## Pedestrian Maintenance of Traffic Hierarchy

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## Take Away

- The safe accommodation of pedestrians through or around the construction zone should be addressed early in project development. See Chapter 14. Stage 2 MOT should be complete (DM 21-08)
- Pedestrian volume is not a prevailing consideration for the use of pedestrian maintenance of traffic.
- If the pedestrian access route is closed for construction, an alternate pedestrian route must be provided. Where it can not be provided, approval must be received from the INDOT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
- There is a hierarchy to follow when determining pedestrian MOT.



#### **IMUTCD**

Indiana Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Section 6D.01, 04 & 07 item C.)

"If the TTC zone affects the movement of pedestrians, adequate pedestrian access and walkways shall be provided. If the TTC zone affects an accessible and detectable pedestrian facility, the accessibility and detectability shall be maintained along the alternate pedestrian route."

"Pedestrians should be provided with a convenient and accessible path that replicates as nearly as practical the most desirable characteristics of the existing sidewalk or footpath."

These are the statement that the INDOT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is using to set criteria and a hierarchy to follow when designing pedestrian MextLevel maintenance of traffic.

#### Goat Path

• Is a temporary par required for construction of this corner? Yes because it use to be a sidewalk and is still a PAR for able body individuals. Remember the temporary Par only has to match the existing PAR being detoured. In this case the crossing could be directed through the grass buffer so long as the running slope matches or is flatter then existing. In this case we would suggest temporary pedestrian channelizers and a matt system. 298 Fenton Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana.





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• A Diversion keepings pedestrians closer to their normal route, is more convenient, and more likely to be used.



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  - Right-of-Way side of a Sidewalk (Preferred)

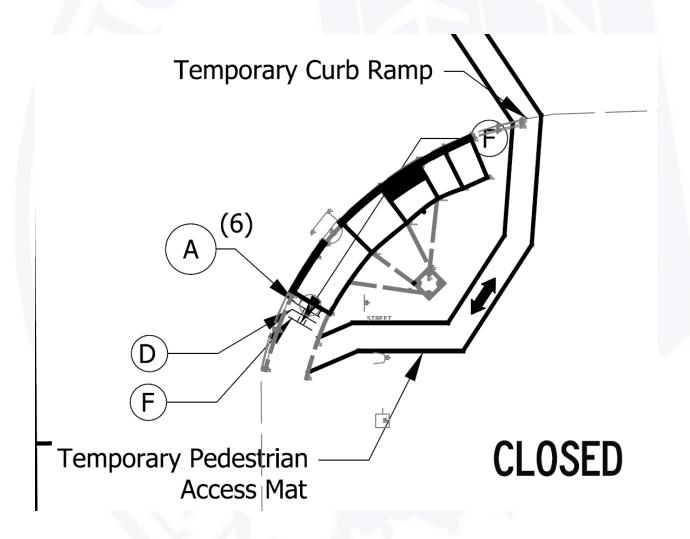




- A Diversion can be located on the
  - Right-of-Way side of a Sidewalk (Preferred)
    - Right-of-Way Side Diversions are Preferred
      - Keeps pedestrians farther from traffic
      - Reduces possible conflicts with construction traffic
    - Right-of-Way Side Diversion Concerns
      - Width of Right-of-Way
      - Is the Surface level and stable.



• Right-of-Way Side Diversion Example



- Plan detail of a diversion.
- USP called for not disturbing the existing vegetation.



Diversion Example



Actual location of the diversion.

- We had the right-way
- Extra work needed to be completed on the design side to make this diversion work.
  - Wording the USP needed to include grading and a temp. pipe (there is a ditch within the tall grass)
  - Environmental Study would need to include work done outside the sidewalk



• A Diversion can be located on the

• Street Side of a Sidewalk



- A Diversion can be located on the
  - Street Side of a Sidewalk
    - Street Side Diversion Types
      - Within a Buffer Strip (Preferred)
      - Within a Parking Lane
      - Within a Shoulder
      - Within a Street Lane
    - Street Side Diversion Concerns
      - Has more potential for conflict between Pedestrians, vehicular traffic, and Construction Traffic)
      - Short duration closures (less than 1 hours) may be required to complete construction, e.g. cross the PAR with the concrete chut. A pedestrian flagger may be required to direct pedestrian traffic.
      - Pushing shoulder traffic into street lanes, e.g., horse buggies or a bicycles.
      - Restricting street level of service (LOS).



