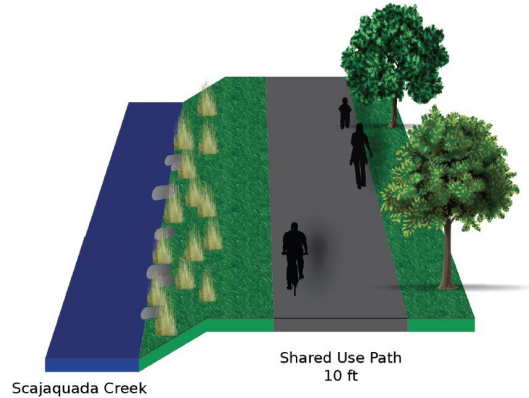
Segment 2A - Central Boulevard - Proposed Sidepath



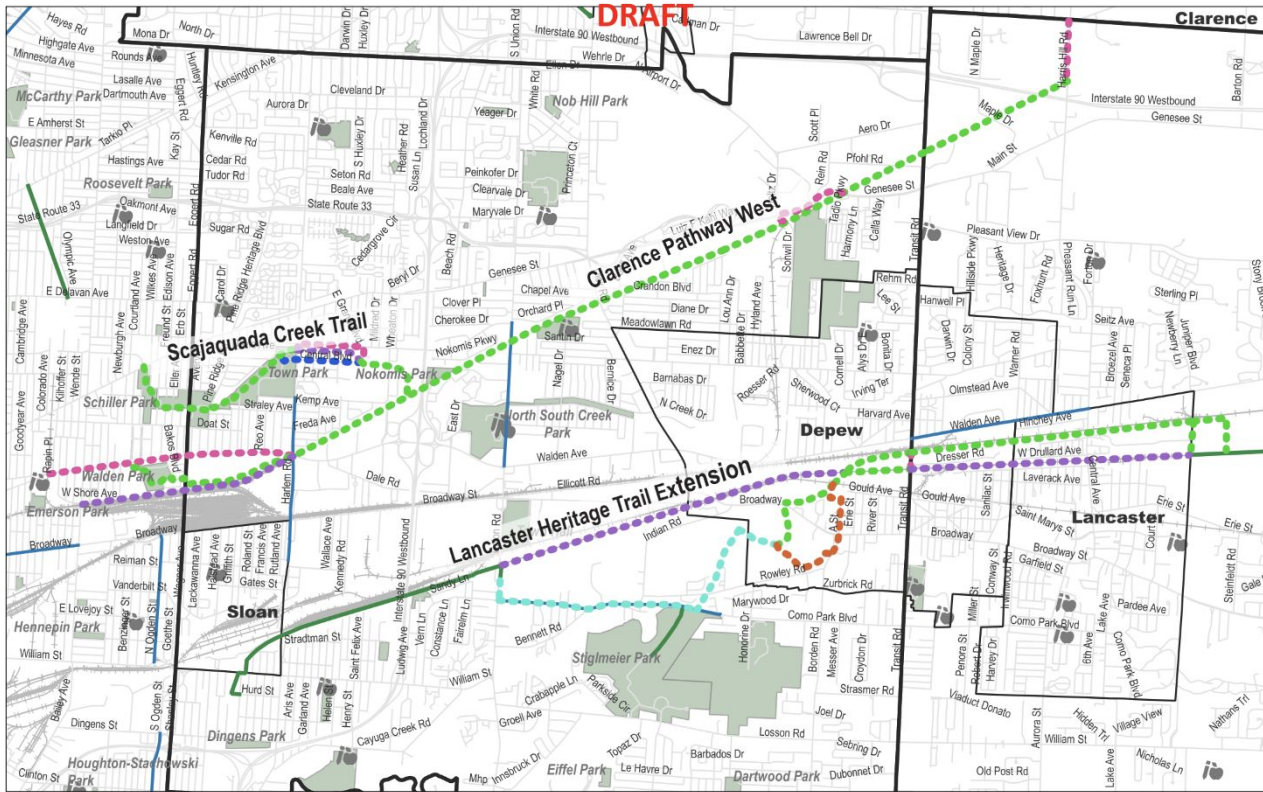
# Alternatives Analysis - Scajaquada Creek Trail

