



James Street 3R Improvements Project NYSDOT P.I.N. 3757.11

Public Information Meeting

JULY 8, 2026

Tonight's Presenters



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Involved Agencies



Federal Funding



Statewide Transportation Improvement Program



City Funded Betterments
Parks Department
Water Department
DPW

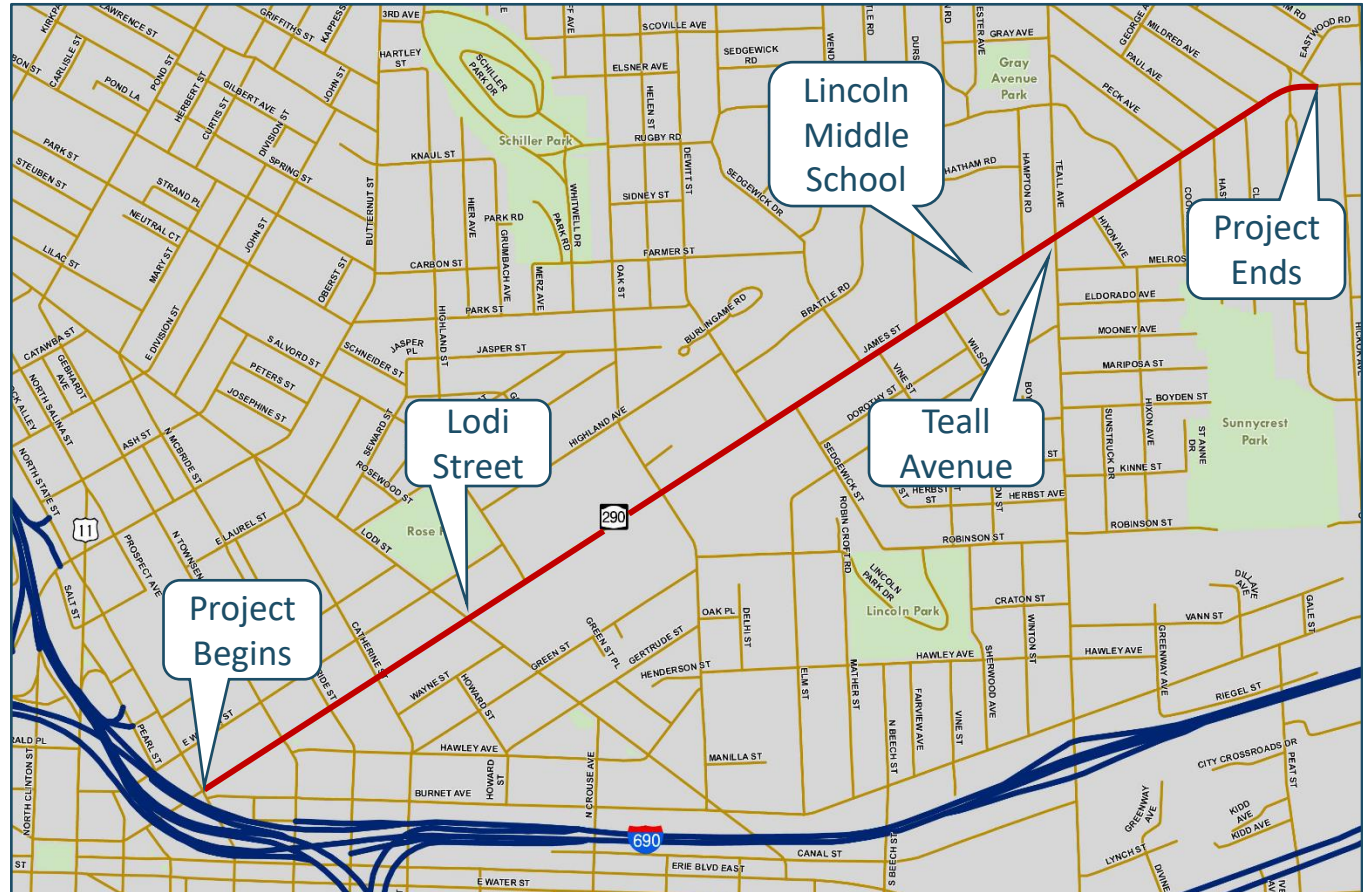


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Engineering Department

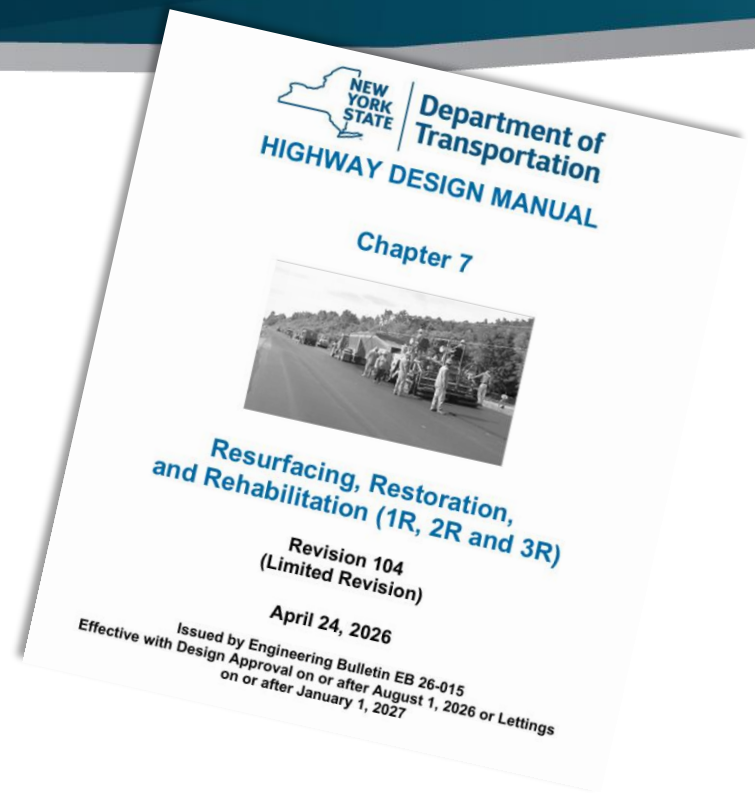


Project Location

- ◆ Total length is 2.1 miles
- ◆ South State Street to Grant Boulevard
- ◆ Links Downtown to Eastwood



What is a 3R Project?