- Layout of a Diversion (IMUTCD 6D.01)
  - The Diversion should replicate the existing pedestrian access route being detoured, if not better.
    - Running Slopes
    - Cross Slopes
    - Etc.
  - The surface must be firm, stable, and slip resistant. This can be accomplished with:
    - Temporary Pedestrian Surfaces, e.g. prefabricated mates. INDOT is currently working on a Qualified Products List (QPL) and Recurring Special Provision for these surfaces.
    - Aggregate, that must be maintained throughout its use to keep it firm, stable, level and slip resistant.
    - In possible long-term projects, bituminous and concrete could also be used.
  - The temporary pedestrian access route and sidewalk closure shall be detectable to users of long canes (IMUTCD 6D.01 and 6F.74) and visible to pedestrians with vision disabilities.
    - Change in surface type, e.g. surface edged in grass or aggregate
    - Cane detectable panel, lumber or pedestrian channelizer (Unique Special Provision)
      - No more than 2 inches above the surface of the temporary PAR,
      - Extend at least 8 inches above the surface, and
      - Be continuous with no gaps.



- When laying out a diversion
  - Consider how much width will be required.
    - Can a minimum of 4 ft be provided for a temporary PAR
    - Will pedestrian channelizers be needed for a detectable edge/ hand-trailing edge (read IMUTCD??), for one or both sides of the route or can grass be used on one or both sides (Channelizers widths have been assume to be about 1.5 ft in width each)
    - Will temporary traffic barrier be needed
  - Consider the terrain
    - Is the surface level or match the cross slope of the existing pedestrian access route
    - Is the surface firm, stable, and slip resistant, i.e. is it a parking lot or grass
    - Is there a ditch
  - Street-side diversions may also include the use of a shoulder or travel lane. The use of these areas would require coordination with the District Traffic Engineer and level of

service (LOS) calculations.

When placing pedestrians in a shoulder or travel lane you do not want to create a hazardous condition for the motorists. Example in some areas of Indiana shoulders are used for horse buggies. We do not want to have to push these slower-moving vehicles into faster traffic. Waivers to close the sidewalk could be given in these areas to prevent the hazard if there are no other options.

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#### Where to Start with Pedestrian MOT

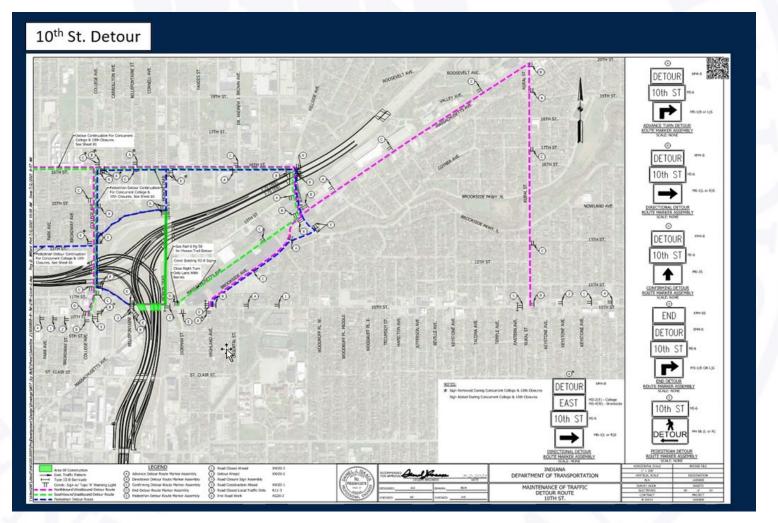
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• Where a Diversion Cannot be Provide or Provided for All Directions of Pedestrian Travel, Detours May be Use In-Lieu-of or in conjunction with a Diversion.





 If a diversion can not be provided a midblock crossing could be the first detour considered

 Coordinate with District Traffic to Determine a good location

 Follow IMUTCD Figure 6H-29

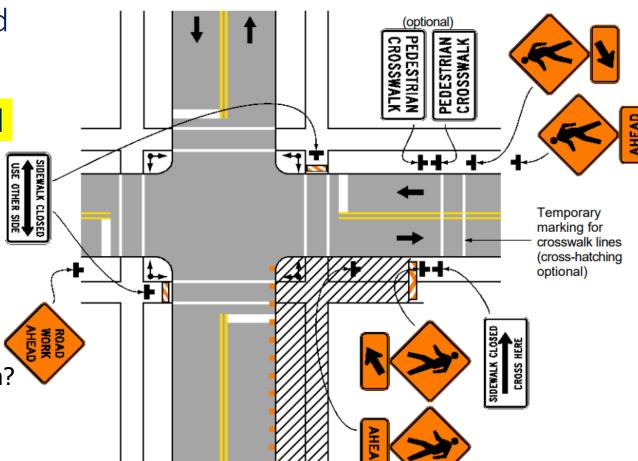
Why not look at Midblock
Crossing before a Diversion?
The answer is, traffic is
accustomed to the
pedestrian crossing at the
street intersection.