## Segment 3 Route

Segment 3 - Proposed Multi-Use Path







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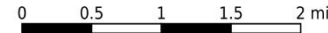
- Shared Use Path
- Sidepath / SUP
- Sidepath
- SUP / Shared Roadway
- Shared Roadway
- NA

**Existing Facilities**

- ON ROAD
- OFF ROAD
- Villages
- Cities, Towns
- Public Schools K-12

- Roadways
- Railroad
- City of Buffalo Parks
- Park Community Facility

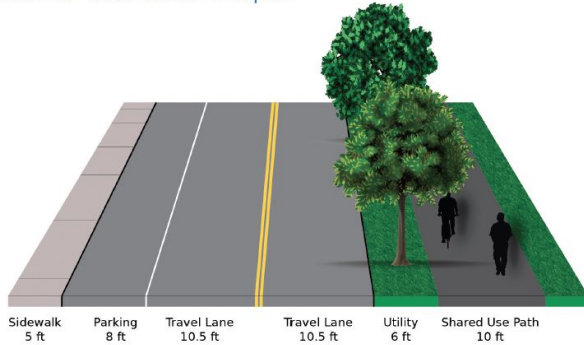
**Alternatives**



# Alternatives Analysis - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

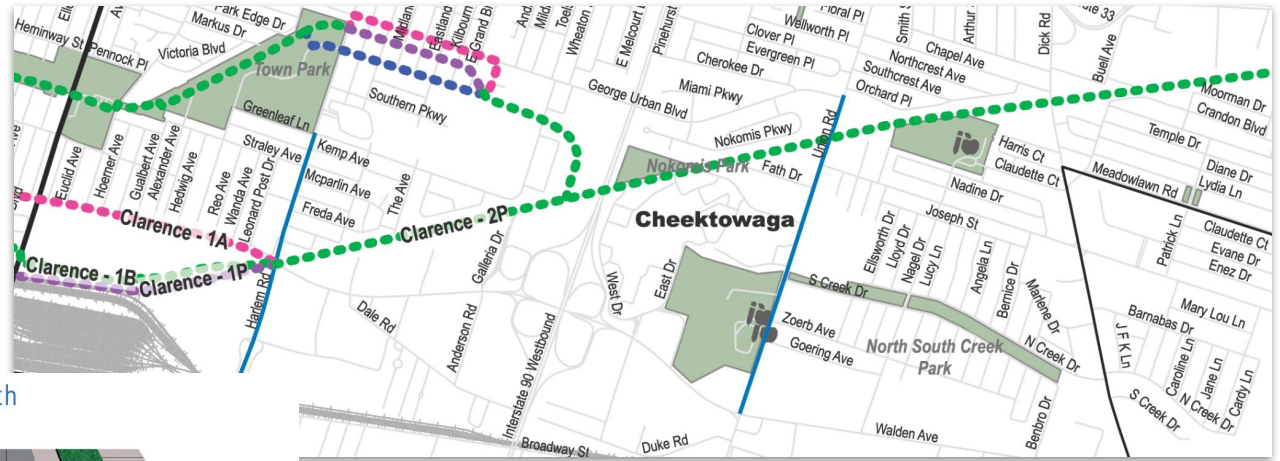
## Segment 1 Alternatives

Segment 1A - Walden Road - Sidepath

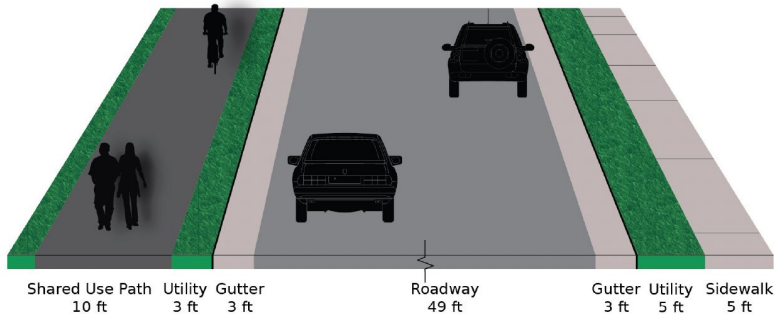


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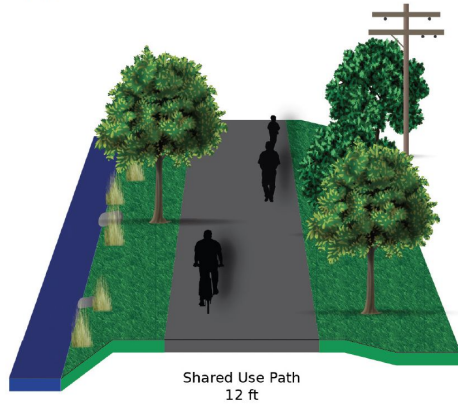
## Segment 2 - Galleria Drive - Proposed Sidepath



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## Segment 3 Route

Segment 2, 3, 4P - Multi-Use Trail

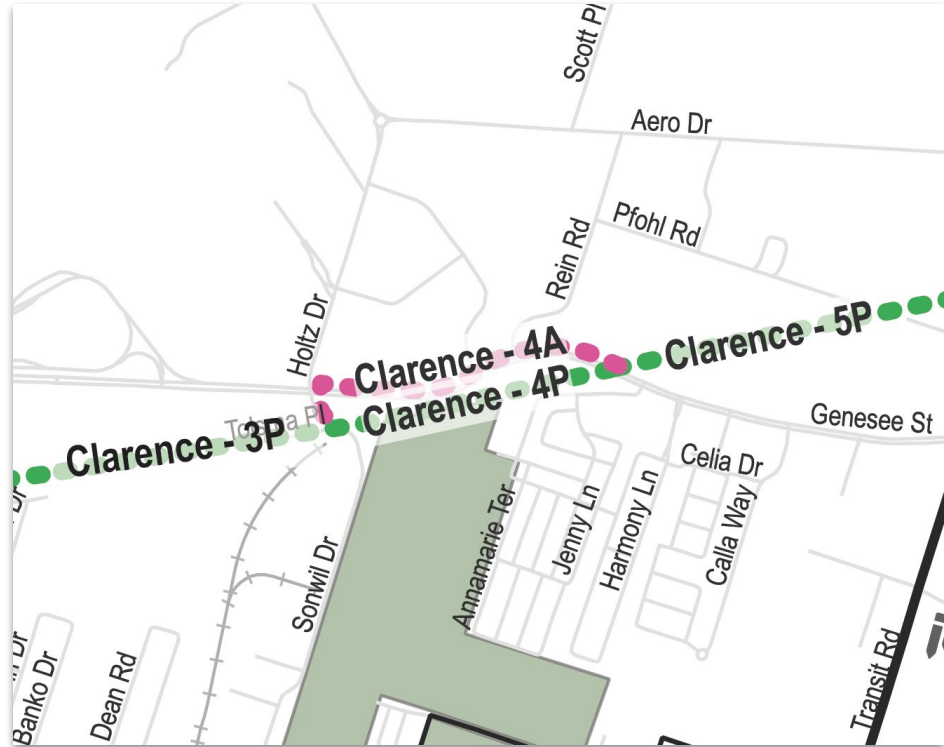
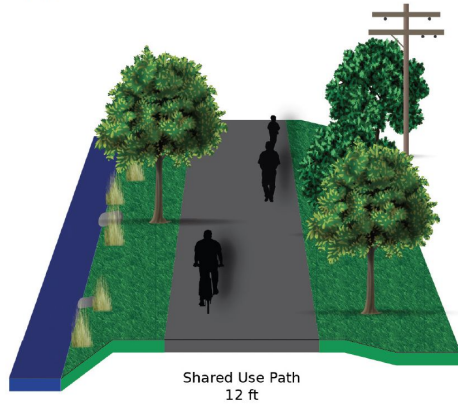




