







Non-motorized Plan 2023

WORKING DRAFT: 09/25/23

# City Council Meeting

October 2, 2023

- Overview of the Plan
- Highlighting Key Updates
   Since the August 24<sup>th</sup> City
   Council Working Session

## Why This is a Worthwhile Endeavor



Walking and Bicycling Provide Benefits Not Just to the Individual But to the Community as a Whole

# There Are Not Many Activates That:

- Most People Enjoy and That are Good for Their Physical and Mental Well Being
- Do Not Require a
   Substantial Investment in Equipment or Expensive
   Upkeep
- Are Quiet Activities that have a Minimal Impact on the Environment
- Can be Integrated into Everyday Activities Throughout One's Life

## The Non-Motorized Plan's Charge:

Improving **SAFETY** for all modes of travel including motorized vehicles

Providing better nonmotorized **ACCESS** to local and regional destinations

Outlining a realistic and ACHIEVABLE plan that works within the confines of the built system

Crafting a plan that reflects the **CONSENSUS of the community** 

Creating an environment that INSPIRES residents to walk and bicycle more

## **New Executive Summary**

#### **Executive Summary**

#### 2023 City of Northville Non-motorized Plan

This plan serves as an update to the 2013 non-motorized plan. Its primary purpose to improve conditions in the near-term for people who walk, bicycle, or travel using micromobility (small, low-speed, electric-powered devices). The recommendations focus on:

- Improving SAFETY for all modes of travel including motorized vehicles.
- Providing better non-motorized ACCESS to local and regional destinations.
- Outlining a realistic and ACHIEVABLE plan that works within the confines of the built system.
- Crafting a plan that reflects the CONSENSUS of the community.
- Creating an environment that INSPIRES residents to walk and bicycle more.

The recommendations have a foundation in an extensive Inventory and Analysis (Page 21) that identifies issues and opportunities within the existing road network. They Coordinate (Page 40) with existing community plans and proposed projects. And they are based on Public Input (Page 14) that identifies priority destinations and remedies issues that are inhibiting people from walking or bicycling to those places. The following pages outline key elements of the plan.

Visit the project website to download the plan at WalkBike.info/Northville

## 2023 City of Northville Non-motorized Plan Recommendations

**Pedestrian Routes:** identify and infill critical gaps in the sidewalk and sidepath system, notably along Beck Road, Center Street, Taft Road, 8 Mile Road, 7 Mile Road, Novi Road, and Baseline Road and outside of the city to key destinations like Silver Springs Elementary School. The plan also addresses the quality of the pedestrian routes to encourage walking. Page I 62

**Bikeways:** create a robust network, incorporating off-road trails such as a sidepath along 7 Mile Road linking city and township destinations, as well as sidepaths along Novi Rd and Beck Roads that integrate with the City of Novi's system. Analysis of South Main Street, Griswold Street, and portions of 8 Mile Road identified excess traffic capacity, so the roads may be reconfigured to provide a more consistent and safe cross section for motorists while reallocating the unnecessary traffic lanes to create safe separated bicycle facilities. Page I 64

#### **Crosswalk Treatments and Intersection**

**Improvements:** focus on improving safety and comfort of all users throughout the city. Particularly on routes identified as key non-motorized connections, with special attention given to Center Street, a location with numerous bicycle and pedestrain crashes. Many new mid-block crosswalks featuring elements such as crossing islands and beacons are proposed to tie isolated neighborhoods into the city fabric and ensure safe access to destinations. Page I 66

**Riverwalk Vision:** acknowledge that some portions of the riverwalk will take time to complete but provide immediate connections, family-friendly near-term alternative routes linking the key destinations along the riverfront. These links will continue to serve daily transportation needs after the riverwalk is constructed. Page I 68

Regional Connections: help residents access destinations in the City of Novi and Northville Township such as Maybury State Park, ITC Trail, Legacy Park, Northville High School, Rotary Park, and Hines Park. Page | 72

#### **Downtown Coordination:** integrate

the many changes in the downtown including the seasonal road closures, The Downs Development, Ford Field improvements, and evolving traffic patterns. Page I 40

#### **Programs, Policies, and Metrics:**

provide supporting elements for the proposed infrastructure changes. Page | 62

### **Specific Corridor Recommendations:** provide

detailed guidance for 15 primary road segments, accompanied by the analysis and public input that support them. These recommendations are designed to be incorporated into grant applications as well as guide the community whenever a road is upgraded. Page | 95

#### **Near-term Network Map**



- Supplemental to the Non-motorized Plan Report, the large format Near-term Network Map offers a visual representation of all the proposed routes.
- An overview of how everything comes together
- The underlying Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can be easily integrated into the city's existing data base