Do not forget to read the notes. If a midblock crossing is within parking lanes.

**#1 Curb Parking shall be prohibited for at least 50 ft in advance of the midblock** 

crossing.

Figure 6H-29. Crosswalk Closures and Pedestrian Detours (TA-29)



A question was asked at the previous presentation, would an engineering study be needed to implement a temporary midblock crossing. After talking to one of the **INDOT District Traffic** Engineers, a full study may not be required, however some analysis should be preformed, for example gap analysis and sight distance to name a couple the designer may be requested to review and document a chosen location. Again always coordinate with the District Traffic Engineer.

- Where a Detour is Required
  - The shortest detour should be provided.
  - Where a short detour can not be provided, a long detour with a short-term closure, to be stipulated within the contract through a USP, must be approved by the INDOT TAC.
- The Age-Old Question????

# What is a short Detour???



- Short Detour
  - INDOT TAC is working with INDOT Traffic to define a short detour.
  - Currently the proposed definition for a short detour is, no greater than one block.
  - Note some blocks are larger than others, Engineering Judgement and knowledge of the area, should be used to determine if one block, in certain situations could be considered too long.

Definition of a Block = an area of land surrounded by four streets in a city.



• Short Detour





- Long Detour
- = : Barricade







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3:M4-9B



4:R9-10



: Curb ramp construction





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- Review the detour and determine if it replicates the existing pedestrian access route being detoured
  - Are there any gaps in the sidewalk detour?
  - Is the sidewalk detour within public right-of-way?
  - Does the sidewalk detour have curb ramps or curbs or a combination?
- Consider the project duration (Term "duration" used are not IMUTCD defined)
  - Is the work being completed short in duration (less than 4 months)?
    - Filling a 20 ft gap with sidewalk or placing temporary bituminous ramps at intersection without curb ramps within public right-of-way may be practical.
    - Having to reconstruct an entire city block or construction a 20 ft gap outside of public right-of-way may not be practical
  - Is the work being completed long in duration (more than 4 months or multiple construction seasons)?,
    - coordinating with an LPA or upgrade a detour route to match or exceed the existing sidewalk being detoured may be practical.

- Detour Signage Expectation
  - Sidewalk Closure Signs
  - Pedestrian Detour Signs
    - Turns
    - Confirmation
    - End
  - Closure Communication Signs, "Sidewalk Closed on or after "Date"



• Detour Signage Expectation, the intended route should be very clear. Detectable Barricade the covers the entire width of the sidewalk CROSS HERE M4-8a M4-8 Non-Detectable Barricade M4-9b With

**Arrow** 







M4-8a





Standard Drawings for the different pedestrian MOT schemes are also in

development.

Short Detour/

Long Detour with

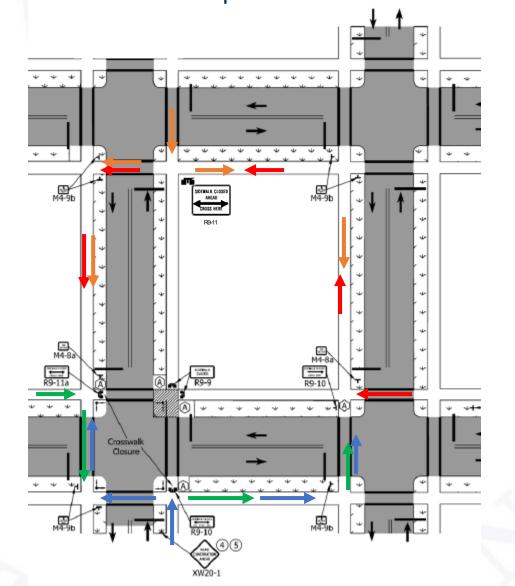
Closure Time Restriction

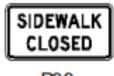
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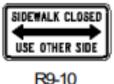
Ped Traffic from the West

