

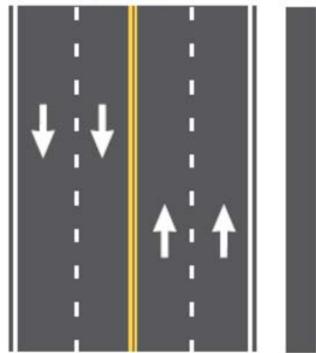
MARYLAND AVE 4 TO 3 LANE CONVERSION



Project Overview

• Temporary 3 lane conversion

Before

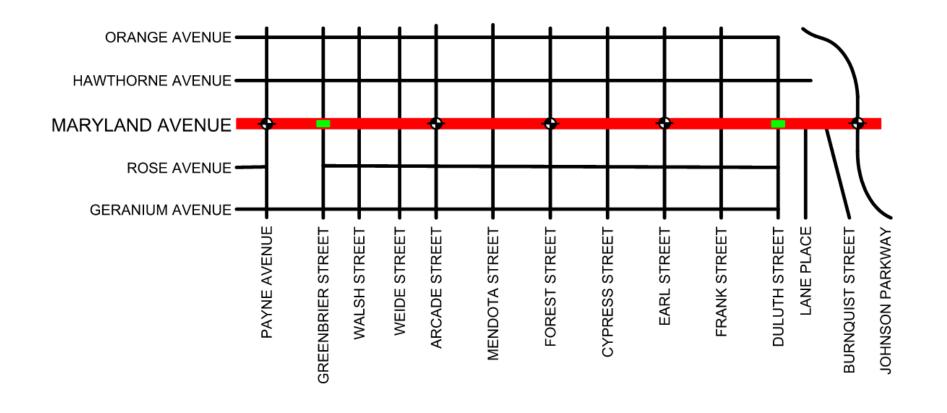


After





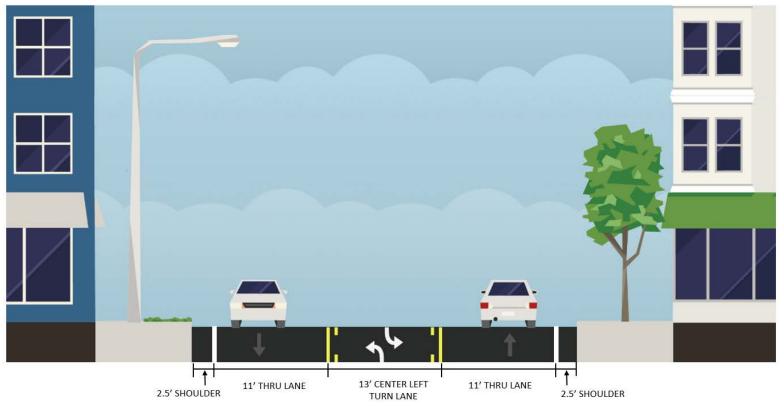
Project Limits





3 Lane Cross Section

MARYLAND AVENUE PROPOSED 3 LANE WITH CENTER LEFT TURN LANE





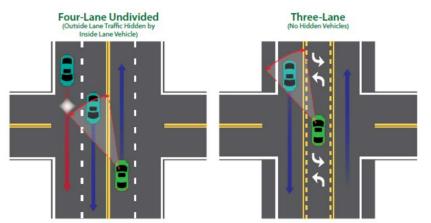
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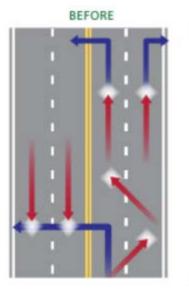
ADVANTAGES

- Crash reduction
- Reduced speed
- Improved ped crossing

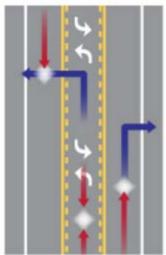
DISADVANTAGES

- Reduced capacity
- Less gaps in traffic
- Busses stop through lane
- Traffic may move to side streets



