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KYTC Item No. 7-462

PUBLIC MEETING NOTEBOOK
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2025 PUBLIC MEETING



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OVERVIEW

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.

This Meeting Notebook details the strategies used for promoting the public meeting, discusses the overall meeting format and intent, and catalogs all input received at the meeting.



MEETING PROMOTION

The public meeting was promoted through a variety of methods to encourage attendance and input from wide range of community members. While some promotional methods were intended to reach a city-wide audience, other strategies specifically targeted the neighborhoods and businesses surrounding North New Circle Road. The following pages provide examples of the promotional strategies, including the project website, press releases, social media, a two-sided flyer and FAQ page that was directly delivered to businesses fronting the corridor, and post cards that were mailed to 7,524 addresses surrounding the corridor. The two-sided flyer and FAQ page was additionally offered in Spanish and the website offered automatic translation into nine different languages.

PROJECT WEBSITE


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Imagine North New Circle Road Open House

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and City of Lexington are accepting public comment regarding safety improvements on North New Circle Road between Development Drive and Bryan Station Road. Join us at the public meeting on November 6th, 2025 to share your input and feedback. 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: Thursday, November 6th, 2025
4:30pm to 7:00pm.
- Where: Cafeteria at Northern Elementary School
340 Rookwood Parkway
Lexington, KY 40505

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Public Meeting

Imagine North New Circle Road Open House

Nov 6, 2025 4:30 PM - Nov 6, 2025 7:00 PM

PRESS RELEASE

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Imagine North New Circle Road Open House

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025 at 9 a.m.

North New Circle Road is being redesigned as part of the Imagine New Circle Road project that aims to improve safety and connectivity for all. The project area encompasses a 1.8-mile-long segment of New Circle Road, from Development Drive to Bryan Station Road and will have an impact on the Castlewood, Bryan Station, Elkhorn Park, Green Acres, Hollow Creek, and Breckenridge neighborhoods in northeast Lexington.

"The North New Circle Road project is an important collaboration between the City of Lexington and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to significantly reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on one of the highest crash corridors in Fayette County," said Chris Evilia, MPO Director & Transportation Planning Manager. "In addition to addressing the safety concerns, this effort aims to redesign the roadway to better serve the needs of local residents and ensure that all persons can utilize and cross New Circle safely and comfortably. Our goal is to produce a roadway design consistent with the vision identified by Lexington residents within the Imagine New Circle Road study completed in 2022 and incorporated within the Imagine Lexington 2045 Plan."

Interested community members can learn more about the project and provide feedback at an upcoming public meeting set for 4:30-7 p.m., Thursday, November 6, at Northern Elementary, 340 Rookwood Parkway. The meeting will be held in an "open house" style, meaning residents can choose to arrive at any time during the meeting and remain for as long as they prefer. At the open house, the project team will share information about the project, answer questions, and accept public comments about the redesign.

In 2023, the Lexington-Fayette Safety Action Plan identified North New Circle Road as a roadway with high rates of severe injury crashes and pedestrian-involved crashes. According to the Safety Action Plan, there were 2,282 significant crashes on this segment of New Circle Road from 2015 to 2021. Even though much of New Circle Road is separated from local traffic and functions as a freeway, the section of New Circle Road within the project area runs alongside neighborhoods and businesses, exposing pedestrians to high-speed traffic.

The proposed design for the corridor includes a variety of safety enhancements that address the roadway's high crash rate. Safety improvements include shared use paths, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and four "Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersections" (RCUTs). While less common than traditional four-way intersections, RCUTs have been proven to prevent crashes. Signalized RCUTs offer an effective and safe way for pedestrians to cross wide arterial roads, like New Circle Road.

The planned safety improvements will be supported by a combination of local, state, and federal funding. The project was awarded a \$22 million federal grant from the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All program – the largest grant in the city's history. With this grant, a significant portion of the \$35 million investment in New Circle Road is covered by federal funds.

To learn more about the project, sign up for updates, and find public meeting details, community members are encouraged to visit the project website at imagineNorthNewCircle.com.



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 Press Release

PRESS RELEASE

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Public Meeting concerning Safety Improvements to KY 4 (New Circle Road)
from Boardwalk to Bryan Station Road
Fayette County, Kentucky, Item # 7-462
Thursday, November 6, 2025
4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Northern Elementary School
340 Rookwood Parkway, Lexington, KY 40505

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has scheduled a public information meeting concerning improvements to KY 4 (New Circle Road) from Boardwalk to Bryan Station Road. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the opportunity to review alternatives currently being considered for Design and to obtain public input.