# Alternatives Analysis - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

## Segment 4 Route

Segment 2, 3, 4P - Multi-Use Trail



# Alternatives Analysis - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

## Segment 5 Route

Segment 6, 7 - Multi-Use Trail



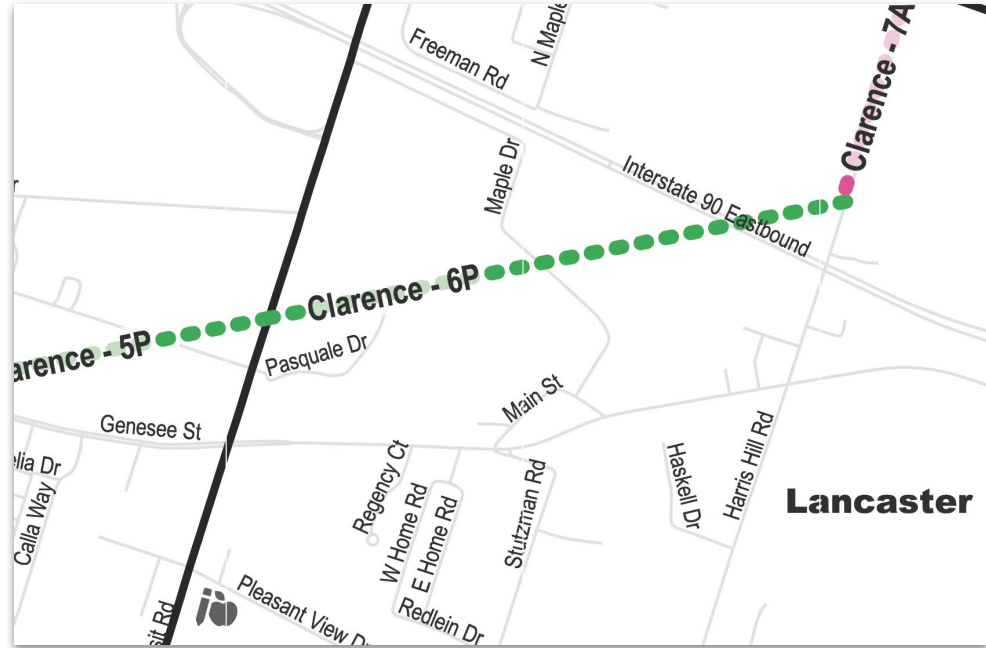
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# Alternatives Analysis - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