## **Updated Report Structure**

- Easier to Find Specific Elements
- Policies, Programs, and Metrics
   Moved Forward
- Specific Corridor Recommendations
   Have Been Moved to the Back
- Did Not Though Change the Landscape Orientation to Portrait

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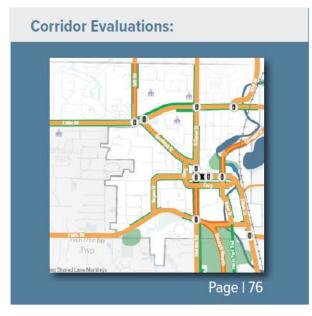
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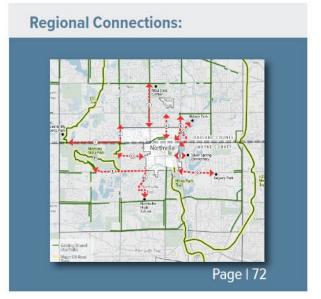
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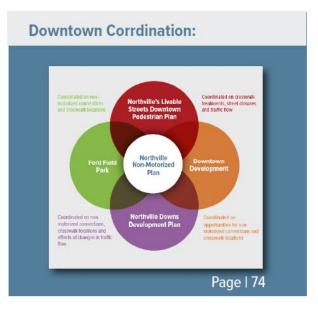
## Provided a New Graphic Overview of the Report





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## Addressed Input on the Draft Report

- After the Working Session, We Posted the Report Online with a Feedback Form
- Went Through Addressed Most of the Feedback and Priorities
- Some Items were Already Addressed
- Some Feedback on Elements Outside of the Scope of This Report
  - Seasonal Closing of Downtown Streets
  - Proposed Roundabout at Center Street and 7 Mile
  - Outside of the City

			ZED PLAN REVIEW - PUBLIC INPUT		
1	Timestamp	How satisfied are you with the the non-motorized plan recommendations? Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not Satisfied at All" and 5 being "Extremally Satisfied"	Are there any specific litems that need to be addressed? Please reference the page number below:	Tell us anything else you feel is important:	What is your top priority? Please tell unwhat item you would like to see funded and built first.
2					
3	8/30/2023 13:28:47		Outstanding report, very clear and with a great vision	This report is well done and will help us all as we move to the future of blending the communities.	River walk project and walking paths
4	8/31/2023 12:25:35			keep the parking on Wing between Main and Cady	
5	8/31/2023 13:55:05				
6	8/31/2023 14:03:39	2	Please add a gate controlled crossing at railroad track crossing on Baseline Rd. next to the cider mill  Also please address missing sidewalks on Old Novi Rd, and the section of Baseline between Old Novi & Griswold too.		I'd like to see painted crosswalks within all neighborhood intersections, particularly as part of the street renewal plan.
7	8/31/2023 14:07:43	2	Would Love Love to see in the plan a path on Beck between 8mile and 6 mile.	Thanks for asking for feedback	Would Love Love to see in the plan a path on Beck between 8mile and 6 mile first. Would allow connection of the west side of the city to the High School
8	8/31/2023 14:32:55	3	NO Roundabouts. They are bringing a bigger problem. A lot of people dislike them. Some people will stop visiting the city if one is put in. If anything, add a lare through the intersection at 7 Miles and Clenter St. for a block to help with left turners. You cannot add a lare all the way to 8 Mile but adding it for the first block to help with raffic with people turning should help out. The traffic is only busy at rush hour for an hour to hour and a half at the most.		Parking lots paved and hopefully free up places for parking.
9	8/31/2023 23:00:04	4	Pathway between 7 Mile and 6 Mile along Beck. High school is on 6 Mile - additional pathways allow high school students to get to school via biking, for greater flexibility with activities and jobs. Would allow residents at 6 Mile to access Maybury without a car.	Slower traffic speed along 7 Mile between Fish Hatchery and Beck - speed limit is 40 and many drivers speed through this residential area, where there are no sidewalks and limited space for bikers.	Sidewalk and bike paths on 7 Mile between Beck and Downtown.
10	9/1/2023 7:54:53	1	Open the streetsl	City council is making a large error in its analysis of pros vs cons for street closure. I no longer like to go downtown	Open the downtown streets
11	9/5/2023 11:03:52	5	Keeping the streets downtown closed. Makes it much more pedestrian friendly	Feels like a very vocal minority is creating the impression that more people are in favor of re- opening the streets than actually exist.	Downtown streets remaining closed and changing traffic to compensate
12	9/7/2023 12:36:16		Accessibility for those with mobility issues.		
13	9/7/2023 13:17:11		More bike paths that don't 'share the road' with motor vehicles. Too many crazy drivers, even with designated bike lanes.		Bike paths similar to what ICT has done in Novi.
14	9/7/2023 14:15:26	4		The corner of 8 Mile and Lanthorn Lane is dangerous. Children walking home from school entering the Northville Estates neighborhood have to step out onto the road as cars turn right off of 8 Mile to Lanthorn Lane. There needs to be a sidewalk along Lanthorn Lane from 8 Mile to the stop sign at S Chigwidden Dr.	
15	9/8/2023 10:57:53	3	It does not address electric bicycles. They have motors!	Education of how to respectfully use the trails.	Trails for walking and biking.
16	9/8/2023 11:21:11	2	It would be rice if you could access Mabury Park by foot, and not only via the parking lots but also from Beck, 7 mile and the surrouncing streets, with pract Yasif to enter. Also a paved walking on Griswold, connecting downtown and up to 8 mile.	That you should be able to walk on both sides of Sheldon, Beck, 8 mile, 7 mile, 6 mile, and that not the pawement just stops out in the middle of "nowhere" when you have been walking in one direction.  At Kroger- to get into the shop from the Center at walking - now it feels like the cars have priority, it should be the other way oarond.:)	
17	9/10/2023 10:00:11	4	Moor seeking, p. 97 Non-motiscied, Riogers St. should not be spelled with a 6 (Riogers). Elementry should seekel with the or It. To much emphasis on declarated cyling lates in the disention. Floots on the major confided to partial real production of the control of the common seekel real production of the common seekel partial real lower seekel real real real real real real real re		7 Mile Improvements to increase opportunities for Northville Township residents to cyclewals instead of drive to the City. Roundabout 8 safe crossing at 7.8 Hines to mitigate Downs traffic and improve safely for many cycles who use Hines Park Trails. Anything that can be done with parts (cheep) should be done sooner than later. Wayne County doesn't cut back the overgrowth into sidewalse, shoulders. This is another cheap fix.
18	9/12/2023 15:30:52	4	P. 144. Beck needs to have more pathways from 6-8 mile. People living off of Beck do not have a safe way to walk to Maybury, the high school or downtown		A shared use path on 7 mile should be a top priority. We often see people walking along 7 mile and it is not safe.
19	9/13/2023 6:48:30	3	Hil What a comprehensive review! I am wondering if Northville Rd is outside of the scope of the project?	Northville Rd	Northville Rd
20	9/13/2023 7:20:10	3			

