



HOBBIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT COURT STREET TO FAIR STREET

PHASE I ENGINEERING STUDY

The City of Kankakee invites you to participate in the Virtual Public Meeting for the **Hobbie Avenue Phase I Engineering Study from Court Street to Fair Street**. The purpose of this Virtual Public Meeting is to present the proposed improvements and project information for public comment.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in an open house format where attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits, provide input on the proposed improvement plan, and submit questions or comments from **January 20, 2021 to February 18, 2021**. Interested persons may view the Public Meeting website at: www.HobbieAvenue.com. For those unable to view the website or attend the live Virtual Project Presentation, the overall Proposed Improvement Plan, supporting exhibits, and ways to submit comments and/or request copies of project information are included in this brochure.

VIRTUAL PROJECT PRESENTATION

A live virtual project presentation (via Zoom) will be held to present project materials and provide the opportunity to talk directly to project team and ask questions. The project presentation will be recorded and posted to the virtual Public Meeting website. For those that may not have access to the internet or a microphone on your computer, you may call in to the meeting.

DATE:	Thursday, February 4, 2021
TIME:	6:30 p.m.
WEBSITE:	https://zoom.us/join
MEETING ID:	874 7120 8612
PASSCODE:	022882
PHONE:	312-626-6799; 87471208612#

Questions and comments submitted by February 18, 2021 will be included in the Public Meeting record.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City is leading the effort to improve Hobbie Avenue from Court Street (IL Route 17) on the south to Fair Street (IL Route 50) on the north, a distance of 0.78 miles. Hobbie Avenue currently experiences poor pavement condition, safety issues, mobility deficiencies, pavement drainage deficiencies, gaps in the sidewalk, non-ADA compliance, outdated railroad crossing protection, and lack of bicycle accommodations.

Hobbie Avenue provides a vital link in the regional transportation network by linking Court Street to Fair Street, which serves nearby residents, commercial businesses and industrial operations. The Kankakee Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization has included this project in their Long Range Transportation Plan and is providing federal funding at an 80% level for engineering and construction. The City of Kankakee is responsible for 20% of the engineering and construction costs.

PROJECT LOCATION



PURPOSE AND NEED OF THE PROJECT

The **PURPOSE** of this project is to provide an improved transportation system to address:

- Safety
- Mobility
- Poor Pavement Condition
- Pavement Drainage Deficiencies
- Non-Motorized accommodations

The **NEED** for this project includes:

