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PUBLIC NOTEBOOK
APRIL 2026 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING



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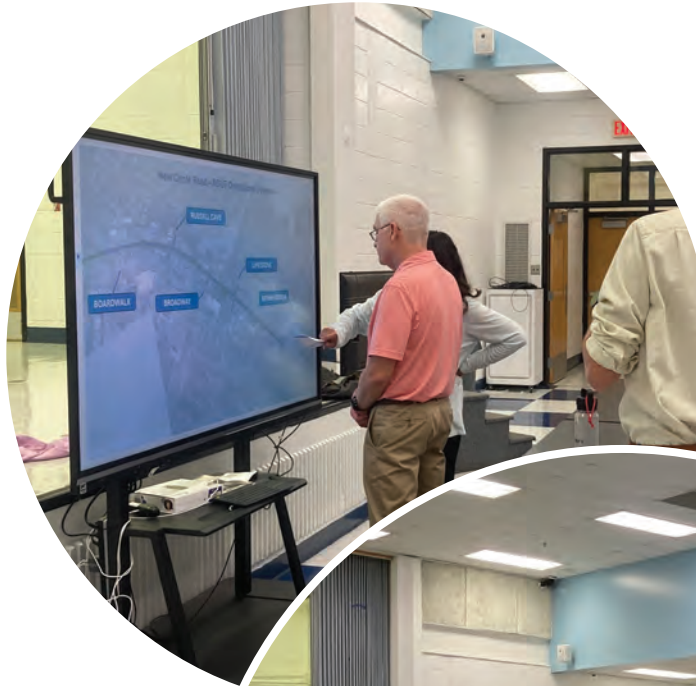
About the Meeting:

On April 15, 2026, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet hosted a public meeting for the Imagine North New Circle Road project. This was the second public meeting in the process, giving community members a more detailed look at safety and projected traffic improvements.

The meeting included a series of exhibits that communicated the safety needs for the corridor, how Restricted Crossing U-Turn intersections (RCUTs) will operate, and how the planned improvements will impact travel times for people using the New Circle Road Corridor. Additionally, the project team set up a station with traffic modeling scenarios running on a computer, giving attendees the ability to see how different routes and intersections are projected to operate with the redesign.

Input from the first public meeting in November of 2025 indicated a strong preference for Alternate Concept 2 - one of two potential concepts presented at that meeting. As a result, only Concept 2 was presented at this second meeting and attendees were asked to provide further comment on the design.

In total, 32 members of the public attended the meeting. Their written input is both summarized and cataloged in this report.



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Imagine North New Circle Road Neighborhood Meeting

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and City of Lexington are seeking public input regarding safety improvements on North New Circle Road between Development Drive and Bryan Station Road. Join us at the neighborhood meeting on April 15, 2026 to share your feedback on updated roadway design concepts. The meeting will be held in an “open house” style, meaning you can choose to arrive at any time during the meeting and remain for as long as you prefer. At the open house, the project team will share information about the project, answer your questions, and accept public comments about the redesign of New Circle Road. Please find the meeting details below.

- When: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- Where: Cafeteria at Northern Elementary School
340 Rookwood Parkway
Lexington, KY 40505





Public Meeting

Date and Time
Apr 15, 2026, 5:00 pm - Apr 15, 2026, 7:00 pm

Location
Northern Elementary School, Skyler School
340 Rookwood Parkway, Lexington, KY, USA

Get Directions

MEETING PROMOTION SOCIAL MEDIA

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Come to the Neighborhood Meeting!

When: Wednesday, April 15
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Northern Elementary School
340 Rookwood Parkway
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

About: North New Circle Road is being redesigned to improve safety for all. Stop by at any time between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to **share your input**, see **progress since the public meeting**, and learn more about **traffic and safety needs** along North New Circle Road.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

North New Circle Road is being redesigned to improve safety for all.

Come to the Neighborhood Meeting to share your input!

