



# COUNTRY DRIVE & LITTLE CANADA RD UPDATE

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*CITY COUNCIL UPDATE  
AUGUST 28, 2024*



# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Project Need
- Project Layout
- Project Delivery Timeline
- Project Costs and Funding Update
- Early/Key Property Owner Meetings
- Upcoming Broader Public Engagement
- Questions

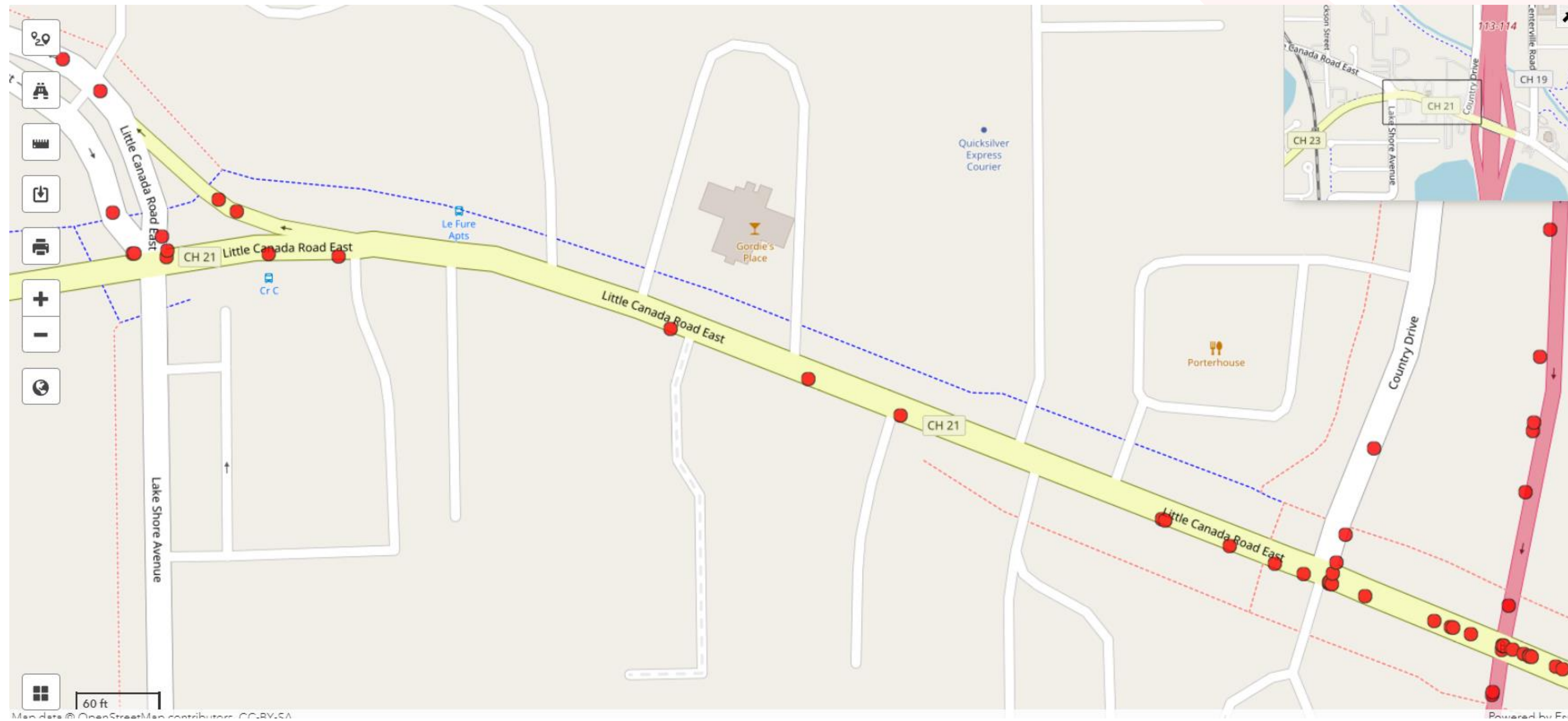
## PROJECT NEED

- Congestion and Delay
  - Country Drive & West Ramp Intersections Operate Poorly, Inefficiently