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21	9/13/2023 7:49:31	4	The report is impressive. I live on 7 Mile east of Northville road. I'm glad to see that the gap of non-motorized infrastructure in this area is recognized in the report, but I cannot determine from the 2023 map if this will be addressed in the near-term. There are 1000's of people living in subs and apartment/condos on east 7 Mile that cannot access Hines or downtown Northville without walking on the road, which is unsafe.		Our priority in the Enclave sub-division on 7 Mile east of Northville road is have sidewalks or some path to walk to Hines and downtown Northville safely.
22	9/13/2023 10:15:28	4	I would just like to note that the design picked for enhanced crosswalk located on N Center between Rayson and Lake is much appreciated. I would like to see this designed with safety in mind.		
23	9/13/2023 14:19:51				Top priorities are 1) is improved pedestrian crossing at High St and Randolph and 2) improved pedestrian crossings around and pedestrian access to Amerman Elementary.
24	9/13/2023 17:30:08	3	Yes. There is currently no plants to add like lines to aller springs road. Silver springs road is extensively wide for a pile, above and provide contained value for a pile, above and provide space for find anymous the larges swould reduce speech and provide space for fine larges on either side of the road. This would reduce speech white corosiancy liabs aftility.		road to haggerty. There are several
25	9/14/2023 6:57:28	4			
26	9/14/2023 14:00:29		can there please be a maintenance priority to keep routes sweept and clear of debris. I requently ride bicycle on Histes Othread and ording tools thirst from users, as well an antural debris of rocks and branches after storms occur. Much of this debris remains until its naturally cleared. There is currently rock and citt debris or 7 Mile Rid on the established lare shoulder as you head east toward Wing St. I have to veer into the lane of traffic to avoid these damaging and hazardous obstacles.		
27	9/14/2023 14:53:48	4		Thrilled you are working on this. Every trip on a bicycle instead of in a car makes the world a better place.	My top priority is getting people out of care and onto bicycles. It is hard to to Mayberry, make it easy. Make it easy to bike to Kroger and to downtown, and from downtown to REI and Office Depot. And to the high school. Hines Drive is great for recreation; now focus on bikes as real transportation.
28	9/14/2023 20:28:40		Tat road n path has been recently repowed. It appears that the lake late no longer exists. If the dot, can influence this at all, they should Removing bike later for no apparent reason is a step too-dwards.	I support the main street occal district. Keep iff The car-brains that have their "open northwise" signs are nuts. They will survive not being able to drive their automobile down main street.	Designing a sign that is for people first, not care!  I ride my logicle everyday; learn't a blaw makes that als it, als wy lid choose by the property of the p
29	9/14/2023 22:53:35	3	I think there is a strong need for a sidewalk along Seven Mile from the proposed new entry to Maybury State Park ail of the way to Sheldon-Center (and thus downtown Northville). The sidewalk that extended to the park from Randolph to Selv. on 5 Mile has been a wonderful connection and we would like to see that on Seven Mile as well. It's too dangerous to walk and ride bleas as a family along the road.		