North New Circle Road is being redesigned to **improve safety and connectivity** from Development Drive to Bryan Station Road. Attend the neighborhood meeting to **share your input**, see **progress since the public meeting**, and learn more about **traffic and safety needs** along North New Circle Road.

Scan to learn more!

Come to the Neighborhood Meeting!

Where: Northern Elementary School, Skyler School
340 Rookwood Parkway, Lexington, KY

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While this meeting is focused for people who live in neighborhoods directly surrounding the corridor, all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Learn More About the Project at:
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MEETING INPUT SUMMARY

32 PEOPLE ATTENDED

From 32 attendees, a total of 13 written comments were shared at the meeting. Issues and ideas addressed by these comments include:

1. Clarify the planned turning movement for vehicles traveling west of the Bryan Station Road Corridor on New Circle Road.
2. Coordinate with the school district to resolve any potential issues with school bus routes.
3. Look at crossing signal times for pedestrians on New Circle Road.
4. Increase green space with landscaping.



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WELCOME

Imagine North New Circle Road Public Meeting

DID YOU ATTEND THE NOVEMBER 6TH PUBLIC MEETING?

YES

Thank you for attending the first meeting. Tonight, you can view the updated traffic and safety analysis. You can also provide additional input on Alternate Concept 2, the community's preferred concept from the first public meeting.

1. **Please sign in at the welcome table** so we know you were here.
2. **Visit each station at your own pace.** Our team members are here to answer your questions and help you provide input.

NO

Thank you for coming out tonight. You can view highlights from the first meeting and provide your input on the design concept that attendees from the first meeting preferred. You can also learn more about the project and how it will impact safety and traffic on New Circle Road.

1. **Please sign in at the welcome table** so we know you were here.
2. **Visit each station at your own pace.** Our team members are here to answer your questions and help you provide input.

Thank you for attending and sharing your input!

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ABOUT
THE PROJECT

North New Circle Road is being redesigned to improve safety for all.

What is planned for Northeast New Circle Road?

Northeast New Circle Road is being improved to create a safer travel experience along one of Lexington's most important roads. This project will span **1.8 miles**, providing safety enhancements from Bryan Station Road to Development Drive. The safety improvements are planned to include shared use paths, pedestrian crossing enhancements, and four "Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersections (RCUTs). While less common than traditional four-way intersections, RCUTs have been **proven to prevent crashes** and signalized RCUTs offer an effective and **safe way for pedestrians to cross wide arterial streets** like New Circle Road.

What neighborhoods will be affected by this project?

This project has been strategically located to **create safer travel conditions** for various neighborhoods along Northeast New Circle Road. This includes Castlewood, Bryan Station, Elkhorn Park, Green Acres, Hollow Creek, and Breckenridge.

How is this project being funded?

This project was awarded a federal grant from the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program. With this grant, a significant portion of the \$35 million investment in New Circle Road is covered by federal funds.

How can I provide input and stay up-to-date on this project?

You can learn more about the project, and sign up for updates on the project website at ImagineNorthNewCircle.com. The project website can be viewed in multiple languages through the dropdown menu at the top right of the webpage. Please enter the URL into a web browser or scan the QR code to visit the website.



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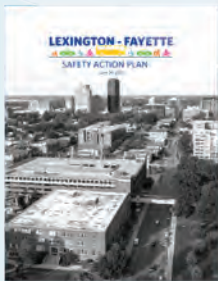


PAST STUDIES ON NEW CIRCLE ROAD

HIGHLIGHTS:

The New Circle Road corridor is the highest severe injury corridor and one of the highest pedestrian crash corridors within the Lexington-Fayette area.

Past studies and plans have identified New Circle Road as a high-risk corridor for all road users, but especially for pedestrians and cyclists. Between 2015 and 2021, over 40% of all pedestrian crashes in the corridor resulted in a fatality or serious injury to the pedestrian.