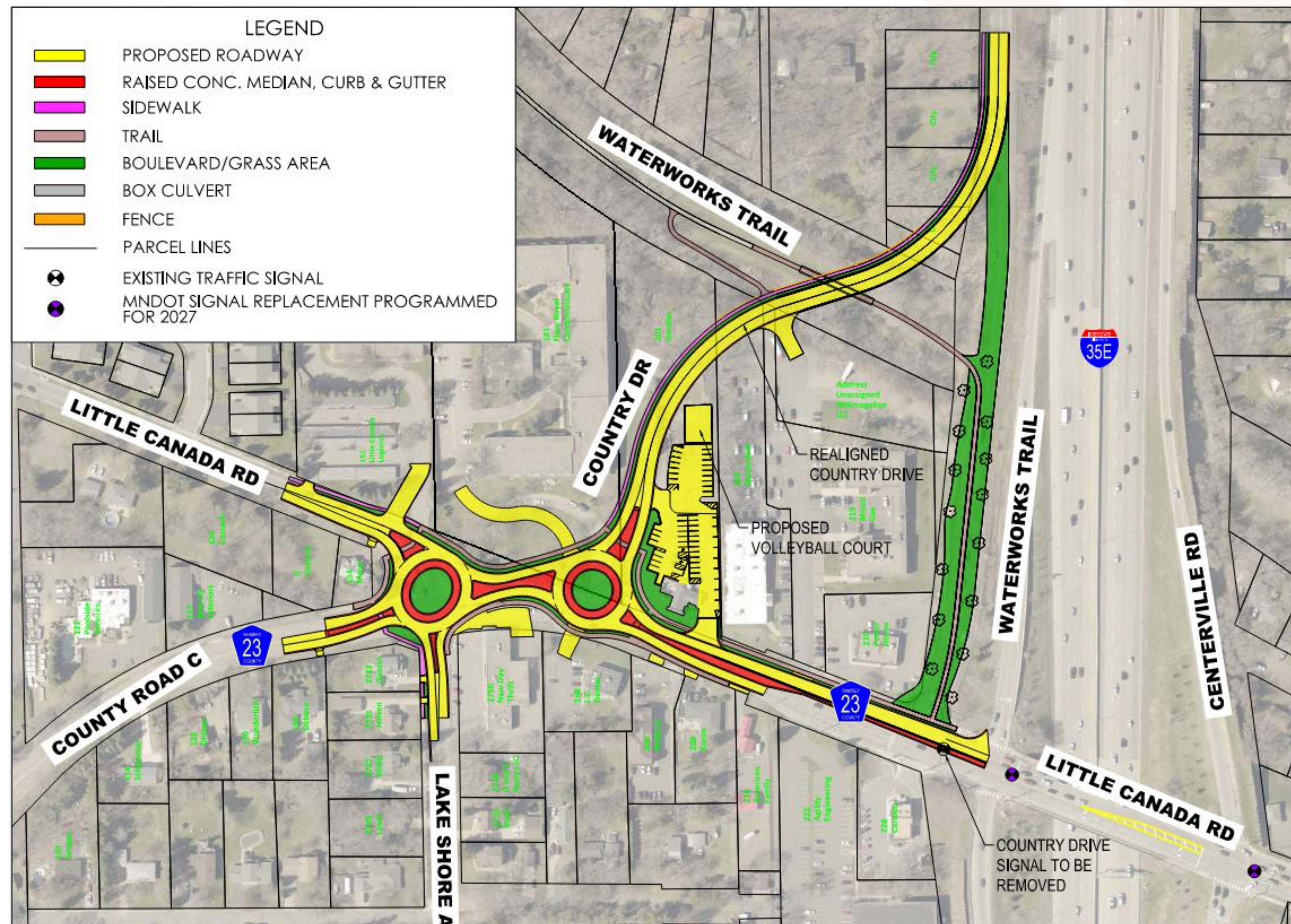
# PROJECT NEED

- Vehicle & Pedestrian Safety
  - Notable Crash History, Two Recent Serious Bike Accidents



