

WELCOME!

OPEN HOUSE

BUSINESS ROUTE 51

*Water & Main Street
From Eldorado Street to Pershing Road*

Decatur, Illinois

(OPEN FORUM MEETING FROM 4:00-7:00PM: NO FORMAL PRESENTATION)

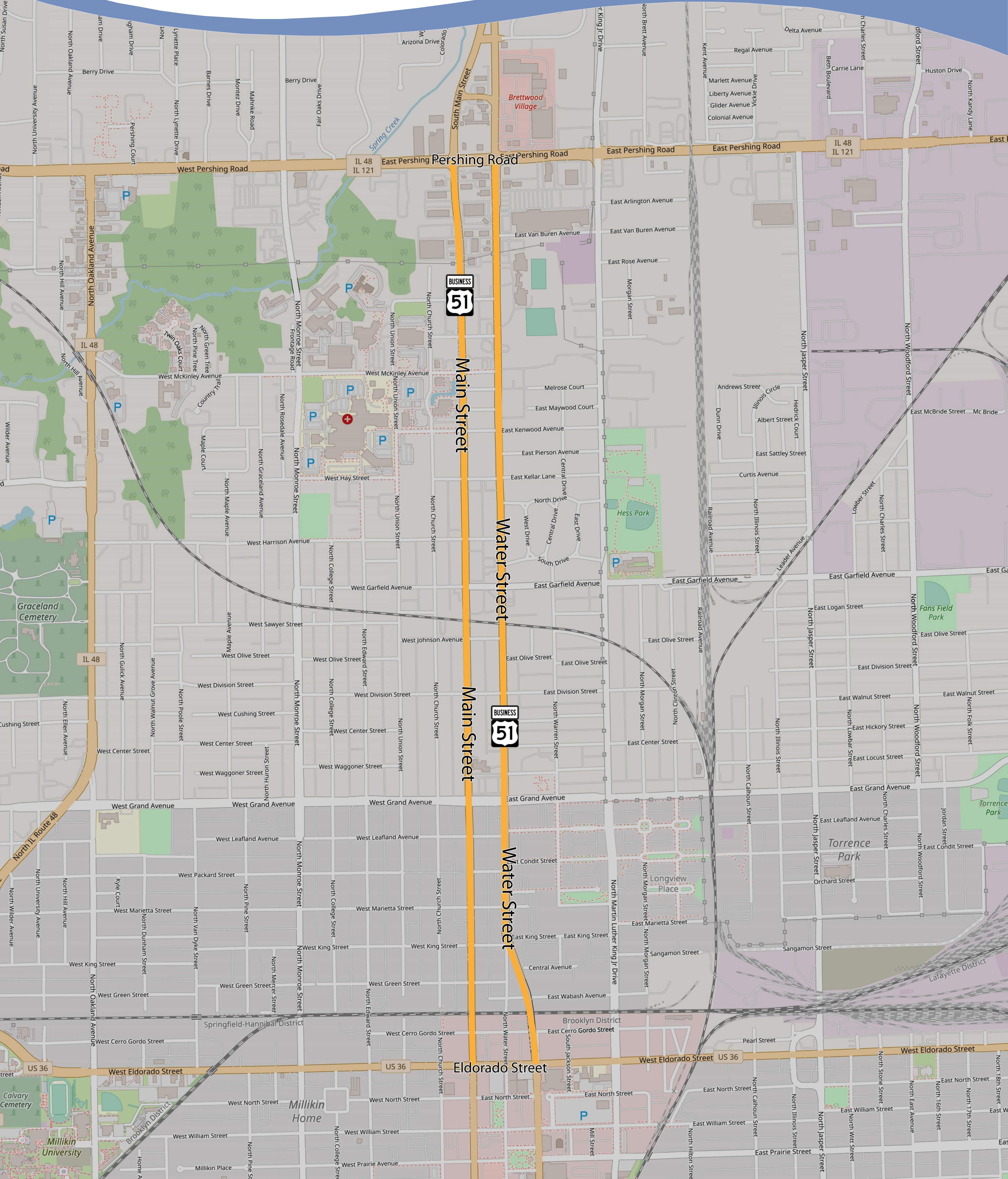
You may come and go at any time during the scheduled meeting hours, examine the exhibits, take part in the workshop, and speak with the Study Team.