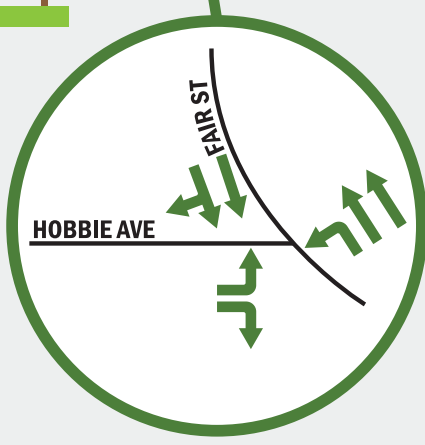
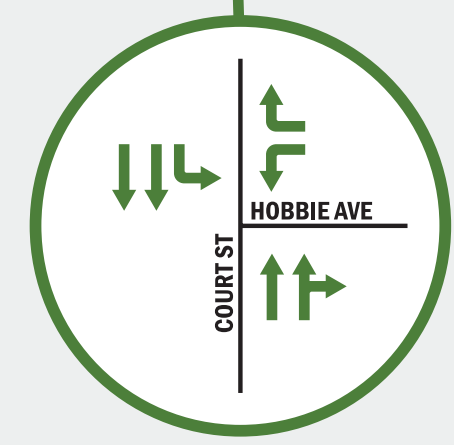
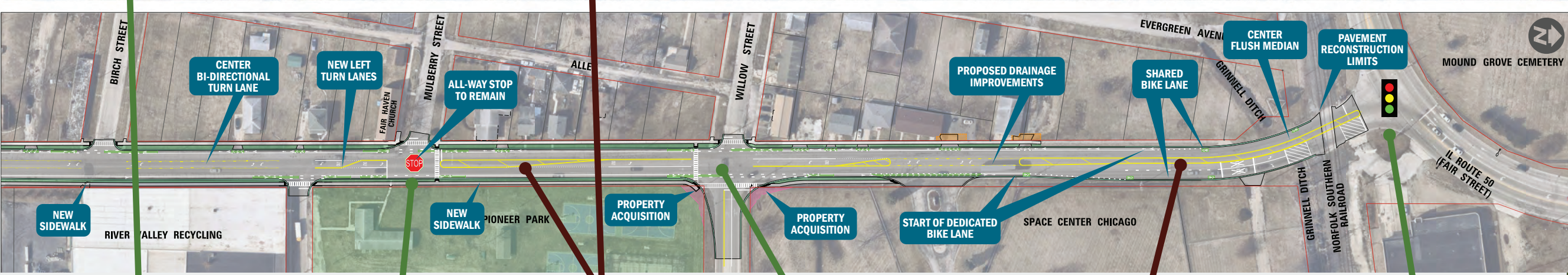
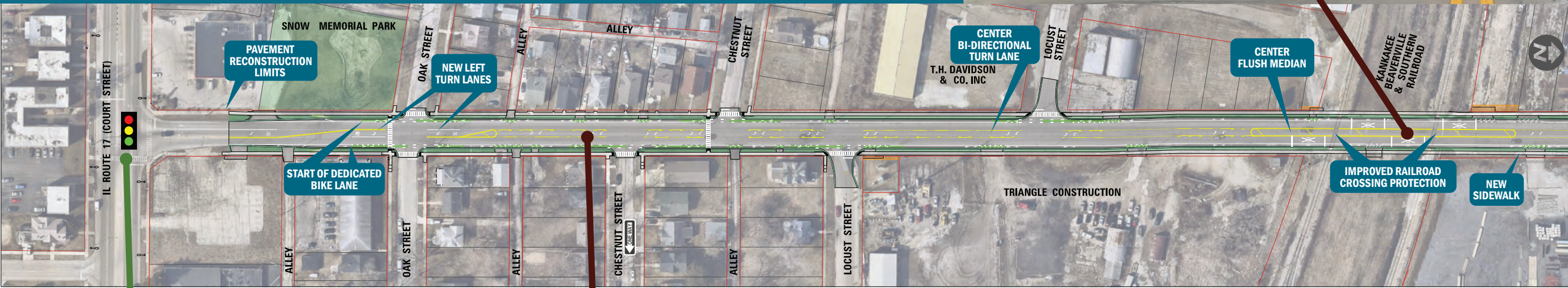
- 77 crashes occurred along the corridor from 2013-2017.
- Traffic is projected to increase 67% by the year 2050.
- With future traffic volumes increasing, poor access will continue at side streets
- residential and commercial access points.
- Gaps in the sidewalk network, non-ADA compliance, and lack of bicycle accommodations.
- Pavement drainage issues.
- Continued pavement deterioration
- Outdated railroad crossing protection.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

To address the project purpose and need, the pavement of Hobbie Avenue is proposed to be reconstructed to provide one travel lane in each direction, center turn lane, painted bike lanes, continuous sidewalks on both sides of Hobbie Avenue, drainage improvements, roadway lighting, and railroad crossing improvements. To implement the proposed improvements, the existing on road parking will be eliminated from Court Street to Willow Street.



LOOKING NORTH ALONG HOBIE AVENUE AT K,B&S RAILROAD CROSSING



USE OF PUBLIC LANDS

The City of Kankakee is seeking public comments on the use of the Kankakee Valley Park District property (Pioneer Park), including a total of 0.017 acre of Fee Simple Right-of-Way acquisition.

The Pioneer Park property is owned and operated by the Kankakee Valley Park District and is protected by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. The City intends to seek a de minimis* impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the project not adversely affecting the features, attributes, or activities qualifying the properties for protection under U.S. Department of Transportation Section 4(f).

The land from the Park District property will be utilized to reconstruct the southeast corner radius to accommodate the design vehicle and construct the curb ramps for the south and east crosswalks at the Hobbie Avenue at Willow Street intersection to accommodate a new sidewalk along the east side of Hobbie Avenue.

The Section 4(f) documentation for the proposed use of Park District property is located on the Virtual Public Meeting website and hard copies can be obtained upon the City. The project comment form can be utilized to submit comments pertaining to the proposed use of the Park District property.

* Under Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act of 1966, the de minimis impact means that there are no adverse effects to the activities, features, or attributes qualifying a park, recreational area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or public and private historical site for protection – this is after taking into account avoidance, minimization, mitigation and enhancement measures.