## Segment 6 Route

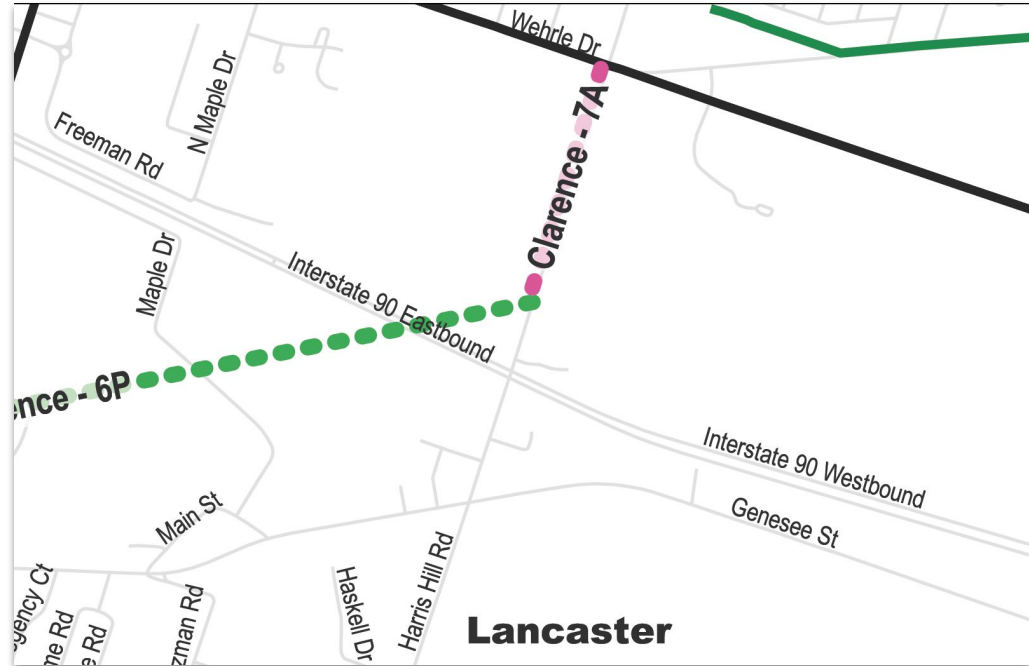
Segment 6, 7 - Multi-Use Trail



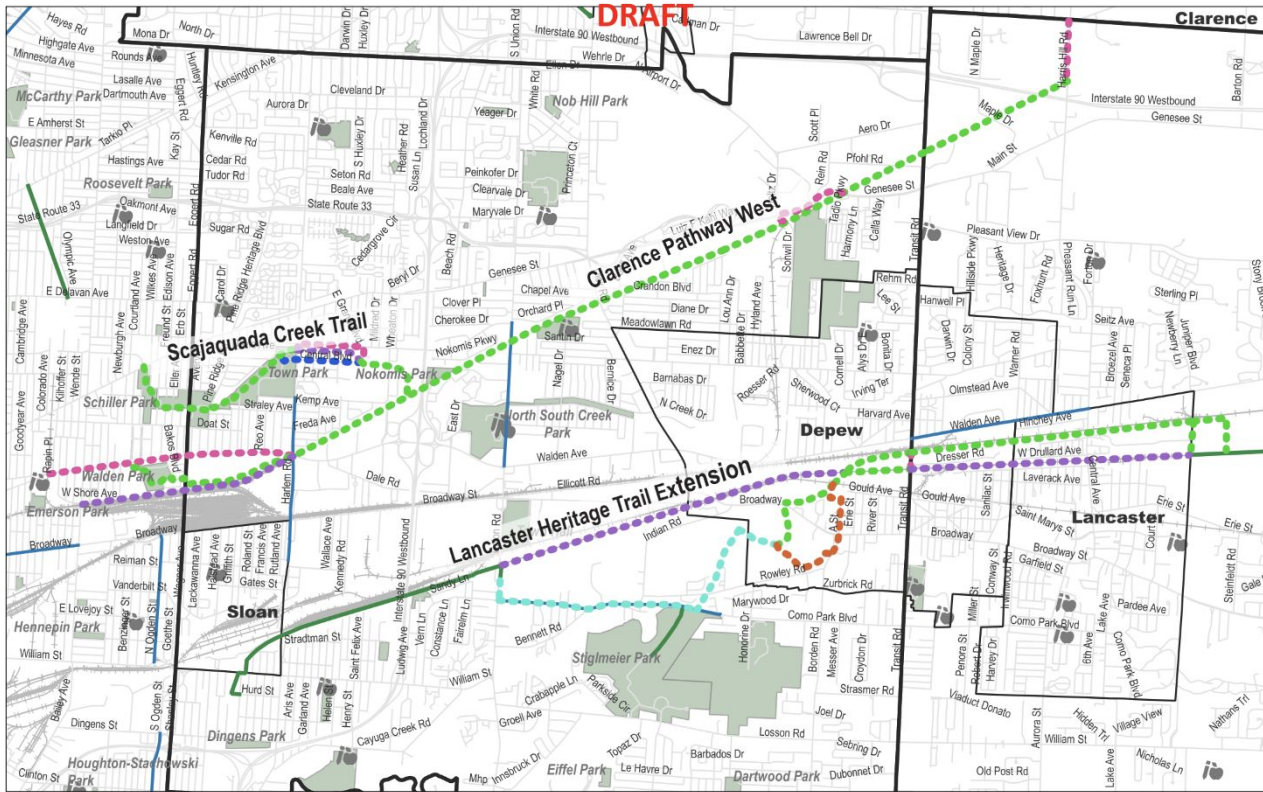
# Alternatives Analysis - Clarence Pathway Buffalo Extension