"To preserve and extend the service life of an existing highway, including any cost-effective safety improvements and other safety improvements. 3R projects are required to enhance safety."



Design Studies for a 3R Project

- ◆ Pavement evaluation report
- ◆ Drainage inspection report
- ◆ Traffic counts and capacity analysis
- ◆ Crash study
- ◆ Roadside safety audit
- ◆ Tree condition survey
- ◆ Signal condition inventory
- ◆ Section 106 Cultural Resources Survey
- ◆ Section 4(f) Parks Evaluation
- ◆ Contaminated materials, hazardous waste and asbestos assessment
- ◆ ...and many more!



Needs and Deficiencies

- ◆ No separate accommodations for bicyclists
- ◆ Sidewalks are broken and uneven and not ADA accessible
- ◆ Signals lack audible indicators
- ◆ Lack of left turn lanes leads to higher than average accident rates



Needs and Deficiencies

- ◆ Pavement is in poor to only fair condition
- ◆ 75 percent of drainage inlets need repair or replacement
- ◆ Diseased trees need removal for replacement of green canopy
- ◆ Broken and displaced curbs and low reveal height (height)



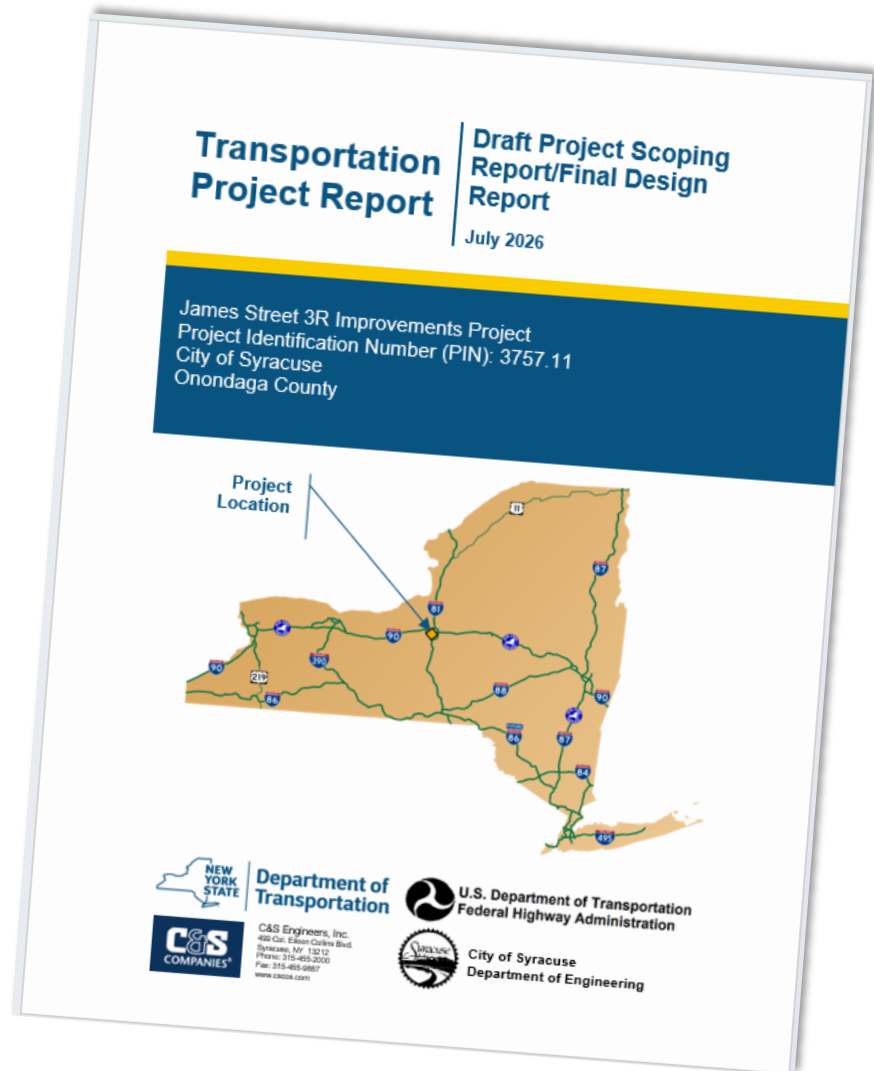
Needs and Deficiencies

- ◆ Water mains are old and leaking
- ◆ Many properties have lead water services
- ◆ Most signs and pavement markings are worn and out of date
- ◆ Street lights are attached to traffic signal poles



