

Maple Road FAQ

Q. Why are changes happening on West Maple Road?

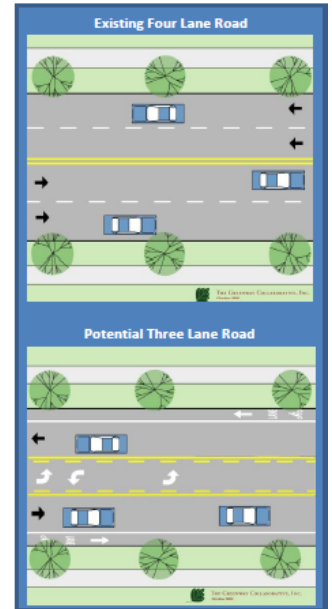
A. In 2016, as part of the City's on-going infrastructure improvement program, West Maple Road is planned for a complete resurfacing from Cranbrook Road to Southfield Road. The City obtained a federal grant to cover the cost of this resurfacing project.

Q. Will the changes affect the width of West Maple Road?

A. No, it will replace the existing road surface.

Q. Who determined the proposed changes for West Maple Road?

A. The City's Multi-Modal Transportation Board established a special committee to study West Maple Road in great detail. The committee worked with the City's engineering, planning and police departments as well as the City's contracted traffic engineer to formulate a set of recommendations that could maintain current service levels for the road, while reducing speeds and accidents. The committee recommended changing the current four lane configuration to a three lane configuration (see graphic at right).



Q. Why is a three-lane configuration being considered?

A. Throughout the West Maple Road review process, the safety benefits of a three lane configuration were highlighted, including:

- Lower average speeds
- Lower speed differentials
- Reduction of accident rates and accident severity
- Reduction of traffic conflict points
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Improved gaps in traffic for ease of turning onto W. Maple from the surrounding neighborhoods.

Maple Road will be re-striped to test the three lane configuration.

Did you know?

71% of accidents on West Maple Road over the past two years have been from rear-end or side-swipe accidents. These types of accidents can be considerably reduced following a four to three lane conversion.

Q. When will the re-striping of West Maple Road begin?

A. Saturday, October 3, 2015

Q. Which area of West Maple Road will be re-striped?

A. Just east of Cranbrook to Southfield Road.

Q. How long will the trial period last?

A. It is anticipated the test period will continue into next summer.

Q. What criteria will be considered during the trial period?

A. Pre-conversion data will be compared to post-conversion data in order to evaluate the effect of the change. The data evaluated will include five key areas: average speeds, traffic volumes, cut-through traffic, travel time comparisons and accident data.

Q. What will happen at the conclusion of the trial period?

A. The City Commission will review the pre- and post-conversion data, and then decide whether to conclude or continue the trial to ensure the reviews and concerns have been adequately addressed.