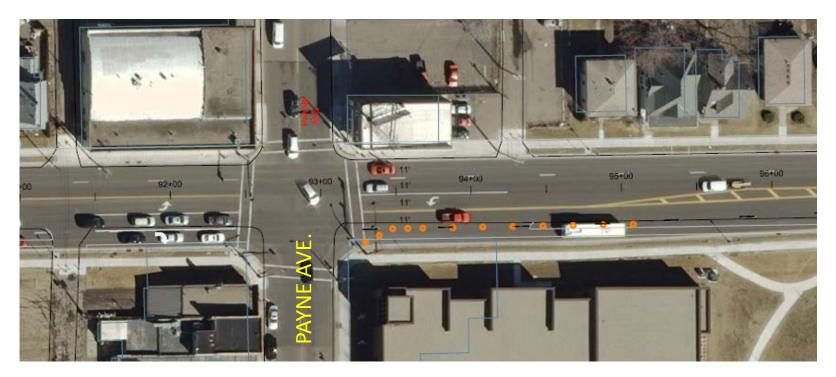


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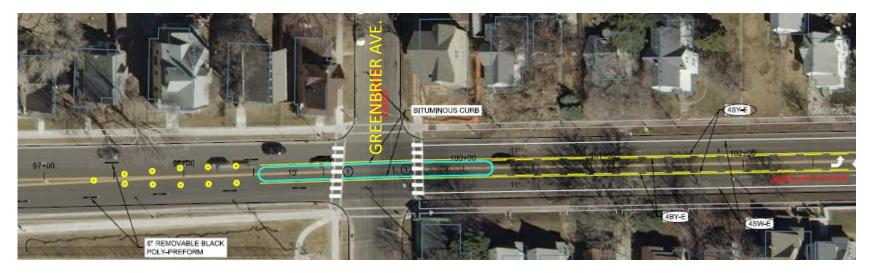
Project Layout – Payne Ave.



• East bound traffic reduced to one lane at Payne Ave.



Project Layout – Greenbrier Ave.



- Median added at Greenbrier to allow safer pedestrian crossing
- Left turns prohibited



Project Layout – Walsh to Weide St.



• Standard 3 lanes with center left turn lane



Project Layout – Arcade St.



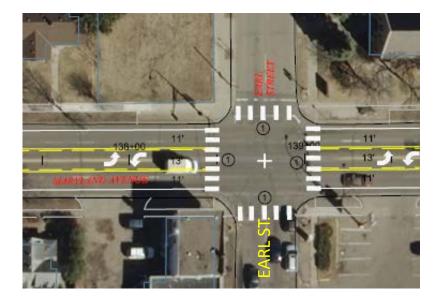
Maryland Ave. at Arcade Street

- Left turn lane
- Through lane
- Right turn lane



Project Layout – Earl St. & Forest St.

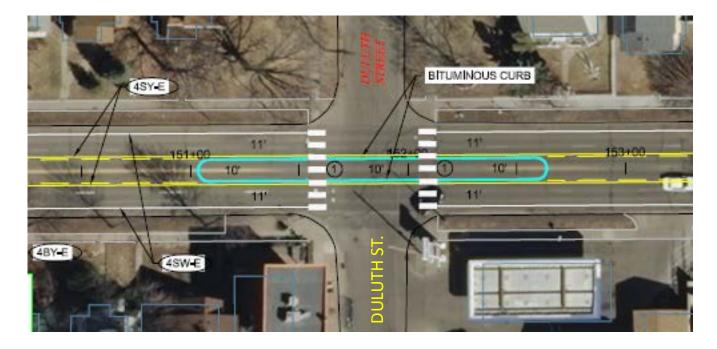




• Standard 3 lanes with center left turn lane at signals



Project Layout – Duluth St.



- Median added at Duluth to allow safer pedestrian crossing
- Left turns prohibited



Project Layout – Lane PI. to Johnson Pkwy.



• West bound traffic reduced to one lane west of Johnson Parkway intersection



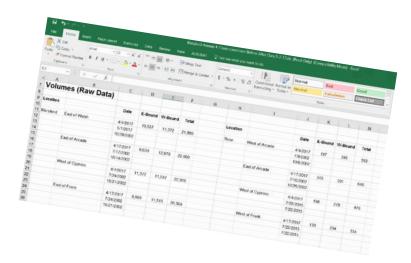
Potential Issues to Work Through

- 1. Signal Timing
- 2. Diversion to parallel routes
- 3. Increased speeding on local system
- 4. Bus stops and maintaining schedules
- 5. Cars passing in the middle lane
- 6. Gaps infrequent and or too short
- 7. Reduced capacity
- 8. Service degrade to gridlock



Data Collection (before/after)

- 1. Traffic Volumes Maryland/other streets
- 2. Turning movements
- 3. Vehicle Speeds
- 4. Congestion
- 5. Gaps
- 6. Crashes
- 7. Enforcement issues
- 8. Bike/ped counts
- 9. Survey/feedback from community





Schedule

- Week of May 15th restriping will occur
- Test runs for a minimum of 6 weeks



- Field data collection and public input received during test
- If successful, permanent striping will be done in conjunction with pavement replacement at end of summer



So how do we decide whether the field trial is a success.....or failure?



- 1. Quantitative/Technical Data
- 2. Qualitative Information and Feedback
- 3. Community Input

Ultimately the decision may boil down to an issue of community vision and values.....



Thank you!

- Please fill out comment forms
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