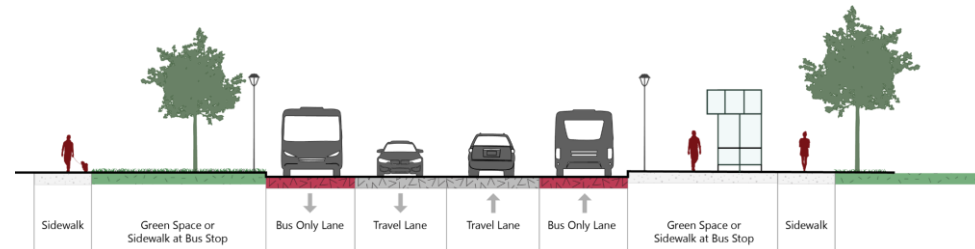
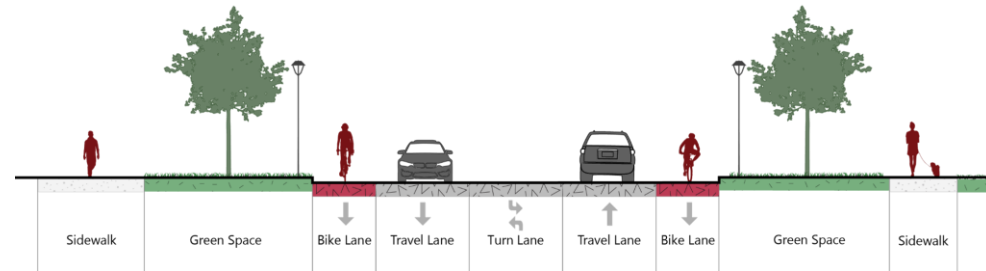
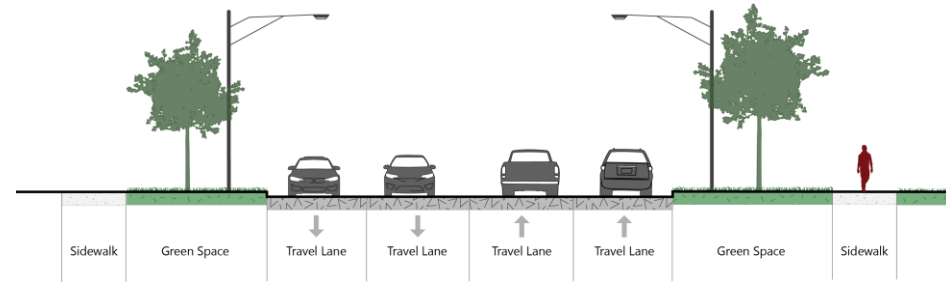
Objectives

- ◆ Improve accessibility for all modes of traffic
- ◆ Provide acceptable traffic capacity and delays
- ◆ Improve condition of traffic control devices
- ◆ Restore the pavement condition for 10 years
- ◆ Correct safety deficiencies
- ◆ Replace aging water supply systems



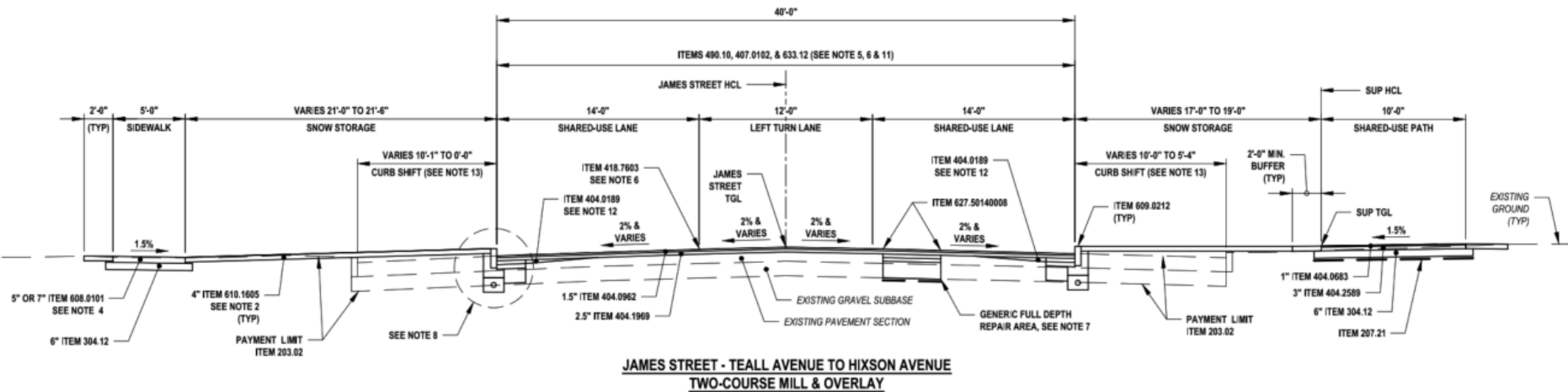
Alternatives

- ◆ Null (Do nothing)
- ◆ Rehabilitate but retain 4 – 10 foot travel lanes
- ◆ Rehabilitate and road diet to 3 travel lanes with bike lanes
- ◆ Rehabilitate and road diet to 3 travel lanes with shared-use path
- ◆ Rehabilitate and road diet to 3 travel lanes with just sidewalks
- ◆ Rehabilitate with 4 lanes (two exclusive Bus Lanes)



Best (Preferred) Feasible Alternative

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Proposed Improvements

- ◆ Mill and repave the road with 4 inches of asphalt
- ◆ Spot full depth reconstruction
- ◆ Road Diet from four to three lanes – one each direction plus a two way left turn lane
- ◆ Replace curbs and sidewalks
- ◆ Provide a shared-use path for bicycles on one side

Three lane section photo



Proposed Improvements

- ◆ Upgrade existing traffic signals
- ◆ Improve property access management (driveways)
- ◆ Replace drainage structures
- ◆ Separate street lights on poles
- ◆ New tree plantings and green space
- ◆ Upgrade bus stops