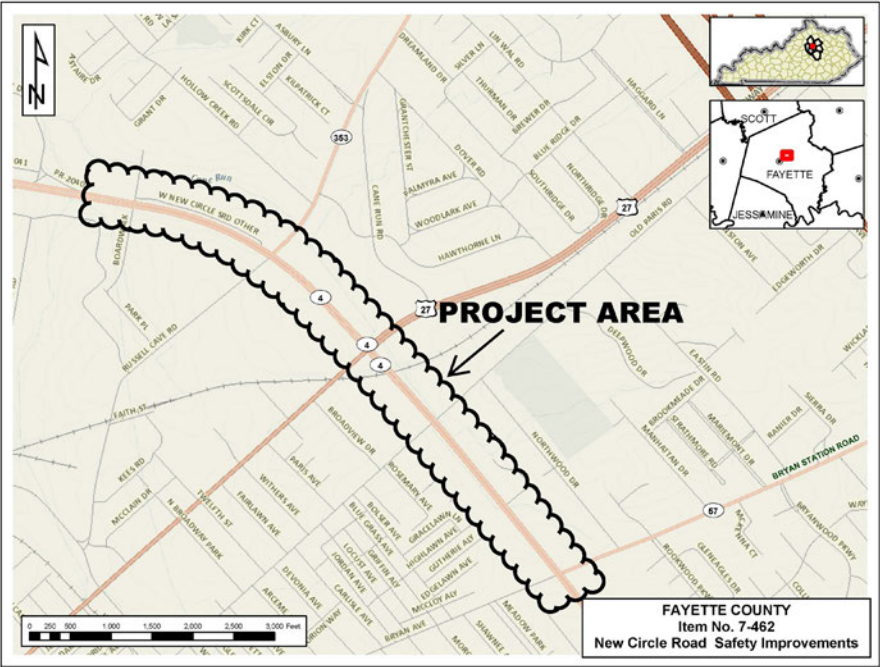
The public meeting will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Transportation Cabinet representatives will be available to receive comments and respond to questions. Handouts containing information about the project, comment sheets and displays will be available at the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in an open format, meaning that the interested parties may attend at any point in the meeting's duration, no formal presentation will be provided. Both written and oral statements will be accepted at the meeting. A recording device will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements and a comment sheet will be distributed to make it more convenient to provide written comments.

Written statements will be accepted at the meeting and for a period of 15 days after the public information meeting. Written statements should be addressed to Rob Sprague, Project Manager. All written and oral comments from this meeting will become a part of the official project record. Once compiled, the meeting record will be made available for review and copying after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Office of Legal Services, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Rob Sprague no later than Friday, October 31, at the below address or call (859) 246-2355.

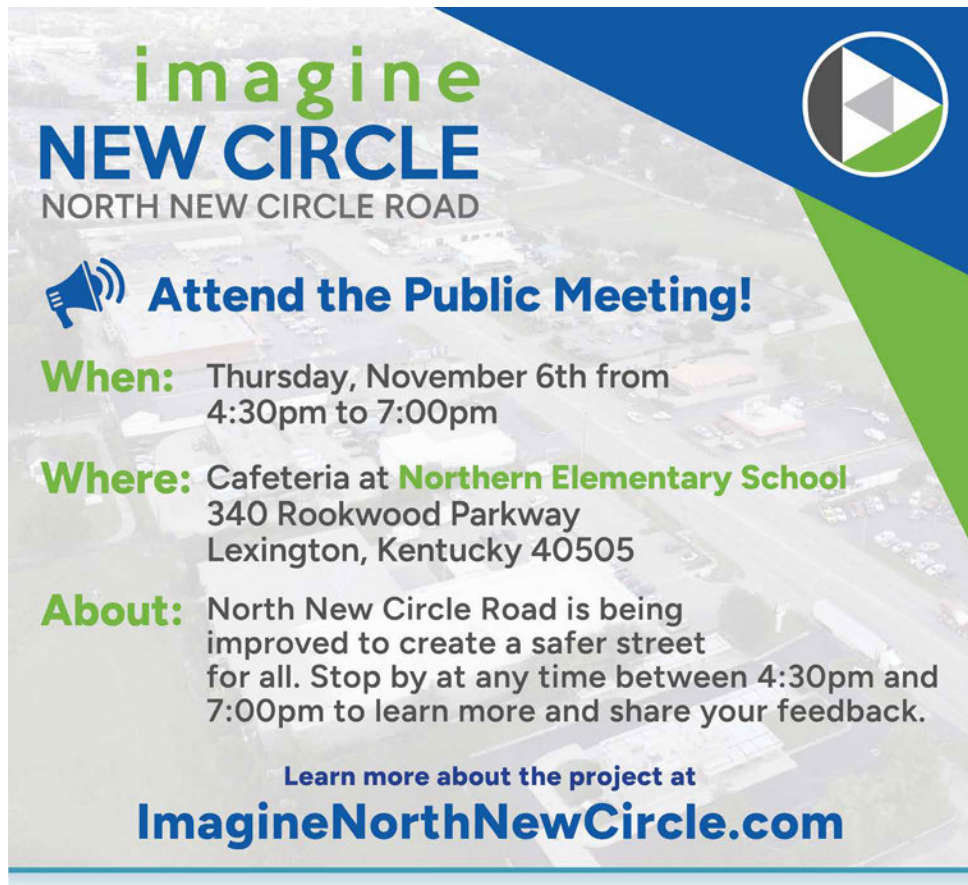
Please address any questions regarding this meeting or project to:

Rob Sprague, P.E.
Kentucky Department of Highways
Highway District 7 Office
800 Newtown Court
Lexington, KY 40511



MEETING PROMOTION

SOCIAL MEDIA



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 **Attend the Public Meeting!**

When: Thursday, November 6th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm

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

About: North New Circle Road is being improved to create a safer street for all. Stop by at any time between 4:30pm and 7:00pm to learn more and share your feedback.

Learn more about the project at
ImagineNorthNewCircle.com

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DOUBLE-SIDED FLYER AND FAQ PAGE

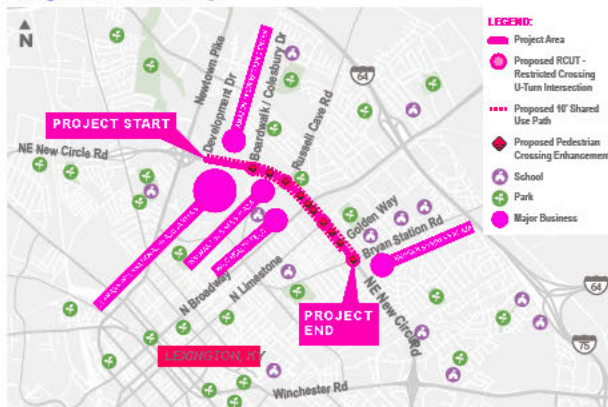
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North New Circle Road is being redesigned to improve safety for all.

