

# Maryland Avenue 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Trial

## Arkwright Street to Payne Avenue

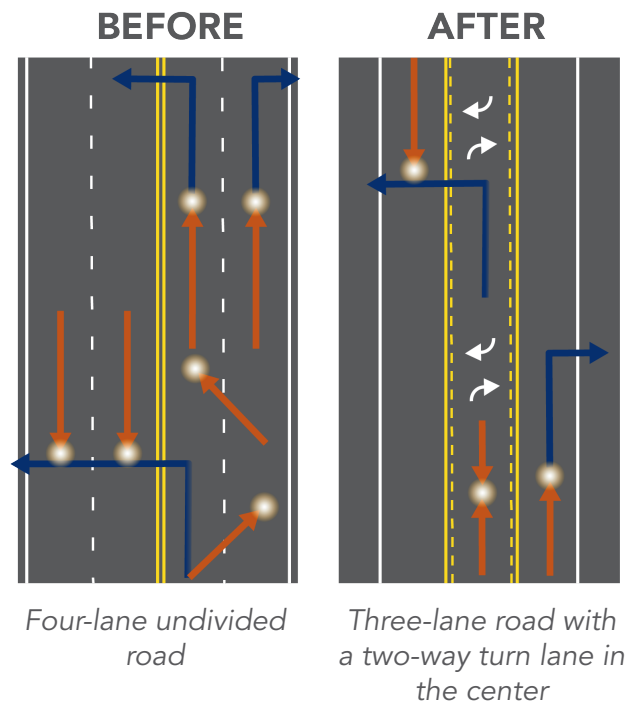
### Project Overview

In 2018, Maryland Avenue between Payne Avenue and Johnson Parkway was permanently striped as a three-lane road following a 4-to-3 lane conversion trial in 2017. To continue the lane conversion effort, Ramsey County is studying the possibility of converting Maryland Avenue between Arkwright Street and Payne Avenue from four-lanes to three-lanes to improve the safety conditions for all users. A three-month trial of the 4-to-3 lane conversion will be implemented from late August 2019 to November 2019.



### What will Maryland Avenue look like during the three-lane conversion trial?

- Maryland Avenue between Arkwright Street and Payne Avenue will be restriped into a three-lane road with one travel lane in each direction and a two-way left-turn lane in the center.
- Lane reduction on eastbound Maryland Avenue will occur between Arkwright Street and Desoto Street
- A new enhanced pedestrian crossing with median refuge will be installed at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Desoto Street
- To minimize potential conflicts and allow the enhanced pedestrian crossing:
  - No left turns will be allowed to/from Maryland Avenue at Clark Street and Desoto Street intersections
  - Northbound/southbound traffic on Clark Street and Desoto Street will not be able to cross over Maryland Avenue
- Maryland Avenue will remain open to vehicles
  - During the restriping to a three-lane road and installation of the pedestrian median, there may be some delays
- There will be no impacts to driveways on Maryland Avenue
- There will be no changes to the posted speed limit of 30 mph on Maryland Avenue



## What changes are expected on Maryland Avenue during the three-lane conversion trial?

### 1 Improved safety

- Decrease in vehicle speeds
- Decrease in injury crashes
- Decrease in rear-end/sideswipe crashes
- Increase in pedestrian crossings

### 2 Impacts to vehicle movements

- Increase in travel time/delay/backups during rush hour
- Fewer gaps between vehicles, so vehicles may have difficulty in crossing and making left turns at intersections
- Potential increased use of nearby streets

### 3 Improved quality of life

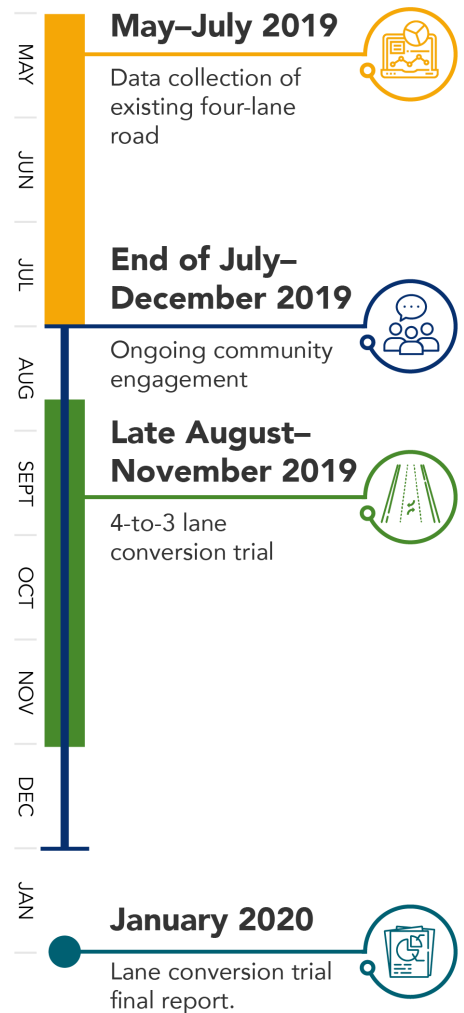
- Improved driver/pedestrian comfort



### Next Steps

- If the trial is successful, the three-lane configuration on Maryland Avenue between Arkwright Street and Payne Avenue will remain in place
- Any design modifications and permanent installation would occur in summer/fall 2020

## Project Timeline



★ Design modifications and permanent installation expected summer/fall 2020

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