Centro BRT graphic from David Long

Proposed Improvements

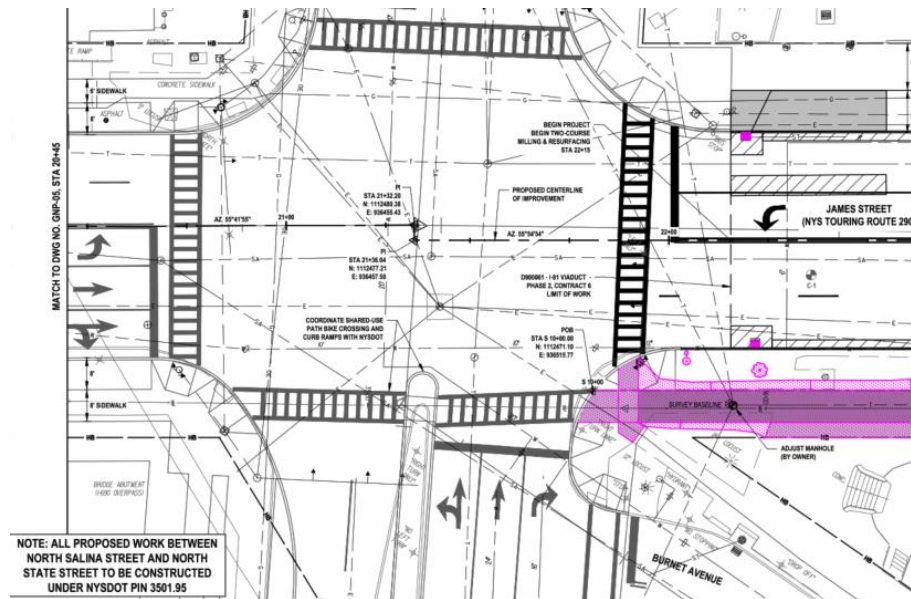
- ◆ Combine two intersections at James Street and Grant Boulevard
- ◆ Expand lawn area at Greenway Veteran's Memorial Park
- ◆ Replace water mains east of Oak Street and all services and hydrants in project area
- ◆ Green infrastructure for storm water treatment
- ◆ High visibility crosswalks

Crosswalk photo



Overlapping Projects

- ◆ NYSDOT I-81 Viaduct Contract 6
- ◆ National Grid Gas Main Replacement
- ◆ City Signal Interconnect Project
- ◆ City Greenway Project
- ◆ Centro Bus Rapid Transit Route Improvements



NYSDOT I-81 Viaduct Project

- ◆ The segment of James Street between Salina Street and State Street is being reconstructed by the I-81 Viaduct Project, Contract 6
- ◆ The segment west of Salina Street, which becomes Genesee Street, is also part of the NYSDOT project.
- ◆ Construction will begin later this year
- ◆ Coordination between the City and NYSDOT is ongoing
- ◆ Visit the website at: www.dot.ny.gov and click on the "I-81 Viaduct Project" link for more information. Check back for Contract 6 updates.



NG Gas Main Replacement

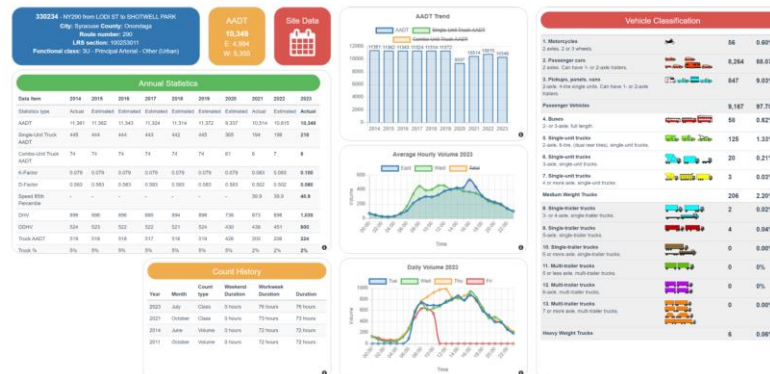
- ◆ Separate project by National Grid
- ◆ Entire length of project
- ◆ Two large transmission mains in street plus service laterals to customers
- ◆ Work scheduled to occur late 2026 or 2027
- ◆ Gas main work will precede this project to avoid digging into new pavement



City Signal Interconnect Project

- ◆ Overhead fiber optic cables on shared poles are being installed as part of the city's interconnect system
- ◆ Other features include new controllers, cabinets, and camera vehicle detection
- ◆ Work is at intersections east of Teall Avenue
- ◆ Construction scheduled to begin this year
- ◆ Items constructed in the interconnect project will be retained by this project

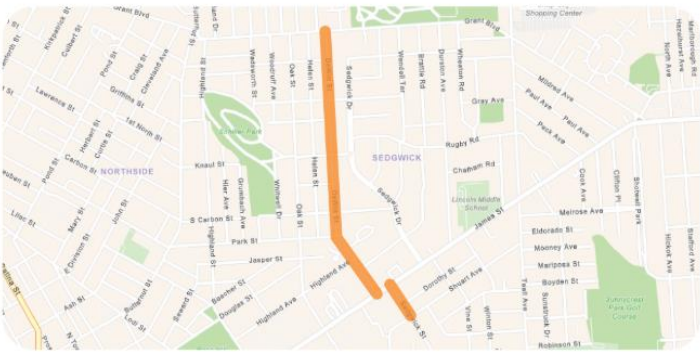
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City Greenway Project

- ◆ Separate city pedestrian enhancement project on Sedgwick Street and DeWitt Street
- ◆ Will utilize the shared use-path on James Street
- ◆ Enhanced crosswalk at DeWitt Street intersection

Dewitt Street Greenway



This project will update striping along Dewitt Street. This initiative will include traffic calming strategies aimed at reducing vehicle speeds while prioritizing the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Additional signage may be included as necessary and will approximately impact **12 City blocks**.