## **Greatly Expanded Design Guides and Resources Section**

#### **Design Guides** and Resources

Numerous readily available design guidelines offer comprehensive details on implementing new facilities and integrating best practices into nonestablished manuals and publications from state, federal, local, and global organizations. It's important to note that this is just a glimpse of the resources available. For additional information on bicycle and pedestrian

#### Regional Resources

- The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) offers a range of resources and support for bicycle and pedestrian mobility including maps, educational materials, bicycle and pedestrian count programs, funding opportunities and grants, bicycle and pedestrian data and tools to assist users in planning trips and finding amenities.
- Website: www.semcog.org





#### State Resources

- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is vital for non-motorized planning in Michigan, allocating funds, implementing policies, and collaborating with communities. They collect data, conduct outreach, and integrate non-motorized plans into statewide transportation for safer pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- · Website: www.michigan.gov/mdot
- Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance(MTGA) promotes walking, biking, and trails in Michigan, collaborating. providing resources, and supporting trail
- Website: www.michigantrails.org
- League of Michigan Bicyclisits (LMB) provide educational materials, mini-grants and host tours, races and advocacy events that support bicycle travel.
- Website: www.lmb.org









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#### Federal and National Resources

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) publish manuals, guidelines, and research studies on non-motorized transportation best practices, providing valuable resources for city planners and engineers. They also support non-motorized planning in cities through funding, technical guidance, resources.
- Website: www.fhwa.dot.gov
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) publications provide a vital resource for practitioners, policy-makers, academics, and advocates alike.
- Website: www.nacto.org
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) offers design guidelines and technical standards that assist state and local agencies in creating pedestrian and bicyclefriendly infrastructure.
- Website: www.transportation.org
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) provides guidelines, technical publications, and best practices related to non-motorized























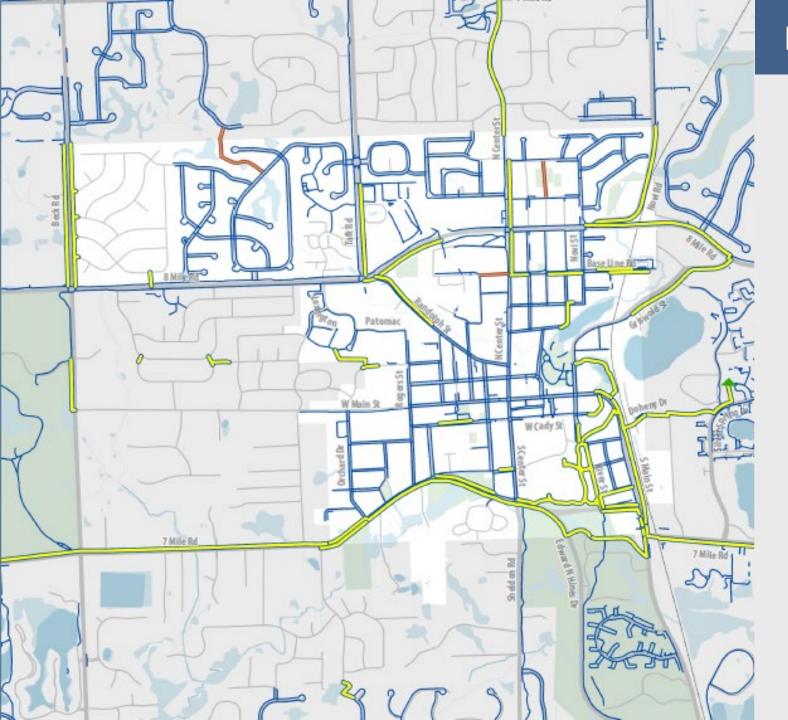
#### Other Resources

Collaborative Mobility UK (CoMoUK) publishes resources that support the development of shared modes, such as bike share, e-scooters and mobility

