

Access Management:

Successful Public Involvement

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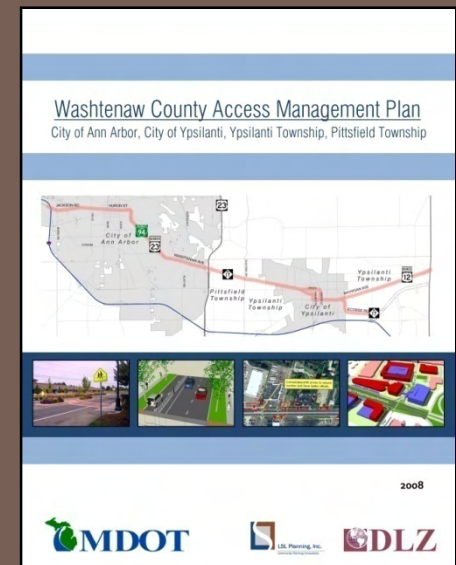
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LSL Access Management Experience

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- AM in Comprehensive and Corridor Plans
- 50+ access management ordinances
- 25 years of administration & implementation of AM regulations
- Member of MI-DOT Task Force
- 20 AM projects for MI-DOT
- Several projects in Indiana & other states
- Awards for public involvement

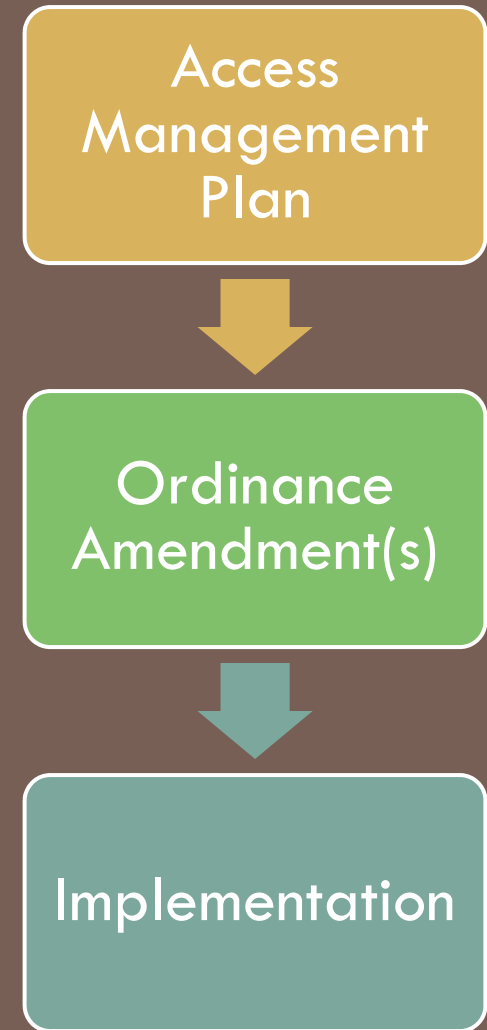




Why Public Involvement is Important

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- Midwest: Strong home rule
- Implementation shared by road agency and locals
- Strong local commitment is critical
- Education and listening encourages cooperation





Public Involvement: Selecting the Right Approach

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- Varies by type of corridor
 - ▣ Retrofit
 - ▣ Developing area
 - ▣ New facility or planned improvements
 - ▣ Community-wide approach
- Extent of local professional staff
- Presence of organized groups
- Corridor demographics
- Early identification of challenges, stakeholders & expectations

