

Lakeshore Drive Open House Recap

Hagar's Hideaway, July 21, 2025, from 4-6 pm

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Project Page: mkgcity.com/lakeshoredr

Number of Attendees: 59

Public Comment Summary

Traffic & Safety

1. Strong concern about speeding on Lakeshore Drive. Residents report it is dangerous to cross the road, pull into or out of driveways, or simply live along it. Multiple people called for more police enforcement and traffic-calming measures beyond just removing the parking lane (suggested over a dozen times).
2. Residents requested deer crossing signs be added along Lakeshore Drive between Millard and Waterworks with hopes that they could slow people down.
3. Multiple requests to paint visible crosswalks across Lakeshore at key locations. Cars often do not slow or stop for pedestrians because crossings are not clearly marked. Help is needed to support pedestrian friendly area.
4. Several residents expressed a need to design the road to slow drivers down.

Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure

1. Residents reiterate how unsafe it is to cross Lakeshore Drive due to speeding. Need more clearly defined sidewalks.
2. Suggestions to redesign the bike lane crossover between the south and north sides of the road, near Frosty Cove. Feedback emphasized the area is extremely dangerous due to traffic and turning vehicles (suggested over a dozen times). Ideas included:
 - a. Blinking lights or a marked "bike crossing" sign (suggested over a dozen times).
 - b. A physical barrier to protect cyclists if the path runs alongside the road.





- c. Not having the bike and turning lane mixed together when turning into Frosty Cove
3. Received information from a resident regarding restricting the use of e-bikes on the trail and more clarity/enforcement on usage rules. Specifically, how enforcement of fast (Level 3) e-bikes is handled
4. Request to add bike slowing measures on the trail at road crossings, there have been many close calls of cars hitting bikes because they do not stop at the “stop signs.’ Cars need to be out into the crosswalk to see to turn.
5. Request and questions if the existing bike path being repaved

Parking Concerns

1. Concerns raised about the elimination of parking in front of Balcom’s Cove. Residents noted there is no visitor parking nearby and suggested adding new parking in Cottage Grove exclusively for cars (not taking away space from boaters).
2. Concern about removing parking near marinas. Suggestion to remove the center turn lane and retain existing parking is a compromise.

Additional Community Requests

1. Add a Blue Line bus stop at McGraft Park.
2. Build more public pickleball courts in the area.
3. Interest in using rain gardens or native landscaping that would reduce the need for mowing green spaces.

Outcomes

Addressing Speeds on Lakeshore Drive with Road Design

The project design provides a similar level of capacity (same travel lane configuration) but narrows the lanes to the minimum widths allowed in order to make higher speeds less comfortable. This is widely acknowledged as the best method for using physical changes to reduce speeds.

Increasing Pedestrian Crossing Safety Plans

The project will include a comprehensive review of all signage and pavement markings, and when the project is complete all crossings and other potential conflict points will follow the





latest guidance regarding pedestrian safety. This will include high-reflectivity signage and “piano-key” special emphasis crosswalk markings at certain locations.

Bike Path Changes Including Near Frosty Cove

This project does not include changes or repaving of the bike path. However, the section just outside the project limits near Frosty Cove, where the path transitions from one side of the road to the other, the city will examine the transition and determine whether signage or other upgrades could increase safety. Long term plans include a separate pathway on the lake side of the road from Cottage Grove Street east.

Parking vs Center Turn Lane Response

Oversize vessel deliveries to the area require additional pavement to maneuver. While a parking lane could provide that space, there are limited ways to ensure it is free of obstructions (parked vehicles) at delivery times. The center turn lane, on the other hand, will quickly clear in the event a delivery vehicle is present.

