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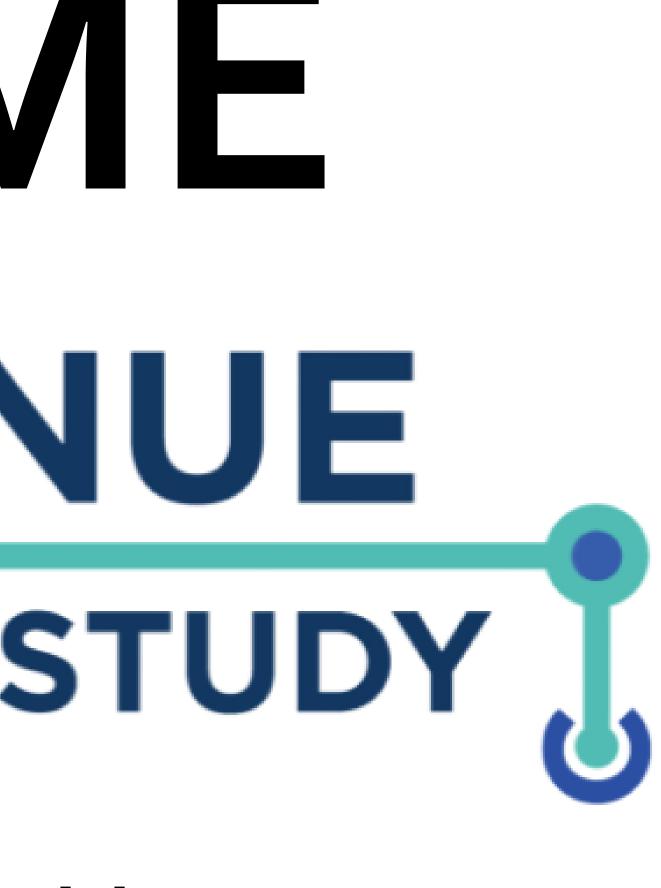


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## WELCOME **KEDZIE AVENUE** CORRIDOR STUDY

Public Information Open House January 29, 2025







### **Project Overview**

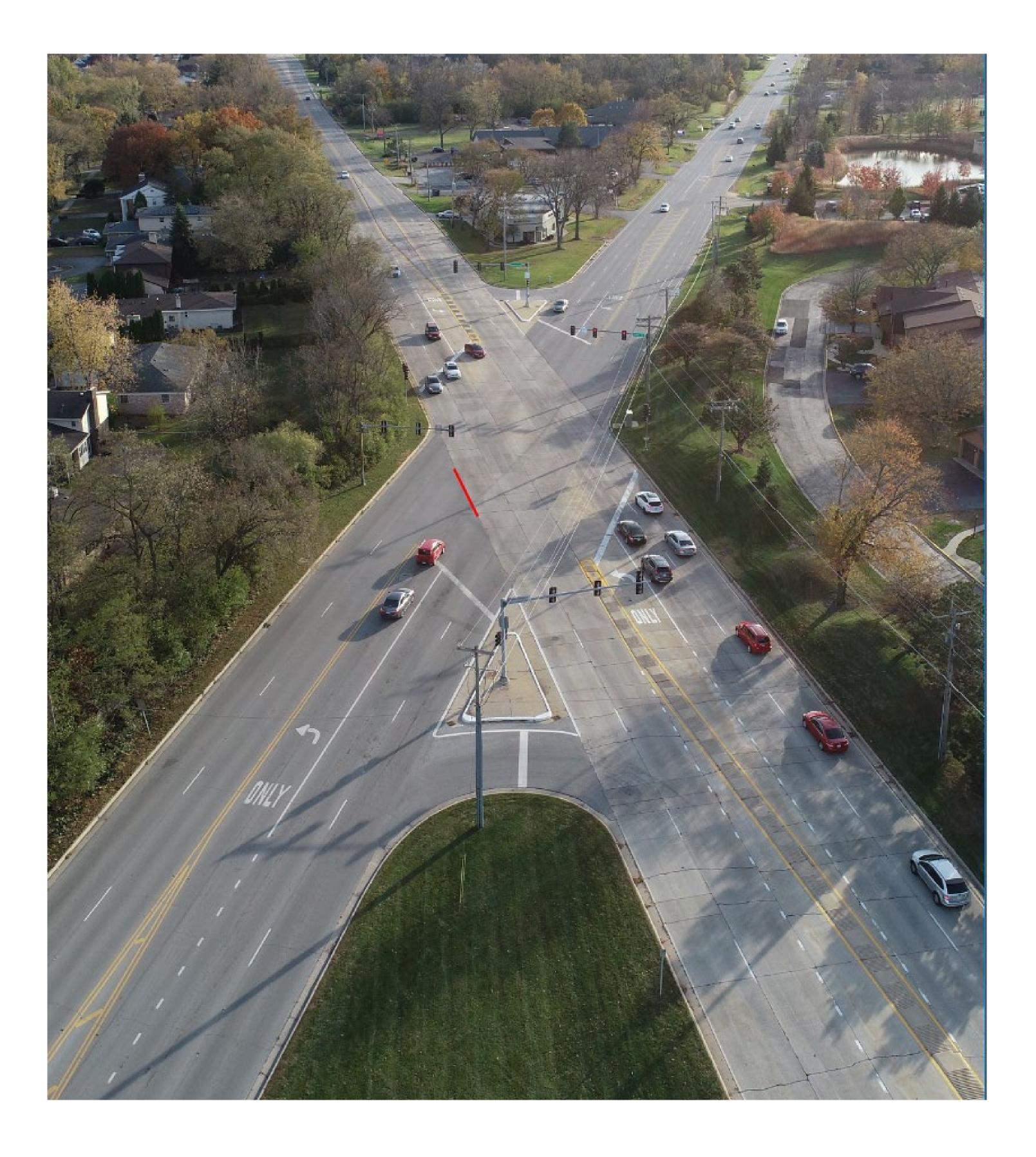
The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is proposing improvements to Kedzie Avenue between Vollmer Road and 159th Street. This 5-mile corridor provides access to vital institutions and recreational facilities including:

- Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena
- Coyote Run Golf Course and Restaurant.

The proposed improvements include reconstructing the roadway pavement, modifying the roadway geometry to improve safety and reduce vehicular speeds, providing drainage improvements and adding dedicated spaces for pedestrians and bicyclists to use along the corridor.

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### **Project Benefits**

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Improved pavement condition

Increased safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists

Drainage improvements to prevent roadway flooding





improved sidewalk connections

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- Decreased congestion during peak traffic times
- New proposed shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians and

- Village of Homewood
- City of Markham
- Village of Olympia Fields



### **Communities benefited:**

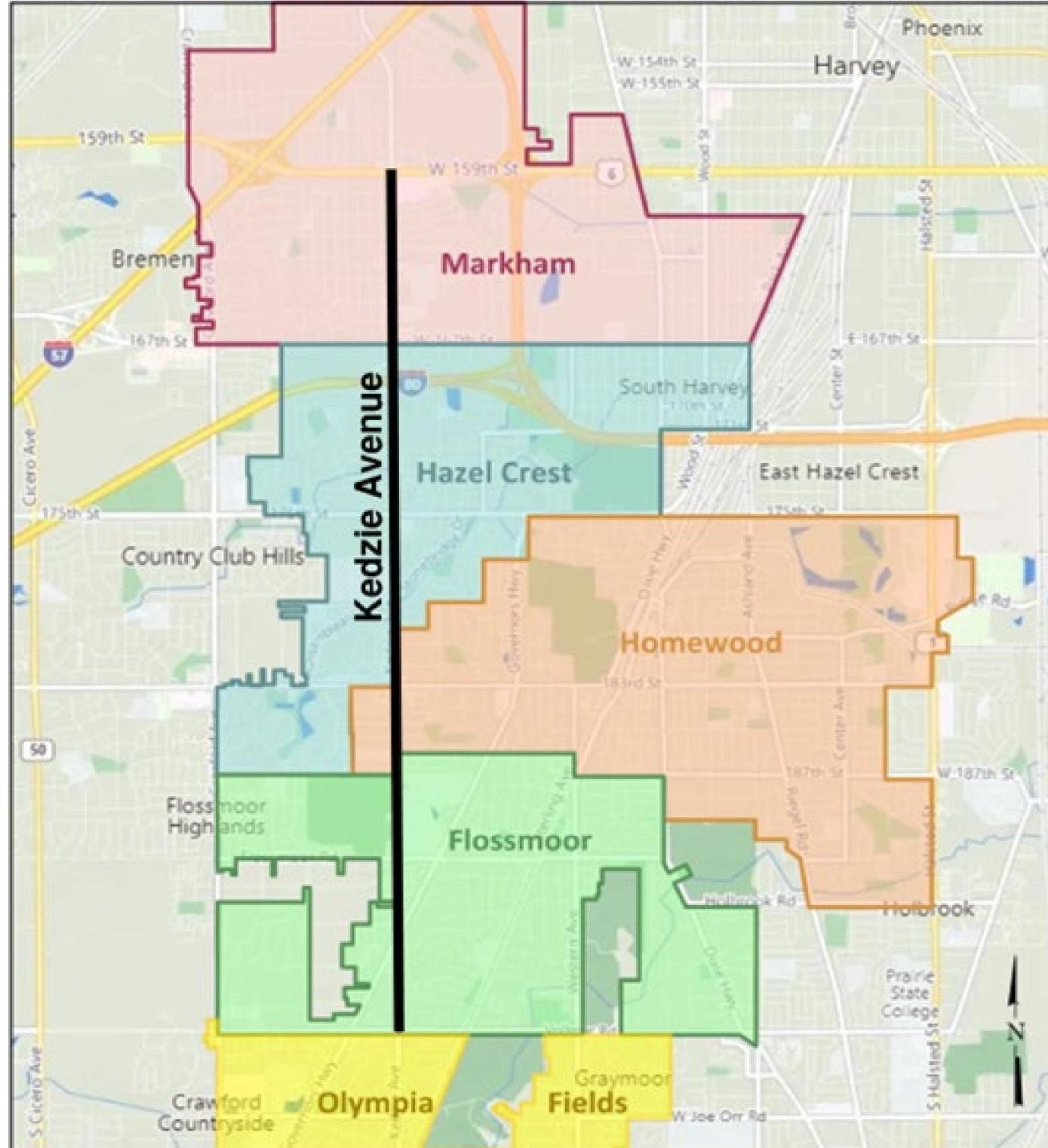
- Village of Flossmoor
- Village of Hazel Crest