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STUDY AREA

Business ROUTE 51



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Illinois Department
of Transportation

PURPOSE OF MEETING



- Show why Water Street and Main Street (Business Route 51) from Eldorado St. (US 36) to Pershing Rd. (IL 48/121) needs to be improved.
- Provide information about:
 - Existing conditions of Water & Main Streets
 - Roadway, intersection, & sidewalk ramp improvements
 - Addition of a multi-use path
 - Collaboration with the City of Decatur
- Receive input from the public.
- Inform the public of the project schedule.



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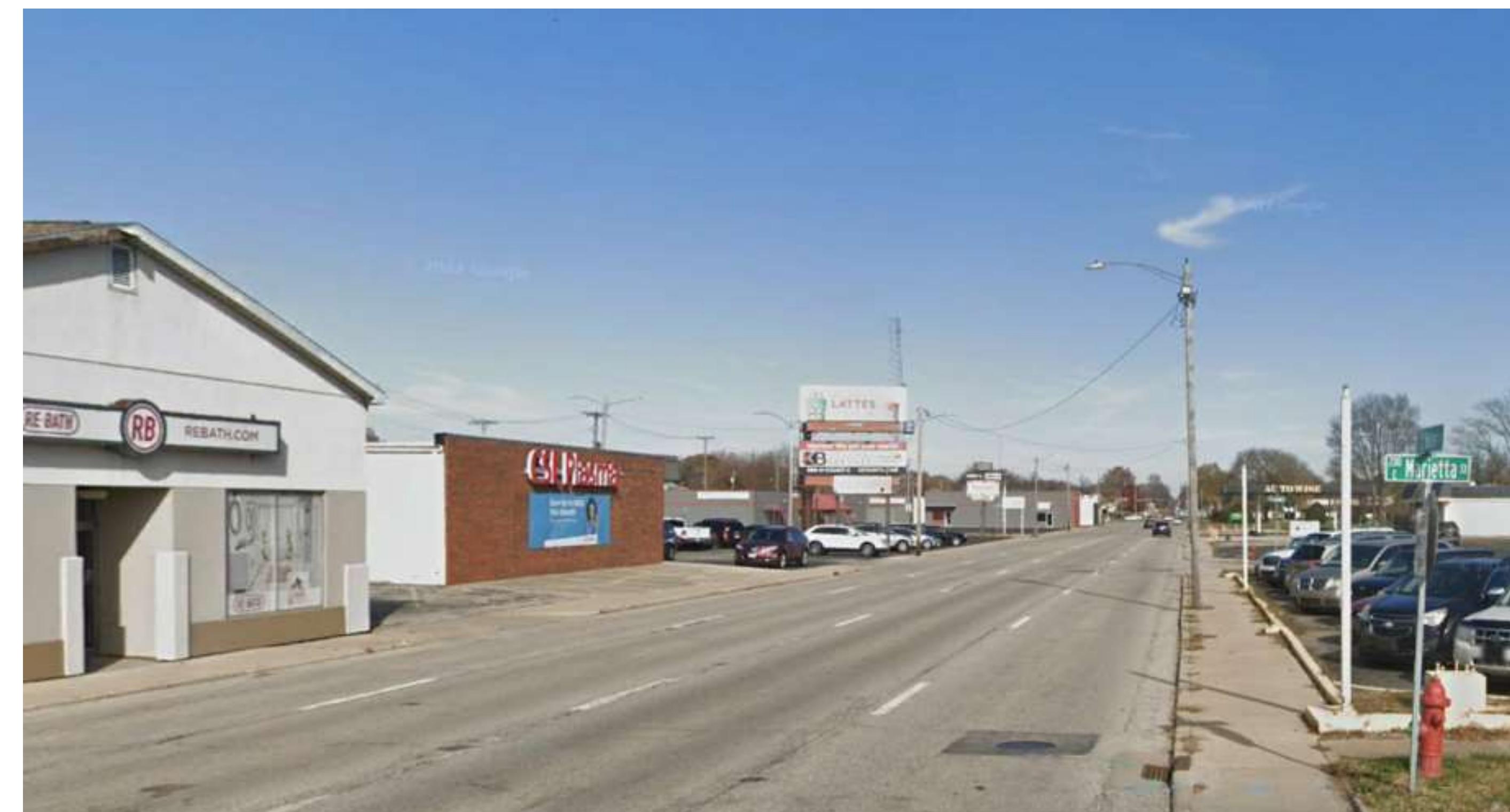


WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE IDOT STUDY



This study will take a detailed look at options for:

- Reconstruction of the roadway and drainage system
- Reconstruction of the sidewalk ramps and curb ramps
- Addition of a secured multi-use path along the east side of Water Street by eliminating the fourth lane
- Traffic signal & intersection modifications
- Roadway lighting updates



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PURPOSE & NEED FOR THE PROJECT



The purpose and need for improvements along Water & Main Streets within the project limits are due to:

- Condition of the roadway, sidewalks, and drainage system
- Lack of pedestrian & biking mobility
- Enhance safety throughout the study area



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IDOT & CITY OF DECATUR WORKING TOGETHER

- The limits of the IDOT Business Route 51 Study and the City's Bike/Walkway Study overlap.
- The goals of both studies complement each other:
 - Enhancing the safety of the route and providing better connection to key destination along the project corridor.
 - Repurposing of right-of-way along Business Route 51 to include a multi-use path.
- The focus of IDOT's study, as the state agency, is how best to improve the state route, which is Business Route 51, locally known as Main and Water Streets, and the associated intersection and sidewalk ramps in addition to adding a secured multi-use path along the project route.
- The focus of City's study, as the local agency, is how to use vacated properties along the route and provide a direct and positive impact on the adjoining neighborhoods by improving walkability by repairing the sidewalks and beautifying with trees and vegetation.



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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & FUNDING



IDOT has a three-phase project development process, as shown on the timeline graphic below. The Business Route 51 Study includes funds to conduct Phase I, which provides the support for determining a preferred option. During this phase the proposed geometry, environmental concerns, and proposed right-of-way are identified.

**WE ARE
HERE**

PHASE I

Preliminary Design and Environmental Study

Estimated Time: 24 months

Approximate end date Spring 2024

PHASE II

Final Design, Construction Bid and ROW Acquisition Documents

Estimated Time: 18 months

Approximate dates: Spring 2023-Fall 2024

PHASE III

Construction of the Project

Estimated Time: TBD

Approximate start date – Spring 2025

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

**All three phases are currently included in IDOT's FY 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Improvement Program*



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What is considered during a Phase I Study in the Development of Alternatives?