**Attend the Public Meeting on
November 6th
and get involved to learn more!**

North New Circle Road is being redesigned as part of the Imagine New Circle Road project that aims to **improve safety and connectivity** on a 1.8 mile segment of New Circle Road from **Development Drive to Bryan Station Road**. Included in the project are new sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and intersection improvements that support a safe and convenient commute for all users on New Circle Road. Visit the website or see the backside of this page to learn more.

Project Area Map



Scan to Learn More!



¡Escanee para obtener más información!

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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.

Why is Northeast New Circle Road being redesigned?

New Circle Road is the **highest severe injury corridor and one of the highest pedestrian crash corridors** in Lexington. According to the 2023 Lexington-Fayette Safety Action Plan, the project area of New Circle Road experienced **2,282 crashes** between 2015 and 2021. While much of New Circle Road operates as a freeway, this section of the corridor runs alongside neighborhoods and businesses, exposing pedestrians and cyclists to high-speed traffic.



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. There are also several businesses of varying sizes located along the corridor.

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?

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¿Necesitas una traducción o quieres saber más sobre el proyecto?

Puede obtener más información sobre el proyecto, suscribirse para recibir actualizaciones y consultar los detalles de las reuniones en el sitio web del proyecto: [ImagineNorthNewCircle.com](https://www.imagenorthnewcircle.com). El sitio web del proyecto está disponible en varios idiomas a través del menú desplegable en la esquina superior derecha. Para visitarlo, introduzca la URL en un navegador o escanee el código QR del reverso del folleto.

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POST CARD MAILER

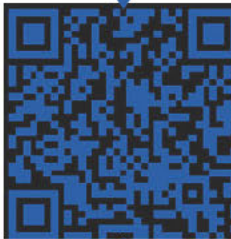
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PART 3

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Format:

The public meeting was open-house style, with a series of stations that provided attendees with information about the project and opportunities to provide input. The interactive meeting boards asked attendees to “vote” between different design options and provide comments on two alternate design concepts: Alternate One and Alternate Two. Upon arrival, attendees were asked to sign-in and to visit the stations at their own pace and whichever order they preferred. Project team members were available throughout the meeting to answer questions about the project and share details about the project.



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Welcome!

Imagine North New Circle Road
Public Meeting

November 6, 2025

We want to hear from you!

Instructions

1. **Please sign in at the welcome table** so we know you were here.
2. **Visit each station at your own pace.** Throughout the room there are maps and boards for you to review, instructions to guide you, and opportunities for you to provide input.
3. **Read the instructions at each station and give us your input and ideas.** Leave as many comments as you like - our team can never have enough input.
4. Visit [imagenorthnewcircle.com](https://www.imagenorthnewcircle.com) or ask a team member to learn more details about the project.

**Thank you for attending and
sharing your input!**

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MEETING INPUT SUMMARY

80 PEOPLE
ATTENDED

From 80 attendees, a total of 53 written comments were shared at the meeting. Top issues and ideas addressed by these comments include:

- 1. Concerns about traffic congestion and access to businesses from cross streets, such as Broadway and Bryan Station Road, were discussed in 11 comments (21%).
- 2. There was a combined total of 11 comments (21%) about bike, pedestrian, and public transit improvements.
- 3. Concerns about the overall project were expressed in 8 comments (15%).

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

“You can’t put 3 additional lanes into 2 without creating more traffic congestion. ”

“Add ramps and overpasses.”

“Remove all turnarounds.”

“I support the 11ft lanes!”

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

PREFERRED ALTERNATE DESIGN CONCEPT FEATURES

	Alternate 1	Alternate 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

MEETING DETAILS

INFORMATIONAL BOARDS

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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.

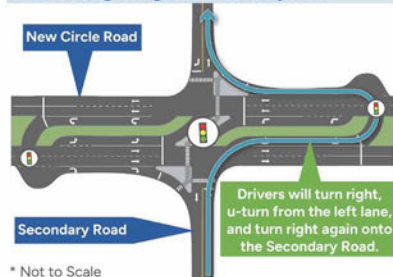
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How do I use a Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection (RCUT)?

1. Turning Right from Secondary Road



2. Continuing Straight on Secondary Road



3. Turning Left from Secondary Road



4. Crossing New Circle Road on Foot



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PUBLIC COMMENTS



Use the stickers provided to indicate which alternative you prefer.

Alternative 1 (Boardwalk to Russell Cave): Smaller Median & Straight Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 1

Alternative 2 (Boardwalk to Russell Cave): Larger Median (25+ feet) & Curving Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 2

VOTES

Alternative 1 (Boardwalk to Russell Cave): Smaller Median & Straight Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 1

2 Votes

Alternative 2 (Boardwalk to Russell Cave): Larger Median (25+ feet) & Curving Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 2

21 Votes

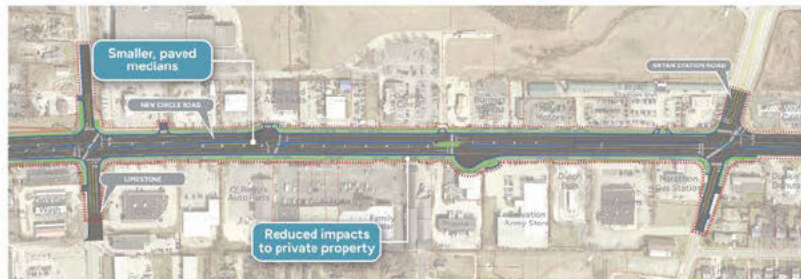
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Use the stickers provided to indicate which alternative you prefer.