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- Website: www.como.org
- **Global Designing Cities Initiative** Designing Global Cities offers guides that redefine the role of streets around
- Website: www.globaldesigningcities.org





## **Pedestrian Routes**

No Changes



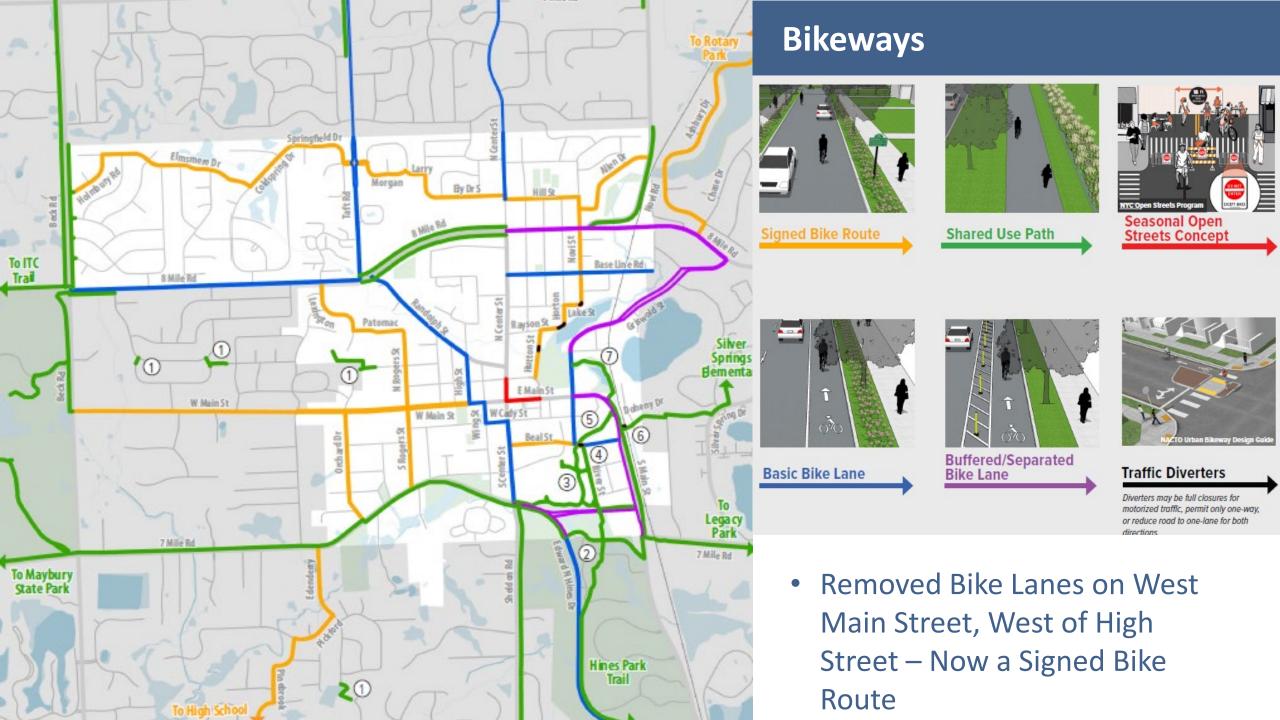
#### **Sidewalks**

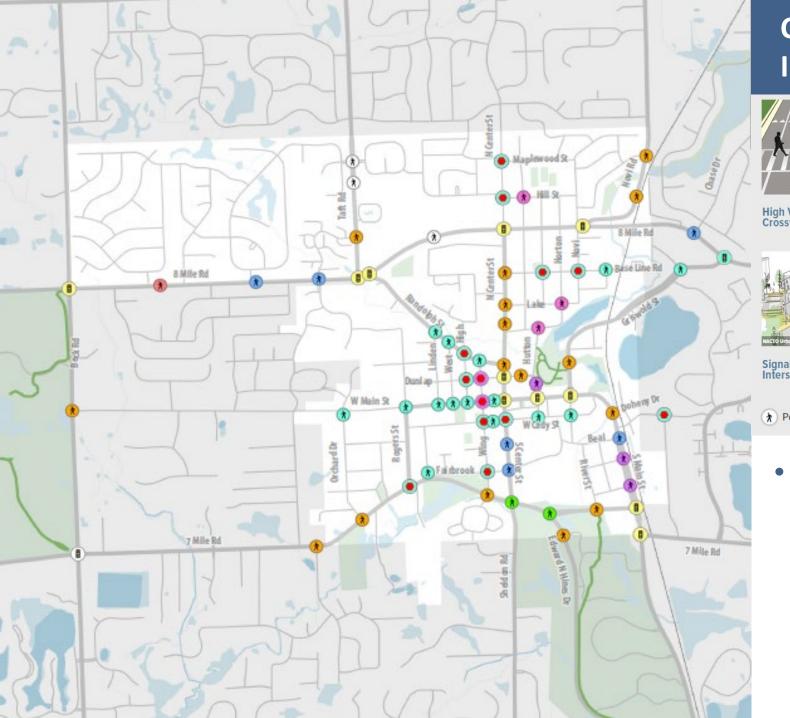
Note: Some sidewalk gaps may also be addressed by Shared-Use Paths.