Ped Traffic from the South

Ped Traffic from the North







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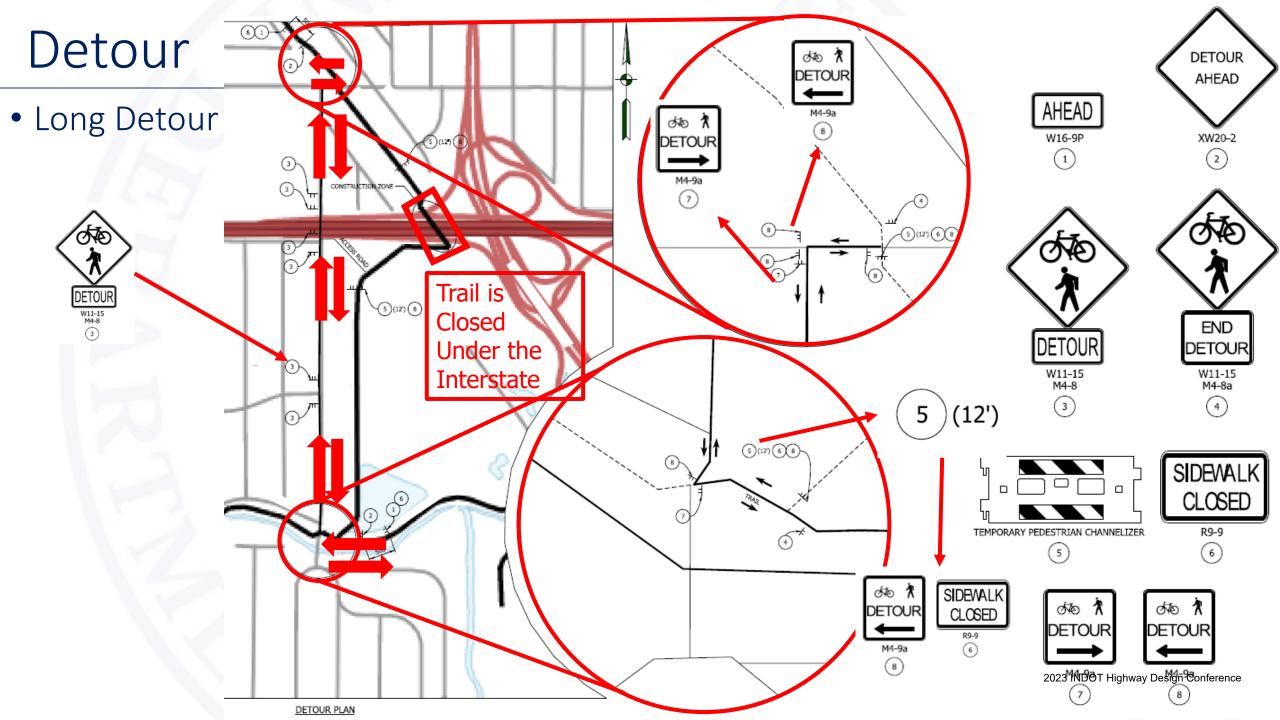
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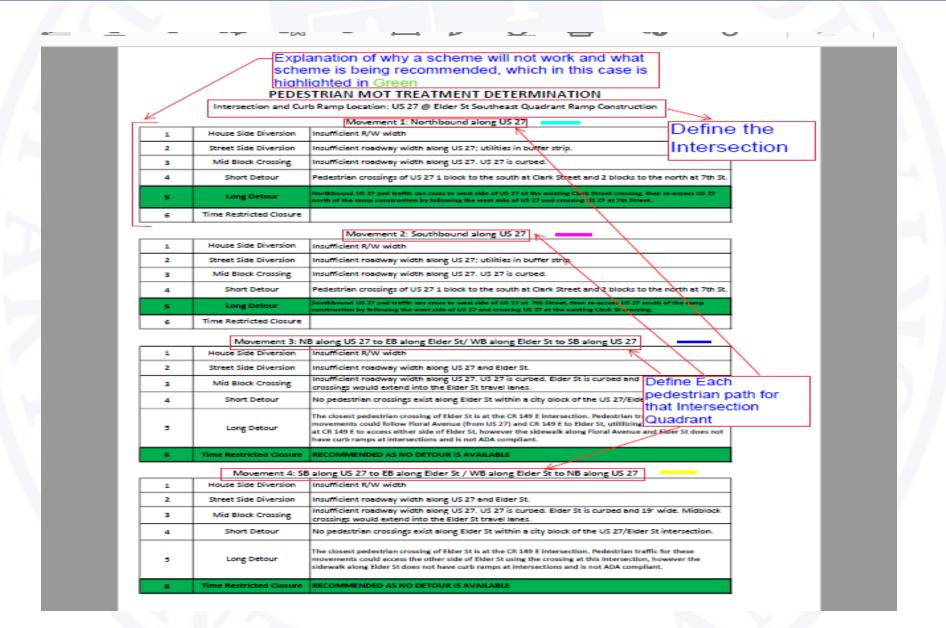
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A combination of these schemes could be used throughout a project or even for one closure as shown in our example.