Engineering Feasibility

- Traffic Flow
- Geometrics
- Safety
- Access
- Mobility

**PUBLIC
INPUT**

Community Characteristics

- Displacements
- Business Impacts
- Schools
- Multi-Use Paths
- Parks

Environmental Impacts

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Special Waste

Economic Development

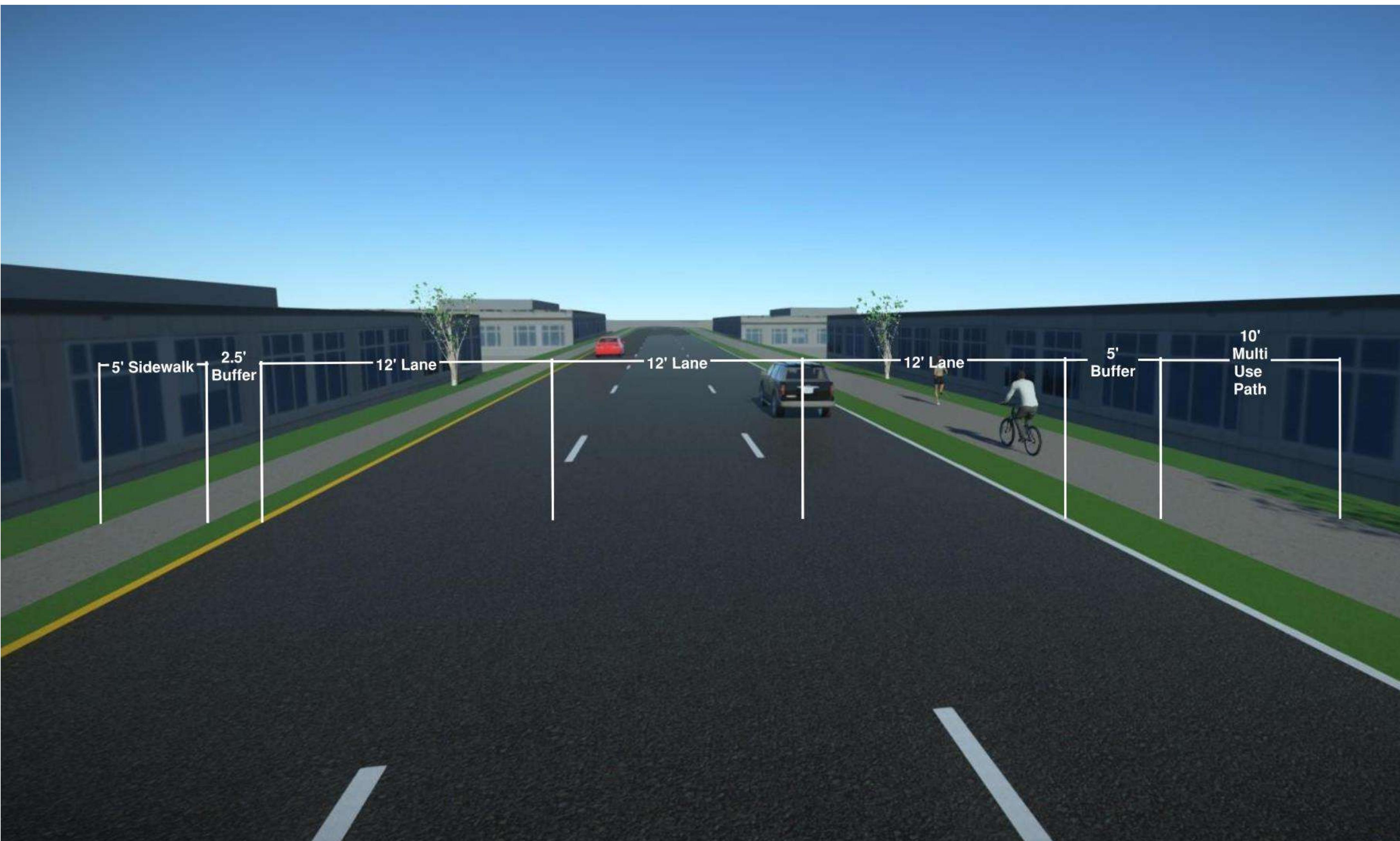