## Segment 6 Route

Segment 6, 7 - Multi-Use Trail







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**Alternatives**

- Shared Use Path
- Sidepath / SUP
- Sidepath
- SUP / Shared Roadway
- Shared Roadway
- NA

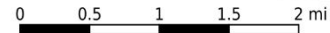
**Existing Facilities**

- ON ROAD
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- Villages
- Cities/Towns
- Public Schools K-12

**—** Roadways

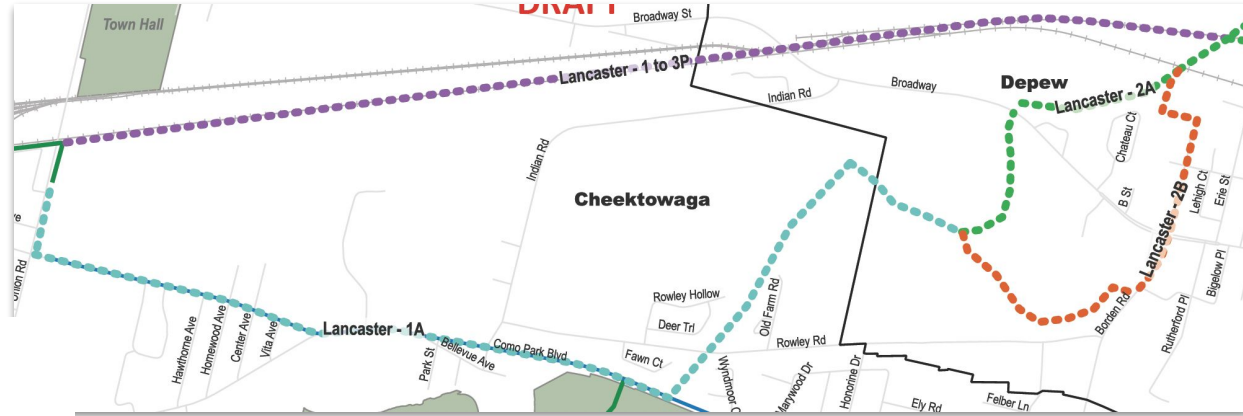
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- Park Community Facility