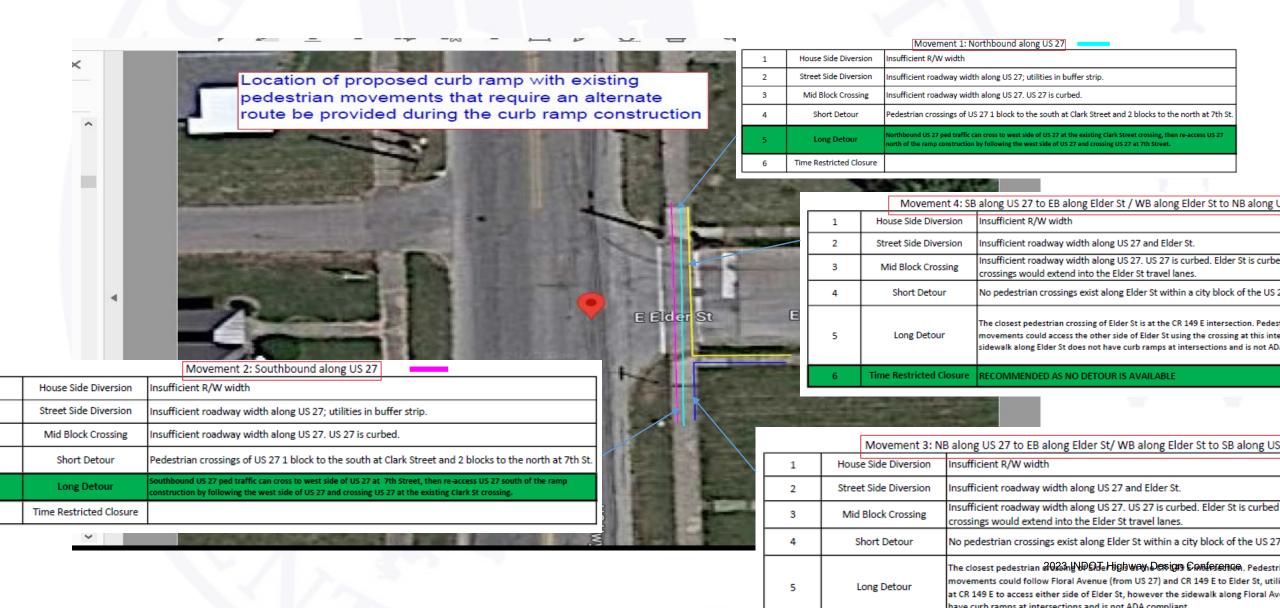
- The list above is the start of a preliminary hierarchy of pedestrian maintenance of traffic schemes that should be considered. This list will be part of the future IDM Chapter 503 update coming soon.
- Each item in this hierarchy that can not be used <u>MUST</u> be documented, e.g. what was explored, why it was ruled not practical, etc.

