

8th Street Reconstruction - Boardman Ave. to Railroad Ave. Utility Improvements, Mobility Upgrades, Greenspace, Lighting



Let's talk about the new 8th Street!

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Improvements and more greenspace are coming to 8th Street! This project is Phase 5 of the Envision8th Plan, and covers the area from Boardman to Railroad. It includes reconstructing 8th Street, upgrading water and sewer lines, and a redesigned streetscape with a dedicated cycle track, sidewalks, lighting, and more street trees.

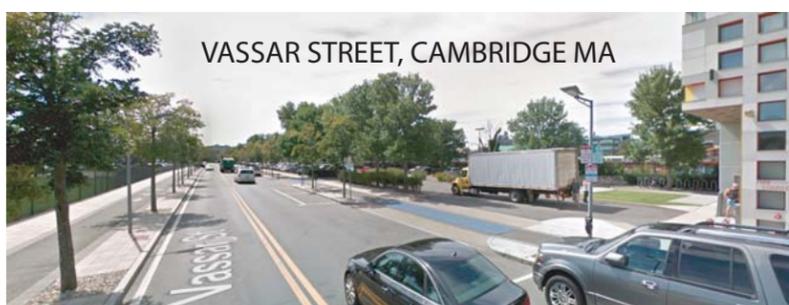
WHERE WE ARE

The preliminary engineering stage

CYCLING FOCUS QUESTIONS

What about the driveways?

Some parcels on 8th require driveways for access. However, driveways and a cycle track can co-exist. For a comparable example take Google Street View to Vassar Street, Cambridge MA. It includes driveways, pedestrian cross-walks, trees, and it transitions back to an in-street bike lane at each end.



When will you know how many driveways there will be?

We're not sure. We would like to be flexible and offer the opportunity to opt in early or later on.

How wide is the cycle track?

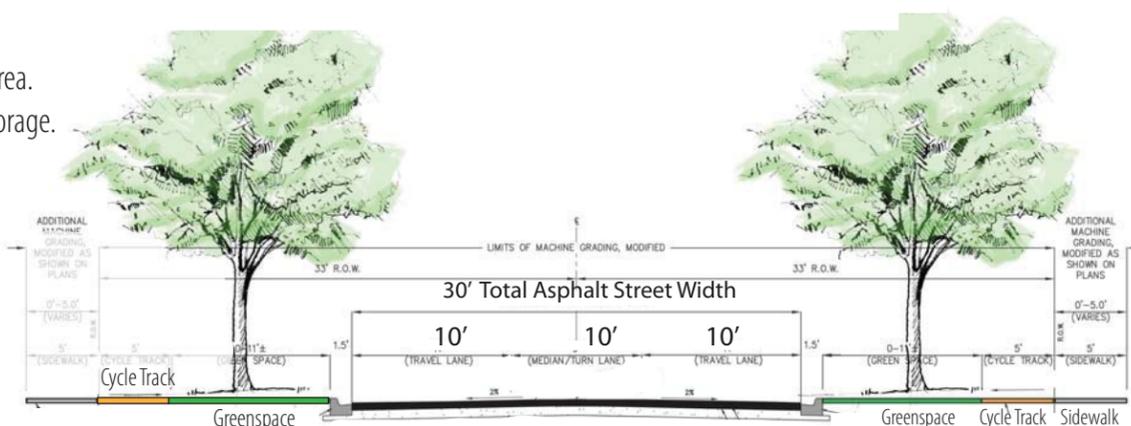
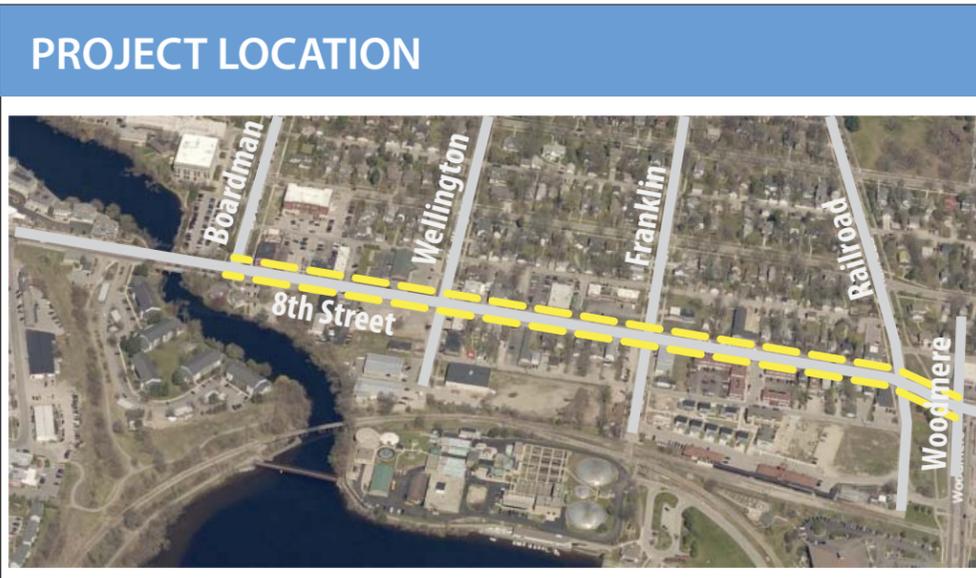
It is on the plan as 5' wide, one way in each direction on each side. This meets the NACTO minimum width for a one-way cycle track.

Can you make the cycle track wider?

We arrived at 5' because we're trying to meet a lot of needs in a limited area. The streets department needs the 10' greenspace area for winter snow storage. The sidewalk width is determined by ADA standards.

Will the cycle track be plowed in the winter?

It is our understanding that the cycle track will be kept open during the winter. Part of the reason it is close to the sidewalk is to make the job of clearing both spaces more efficient.



This is a simplified illustration - Have a specific question? Just ask - a project team member can reference the plans for you.

SCHEDULE

- Nov/Dec 2018 - Cost Estimates & Base Plan
- Dec 2018-Jan 2019 - Neighborhood & Property Owner Outreach
- March 2019 - Project Out to Bid
- May-June 2019 - Construction Preparation
- July-November 2019 - Active Construction

STAY INVOLVED!

We've set up a website for the project, which is available through the main city site at www.traversecitymi.gov. Sign up at the website to get updates sent to your email as soon as they're posted!

EDUCATION

While our project scope is limited to the technical aspects of the design itself, public education for this new piece of infrastructure will be important. We can share some examples from Grand Rapids. We would encourage the bike groups to work with the city and determine how this new track integrates into the system as a whole, and how the system may develop in the future.

WHAT'S NEXT

We've finished our neighborhood presentations and are in the process of property owner outreach. Once property outreach is complete and our preliminary design is approved the project will move to final design. The design will require city approval before bidding.