SAFETY ACTION PLAN (2023) KEY RESULTS:

In a 5-year period (2015-2019), the section of New Circle Road between Boardwalk and Winchester Road saw 1,837 crashes. Of these crashes, 39 resulted in either serious injuries or fatalities - the highest rate of all Lexington corridors.

Northeast New Circle Road was ranked second of 30 corridors prioritized for safety improvements, North Broadway was ranked as the first priority.



IMAGINE NEW CIRCLE (2023) From Newtown Pike to Richmond Road KEY RESULTS:

There is less than one mile of sidewalk along the 5.5-mile corridor.

Between 2016 and 2020, 12% of all vehicular crashes involved a pedestrian (36 crashes) or cyclist (9 crashes).

The Broadway intersection has the most vehicular crashes at an intersection.



SAFETY BY DESIGN OVERVIEW

SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

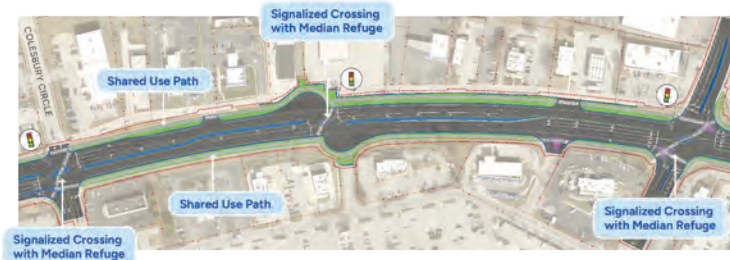
Improving traffic safety on North New Circle Road requires a multi-pronged approach.

While strategies for reducing the number and severity of crashes include individual safety choices and post-crash care, Imagine North New Circle Road is focused on the **design and speed-control factors** that will make crashes less likely to occur in the first place. When crashes do occur, these strategies will help make them less severe.



Learn more about the Safe System Approach at www.transportation.gov/safe-system-approach

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST IMPROVEMENTS



EXISTING

Existing signalized crossing spacing ranges from 1,000 feet to 2,400 feet between crossings. Currently, there are five pedestrian crossings in the study area.

PROPOSED

Proposed signalized crossing spacing will range from 800 feet to 1,000 feet between crossings. This will result in nine pedestrian crossings in the study area.

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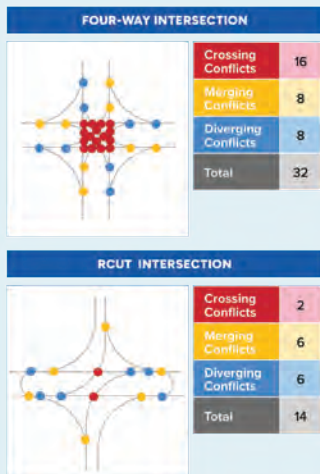
SAFETY BY DESIGN WITH RCUT INTERSECTIONS

What is a Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection (RCUT)?

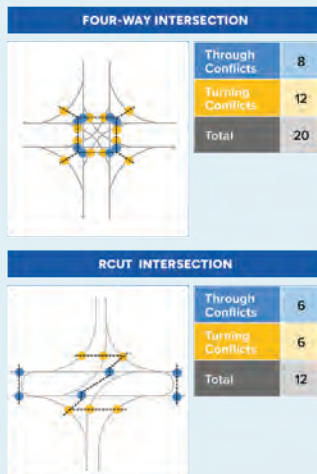
Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersections, or RCUTs, are intersections designed to **reduce potential conflict points** where vehicles or pedestrians may become involved in a crash. To do so, they eliminate unprotected left turns by directing vehicles to designated right turn and u-turn lanes.

While less common than traditional four-way intersections, RCUTs have been **proven to prevent crashes** and signalized RCUTs offer an effective and **safe way for pedestrians to cross wide arterial streets**.