Centro BRT Route Improvements

- ◆ Upgraded bus stop facilities at James & Lodi, James & Oak, and James & Teall
- ◆ Improved accessibility at all bus stops in project area
- ◆ To be combined with construction of this project
- ◆ Work to be funded by Centro



An In-Depth Look at Improvements

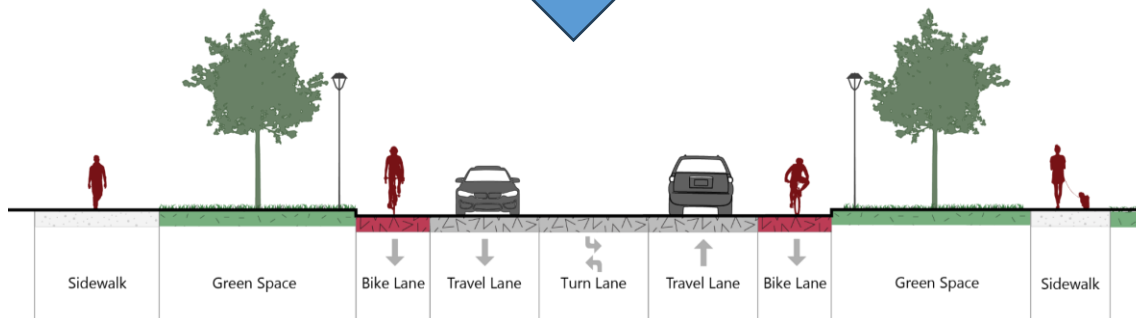
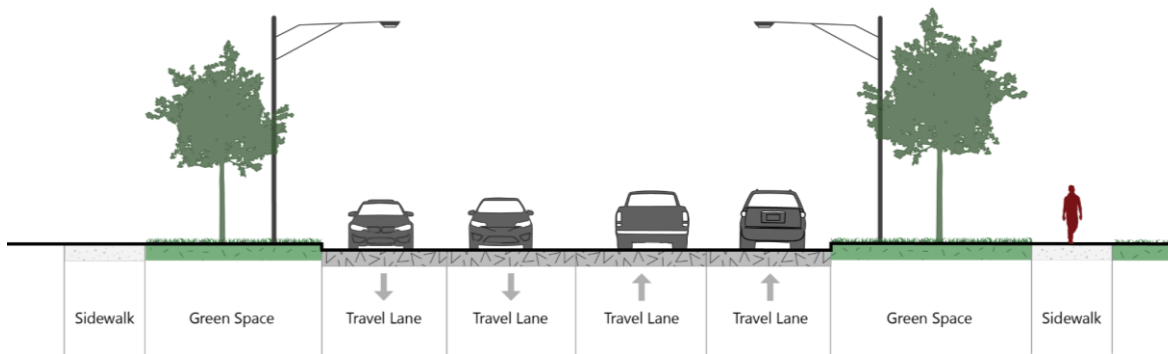
- ◆ Road Diet
- ◆ Shared-Use Path
- ◆ James-Grant-Shotwell Intersection Combination
- ◆ Greenway Memorial Park
- ◆ Safety at School Zone
- ◆ Lead water service safety
- ◆ Landscaping

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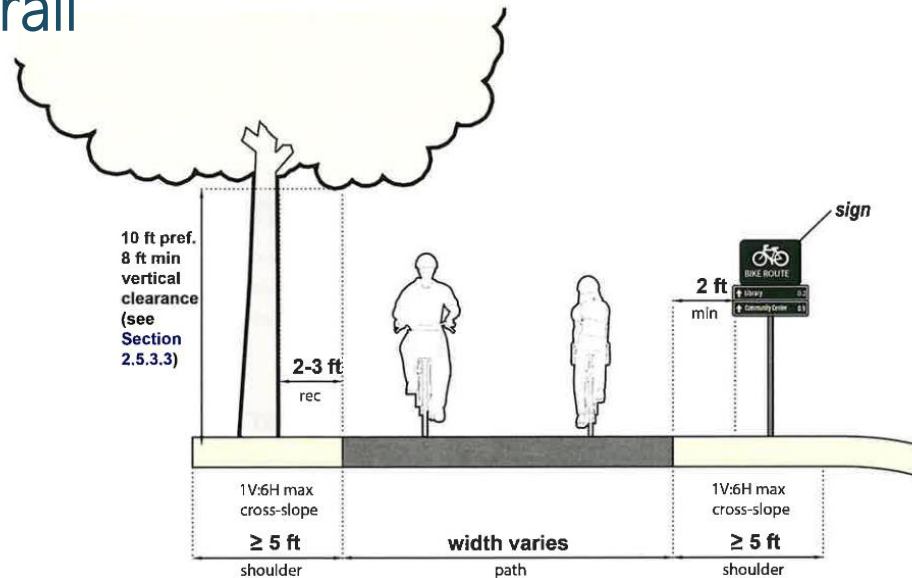
Road Diet

Convert four narrow travel lanes into two wider through travel lanes plus a center two way left turn lane