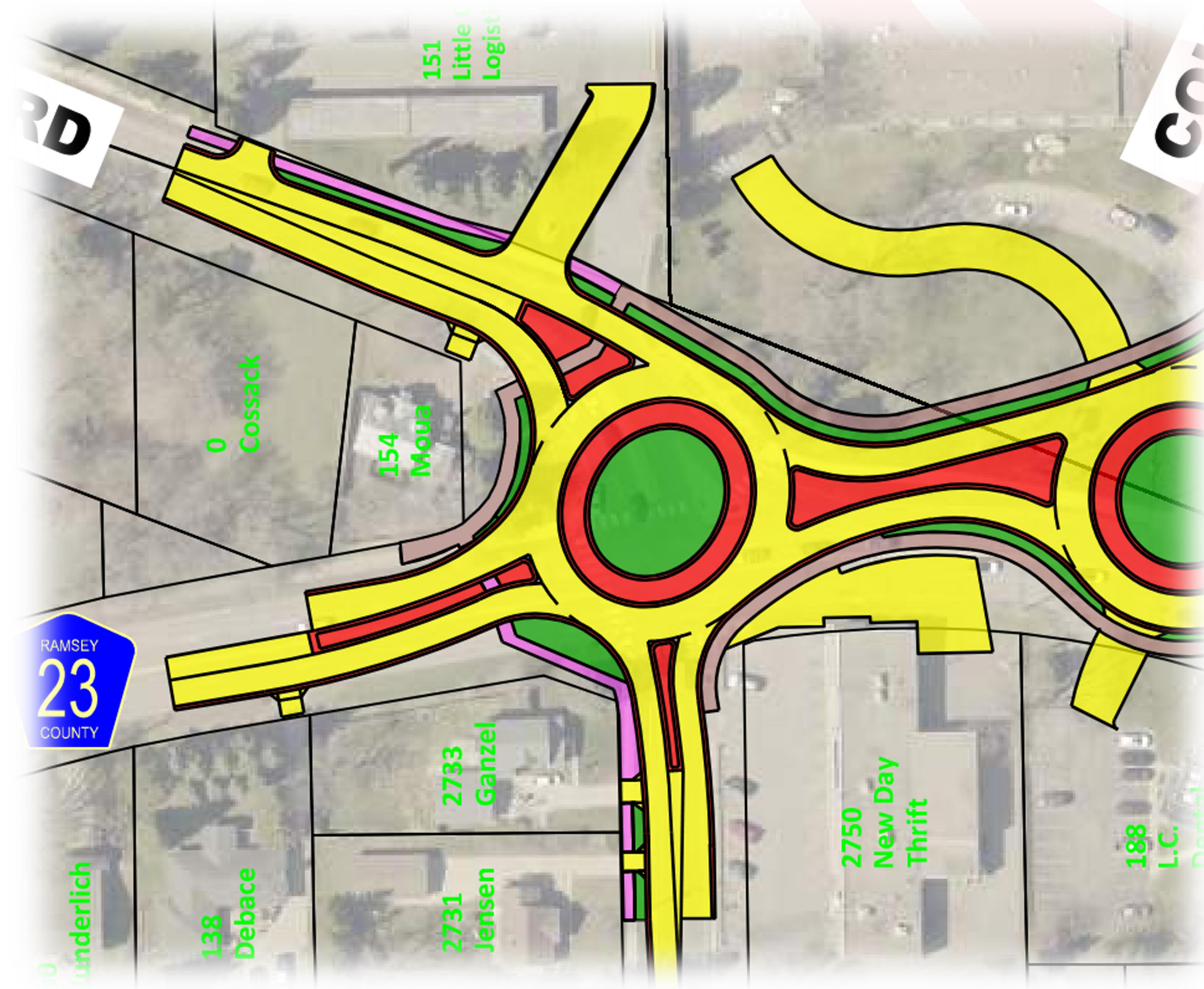
# PROJECT LAYOUT

- Early Phase of Preliminary Design
  - Subject to Change



# PROJECT LAYOUT

- Westerly Roundabout



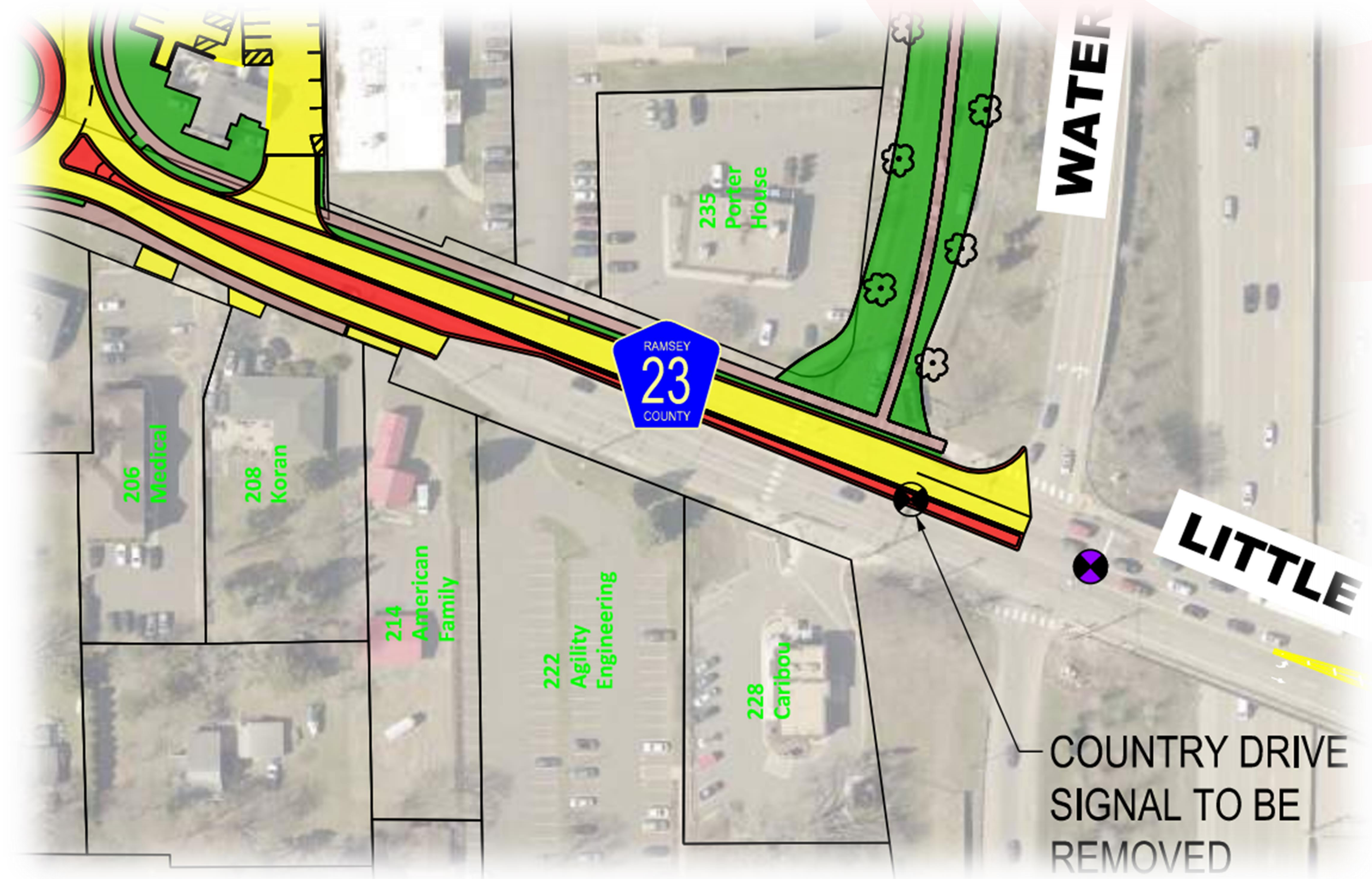
# PROJECT LAYOUT

- Easterly Roundabout



# PROJECT LAYOUT

- Little Canada Road





# PROJECT LAYOUT

- Country Drive



# PROJECT DELIVERY TIMELINE

Project Concepting, Funding	June 2024 – 2025
Early Property Owner Meetings	June - Ongoing
Traffic Modeling, Project Refinement	June - Ongoing
Environmental Review, Permitting <i>Phase 1 ESA, Geotechnical, Noise, T/E Species, Archaeology, Architecture, Wetlands</i>	Fall '24 – Spring '25
<b>Final Project Layout &amp; Scope</b>	<b>Fall 2024</b>
Broader Public Engagement Initiative	Fall 2024
Begin Easement Acquisition Process	Winter 2024
Final Design	2025
<b>Construction</b>	<b>2026</b>

# PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING



Construct Costs	\$7M (Est.)
Non-Construction Costs	\$3.5M (Est.)
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Total Project Costs	\$10.5M (Est.)

# PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

## Construction Costs

\$7M (EST.)

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MnDOT, Highway Safety Improvement Program (Grant)	\$2.0M
Met Council, Regional Solicitation (Grant)	\$3.5M
MnDOT, Local Road Improvement Program (Grant)	\$1.5M

# PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING

Non-Construction Costs

\$3.5M (Est.)

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Federal Congressionally Directed Funding (Grant)

Unsuccessful

City of Little Canada

\$1.75M

Ramsey County

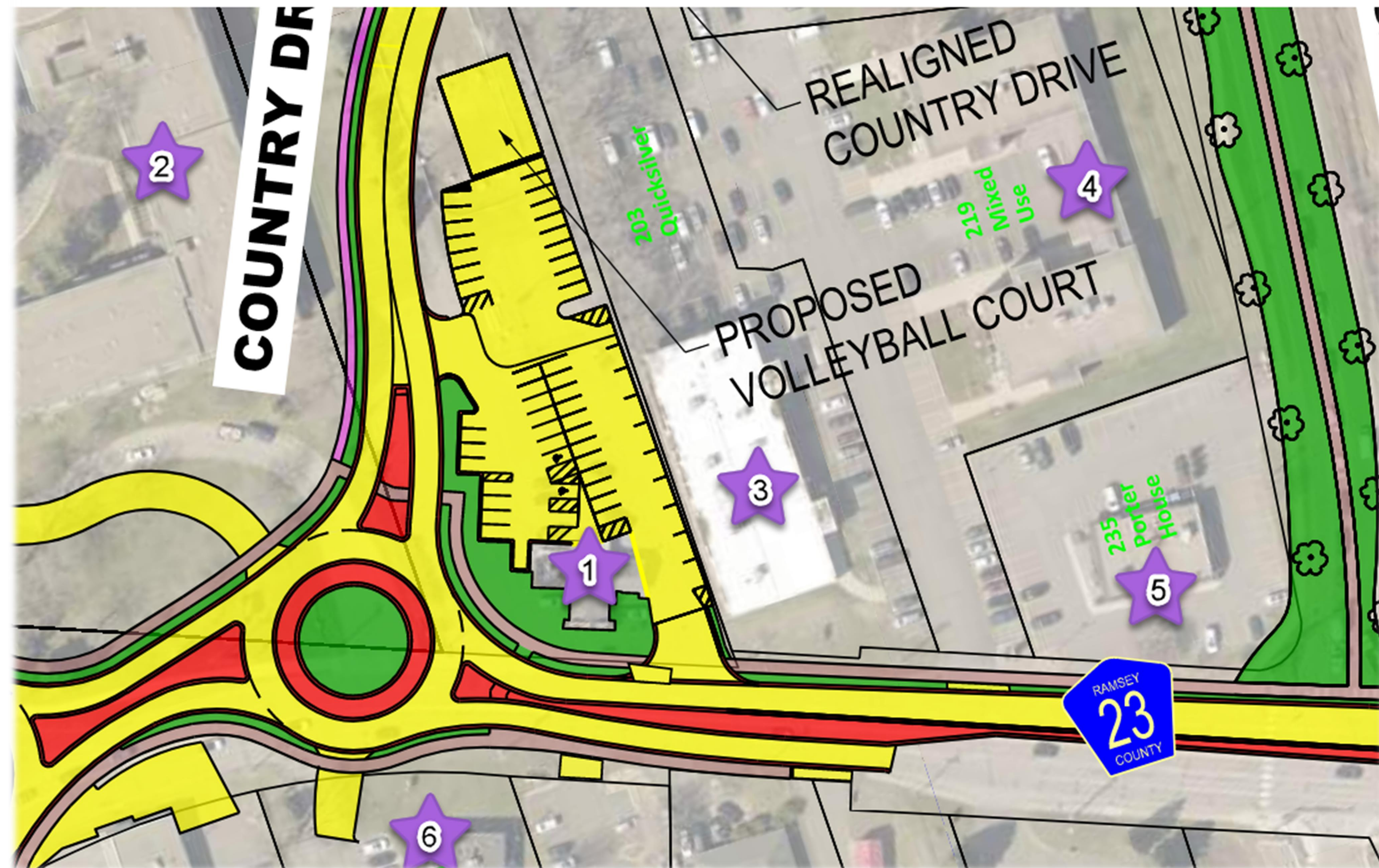
\$1.75M

## Notes:

1. Formal City/County cost split is TBD but will be based on County's policy
2. City will need to absorb its costs by combination of:
  - CIP project shuffling
  - Advancing its MSA funding
  - Incremental revenue increases to Fund 450

# EARLY / KEY PROPERTY OWNER MEETINGS

1. Gordie's Place (201 Little Canada Rd)
2. Fleur Royale (181 Little Canada Rd)
3. Quicksilver (203 Little Canada Rd)
4. London Square Parcel (219 Little Canada Rd)
5. Porterhouse (235 Little Canada Rd)
6. Little Canada Dental (188 Little Canada Rd)
7. St. Paul Regional Water (No Address)



# UPCOMING BROADER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1. Website Refresh Upcoming
2. Project Info Flyer Upcoming
3. Fall Open House
4. Individual Property Owner Meetings

Within 1 Week  
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 October/November  
 Ongoing & As Requested

**Little Canada Road Improvements**

**Overview**  
 The City of Little Canada, in partnership with Ramsey County and MnDOT, is leading an improvement project on Little Canada Road that will enhance traffic flow and vehicle/pedestrian safety. The Little Canada Road corridor has been the subject of complaints for years and has a notable crash and congestion problem. The project is in the preliminary design phase and construction is anticipated to occur in 2026.

**Project Cost**  
 The total grant funding secured to-date is \$7M and covers 67% of the estimated project cost with the remainder being shared between the City and County. Additional grant funding has been sought for the remaining 33% of project costs.