Alternative 1 (Limestone to Bryan Station): Smaller Median & Straight Lanes



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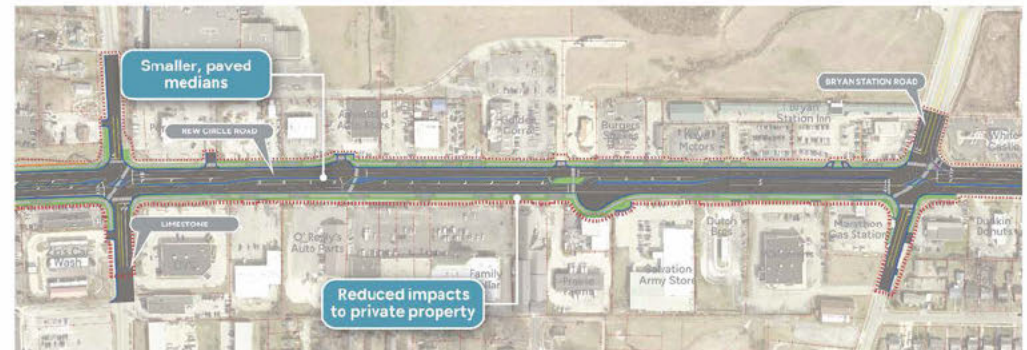
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VOTES

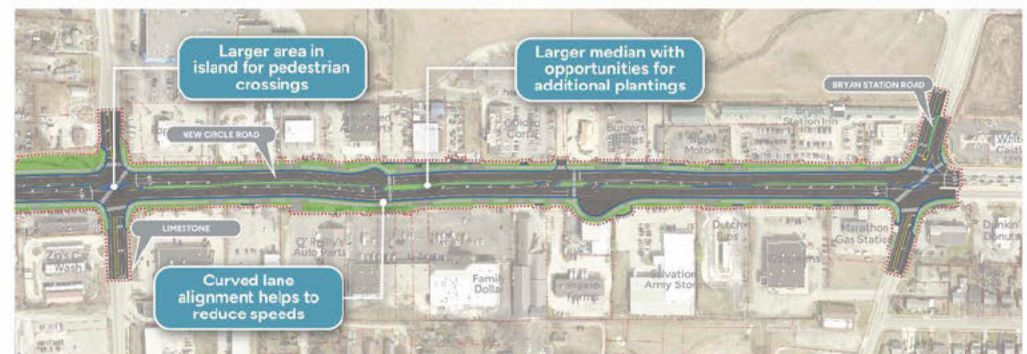
Alternative 1 (Limestone to Bryan Station): Smaller Median & Straight Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 1

3 Votes

Alternative 2 (Limestone to Bryan Station): Larger Median (25+ feet) & Curving Lanes



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 2

19 Votes

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Use the stickers provided to indicate which alternative you prefer.

Alternative 1: Pedestrian Islands are Mountable by Trucks



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Alternative 2: Pedestrian Islands are Not Mountable by Trucks



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 2

VOTES

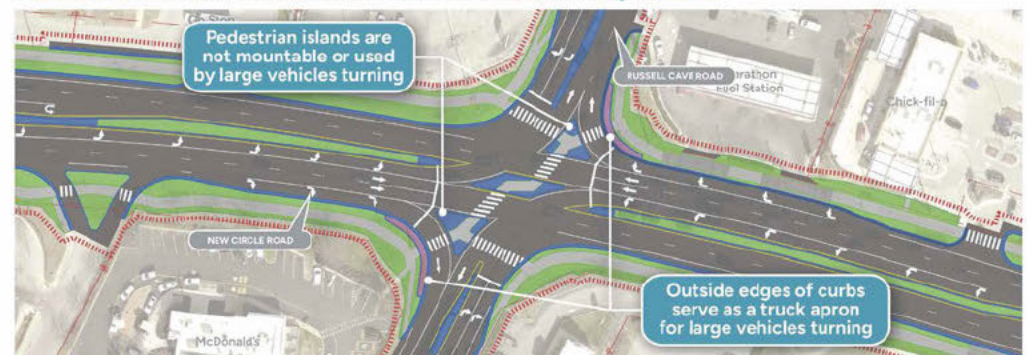
Alternative 1: Pedestrian Islands are Mountable by Trucks