- Does the project promote economic development opportunities?
- Is the project compatible with local projects?



PROPOSED MULTI-USE PATH ALONG WATER STREET

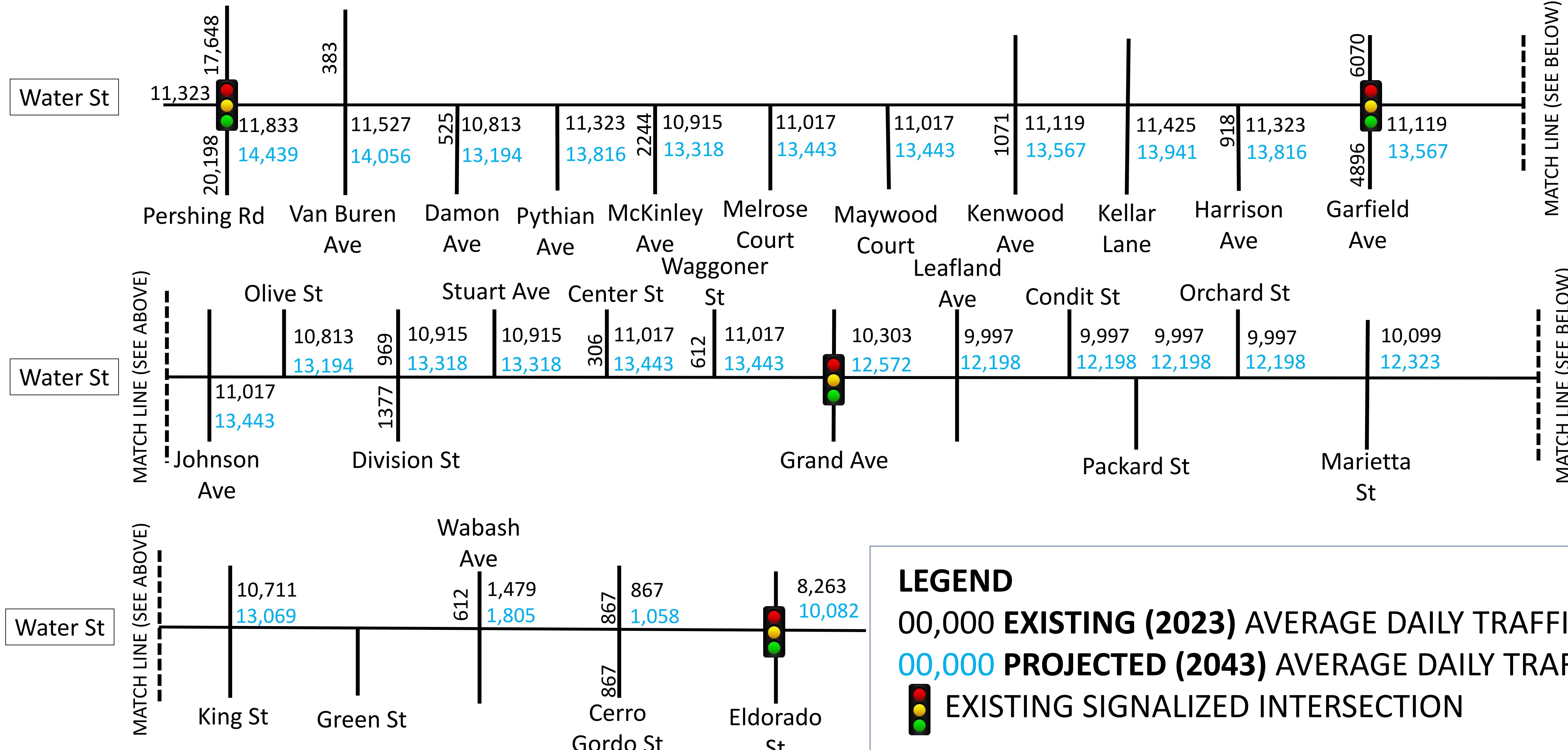
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RENDERING OF PROPOSED MULTI-USE PATH ILLUSTRATING THE DIMENSIONS