## Example Hierarchy Documents

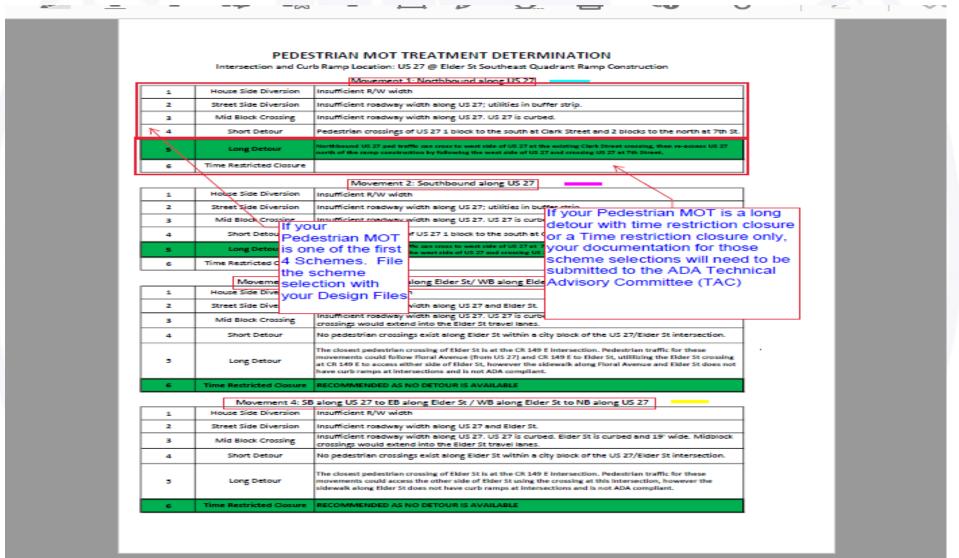




## Proposed curb ramp in SE corner



## Example Hierarchy Documents



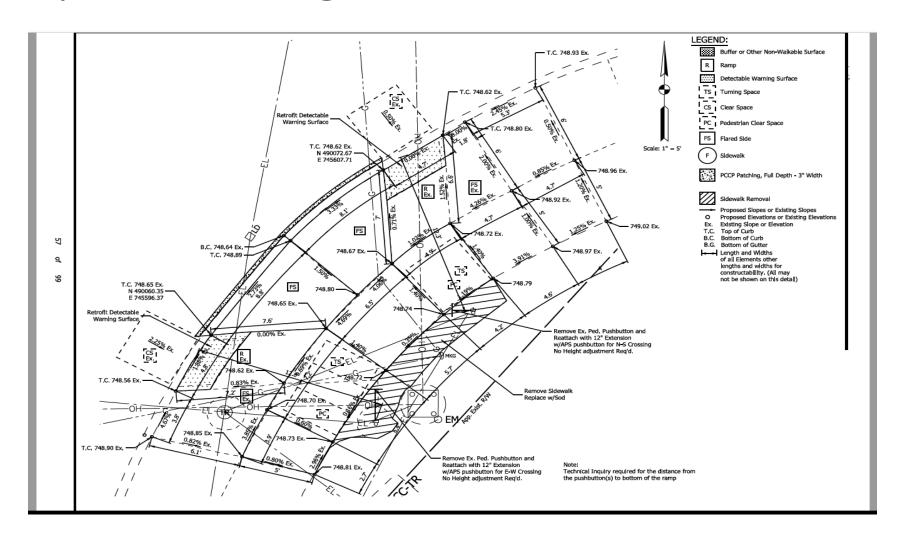


## Street Side diversion examples

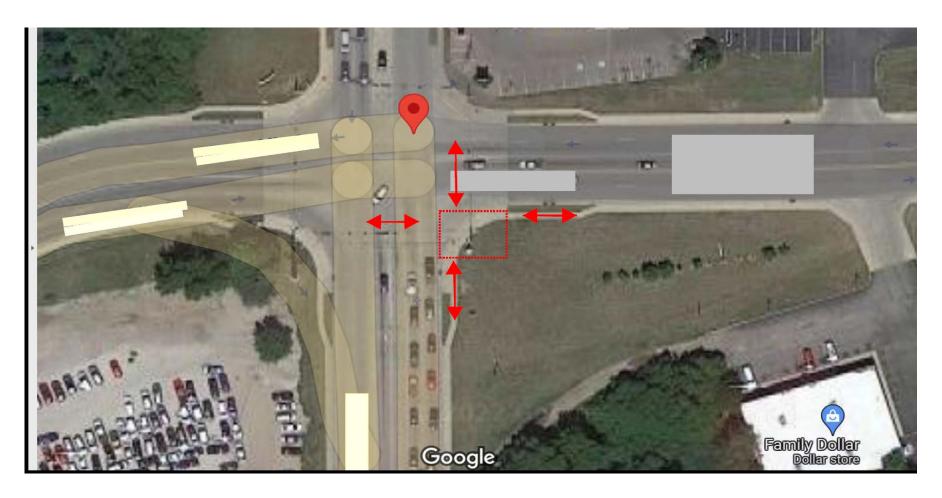
## Location curb ramp SE corner intersection



