



Ford Road Blvd FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q1: Where is this project located?

A. The M-153 (Ford Road) Project is located west of Sheldon Road to west of Lotz Road in Canton Twp, Wayne County.

Q2: What is being done to this segment of M-153 (Ford Road)?

A. Once completed, the new design changes to M-153 (Ford Road) will improve safety and traffic flow. Improvements include:

- Eastbound and westbound M-153 (Ford Road) traffic will be separated by a boulevard with at least two through-lanes in each direction
- The continuous center turn lane will be eliminated
- Several dedicated passenger vehicle/truck turnarounds will be added
- Left turns at intersections will be eliminated and traffic light controls will be added
- Continuous Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-certified sidewalks will be built on both sides of the road.

Q3: What are the benefits of this construction project?

A. This project will benefit the community through:

- Improved safety and traffic flow along M-153 (Ford Road)
- Safer access to businesses
- Improved safety and traffic flow at intersections
- Sidewalks designed for personal mobility, safety and overall pedestrian safety.

Q4: How is this project being funded?

A. Funding is being provided by the Federal Highway Administration, Michigan Department of Transportation and Wayne County. In addition, Canton Township residents approved a road millage in 2018 to partially fund construction and maintenance on M-153 (Ford Road).

Q5: Why put a boulevard on M-153 (Ford Road)?

A. MDOT, Wayne County and Canton Township did not make this decision alone. During an extensive environmental study in 2012 and 2013, representatives from the three organizations met with the business community and held four public information meetings with the community to gather input about the best ways to make M-153 (Ford Road) safer for motorists and pedestrians. There was a great deal of discussion and analysis of five different alternatives. The boulevard received the most favorable responses and was selected as the best alternative to improve safety.

Q6: Will the new roadway be asphalt or concrete?

A. Due to pavement cost exceeding \$1.5 million, this project will receive a Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA). The LCCA is mandated per state law. The LCCA is an evaluation of costs incurred over the life of a project allowing a comparative analysis between various pavement alternatives. LCCA considers total cost, including maintenance and operation expenditures. The LCCA will be used to determine the proposed pavement type (concrete or asphalt) and pavement thickness.

Q7: What does the crash data show about traffic and safety on this segment of Ford Road?

A. Crash data was analyzed for a three-year period from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2019, to identify high crash locations and crash patterns that are correctable. The analysis examined 10 signalized intersections, four unsignalized intersections, 13 roadway segments, and six ramps at the I-275/M-153 interchange. Approximately 1,000 crashes occurred in the study area and showed a history of higher-than-average crash rates and significant travel delays.

Improvements on Ford Road are being designed to address these issues.

Q8: Is there cross access between businesses?

A. Yes, access will be maintained to all businesses through the parking lots and along M-153 (Ford Road).

Anticipated Construction
• Start Date: 2028
• End Date: 2029

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