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### **Project Location Map**



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### **Existing Conditions**

Kedzie Avenue is a 4-lane minor arterial with center medians in various locations. Intermittent sidewalk facilities are present along the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue.

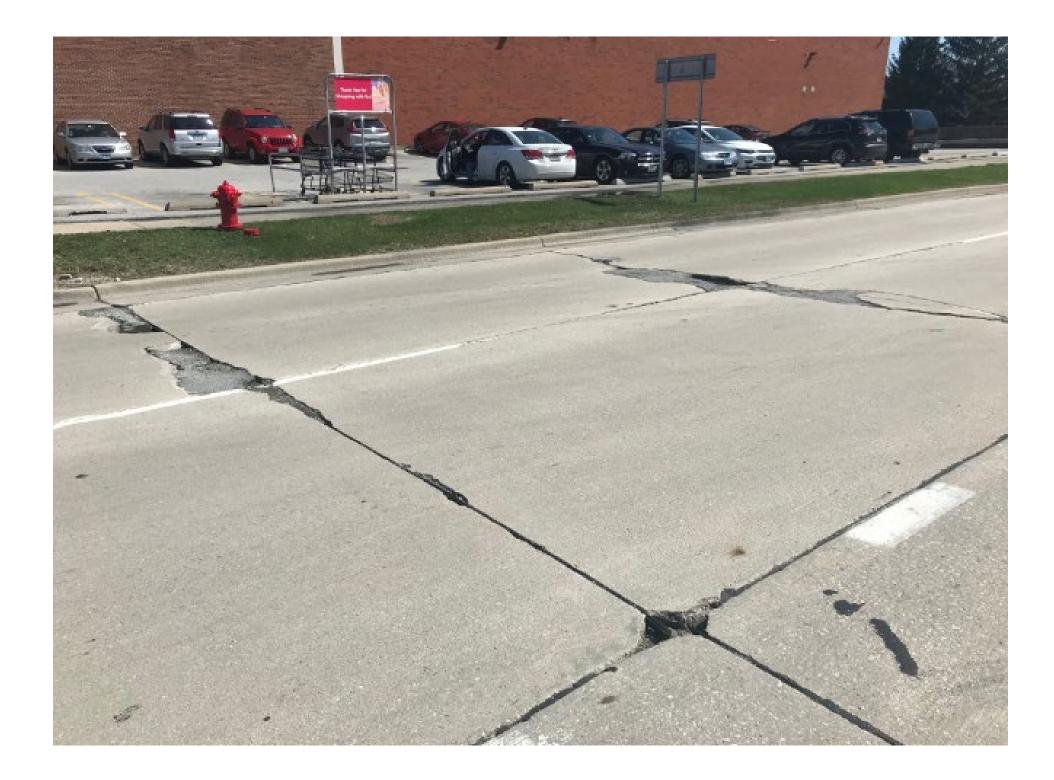
### Why Are Improvements Needed?