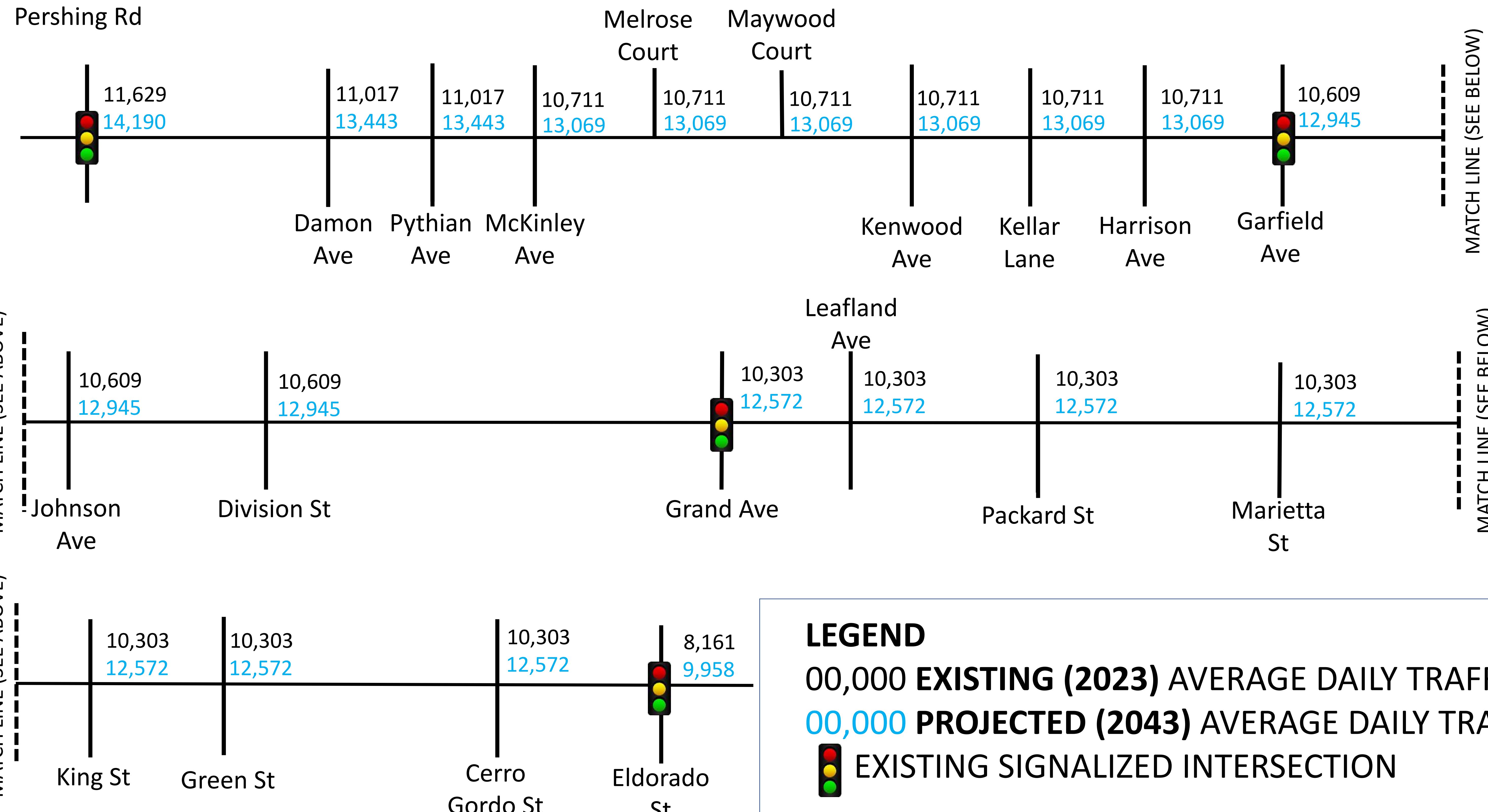


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WATER STREET - EXISTING & PROJECTED TRAFFIC VOLUMES

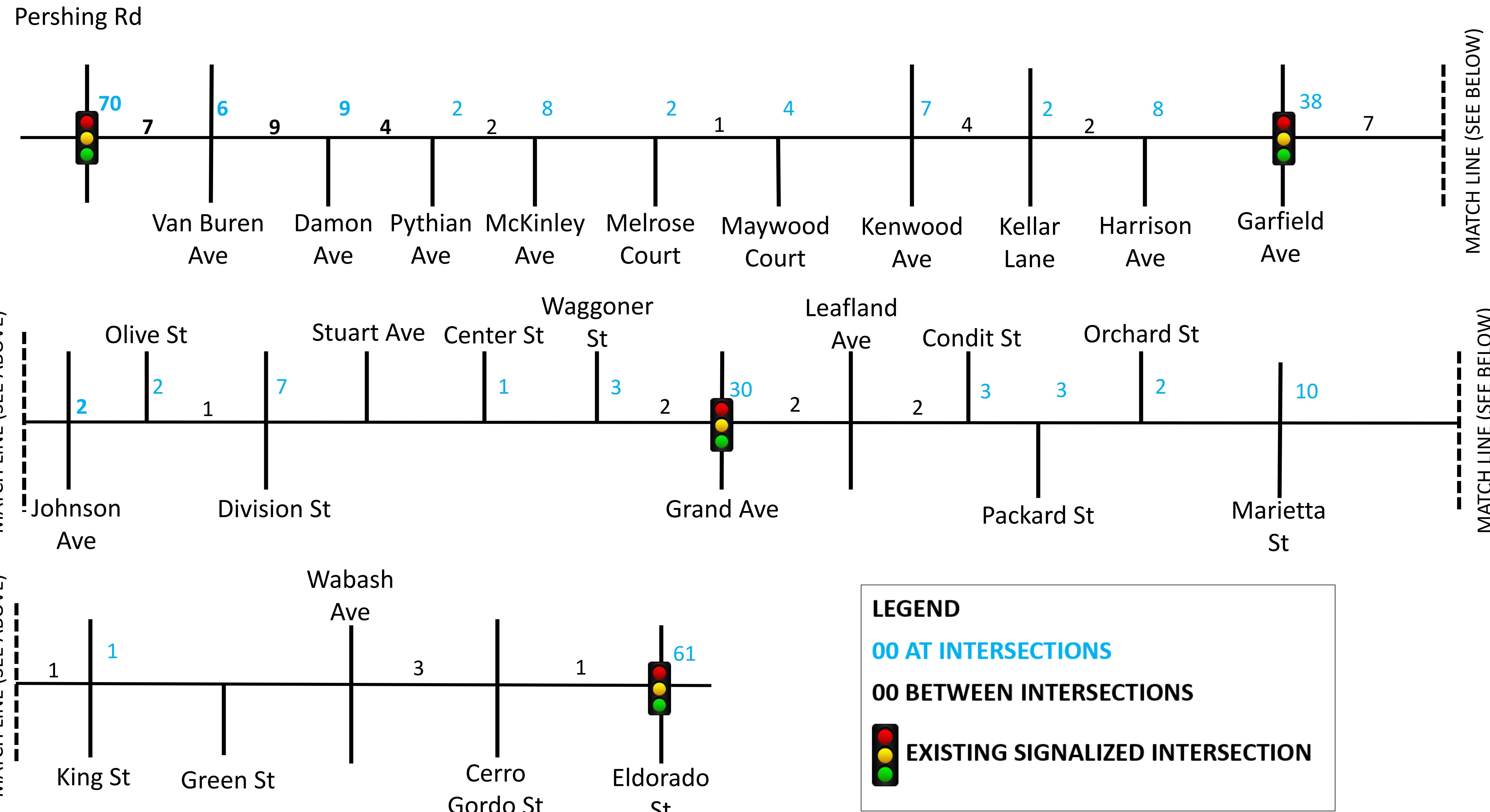