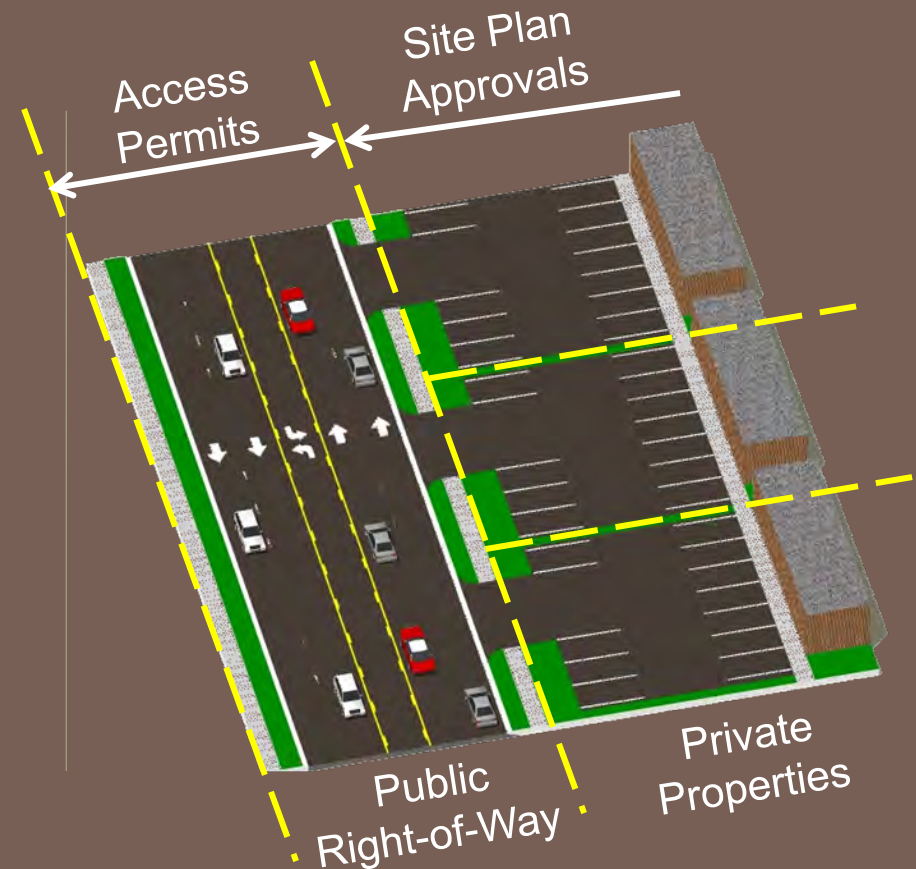




Who to Involve

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- Road Agency/Permit Staff
- Local Officials & Staff
- MPO
- Land Owners
- Business Operators
- Residents
- Organizations
- Emergency Service Providers





Techniques to Get Them Involved

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- **Steering Committee**
(agency & local staff/officials)
 - ▣ Corridor Tour
 - ▣ Trial Development Reviews
- **Advisory Committee**
(stakeholders)
- **Training Workshops for Officials**
- **Presentations to Stakeholder Groups**
- **Public Workshops**



Implementing the Plan: Your Role

- During **road reconstruction projects** (some/all cost may be covered by MDOT)
- Potential funding assistance from DDAs, others
- **Site plan review** (communities) and MDOT **access permit review:**
 - ▣ **New development** – Apply standards
 - ▣ **Redevelopment, expansion, or change in use** – Apply plan recommendations as practical with goal of improving conformity with MDOT standards
- Make design professionals aware of access management and the plan!



Techniques to Share Information

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- Media Relations
- Organization meetings & newsletters or web alerts
- Corridor signs for meetings
- Project brochure, newsletter
- Mailings to property owners
- Project webpage
- Public Workshop in a Box

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City of Ann Arbor
Department of Public Works
Engineering Division

Recently, an Advisory Committee Meeting was held for the Ann Arbor Transportation Master Plan Update.

This Advisory Committee Meeting reviewed the status of the project, accepted goals, discussed various transportation alternatives, and talked about how these alternatives may be implemented.

Some of the alternatives that are being studied are streetcars, bus rapid transit, changes to existing bus service, impacts that land use have on transportation, using technology to improve existing roadways, and intersection improvements.

[Plymouth/Green Road Commuter Lot](#)

To see what was presented at the last Advisory Committee Meeting and the minutes from that meeting, [please click on this link](#).

