



North Main Street Public Meeting

North Hill Branch Akron Summit County Public Library
 April 16, 2025

The City of Akron is developing plans for several roadway safety improvements on North Main Street between the All America Bridge and the High-Level Bridge over the Gorge. This project is a result of years of study focused on safety for all roadway users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists. We heard your concerns:

- ◇ Some intersections are dangerous for pedestrians
- ◇ More and safer crosswalks are needed
- ◇ Street parking near businesses is important
- ◇ Speeding Traffic is a problem
- ◇ Better access to jobs is needed

Proposed safety improvements to the corridor (shown below) address these concerns.



Curb Extensions / Bump outs

These facilities extend the sidewalk to provide more space for pedestrians, reduce the crossing distance and time for conflict, and lead to more aware, slower-moving drivers.



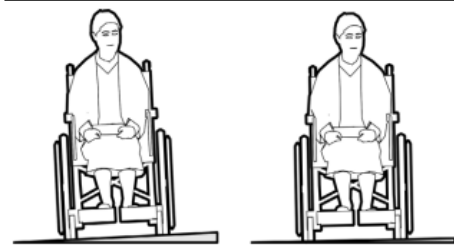
Crosswalks/Protected Crossings

Crosswalk pavement markings improve visibility of pedestrians. Protected crossings use beacons to notify approaching traffic to slow and stop for pedestrians.



Buffered Bike Lanes

Bike lanes with a buffer between parked and/or passing vehicles provide a safer space for people to ride their bike to and from school, work, errands, and more.



ADA Facilities

Pedestrian infrastructure will be improved to better adhere to ADA regulations.



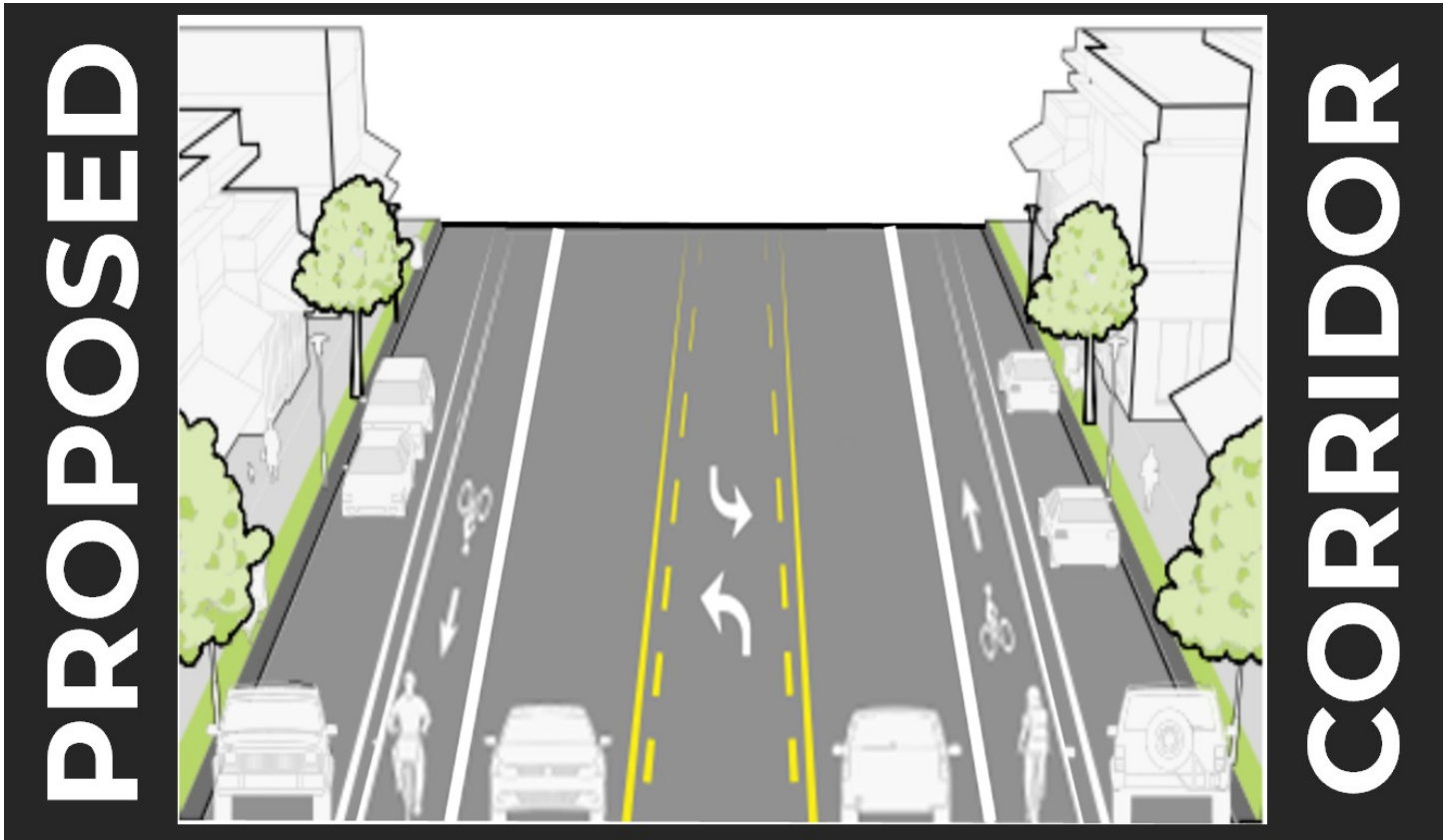
Traffic Calming

New street trees, right-sized roadway, occasional medians, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, single travel lanes, and center turn lanes contribute to lower speeds and safer places for all roadway users.



Improvements proposed in this project include:

- ◇ Resurfacing the pavement on North Main Street
- ◇ Removal of two traffic signals (Frances Ave. and East Mildred Ave.)
- ◇ A center left turn lane and one lane in each direction
- ◇ Three new protected pedestrian crossings
- ◇ Buffered bike lanes in each direction
- ◇ Improved pedestrian and ADA facilities
- ◇ Parking along most of the corridor
- ◇ New planted trees and traffic calming elements



Construction — Estimated to begin July 1, 2025 with an expected completion mid 2027.

Impacts Minimized — During the construction of these improvements, traffic will be maintained with at least one lane operating in each direction and bus service will continue. Businesses will remain open and parking will be maintained as much as possible.

Staying Informed — Keeping you informed about these changes is a top priority of the City of Akron. For updates regarding this project, visit <https://akron-oh.civilspace.io/en/projects/north-st-improvements> or contact Rob Solomon through email at RSolomon@akronohio.gov.