#### **Foot Paths**

Not all walkways need to be paved. A natural surfaced path may be more appropriate based on environmental considerations, the desired experience, easement restrictions, or construction feasibility.





# **Crosswalk Treatments and Intersection Improvements**



 Changed two-crosswalks on 8 Mile Road from Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons to Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons with Crossing Islands

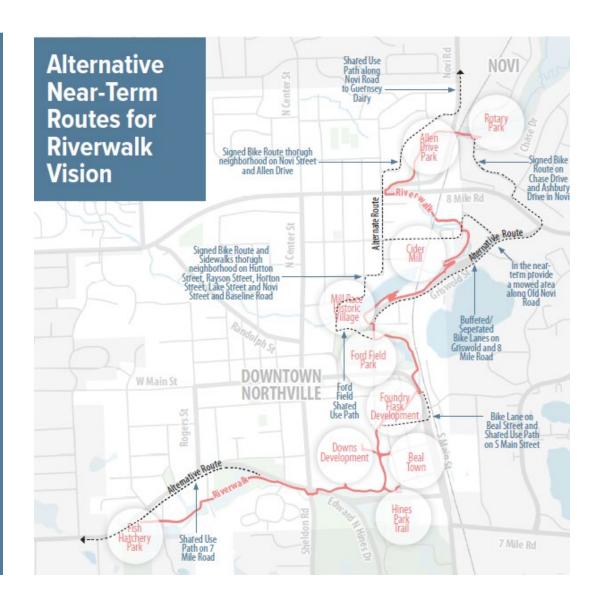
## **Riverwalk Vision**

## Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination for the River Walk Vision Implementation

The alternative near-term route for the River Walk Vision requires coordination with multiple entities, including the Oakland County Road Commission, Wayne County Road Commission, City of Novi, and Northville Township. Coordinating actions and planning on Griswold Street, Old Novi Road, Baseline Road and 8 Mile Road will be essential due to the complexity of transportation issues involving these various jurisdictions.

While there is a strong desire for a pedestrian connection along Old Novi Road to the Cider Mill Area, challenging terrain, including steep grades, tight curves, and truck traffic, currently limits viable options. Additionally, the Living and Learning Enrichment Center presents an opportunity for non-motorized access. In the short term, it is recommended to establish a cleared/mowed area alongside the road to facilitate access. A long-term bike-ped connection between Old Novi Road, Baseline Road and Griswold Road should be actively pursued.





- Added new section on Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination
- Addressed Desired Near-term
   Connection
   Between Living
   and Learning
   Enrichment
   Center and Base
   Line Road

## **Updated Policies**



#### Micromobility

Given the increasing diversity of micromobility devices; the capability of some e-bikes to operate across various classes with the flick of a switch, and the difficulty in distinguishing e-bikes from conventional bicycles, it becomes essential to establish regulations based on mass, speed, and emissions. This policy would stipulate that all bike lanes and shared use pathways maintain a speed limit of 15 mph and impose a vehicle weight limit of 100 pounds. Additionally, the policy would mandate that all vehicles adhere to emission-free standards. On shared use paths, it should be mandatory for all micromobility devices to yield the right of way to pedestrians. Furthermore, a policy regarding proper use and storage may be beneficial, and it is recommended to evaluate existing ordinances regarding battery safety, storage, and charging to ensure public safety and address any potential hazards.



#### Prioritize Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Adopt a comprehensive approach that accommodates all modes of transportation rather than focusing solely on a single-mode. Evaluate reallocating space currently dedicated to on-street parking to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian safety.

#### Expanding Marked Crosswalks for Pedestrian Safety and Visibility

Evaluate expanding marked crosswalks on local roads throughout the city to enhance pedestrian safety, visibility, and accessibility, encouraging slower speeds and fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment. The implementation of simple parallel pavement markings effectively improves crosswalk visibility and driver awareness.