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 1

4 Votes

Alternative 2: Pedestrian Islands are Not Mountable by Trucks



Place Stickers Here for Alternative 2

16 Votes

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ALTERNATE CONCEPT 1, PAGE 1



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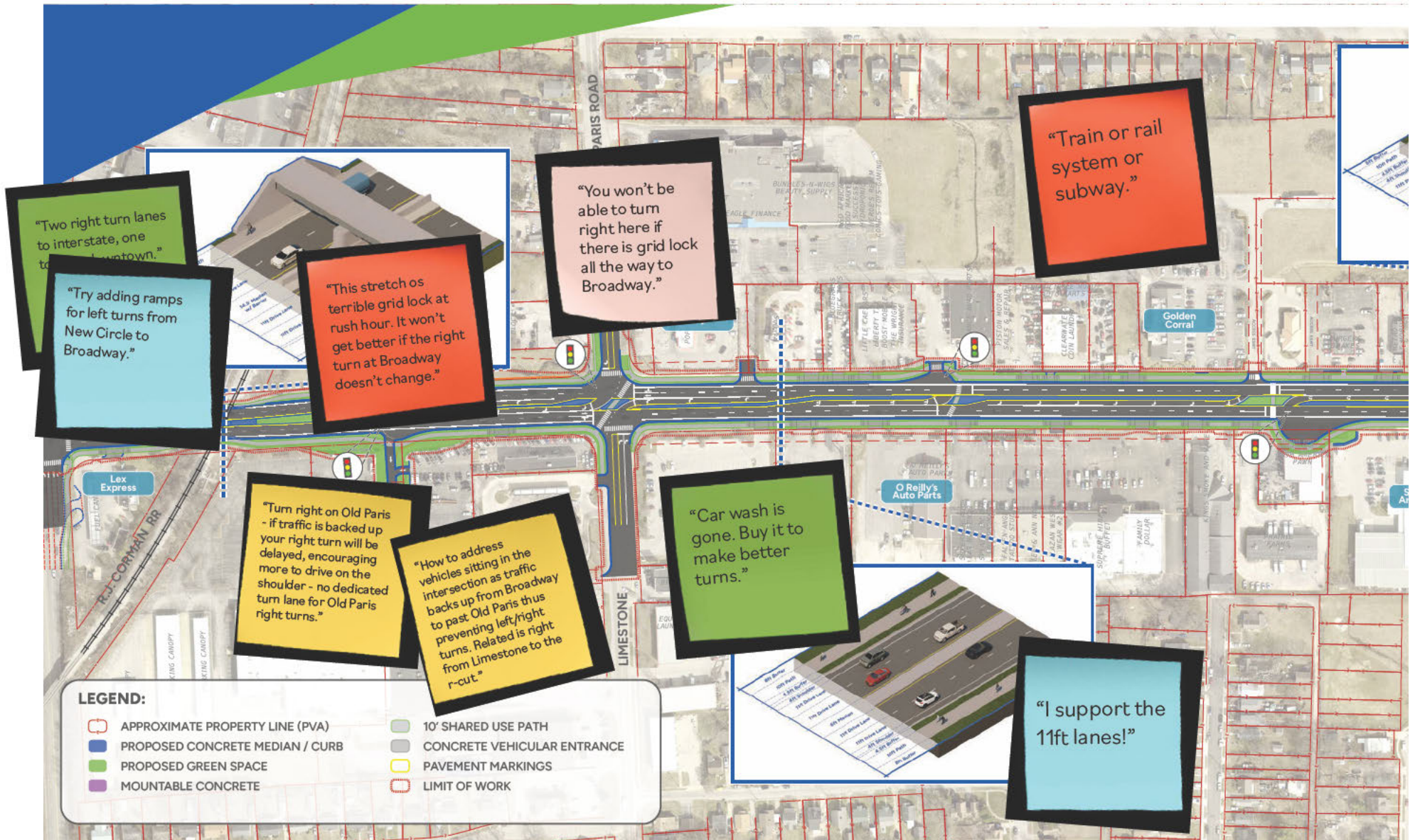
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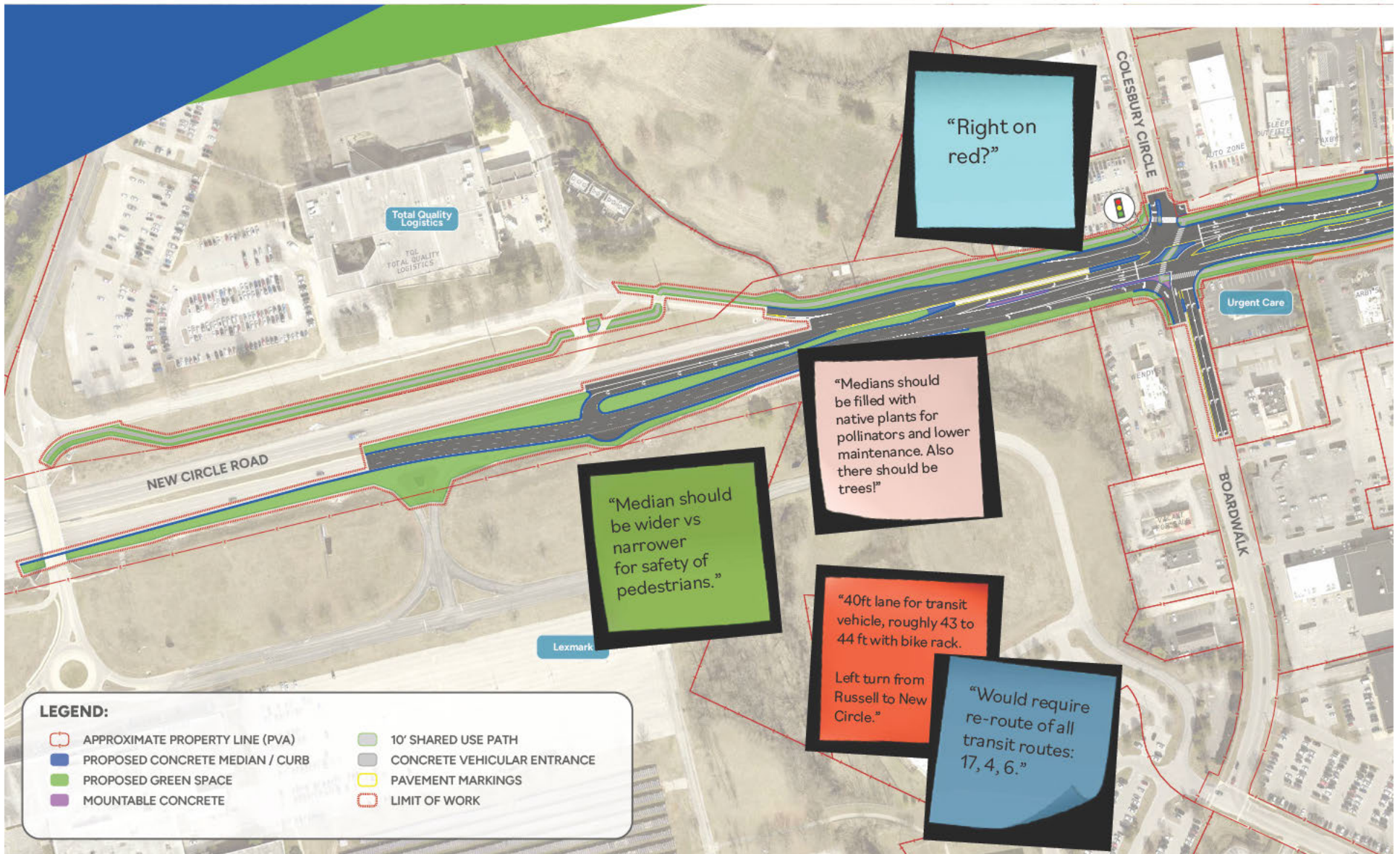
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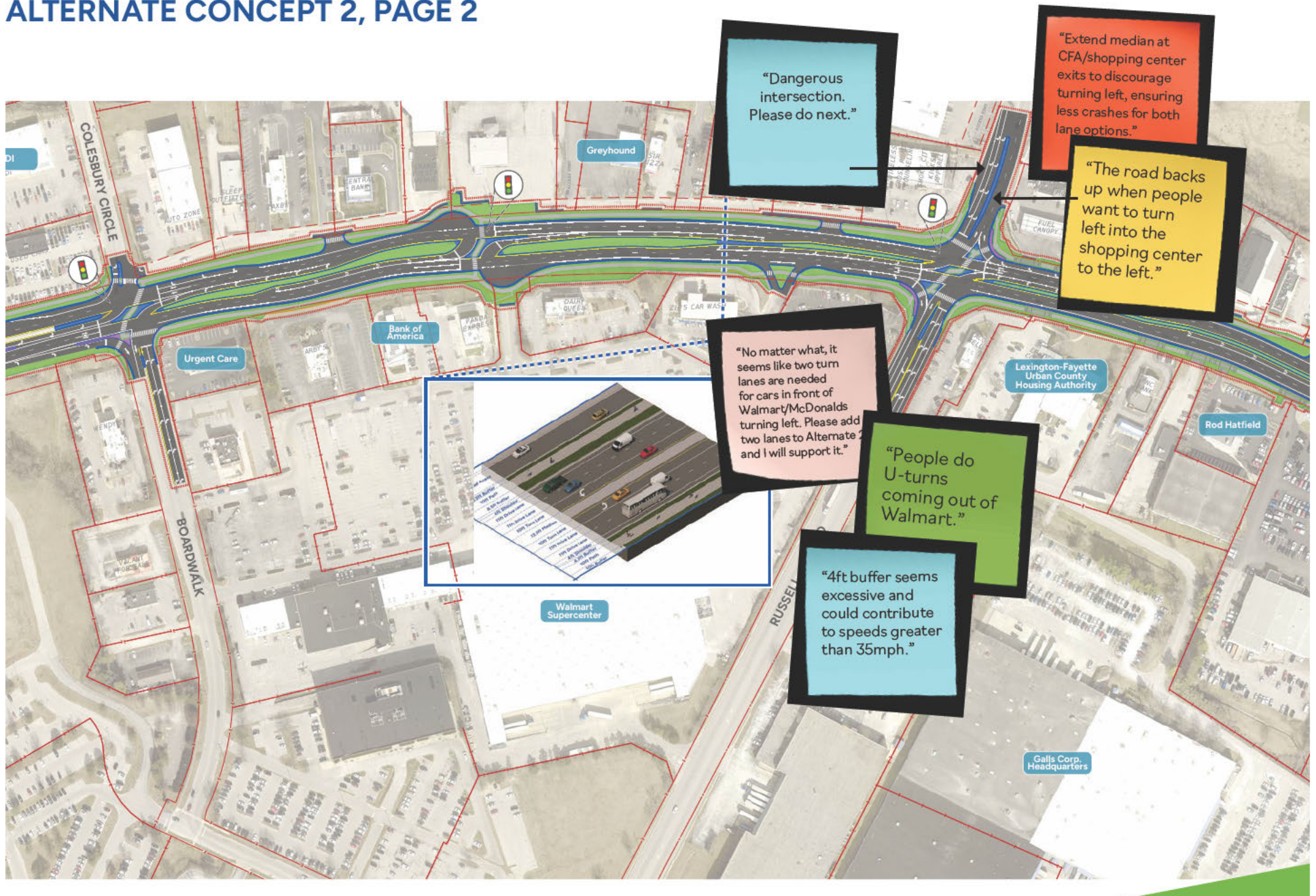


