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Dear Property Owner:

The City of Lansing is completing the last phase of converting downtown streets back to two-way operations. To accommodate two-way traffic on Ottawa and Allegan Streets at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, changes need to be made to these intersections.

The City held public meetings in February and March to discuss proposed changes along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Based on these meetings, the City is requesting feedback from property owners on the two design options described below.

### **Option 1: 6 Lane Roadway with Modifications**

Maintain the existing roadway, which consists of 6 travel lanes, median crossovers and left and right turn lanes.

Modifications needed to accommodate two-way traffic at Ottawa Street and Allegan Street would be:

1. Construct a southbound left turn lane at Ottawa Street.
2. Increase the size of the curb radii at the corners of northbound Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Ottawa Street and Allegan Street to accommodate right turns.

With this configuration, westbound Allegan Street traffic would need to use the crossover at Michigan Avenue to turn left onto southbound Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

This design accommodates current (2024) traffic volumes.

### **Option 2: 5 Lane Roadway with Medians and Pathway**

Reconfigure the roadway to two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane and medians.

Modifications needed to accommodate two-way traffic at Ottawa Street and Allegan Street would be:

1. Move the east curb line of the southbound roadway to the east between Kalamazoo and Ionia Streets to accommodate two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane.
2. Modify median between Ionia and Ottawa.
3. Add medians between Michigan Avenue and Ottawa Street and between Chelsea Avenue and south of Kinsley Court.
4. Add a push button activated flashing beacon for Michigan Avenue pedestrian crossing.

This configuration would enable direct turns at Kalamazoo, Allegan and Ottawa Streets and would result in the addition of 1 ½ acres of green space on the east side of the roadway. A 10-foot wide pathway would also be constructed on the east side of the roadway.

This design would accommodate current (2024) traffic volumes and increased volumes resulting from a return to in person employment in downtown to pre-pandemic levels plus additional growth.

Graphics showing the two design options are on the back of this letter and additional information is available on the City's website at: [www.lansingmi.gov/MLKproject](http://www.lansingmi.gov/MLKproject)

This chosen design option will be constructed in 2024.

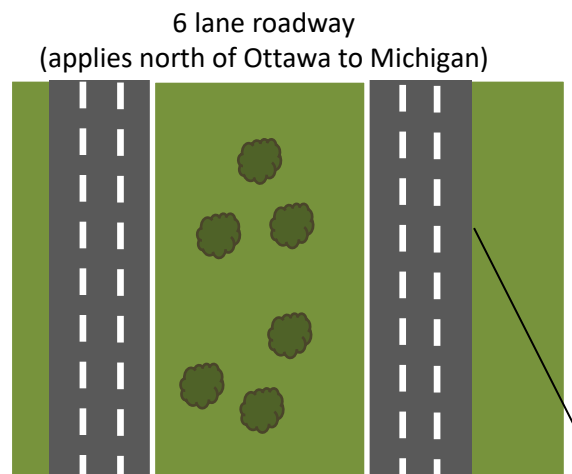
Please use the enclosed post card to select the option that you feel will best accommodate all users of the public right of way for the next 20-30 years. Once complete, please drop the post card in the mail.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,

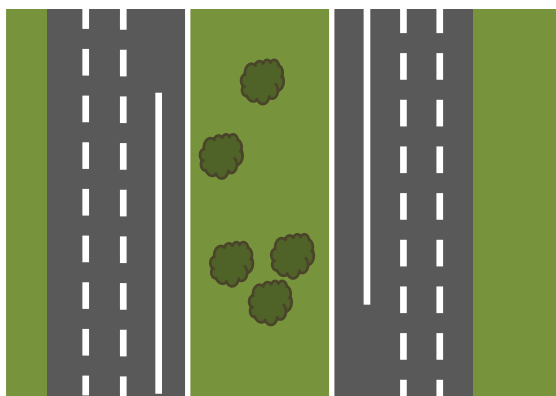
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Public Service Director

## Option 1 6 Lane Roadway with Turn Lanes (Existing)

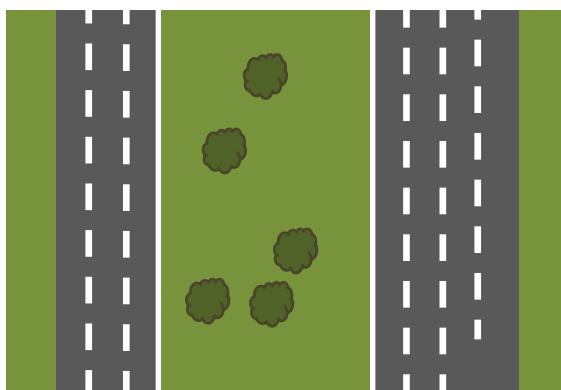


Configurations below apply south of Michigan

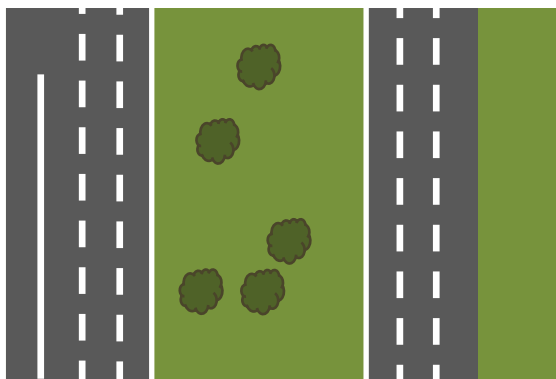
6 lane + north & southbound left turn lane



6 lane + northbound right or left turn lane



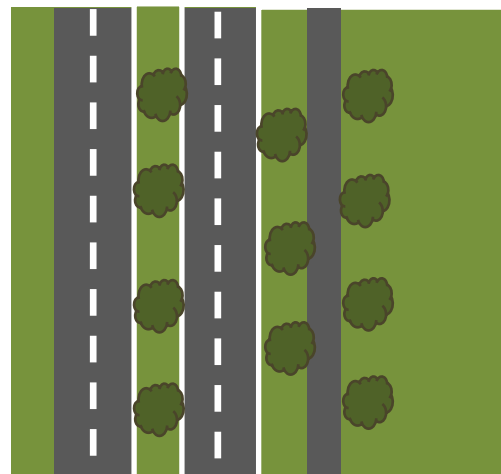
6 lane + southbound right turn lane



## Option 2 5 Lane Roadway with Medians and Pathway

5 lane with median and pathway  
applies to areas at left with green line:

- North of Ionia to north of Ottawa
- South of Ottawa to Michigan
- Chelsea to south of Kingsley
- South of Kalamazoo



5 lane with center turn lane and pathway  
(applies to areas without green line)