## Proposed Design

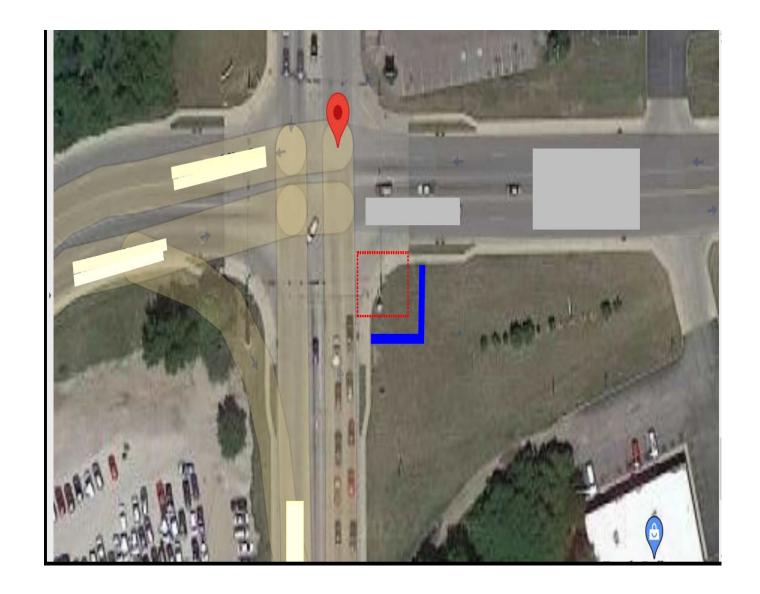


## Proposed Curb ramp location and pedestrian circulation paths impacted



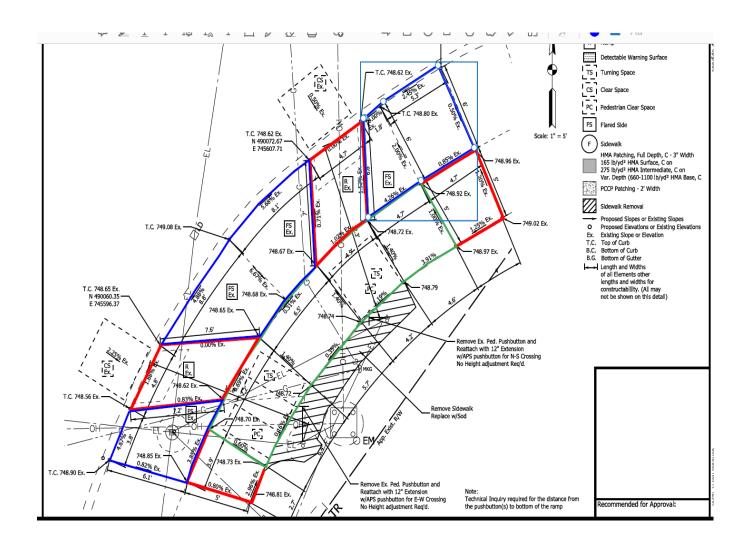
## Will a diversion along right-of-way side work?

A diversion on the right-of-way side was not possible because there was not enough existing right-of-way behind sidewalk to place diversion



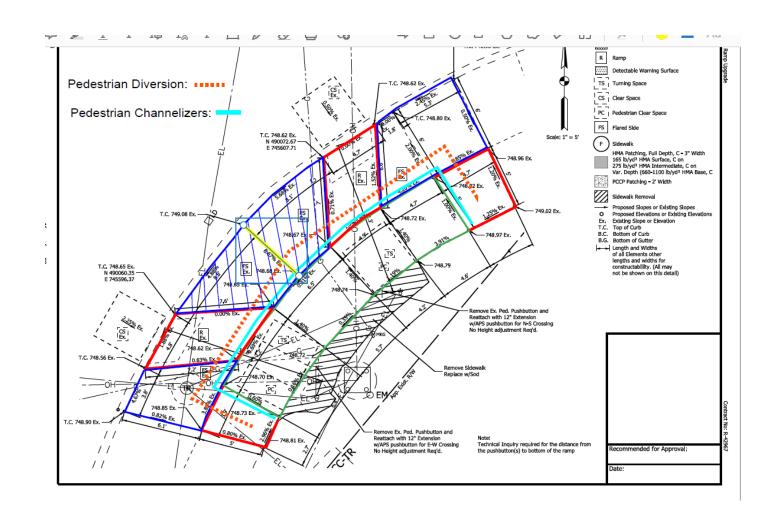
# Will a street side diversion work?