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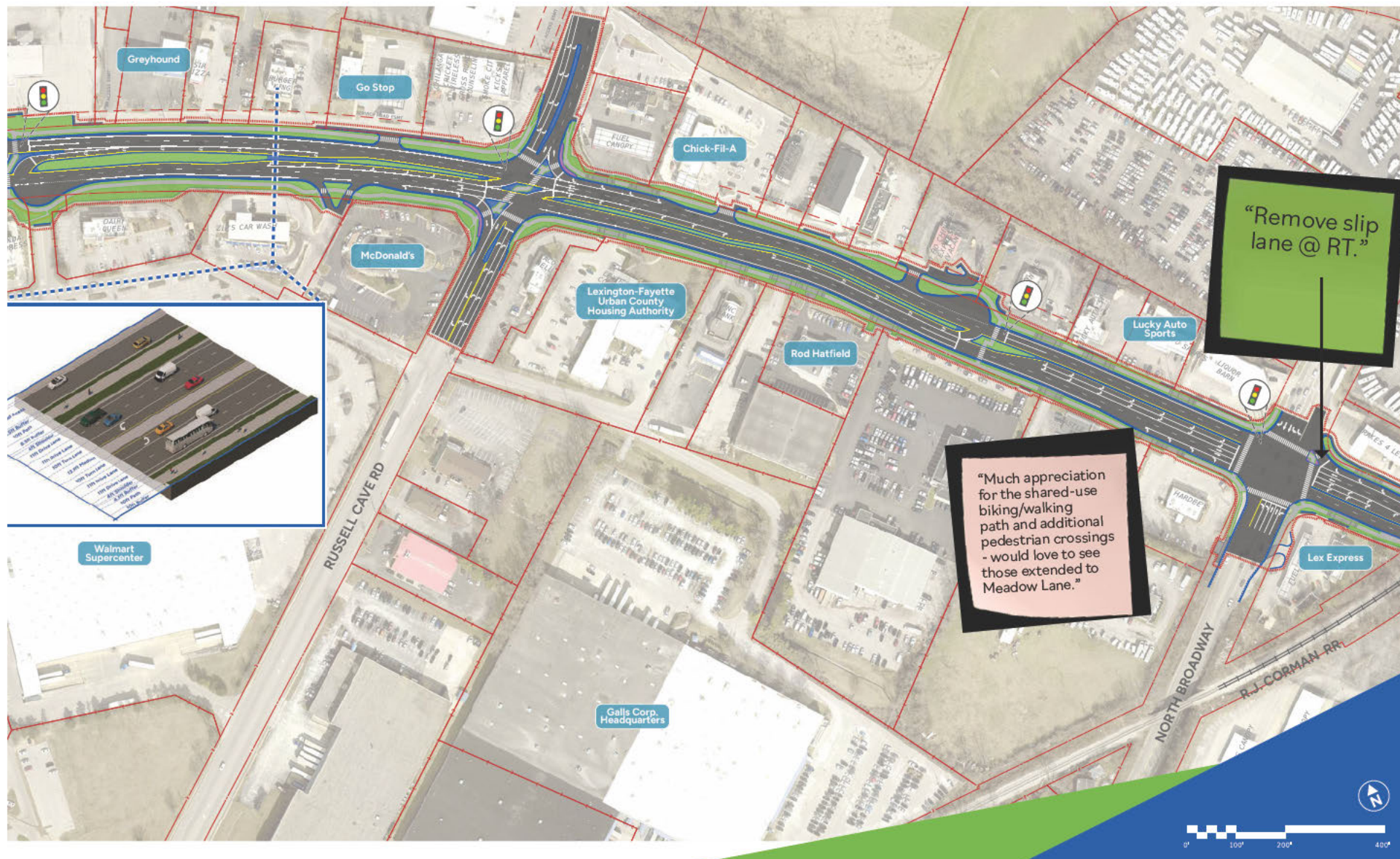
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MEETING DETAILS