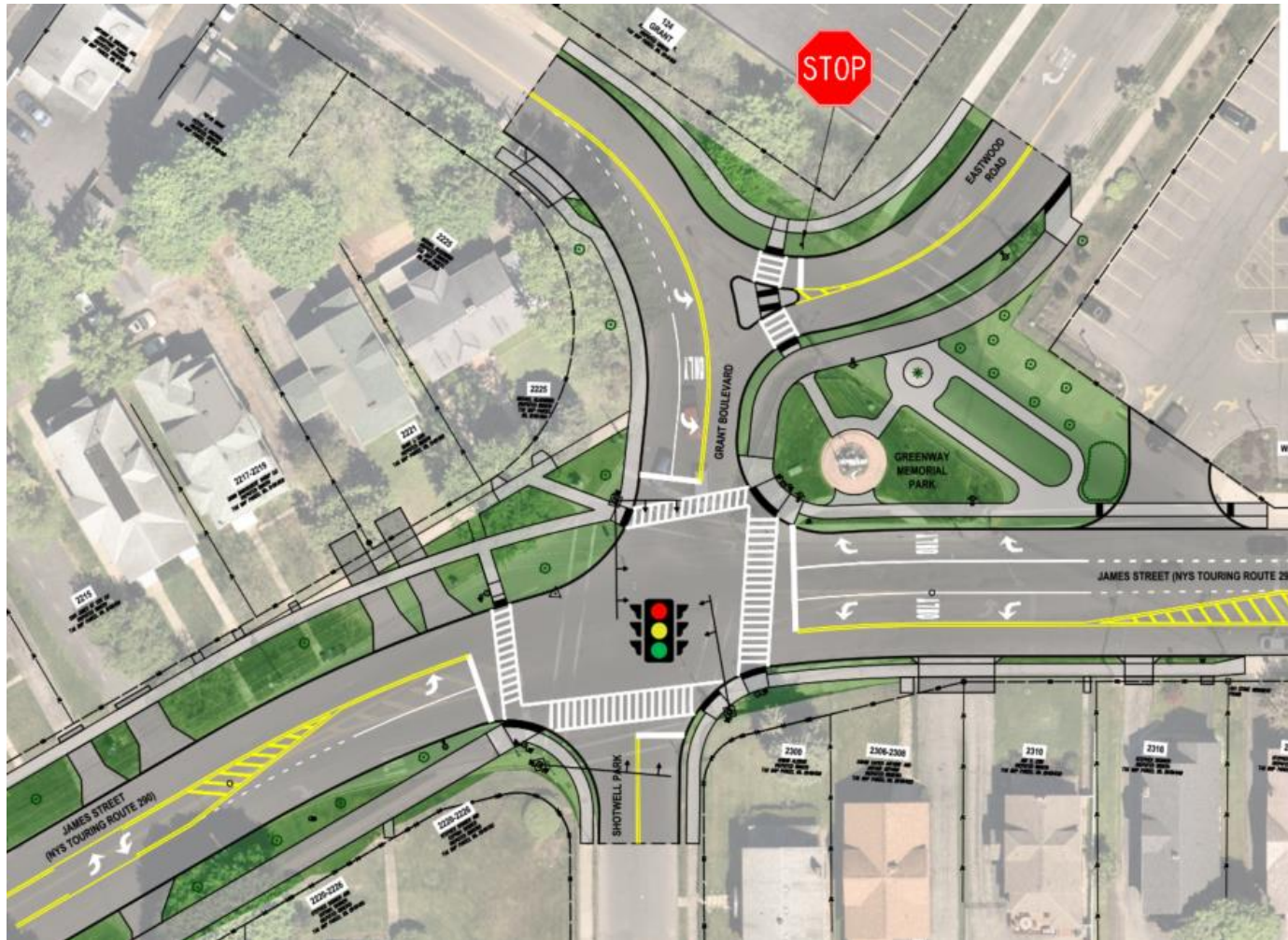


Shared-Use Path

- ◆ Also called a sidepath
- ◆ 10 foot nominal width
- ◆ Two-way bicycle and pedestrian traffic
- ◆ Asphalt paved surface
- ◆ Like an urban trail



James-Grant-Shotwell Intersection



James-Grant-Shotwell Intersection

- ◆ Eliminate confusing one-way section of Grant Boulevard
- ◆ Simplify traffic signal from current configuration
- ◆ Eliminate one intersection
- ◆ Remove excess pavement and return green space to park
- ◆ Opportunities for new plantings
- ◆ Improved pedestrian connections
- ◆ Smoother traffic flow



Greenway Memorial Park

- ◆ Reconfigure intersection
- ◆ Convert abandoned pavement to green space
- ◆ Additional sidewalk connections
- ◆ Link to new Shared-Use Path
- ◆ New plantings
- ◆ Address pattern of collisions with monument

Devin screenshot of GNP-50,51,52



Lincoln Middle School

- ◆ Improve sidewalks and driveway entrance
- ◆ Maintain school zone speed limit enforcement camera
- ◆ Reconstruct bus stop pull off
- ◆ Upgrade traffic signal crossing at Wilson Street