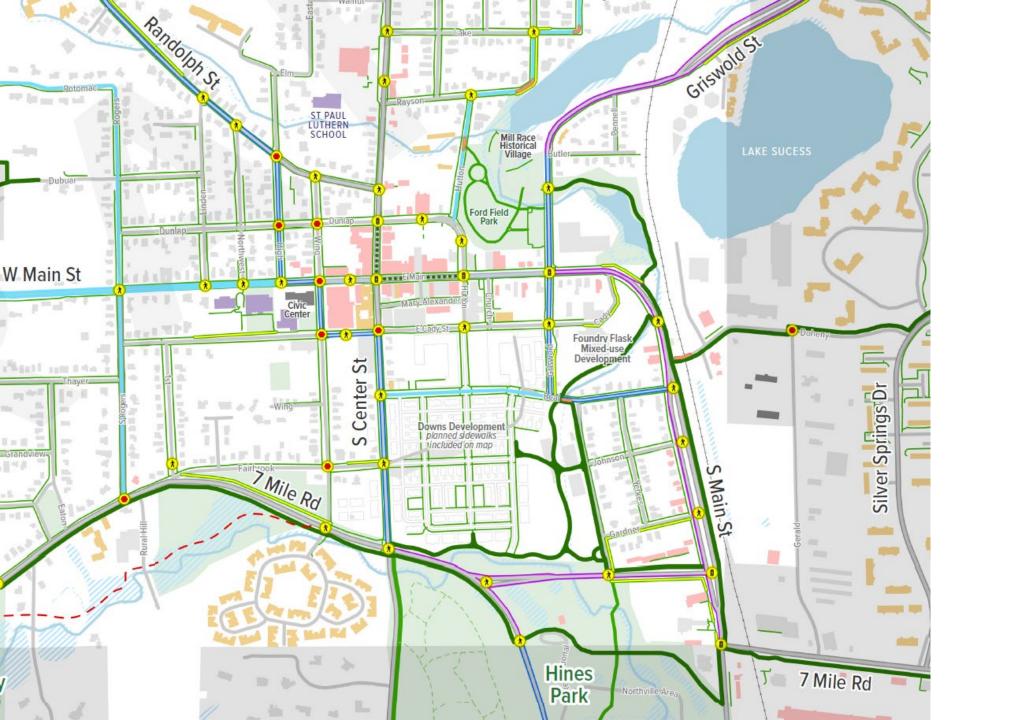
- Expanded Micromobility Section
- New section on Marking Crosswalks in Neighborhoods

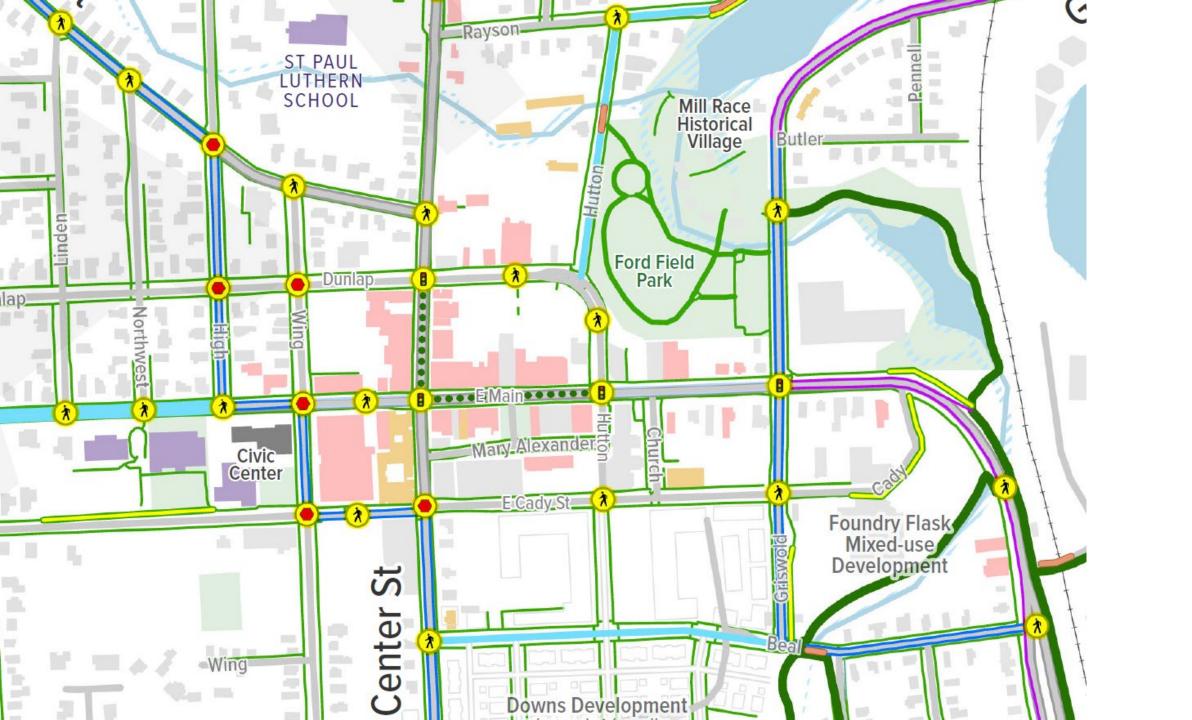
## Non-motorized Plan 2023: DRAFT Near-Term Network Map — Sidewalks and Pathways - Shared Use Paths (8' or wider) Retail and Dining CITY OF NOVI Schools and Libraries Multi-family Apartment/Mobile Home /Condo Government Buildings Lakes, Rivers and Streams Crosswalk Improvement Pedestrian Crossing Signalized Intersection Stop-controlled intersection --- FootPaths - Priority Sidewalls Shared Use Path \*\*\* Seasonal Open Street - Concept Route Bicycle Blvd/Route Buffered/Separated Bike Lane Traffic Diverter Maybury State Park 7 Mile Rd Hatchery

