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**MDOT public open house Oct. 21
for US-23 study in Washtenaw County**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. -** The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invites the public to attend an open house to learn about updates on the US-23 improvement study in Washtenaw County, including information about the new alternative called [Safely Connecting Communities](https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/projects-studies/studies/traffic-and-environmental-linkages-studies/us-23-improvement-project-study-ann-arbor).

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

**When:**Monday, Oct. 21, 2024
Noon - 2 p.m.
4 - 7 p.m.

Short presentations given at 12:30, 1:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

**Where:**Washtenaw Community College
Rooms 101 and 130, 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, 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.

**US-23 project information:**

MDOT evaluated environmental, traffic and community impacts while working closely with the City of Ann Arbor, The Ride, community stakeholders and the public. After extensive engagement activities, MDOT is proceeding forward with a new alternative titled Safely Connecting Communities. This new alternative is intended to enhance the overall transportation experience for the Washtenaw County community. The study limits encompass US-23 from south of US-23 and I-94 to just north of Earhart Road. 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.

**Public Comment:**

The public is encouraged to provide comments on the proposed project and the Safely Connecting Communities alternative by Nov. 5, 2024. Comments can be submitted by using the [online comment form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HIl0Wq6iC6vcSdMskbJPHJXZ1xUMEEyQlVHTDU4Nk9VRTc3SVdGRTU5STdBNiQlQCNjPTEu), at the open house or by using the contact information below.

MDOT is also seeking public input on anticipated impacts on pedestrian and waterway traffic under the US-23 bridges at the Huron River and Gallup Park Pathway during active construction. Provide input regarding recreational impacts either in person or via email, U.S. mail or through the [online comment form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HIl0Wq6iC6vcSdMskbJPHJXZ1xUQzFQWTJSODYzTllPN00zNDIzMDJQVk5HTSQlQCNjPTEu) by Nov. 5, 2024.

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