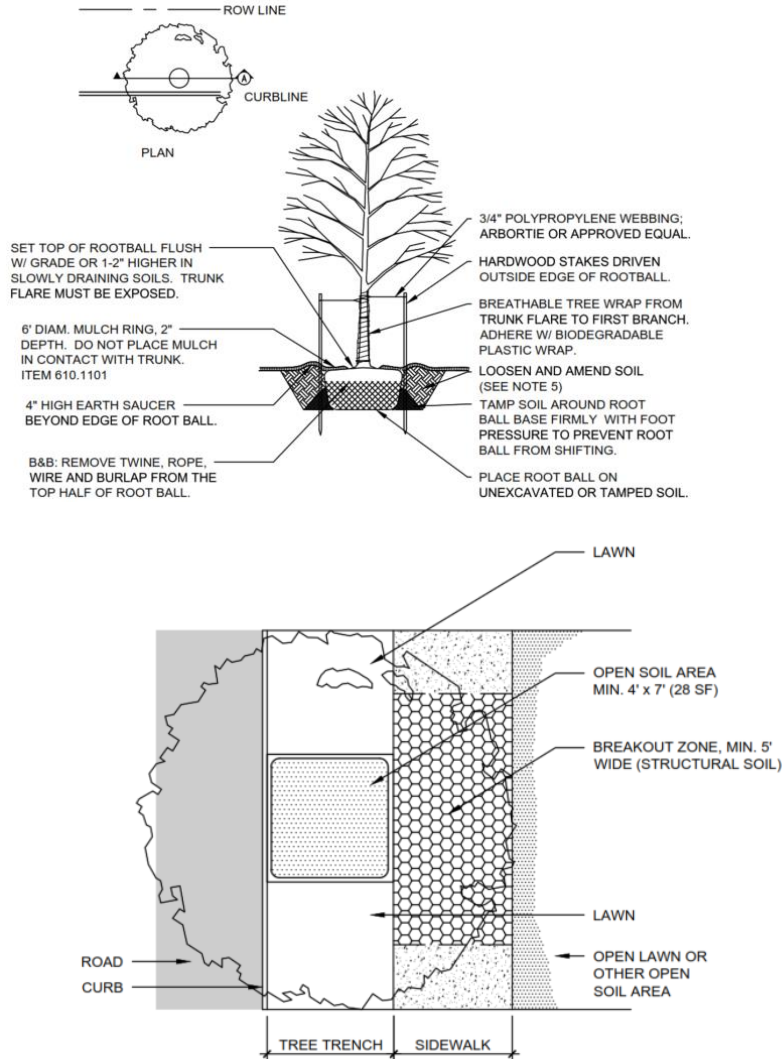


Lead Water Services

- ◆ EPA mandate to remove all lead services and replace with copper
- ◆ Will require contractor to enter property and building
- ◆ State Street to Shotwell Park



Landscaping and Greenery



- ◆ Removed diseased and damaged trees
- ◆ Plant up to 211 new trees
- ◆ Replace excess pavement with turf and extra thick topsoil
- ◆ Renew tree lawn strip between curb and sidewalk/path

Right-of-Way and Private Property

- ◆ No property acquisitions or easements are required
- ◆ City will be requesting signed releases from owners for restoration work on private property (driveway connections, lawn restoration, water services to house)

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FEDERAL-AID LOCAL PROJECT
PERMISSION TO PERFORM CONTRACT WORK ON PRIVATE LAND

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: [REDACTED]

FROM STATION: [REDACTED] TO STATION: [REDACTED]

LOCATION: [REDACTED] New York County of: [REDACTED]

The undersigned owner(s) of private land(s) that is/are located at the address(es) listed below:
Property owner's address (include mailing address, if different) [REDACTED]

hereby grant permission and give consent to [REDACTED] or its contractors or designees, to enter onto the property identified above in connection with the above referenced contract for the purpose(s) identified below. This permission is granted with the understanding that such work shall be limited to as shown in the attached or an area within [REDACTED] feet of the public right of way line to:

RE-ESTABLISH APPROACHES TO PRIVATE LAND (DRIVEWAYS/WALKWAYS)¹
 PLANT TREES & SHRUBS²
 GRADE AND RE-ESTABLISH TURF¹

REPLACE ELECTRICAL, GAS, TELEPHONE, WATER, OR SEWER UTILITY CONNECTIONS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY³
 REMOVE UNSOUND OR HAZARDOUS TREES²

The work is scheduled to occur between the months of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Engineer will contact the property owner before entering the private property if these dates change. The property owner may revoke permission at any time by contacting the Engineer at [REDACTED].

The property owner(s) are responsible for maintaining the improvements to be constructed. The undersigned property owner(s) agree that [REDACTED] or its contractors or designees, shall not be liable for the maintenance of such improvement, nor liable for damages in connection therewith after the completion of the work. The undersigned property owner(s) waives any right to compensation for tree removals in consideration of the property improvements performed on the private property. The undersigned property owner(s) agree to release and hold harmless [REDACTED] or its contractors or designees from any liability or damages which may arise after the completion of the work performed.

Property Owner(s):
Printed Name [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED]

Property Owner(s):
Printed Name [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED]

In the presence of
Witness(es):
Name/Title [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED]

Witness(es):
Name/Title [REDACTED] Signature [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED]

NOTES: 1. Per Section 54-A of the State Highway Law
2. Per Sections 19 and 45 of the State Highway Law
3. Per Section 10 of the State Highway Law



Maintaining Traffic During Construction

- ◆ No night work
- ◆ Keep driveways open mostly all the time
- ◆ Divert pedestrians to opposite side for sidewalk closures
- ◆ Four lane pavement allows two-way traffic to continue while working on the other side
- ◆ Some flagging and one lane traffic at intersections
- ◆ No detour

