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**MDOT public open house Feb. 1   
for US-23, M-17 studies in Washtenaw County**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. -** The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites the public to attend an open house to learn more about the US-23 improvement project and M-17 (Washtenaw Avenue) planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study in Washtenaw County.

**Who:**   
Interested residents  
Commuters  
Community stakeholders  
Local businesses

**When:**Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024   
Noon - 2 p.m.   
4 - 8 p.m.

**Where:**Washtenaw Community College   
Room 105, Morris Lawrence Building  
4800 E. Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**Accessibility:**Attendees who require mobility, visual, hearing, written, or other assistance for effective participation should contact Orlando Curry at 517-241-7462 or [CurryO@Michigan.gov](mailto:CurryO@Michigan.gov), preferably at least five business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Forms are located on the [Title VI webpage](https://www.Michigan.gov/MDOT/Programs/Title-VI). Requests made after this timeframe will be evaluated and honored to the extent possible.

**M-17 project information:**Through the M-17 PEL study, MDOT and community partners are developing a vision for Washtenaw Avenue through a collaborative process that seeks to improve mobility and quality of life for those who live, work, study, explore, and travel within the corridor. The study area encompasses M-17 from the US-23 interchange to Summit Street in Ypsilanti. Visit the virtual open house at <https://washtenawpel.com> for more information.

**US-23 project information:**

Through the US-23 improvement study, MDOT will prepare road and bridge design concepts along US-23 from I-94 to M-14. A federally required [environmental assessment (EA)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmZod2EuZG90Lmdvdi9mZWRlcmFsLWFpZGVzc2VudGlhbHMvY2F0bW9kLmNmbT9pZD0zOSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA2MDkuNzgwMjA2MTEifQ.S7gPMEV5Jwd83Z4TA98N7v1An-hJBdXtLOhC2_FX1us%2Fs%2F752124464%2Fbr%2F204631551276-l&data=05%7C01%7CMonsmaM%40michigan.gov%7Ca96d2e800bf345cda01e08db691c27d0%7Cd5fb7087377742ad966a892ef47225d1%7C0%7C0%7C638219341863402976%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l2Ipf%2BA10b0WPKO8BPJV5wBc%2FkayuESTyQqEc0lOLfA%3D&reserved=0) is underway to identify operational, environmental, and social impacts. Visit the [study webpage](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lm1pY2hpZ2FuLmdvdi9tZG90L3Byb2plY3RzLXN0dWRpZXMvc3R1ZGllcy90cmFmZmljLWFuZC1lbnZpcm9ubWVudGFsLWxpbmthZ2VzLXN0dWRpZXMvdXMtMjMtaW1wcm92ZW1lbnQtcHJvamVjdC1zdHVkeS1hbm4tYXJib3IiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwNjA5Ljc4MDIwNjExIn0.8rJyX-NseTozaGQG3xi5V5WQKSKz4zwVpFF35OPf_GI%2Fs%2F752124464%2Fbr%2F204631551276-l&data=05%7C01%7CMonsmaM%40michigan.gov%7Ca96d2e800bf345cda01e08db691c27d0%7Cd5fb7087377742ad966a892ef47225d1%7C0%7C0%7C638219341863402976%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DajdedeXxyJirAvjyEdzvvrn4eBLG3Ip%2BoNUA7LMzN4%3D&reserved=0) for more information.

**Public input:**

In addition to the open house, comments and input can also be submitted online through the [M-17 comment form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HIl0Wq6iC6vcSdMskbJPHJXZ1xUOUI5UFRKOVFIODROWkNKODhOVE1ONFJLNCQlQCNjPTEu&wdLOR=cB4AAEDE7-3936-4EB1-B839-C46F8E4F2C4F), the [US-23 mapping tool](https://mksk.mysocialpinpoint.com/us-23-improvement-project-study#/), or by using the contact information below.

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