VEHICLE CONFLICT POINTS

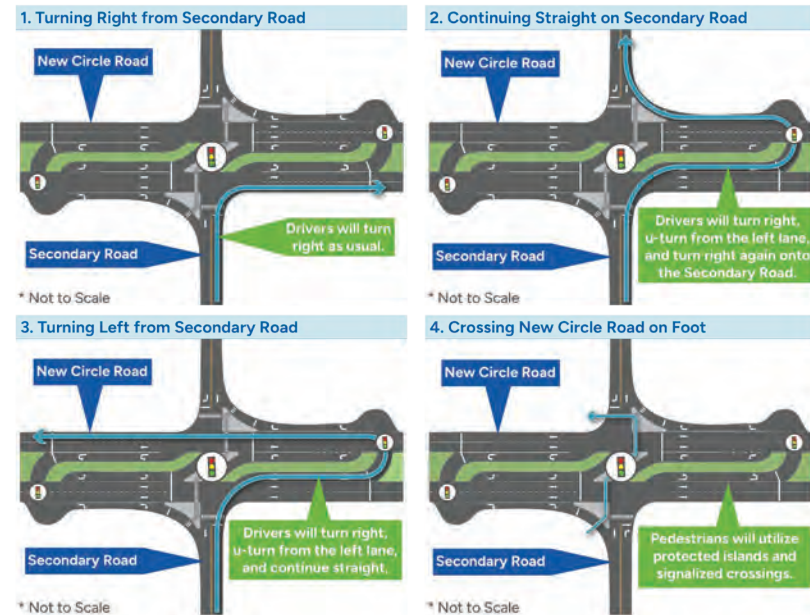


PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT POINTS



HOW DO RCUTs WORK? AND HOW DO YOU USE THEM?

How do I use a Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection (RCUT)?



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RCUT TIME SAVINGS ON NEW CIRCLE ROAD

TIME SAVINGS

On average, people traveling on New Circle Road will **save 2 minutes in the morning and 3.5 minutes in the evening** with the proposed RCUT intersections.



ESTIMATED INTERSECTION TIME-SAVINGS



RCUT DETAILS ON NEW CIRCLE ROAD

ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIMES

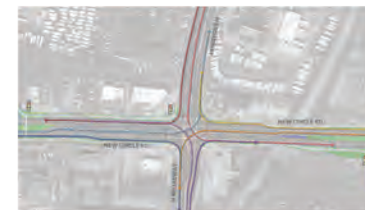
The below diagrams demonstrate how travel times are expected to change for routes turning onto or off of New Circle Road at four major intersections.

RUSSELL CAVE RD & NEW CIRCLE ROAD



TURNING ROUTE	+/- TRAVEL TIME (MIN)	
	A.M.	P.M.
RUSSELL CAVE RD SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+1.0	+1.5
RUSSELL CAVE RD SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	-1.0	-1.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO RUSSELL CAVE RD NORTHBOUND	+1.5	+1.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO RUSSELL CAVE RD SOUTHBOUND	+0.5	No Change
RUSSELL CAVE RD NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+0.5	+0.5
RUSSELL CAVE RD NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	-0.5	-2.5
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO RUSSELL CAVE RD SOUTHBOUND	+8.0	+4.0
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO RUSSELL CAVE RD NORTHBOUND	+3.0	+3.5

BROADWAY & NEW CIRCLE ROAD



TURNING ROUTE	+/- TRAVEL TIME (MIN)	
	A.M.	P.M.
BROADWAY SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+0.5	+0.5
BROADWAY SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	+0.5	-1.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO BROADWAY NORTHBOUND	-0.5	-0.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO BROADWAY SOUTHBOUND	+0.5	+1.0
BROADWAY NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+0.5	+0.5
BROADWAY NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	-2.5	-4.0
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO BROADWAY SOUTHBOUND	+8.0	+8.0
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO BROADWAY NORTHBOUND	+2.5	+2.0