MAIN STREET - EXISTING & PROJECTED TRAFFIC VOLUMES



CRASHES ALONG WATER STREET

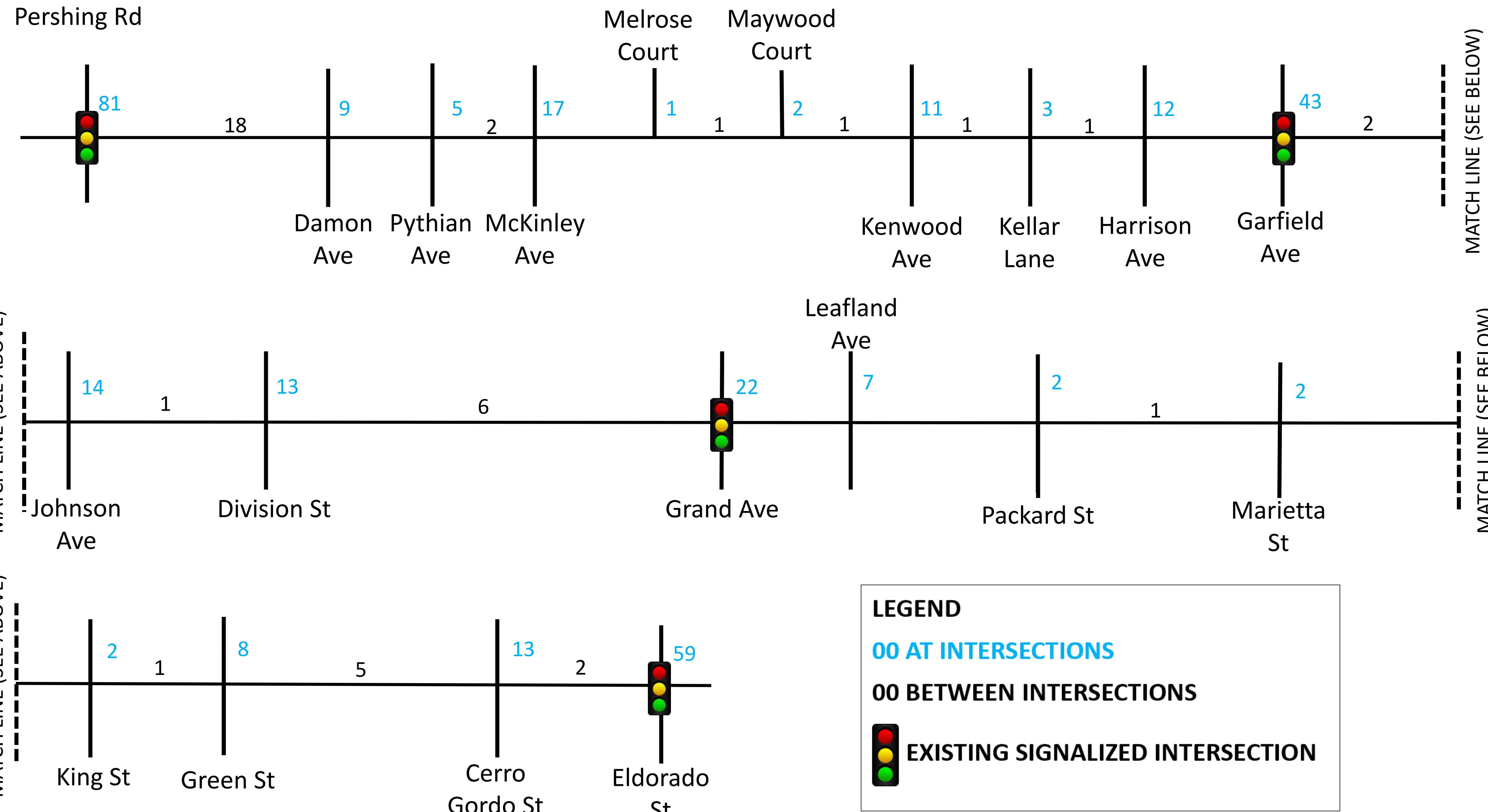
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CRASHES ALONG MAIN STREET