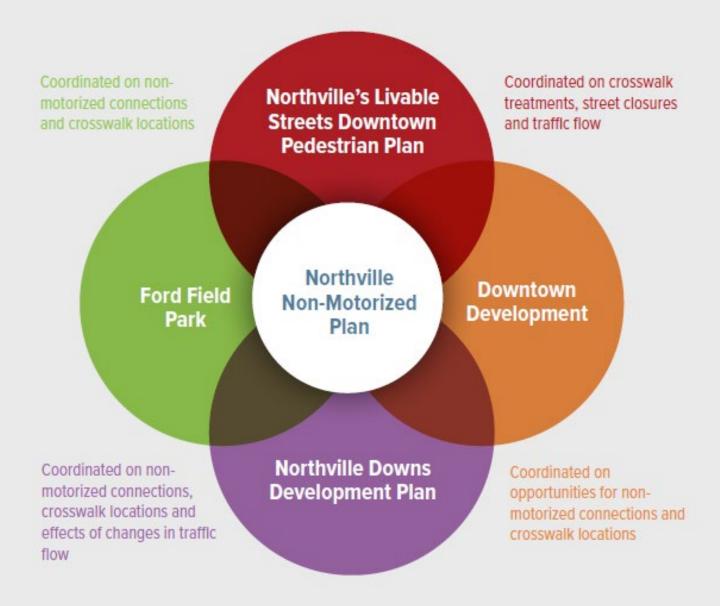
## Near-term Network Map

**Updated with Changes** 

Updated GIS data is packaged and ready to be turned over to the City







## **Downtown Integration**

#### Addressing Bicycle Network Gaps in the Downtown

While pedestrian linkages to the downtown are solid, the proposed near-term bicycle network does not satisfactorily integrate with the downtown. This is due to the physical constraints of the existing roadway preventing easy near-term solutions. The results are critical one-block gaps in the system connecting to the seasonal street closures. The increased traffic flow from the seasonal street closures on these gaps compounds the issue. There are potential solutions to address this "last block" issue that may trigger additional parking considerations in the downtown. They include:





Hutton Street from Dunlap Street to Main Street - on the westside of the street, eliminate on-street parking and remove curb extensions to provide a Two-Way Cycle Track. The traffic signal at Hutton and Main would need to integrate a bicycle specific phase.

Center Street from Main Street to Cady Street - on the east side of the street, eliminate on-street parking, remove the curb extensions, and narrow the sidewalk to provide a separated Two-Way Cycle Track.

Of these four potential solutions, Hutton Street and East Main Street would provide the greatest safety improvements as well as be the least disruptive. In the near-term, Shared-Lane Markings may be used but they will not provide any safety improvements. Many cyclists will be likely to use the sidewalks in these blocks.



#### Main Street Seasonal Closure with Open Streets Concept

To effectively integrate the non-motorized plan with the seasonal closure of Main Street and Center Street, the city should embrace an open street concept that places emphasis on accommodating bicycles and pedestrians along the corridor. During seasonal closures the city will maintain full driving lanes as a clear zone for emergency vehicles and bicycles will be allowed in this zone. This zone can be demarcated using effective signage, powement markings, and traffic barriers, thereby creating distinct and secure spaces for bicyclists and pedestrians, making the area safe and inviting for their use.