LIMESTONE / OLD PARIS RD & NEW CIRCLE ROAD



TURNING ROUTE	+/- TRAVEL TIME (MIN)	
	A.M.	P.M.
OLD PARIS RD SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+1.0	+4.5
OLD PARIS RD SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	-0.5	-0.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO OLD PARIS RD NORTHBOUND	+1.0	+1.0
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO LIMESTONE SOUTHBOUND	+0.5	+0.5
LIMESTONE NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND	-0.5	-0.5
LIMESTONE NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	-1.0	-2.5
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO LIMESTONE SOUTHBOUND	+5.5	+8.5
NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND TO OLD PARIS RD NORTHBOUND	+2.0	+1.0

BRYAN AVE / BRYAN STATION RD & NEW CIRCLE ROAD



TURNING ROUTE	+/- TRAVEL TIME (MIN)	
	A.M.	P.M.
BRYAN STATION RD SOUTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+3.0	+4.5
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO BRYAN STATION RD NORTHBOUND	+8.0	+5.0
NEW CIRCLE RD EASTBOUND TO BRYAN STATION RD SOUTHBOUND	+0.5	+1.0
BRYAN AVE NORTHBOUND TO NEW CIRCLE RD WESTBOUND	+2.0	+4.5

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INPUT HIGHLIGHTS PUBLIC MEETING #1

ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETING

On November 6th, 2025, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet hosted a public meeting for the Imagine North New Circle project. Meeting attendees were presented with two alternate preliminary designs, giving community members an opportunity to provide direct input on these designs and learn more about the overall project. In total, 80 people attended this meeting, many of whom offered their feedback on the draft concepts.



WHAT WE HEARD AT THE MEETING

Attendees preferred the proposed design that was presented in Alternate 2. This concept included curving lanes that help control speeding vehicles while also creating room for larger medians. Included below is a summary of how attendees voted between Alternate 1 and Alternate 2.

Summary: Alternate Design Concepts

	Alternate Concept 1	Alternate Concept 2
Boardwalk to Russell Cave	2 VOTES: Smaller Median & Straight Lanes	21 VOTES: Larger Median (25+ feet) & Curving Lanes
Limestone to Bryan Station	3 VOTES: Smaller Median & Straight Lanes	19 VOTES: Larger Median (25+ feet) & Curving Lanes
Pedestrian Islands	4 VOTES: Pedestrian Islands are Mountable by Trucks	16 VOTES: Pedestrian Islands are Not Mountable by Trucks

"Please add a RCUT between Bryan Ave and Meadow Lane. Please consider wider medians."

"You can't put 3 additional lanes into 2 without creating more traffic congestion."

"Would like to see reflective barriers on median to make safer for pedestrians."

"Remove all turnarounds."

"Problem! Fewer lanes than existing."

"I support the 11ft lanes!"

"Add ramps and overpasses."

"Pedestrian crossing could be located where majority of people cross between Limestone and Bryan Avenue (move closer to intersection)."