- Pavement structure in poor condition
- Lack of continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue
- Frequent vehicle collisions and crashes at the intersections and along the corridor
- Street flooding during heavy rainfall events in select locations along the corridor
- Long queue lines for vehicles during peak traffic times particularly at the intersections of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and 167<sup>th</sup> Street

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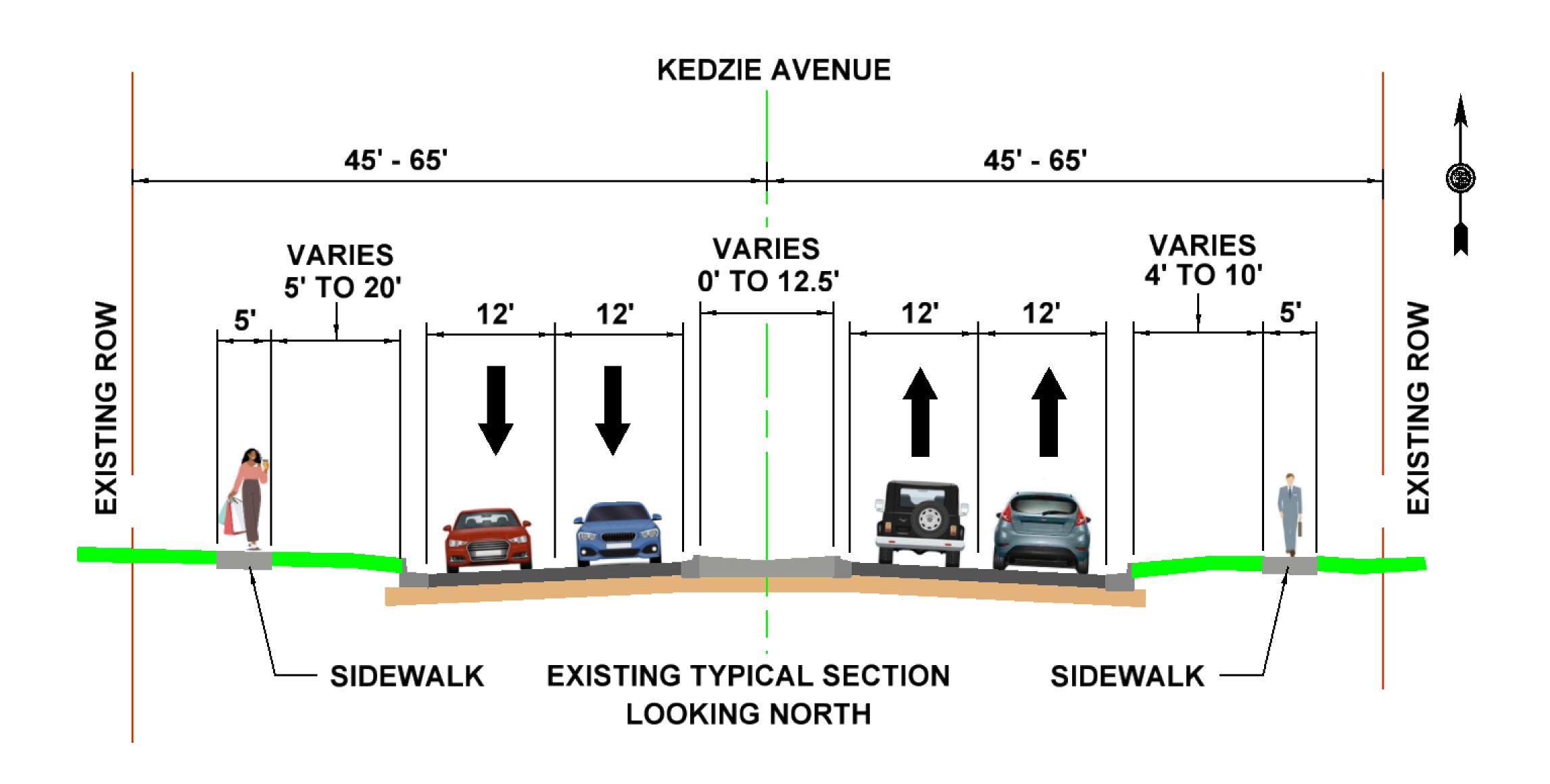
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### **Existing Roadway Configuration**