**Alternatives**

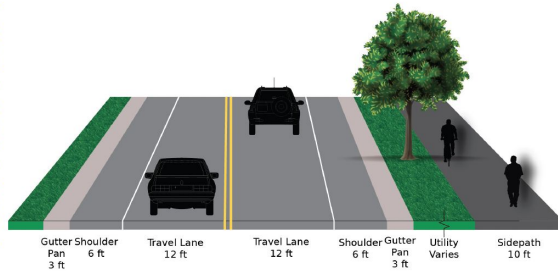


# Alternatives Analysis - Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension

## Segment 1 Alternatives

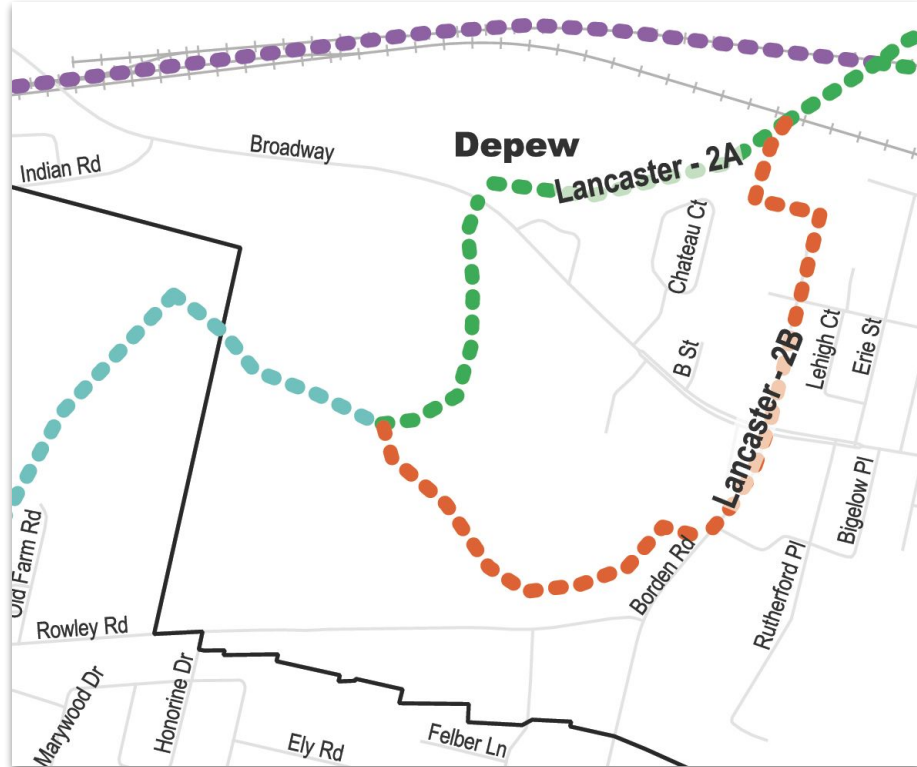


Segment 1A - Como Park Boulevard - Sidepath



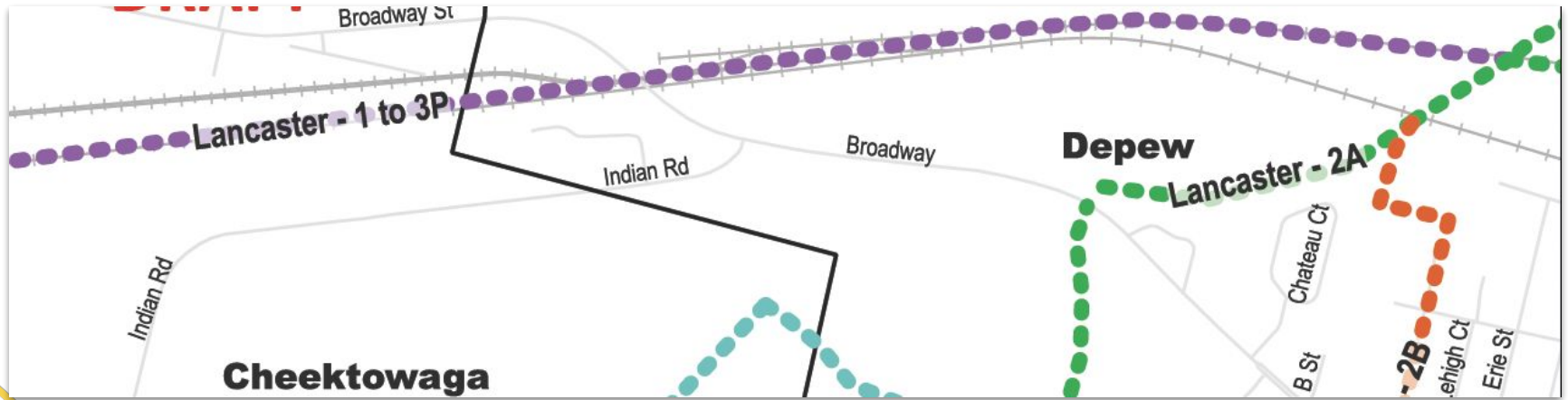
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## Segment 2 Alternatives