<b>Grant Fund Secured (\$7M)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.5M - MnDOT Local Road Improvement Program</li> <li>\$2.0M - MnDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program</li> <li>\$3.5M - Metropolitan Council Regional Solicitation Program</li> </ul>
<b>Non-Grant Funded (\$3.5M)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Congressionally Directed Funding (Earmark) Request Made (\$3.5M)</li> <li>Remaining Non-Grant Funded Costs to be Shared by City and Ramsey County</li> <li>No Special Assessment proposed by the City</li> <li>City to use existing roadway infrastructure revenue sources to fund its share</li> </ul>

**Schedule**

**April 2024**  
 \$5M in grant funding requests are awarded and the project becomes viable

**May 2024**  
 City staff formalizes a work plan to design and construct the project by end of year 2026 in accordance with the grant requirements

**June - August 2024**  
 City staff begins coordinating with impacted property owners while also advancing the preliminary design

**Fall 2024**

- Complete preliminary design and finalize project layout
- Begin working with impacted property owners to purchase necessary easements
- The intent of the project is to avoid displacing any property owners or businesses
- Impacted property owners are being coordinated with directly
- Begin Environmental Review

**2025**

- Finalize Environmental Review and Permitting
- Finalize design
- Finalize Construction Sequencing and Property Owner Accommodate Plan
- Finish purchasing necessary easement from impacted properties

**2026**

- Construction
- The road will likely be closed to through traffic but local access to businesses will be maintained

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City of Little Canada Little Canada Road Improvements

Project Overview Project History Project Need Proposed Project Design Anticipated Project Timeline Project Cost & Funding Stay Updated!

**Little Canada Road Four Lane Condition**

Four lane road with heavy traffic and several driveways creates unsafe conditions in the AM and PM rush hours

High crash history exists

Delay getting into or out of driveways due to traffic during AM and PM rush hours

**Common Crash Types (2017 - 2021):**

Rear End Crash - x1



# QUESTIONS

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