- $\bullet$
- southbound traffic
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Most of the corridor consists of two travel lanes in each direction with left-turn lanes at intersections

Some parts of the corridor have a raised concrete median in the middle separating northbound traffic from

Intermittent sidewalks are present on both the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue





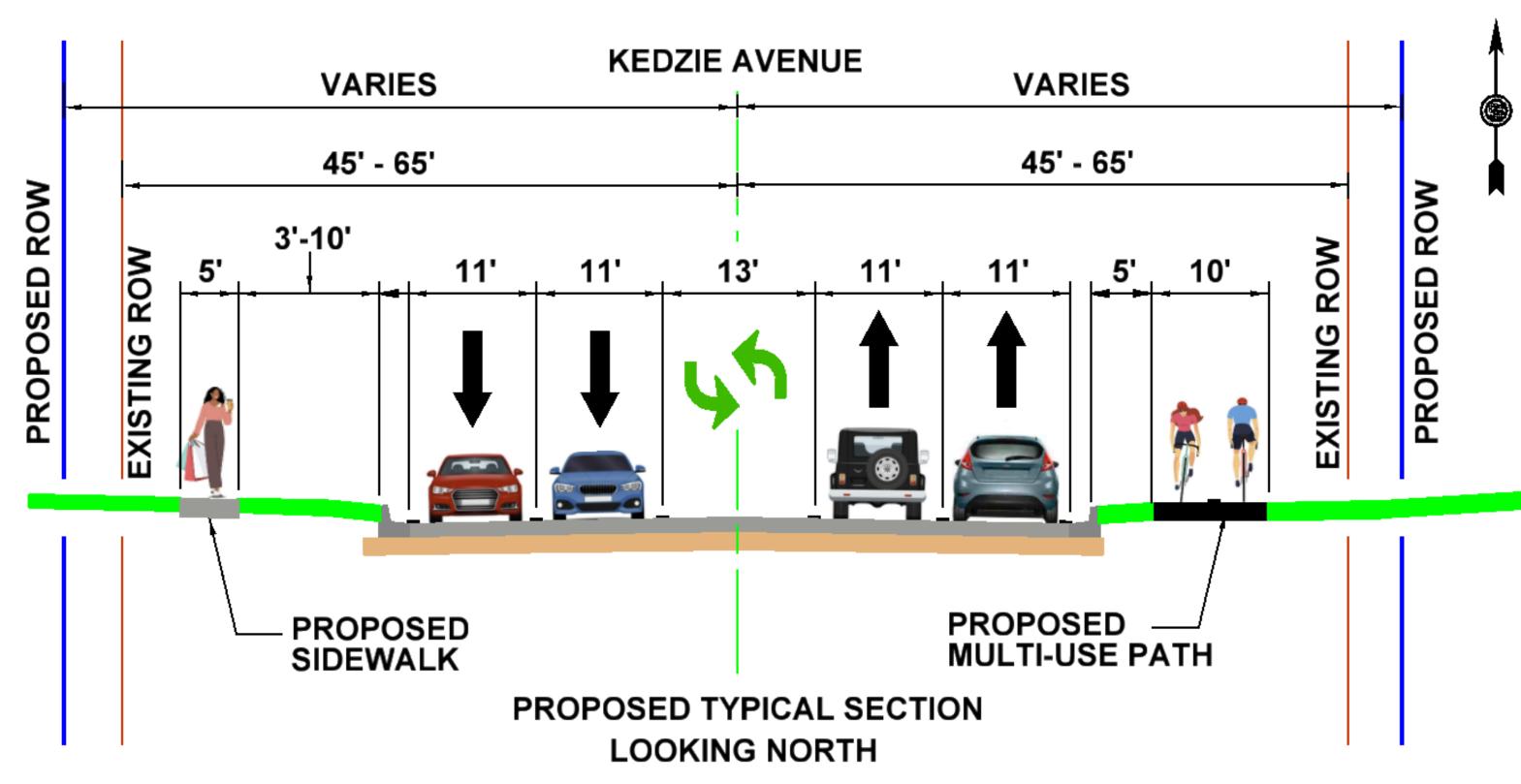
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### **Proposed Roadway Configuration**

- Complete reconstruction of the pavement structure  $\bullet$
- intersections
- Kedzie Avenue



Adding new right-turn only lanes south and north of the intersection of Kedzie Avenue and 159th Street