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CRASH PATTERNS ALONG WATER & MAIN STREETS (2015-2021)



IDOT conducted a six-year crash study

697 crashes occurred in the years studied:

- Two resulted in fatalities
- 18 of these crashes resulted in severe injuries
- The majority of the crash types were 'Angle' collisions

Intersections IDOT is studying due to the crash history and existing geometrics

- Pershing Rd at Main & Water
- Garfield Ave at Main & Water
- Grand Ave at Main & Water
- Eldorado St at Main & Water
- Green St at Main St
- Johnson & Garfield railroad crossing

CRASH TYPE (2015-2021) Main & Water St.	%
Angle	30.6%
Animal	0.3%
Fixed Object	5.0%
Front to Front	0.7%
Front to Rear	22.8%
Other (Non-Collision)	0.6%
Other Object	2.4%
Overturned	0.3%
Parked Motor Vehicle	1.1%
Pedal cyclist	0.6%
Pedestrian	0.9%
Rear to Side	0.3%
Sideswipe (Opposite Direction)	0.1%
Sideswipe (Same Direction)	17.1%
Turning	17.2%



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WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



Your input will be used to understand how the project route is used by the community and what concerns you may have regarding the design and construction. You can help us by:

- Complete a comment form and return it to IDOT by April 13th
- Share your ideas with the study team tonight
- Take part in the workshop
- Comment through the study website: <https://idot.click/route-51-study>
- Use the study website:
 - View the public meeting displays
 - Complete a comment form



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM



PLEASE PRINT
Business Route 51 Study
Water & Main Street
From Eldorado Street to Pershing Road
Decatur, Macon County, IL
Public Informational Meeting #1
March 30, 2023

We encourage you to provide your input on the proposed improvements for Water & Main Streets from Eldorado Street to Pershing Road in Decatur, IL. We are providing this form so your comments will be directed to the project team for evaluation and consideration in proceeding with improvement options. You may either leave the form with us today, mail to IDOT at the address provided on the reverse side of this form, submit a comment via the project website <https://idot.click/route-51-study>, or email your comments to Matthew.Bower@illinois.gov. Your comments should be submitted within 14 business days of this meeting to provide timely consideration. Please note if you are affected as a homeowner, property owner, business owner, and/or commuter.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted: U.S. Mail: _____ Email: _____

How often do you use Water Street and/or Main Street within the project limits? Daily? Weekly? Monthly? _____

For what purpose do you use Water Street and/or Main Street within the project limits? Resident? Work? School? Other? _____

How did you learn about this [meeting](#)? _____

MY COMMENTS ARE:



WORKSHOP – WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT THE AERIAL MAP WORKSHOP TO HELP US UNDERSTAND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES ALONG THE PROJECT ROUTE

Place stickers, make comments, and draw on the aerial maps to help us determine an alternative that provides a prosperous and safe transportation system in the City of Decatur.

AERIAL MAPS – STICKER KEY

- Red – Crashes/Safety
- Orange – Congestion
- Yellow - Add crosswalk
- Blue – Add Multi-use trail/other pedestrian facilities



NEXT STEPS



- The project team will take the public's input and use in the development of alternatives on how best to improve the roadway and meet the goals of the project, which includes improving safety, traffic signal modification, drainage improvements, and the walking/biking options within the project area.
- The project team will refine alternatives. The result of the study will be a preferred alternative that addresses the identified transportation issues and public's concerns and also complement the City's Bike/Walkway Study Plan.
- The preferred alternative will be presented at a future public meeting.



**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENDANCE
AND YOUR
INPUT!!!!**



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