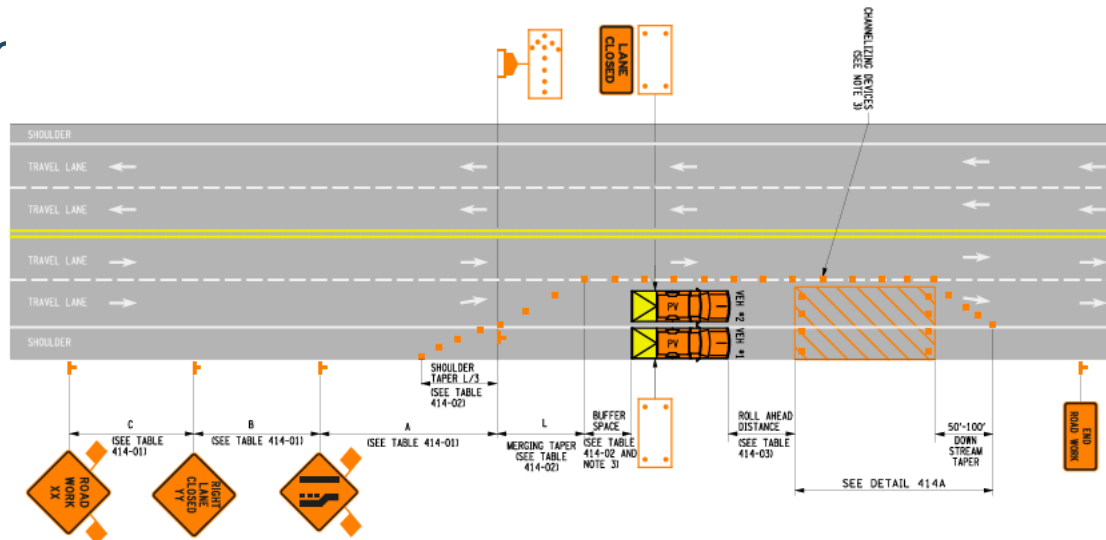


Photo Simulations

Townsend at James

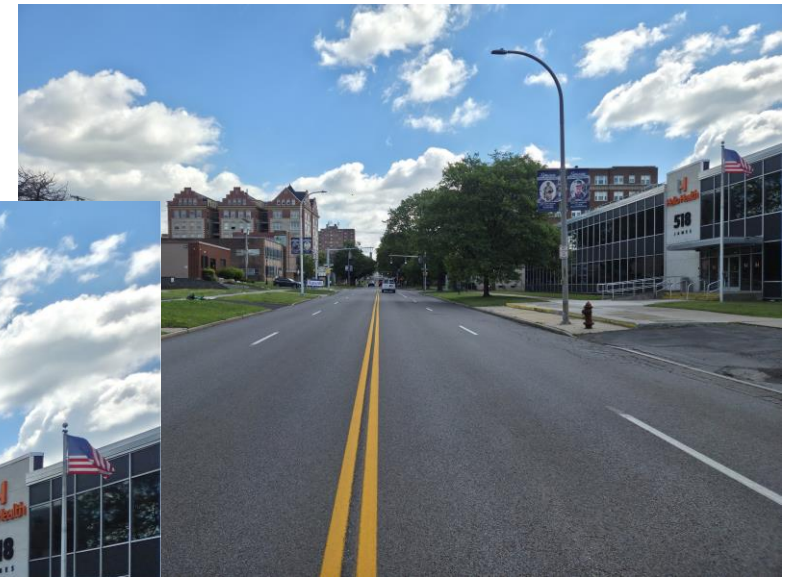


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Highland at James



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Hixson at James



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Grant at James



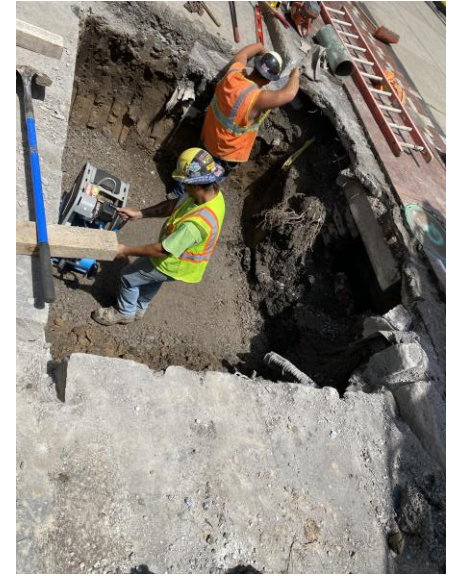
Construction Cost

- ◆ Estimated Construction Cost: \$39 million
- ◆ Breakdown by category:
 - Street, sidewalk, and shared-use path \$18,300,000
 - Water Line \$19,000,000
 - Landscaping \$900,000
 - Lighting \$500,000
 - Bus stops \$300,000



Schedule

- ◆ Currently in Preliminary Design
- ◆ Design Approval Expected October 2026
- ◆ Final Design Phase through August 2027
- ◆ Bidding and Award Winter 2027/2028
- ◆ Construction Starts in Spring 2028
- ◆ Two Seasons of Construction 2028-2029



We Value Your Feedback!

- ◆ Please take a brochure
- ◆ Write down your comments and leave with us tonight or mail back within two weeks
- ◆ Visit our website (you can also leave comments there):

www.domain

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Project Website
For more information on the project, including plan visuals, you can visit the project website at:
<https://www.syr.gov/Projects/Active-Projects/XXX>

Your Input Is Needed!
Your input is requested on all aspects of the project, and particularly the design options at James Street/Grant Boulevard/Shotwell Park and shared-use path. All comments and questions about the project will be reviewed and considered during final design and will be included in the final design report.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROJECT?
If you have any other recommendations or concerns for the project design that are important to you. Please provide written comments by **July XX, 2024**.

Comments may be submitted by:

- Leave the completed form at this meeting
- Mail the completed form to the Department of Engineering
Attn: James Street 3R Improvements Project
233 East Washington Street, Room 401
Syracuse, NY 13202
- Email your comments to the Department of Engineering at mmalkoc@syr.gov
- Submit comments through the project website

COMMENT FORM:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Comments: _____

Specific Comments on James/Grant/Shotwell Intersection Consolidation Design Option:

Specific Comments on Shared-Use Path Design Option:

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Thank You and Good Night!