[Please see a copy of the schedule to determine where the project is currently.](#)

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Public Workshops

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- When? – present concepts and “final”
- Time: Late afternoon is best
- Where: Convenient, multiple locations
- Format:
 - ▣ Short Presentation
 - ▣ Exhibits with one-on-one discussions
 - ▣ Charrette-style interaction
 - ▣ Record comments/surveys
- Follow Up:
 - ▣ Post changes
 - ▣ On-site follow up meetings

Comparing Reality and Recommendations to Standards

Although 'retrofit' Access Management corridors recommend driveway closures and consolidations...

Example: Gratiot (M-46) (Miller to Bacon)	
Current driveways:	36 (with side streets)
Recommended close/consolidate:	15 (40% eliminated)
Remaining driveways/access:	21 (total implementation)

If MDOT access guidelines were strictly applied...

Maximum allowed driveways (45 m.p.h.):	7-9* (69% eliminated)
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*Range based on location relative to existing side streets





Most Frequent Comments

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- When is this happening?
- Who is responsible for AM decisions?
- Won't access management increase speeds, detract from "context"?
- Will AM delay other improvements?
- If you close one of my driveways, I'll lose business!
- Where has this been done successfully before?



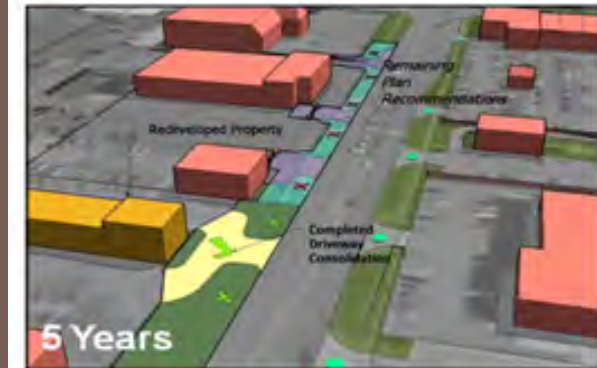


Implementation Tips

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- Explain implementation process
- Know steps for plan & ordinance adoption
- Summary brochure
- Access management noted on local application forms
- Officials & staff training
- Seed money for “volunteers”
- Permanent corridor committees

Incremental Implementation Process

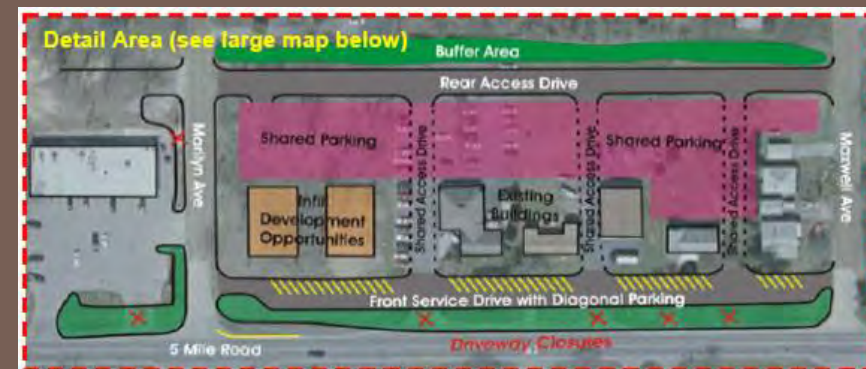
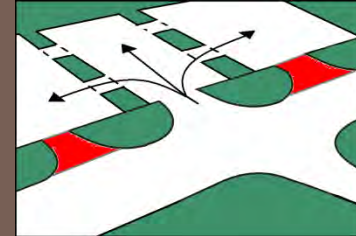




Lessons Learned

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- ❑ Need formal local commitment (M.O.U's, adoption of Plan/Ordinance)
- ❑ Don't depend on one person
- ❑ Closures are not easy
- ❑ "Sell" the benefits
- ❑ Quality visuals are important
- ❑ Enjoy the process & be enthusiastic!





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