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## Segment 3 Alternatives

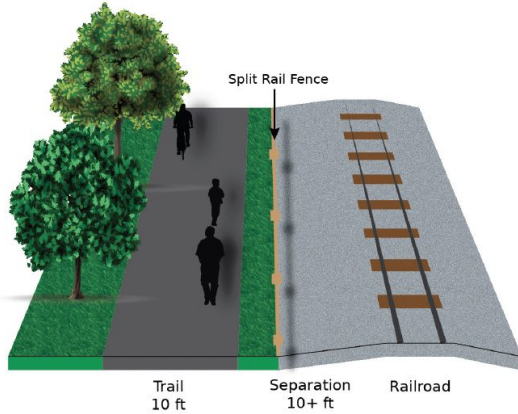




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## Segment 4 Alternatives

Segment 4P - Rail with Trail



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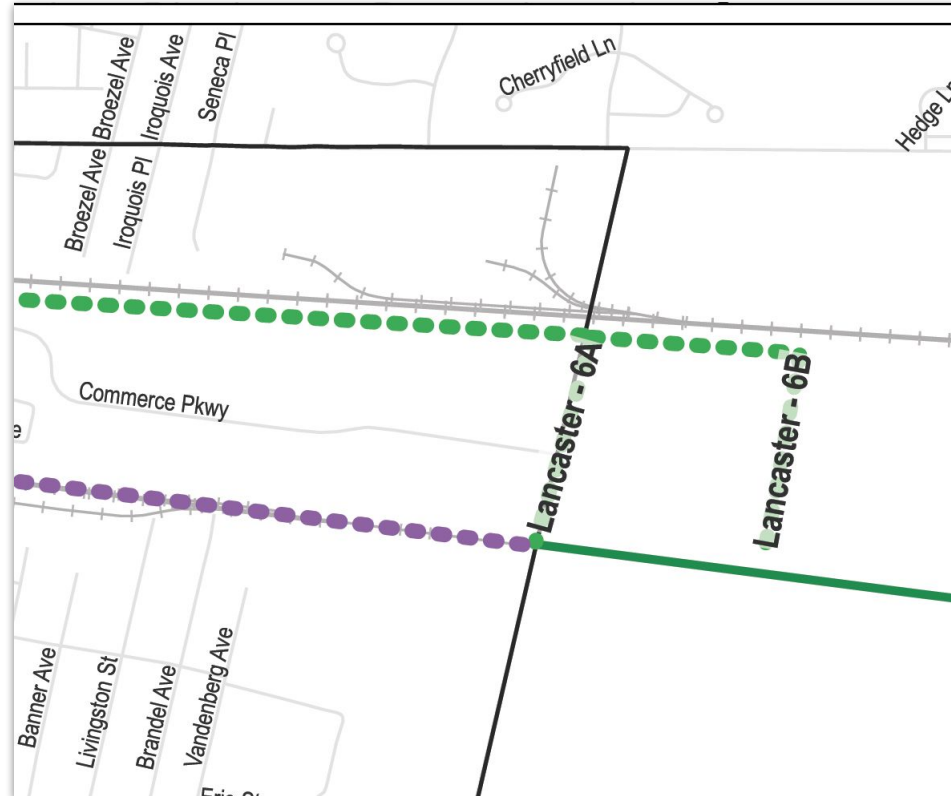
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Segment 5A - Multi-Use Path in Utility Corridor



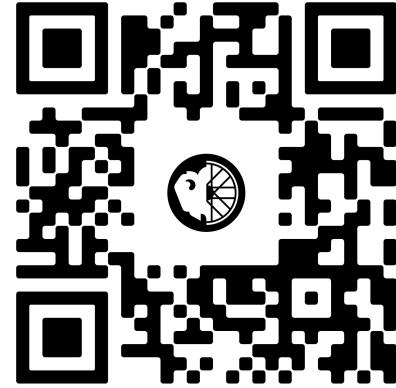
# Alternatives Analysis - Lancaster Heritage Trail West Extension

## Segment 6 Alternatives



# How You Can Help

- Share comments about route alternatives and your preference
- Add opportunities, challenges, and major destinations to the maps
- Take the survey (*We have print copies here tonight!*)





# Next Steps

- Survey and map open for comment until October 4th
- Project team to analyze and summarize community input in October
- Study complete by mid-November, sent to municipalities & shared publicly