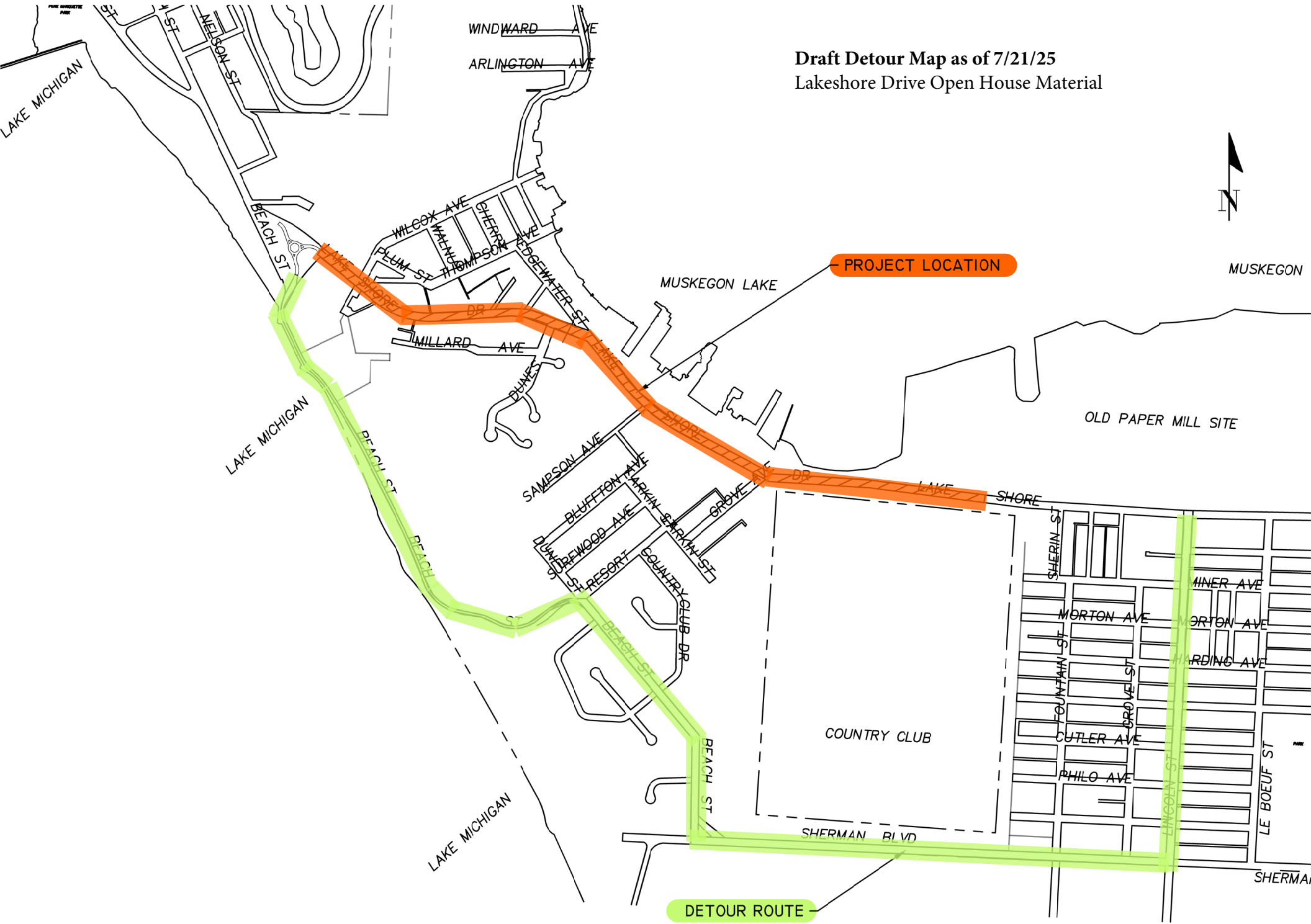
The existing parking lane is underutilized. While there may be times when it serves its intended function, most of the time it is empty space encouraging vehicles to feel comfortable at high speeds. Finding alternative solutions to parking needs will help reduce speeds and improve safety in the corridor.

Next Steps

- Additional feedback or questions can be sent to Joel Brookens at joel.brookens@shorelinecity.com through the end of August 2025
- Lead service line letters will be sent to affected homes in August 2025
- Detailed plan review will be available at the Annual 2026 Road Construction Open House 4-6 PM at Public Works
- Construction scheduled to begin March 2025
- Sign up for email updates and learn more at mkgcity.com/lakeshoredr



Draft Detour Map as of 7/21/25
Lakeshore Drive Open House Material



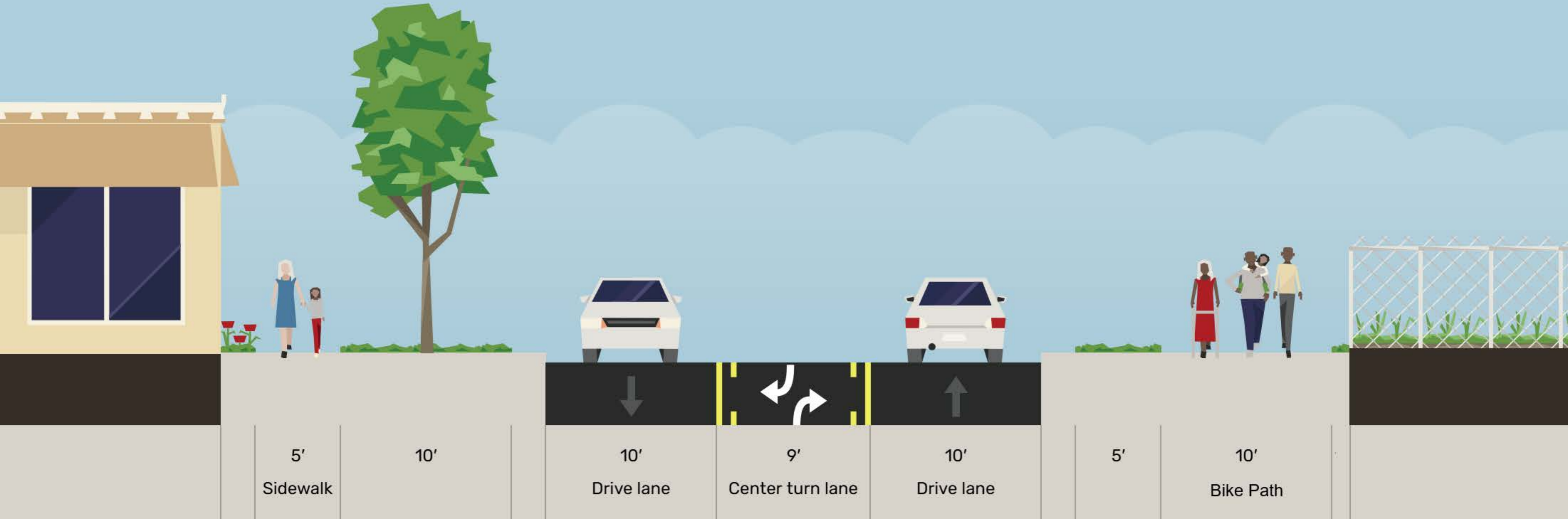
PROJECT LOCATION

DETOUR ROUTE

Lakeshore Dr

Looking East, Leaving the Beach
Edgewater to Cottage Grove

Draft reconstruction layout as of 7/21/25



Lakeshore Drive

Overhead view looking east, leaving the beach
Edgewater to Cottage Grove
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Lakeshore Drive
Overhead View
Edgewater to Cottage Grove Draft
Reconstruction Layout at of 7/21/25