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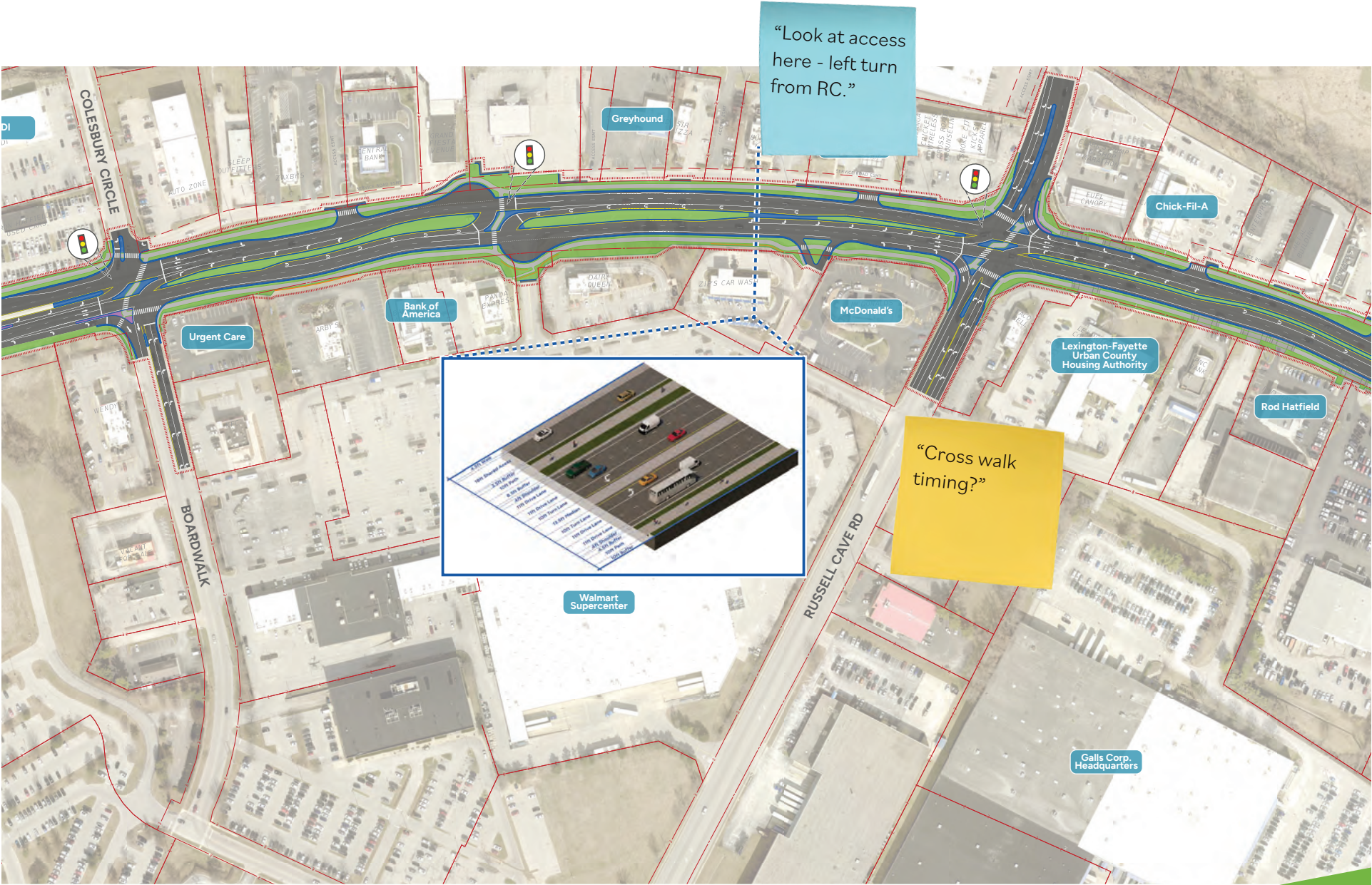
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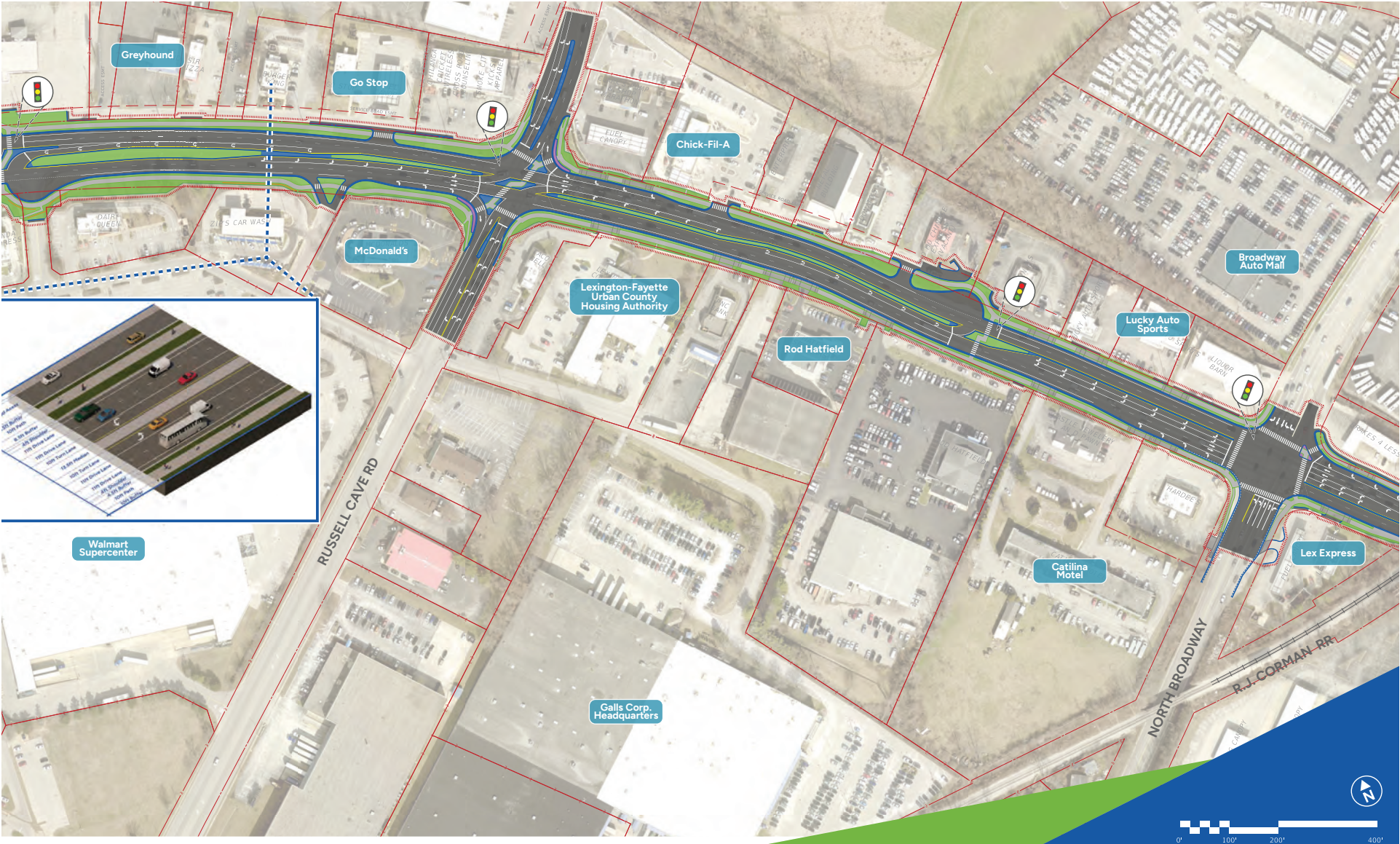
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LONG-FORM COMMENT CARDS

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Please write any additional comments you have for **Imagine North New Circle Road**. Thank you!

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Please write any additional comments you have for **Imagine North New Circle Road**. Thank you!

This presentation (4/15/26) was very helpful. Great printed maps, mock-ups, & the staff was knowledgeable. Great idea!

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Please write any additional comments you have for **Imagine North New Circle Road**. Thank you!

I'm looking forward to this!
I drive a car, bike, & walk there
here every day.

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Please write any additional comments you have for **Imagine North New Circle Road**. Thank you!

Turning right from Bryan Station Ave onto New Circle but you want to go straight or left so where will the U-turn light be??
Doesn't seem to show on the maps or simulation.

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Please write any additional comments you have for **Imagine North New Circle Road**. Thank you!

My only concern pertains to the
diversity on this side of town and
getting drivers to understand & pay attention.
In addition, our homeless & add + ct
population not causing backups on
purpose. Great plans aside from that.
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James Walker		Bryan Station Neighborhood Assoc.
Odus Baker		Resident / Neighbor
Rachel Sloan		resident
Marcie Barnett		resident
Rolanda Woolfork		GAWA

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