LONG-FORM COMMENT CARDS

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

- Please add a RCUT between Bryan Ave and Meadowlark.
 - Please consider wider medians
- Thank you

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

Can someone speak at neighborhood association meetings about Bryan Station
What about water fountains by the same of the bus stops

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

We need native plants/ trees in the medians.
• Low mow/ Low maintenance
• Pollinator friendly
• makes Lex beautiful
Better for a Greener Lexington!

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

I appreciate the enhanced safety features of Alternative 2, BUT I suggest that two turn lanes (not just one) be included for LEFT TURNS from New Circle Rd onto both Russell Cave Road and Bryan Station Road, - just as it is at North Broadway.
Let me know how I can help make this happen!

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

[REDACTED]

I Am so concerned about the amount of TRAFFIC that is going to be pushed down our street. We are already a cut through street & this will cause more!!

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Please Do Not! Get Rid of all of the left turns!

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

From Chick-Kil-A Russell Cave Manager

- Please keep 2 turning lanes - they get backed up
- Please put a round about or u-turn on Russell cave road exiting from Chick-Kil-A (helps drive thru exiting flow)
- Please move the bus stop
- overall - its a good idea. Thank you for listening to our ideas!

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Learn More

North New Circle Road is being improved to create a safer road for all. Attend the public meeting on **November 6th** or scan the QR code to learn more.

RESPECTFULLY, I THINK THIS MAILER COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB OF CONVEYING THE BASIC RELEVANT INFO, MTG LOCATION + TIME WITHOUT THE BURDEN OF HAVING TO GET OUT A PHONE TO SCAN THE QR CODE.

LONG-FORM COMMENT CARDS

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT ACCESS TO THE SHOPPING CENTER LOCATED AT 1500 BLOCK OF RUSSELL CAVE ROAD. THERE IS CURRENTLY ACCESS FOR OUTBOUND TRAFFIC TO TURN LEFT INTO THE SHOPPING CENTER. SHOULD A NEW MEDIAN EXTEND BEYOND THE CURRENT ENTRANCE THEN MORE THAN 90% OF THE SHOPPING CENTER CUSTOMERS WOULD BE UNABLE TO SAFELY ACCESS THE SHOPPING CENTER WITHOUT TRAVELING DOWN RUSSELL CAVE RD. AND MAKING A U-TURN. NEITHER OF THE TWO DESIGNS PROVIDES A PLAN FOR A U-TURN ON RUSSELL CAVE ROAD. (OVER)

LONG-FORM COMMENT CARDS



- 1 New Circle @ Bryan Station Rd: 52 seconds
Ryan Station Rd: 30 seconds
Bleed: 20 seconds
- 2 New Circle @ Old Paris: 56 seconds
Old Paris: 12 seconds
Bleed: 15 seconds
- 3 New Circle @ Broadway: 1:15
Broadway: 24 seconds
Bleed: 8 seconds
- 4 New Circle @ Russell Cave: 56 seconds
Russell Cave: 20 seconds
Bleed: 15 seconds
- 5 New Circle @ Colesbury: 1:04
Colesbury: 19 seconds
Bleed: 20 seconds



Traffic Lights

The City of Lexington could benefit tremendously from several simple, low-cost, or even no-cost changes that can be implemented quickly and efficiently.