• Establishing new pavement markings along the corridor to allow for bidirectional turn lanes along the median (which will improve ease of access in highly residential areas) as well as proposed left-turn only lanes at

Adding continuous sidewalk facilities along the west side of Kedzie Avenue

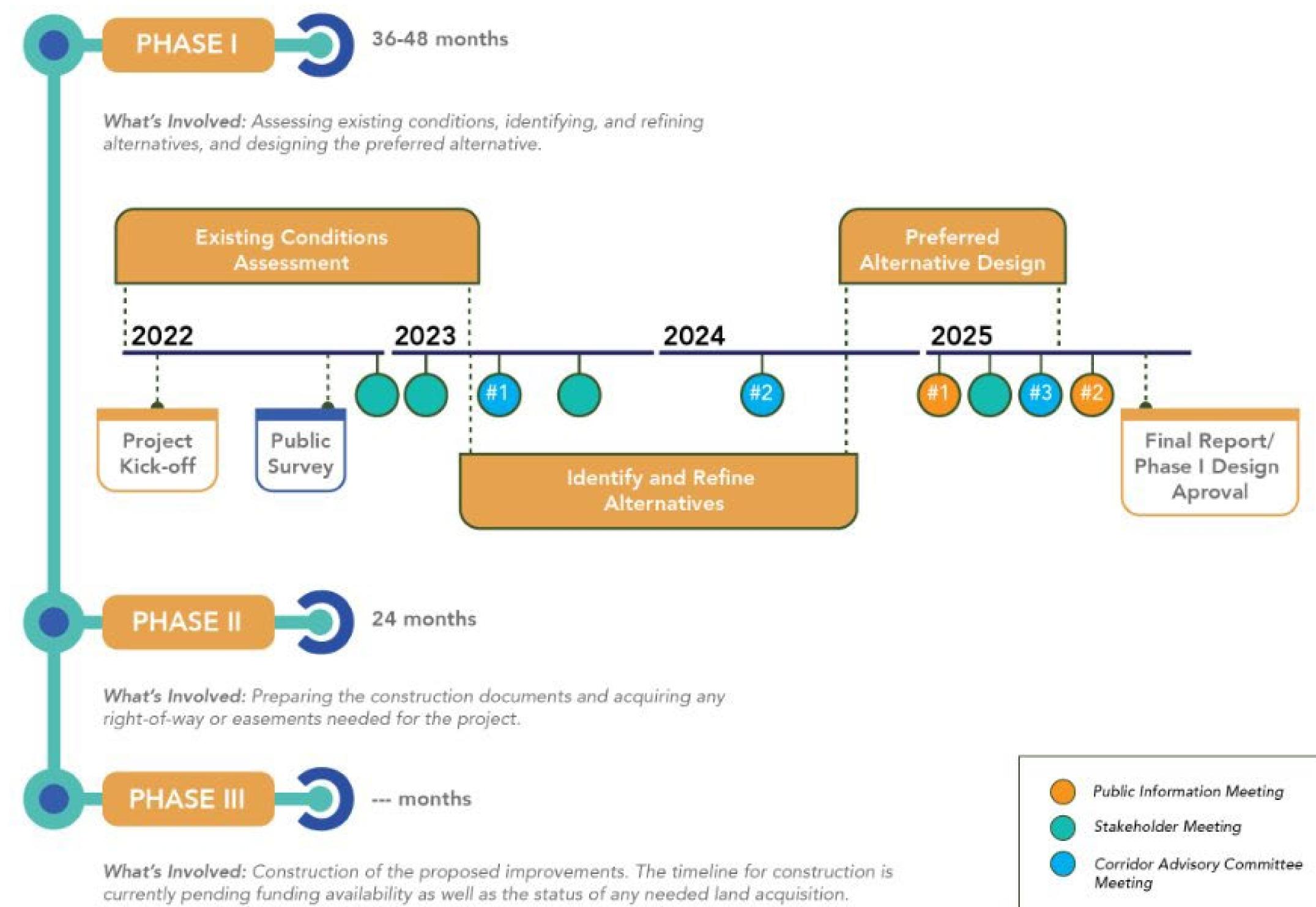
Adding a new 10-foot shared-use path to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists along the east side of





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### **Project Timeline**



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### Submit Comments

Fill out a comment form and drop it off in the comment box

### **Email your comments to Kedzie Avenue** project team at improvekedzieave@gmail.com Please submit all comments by

February 28, 2025



Thank you!

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### To learn more about the project, please visit www.cookcountyil.gov/kedzie



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