NEXT STEPS



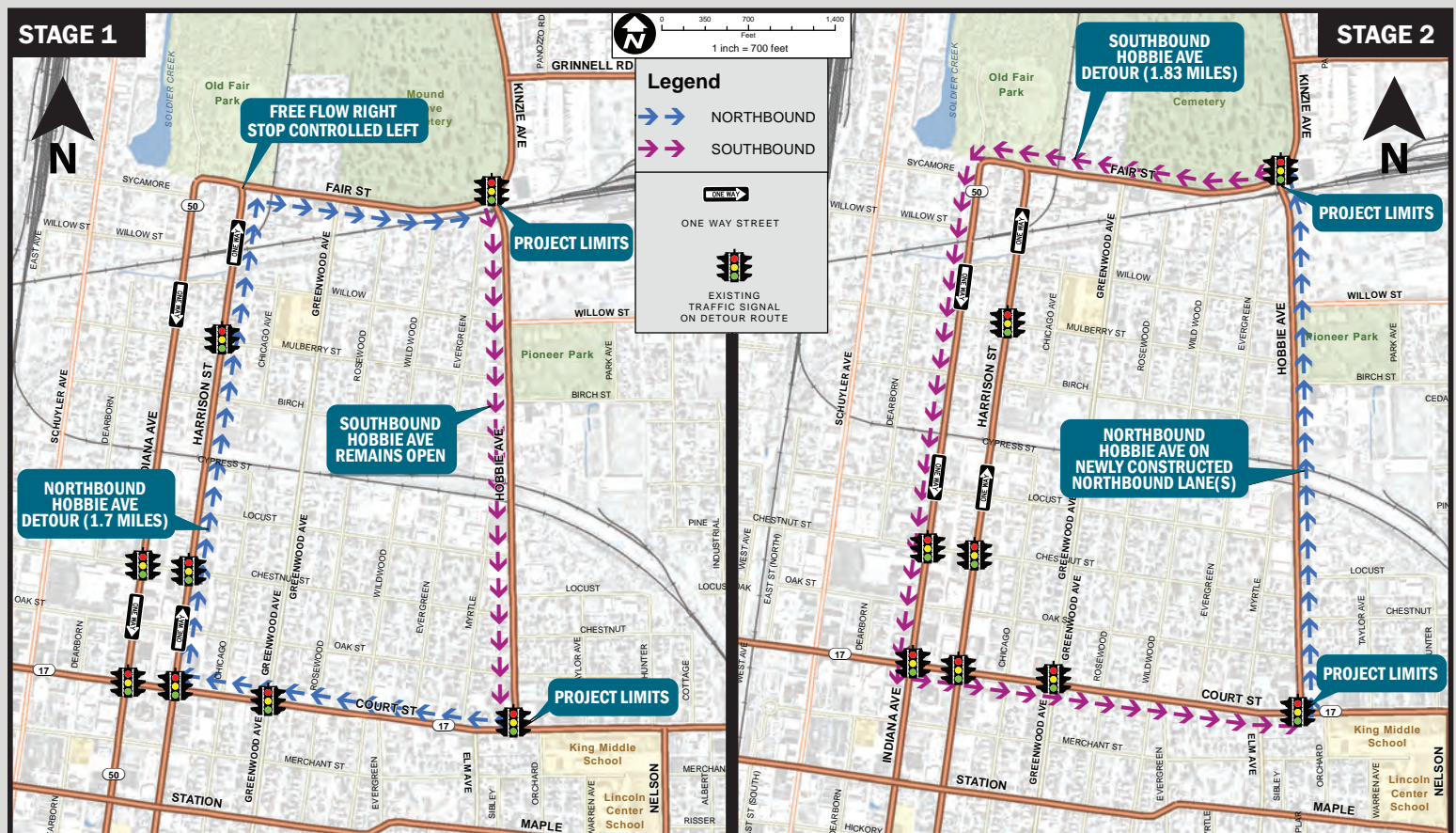
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

Hobbie Avenue does not have adequate existing pavement width to maintain two lanes of traffic during construction. The project team is planning to construct the proposed improvement in two stages (half of the roadway at a time), maintaining one-way traffic on one half of existing pavement, while the other half of pavement is reconstructed. Access to side streets and driveways will be maintained during construction, with short duration closures. (Refer to the below exhibit.)

Stage 1 will maintain southbound traffic and detour northbound traffic, which would utilize Court Street (IL Route 17), Harrison Street (IL Route 50), and Fair Street (IL Route 50).

Stage 2 will maintain northbound traffic and detour southbound traffic, which would utilize Fair Street (IL Route 50), Indiana Avenue (IL Route 50), and Court Street (IL Route 17).

PROPOSED DETOUR



COMMENT AND QUESTION SUBMISSION

The City welcomes your comments or questions regarding this important transportation project. Comment forms can be downloaded from the Virtual Public Meeting website at www.HobbieAvenue.com and can be mailed or emailed as noted on the form. Comments can also be submitted electronically through the Virtual Public Meeting website. Comments submitted by February 18, 2021 will be included in the Public Meeting record. A response to common questions will be posted to the Virtual Public Meeting website following the close of the comment period. To request hard copies of project material or for general questions, you can reach out to the City:

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