As shown in the light timing chart, very few traffic signals in the city are synchronized to operate with consistent green light durations. This lack of coordination, combined with extremely short light cycles, results in constant stop-and-go traffic rather than a smooth, continuous flow through town.

A major justification for the New Circle Road improvement project is the high number of pedestrian and vehicle accidents. This is understandable when considering that pedestrians are sometimes given as little as 12 seconds to cross six lanes of traffic—approximately 97 feet—at locations such as Old Paris Road crossing New Circle.

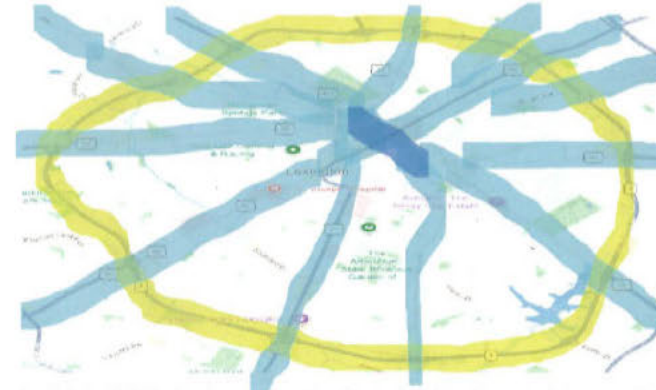
However, this issue extends far beyond a single project area. The entire City of Lexington would benefit from a comprehensive review and reprogramming of traffic lights to promote steady vehicle flow while providing safe and adequate crossing times for pedestrians and cyclists.

For example, the chart below illustrates the seven traffic signals along Main Street in downtown Lexington. With short and inconsistent green light durations, it is no surprise that traffic congestion builds so easily in this corridor.

Another contributing factor to traffic inefficiency and safety concerns is driver behavior. Many Kentucky drivers have a habit of pulling past the designated stop lines in turn lanes.

Additionally, pedestrian "walk" signals are often synchronized with vehicle green lights, resulting in both motorists and pedestrians being given a "go" signal simultaneously. This overlap creates confusion and increases the risk of accidents.

- 1 Main @ Rose: 33 seconds
- 2 Main @ Quality: 52 seconds
- 3 Main @ MLK: 41 seconds
- 4 Main @ Limestone: 43 seconds
- 5 Main @ Upper: 49 seconds
- 6 Main @ Mill: 45 seconds



New Circle Road, highlighted in yellow, serves as a major traffic artery for Lexington. There are two key improvements that could greatly enhance traffic flow and efficiency along this route:

- **Synchronize Traffic Signal Timing**
Coordinating all traffic lights to turn green simultaneously would significantly improve travel times. Under ideal conditions this adjustment alone could allow vehicles to travel from Bryan Station Road to Industrial Parkway in approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Currently, even with light traffic, this same trip can take three to four times longer due to poorly timed signals.
- **Enforce Proper Left-Lane Usage**
On the southern portion of New Circle Road, driving in the left lane without the purpose of passing should be prohibited. Vehicles occupying the left lane unnecessarily cause major disruptions to traffic flow, leading to congestion and driver frustration.

The roads highlighted in light blue represent the primary routes for traffic entering and exiting the City of Lexington. These corridors would experience an immediate improvement in traffic flow if all signals were synchronized to turn green simultaneously and if the green light durations were extended. Such adjustments would reduce unnecessary stops, improve travel efficiency, and create a smoother overall traffic pattern throughout the city.

The roads highlighted in dark blue represent the downtown area. This section should be treated as its own coordinated traffic zone, with signal timing and green light durations aligned with the inbound and outbound routes shown in light blue. Since Main Street is a direct continuation of Richmond Road, its traffic signals should be synchronized accordingly to ensure a seamless flow of vehicles entering and exiting the downtown core.



Striping and Intersection Markings
Another low-cost yet highly impactful improvement that could be implemented quickly is the proper repainting—or in many cases, the initial painting—of intersections throughout the proposed area of repair. Clear and consistent striping not only improves traffic organization but also significantly enhances pedestrian safety. A review of aerial images from the five major intersections within the project area shows that only one intersection has properly marked pedestrian crossings on all four sides. Additional issues include missing pedestrian crossing signs and crossing signals that are either malfunctioning or improperly timed. Addressing these concerns through updated striping, proper signage, and corrected signal timing would greatly improve both safety and traffic efficiency.



Major Concern: Pedestrian Accessibility

Several areas throughout Lexington lack sidewalks entirely, and in some sections, the road shoulder measures less than three feet wide. Within the corridor included in the city's proposed redesign, this presents a significant challenge for pedestrian safety and accessibility. Addressing this issue will require creative design solutions, as constructing standard sidewalks may be prohibitively expensive—particularly near the overhead railroad tracks, where space is severely limited. This area represents the most problematic section for pedestrians within the 1.3-mile project zone. A clear and feasible plan for improving pedestrian access in this segment is essential.

(Aerial photo shown to the right.)



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