- Proposed work was to replace the panels that comprised the two TS and the panel that connected them shown in green.
- The existing panels shown in red that comprised the PAR and the surrounding concrete that composed the flares and level concrete areas shown in blue would be left in place



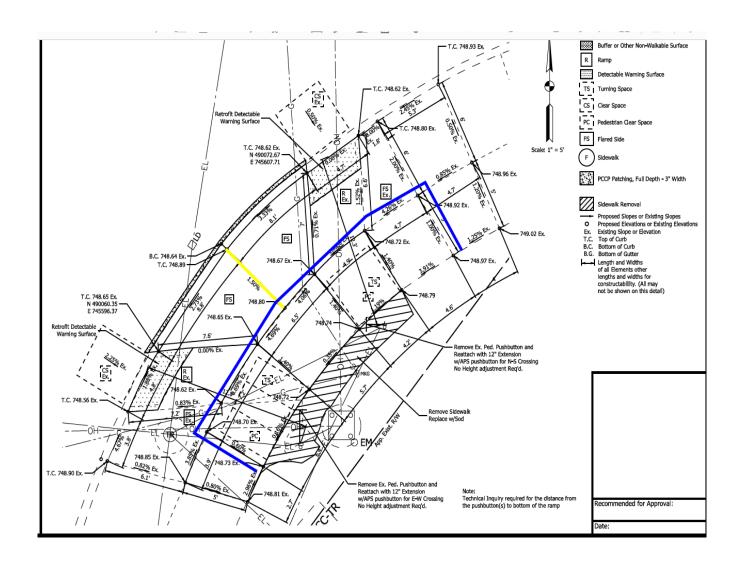
#### Proposed Diversion

- Everywhere between the sidewalk and the street was level except the concrete flared area shown in blue cross hatching
- Proposal is to reconstruct the flares and height of curb within cross hatched area to obtain level slopes (or at a minimum replicate the existing slopes within the sidewalk PAR being reconstructed shown in green)
- Reroute pedestrians to a created diversion, shown by orange dashed line, between the sidewalk and the street.
- Pedestrian Channelizers must be provided between the temporary PAR and the construction area



# Revised design of curb ramp due to pedestrian MOT

- Existing Flare area is reconstructed by lowering points of yellow line to reduce slope to level so it can be traversed
- Pedestrians use existing Pedestrian circulation path while flare area is reconstructed
- After flare area is reconstructed pedestrian channelizers shown in blue are erected and original proposed work at this location is done while maintaining pedestrian mobility

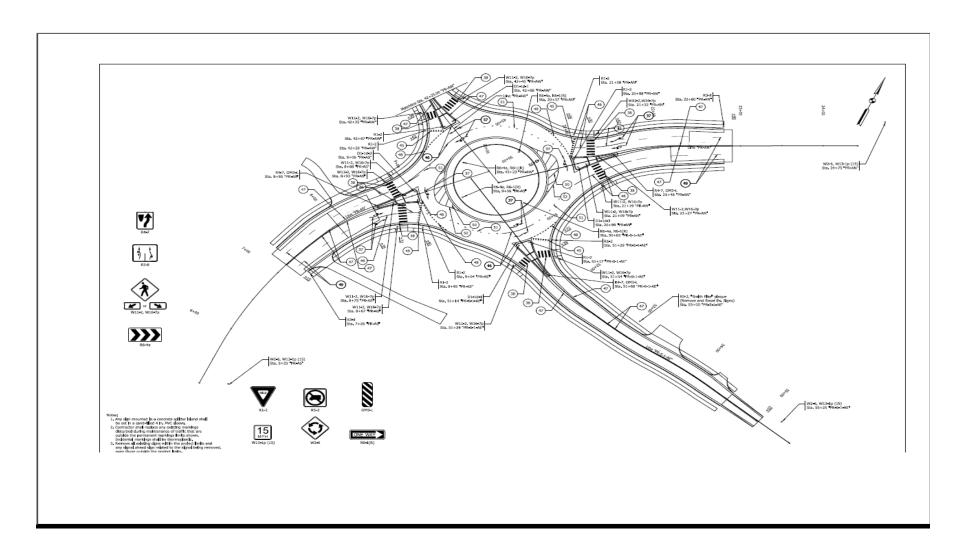


# Proposed Roundabout

## Location of Roundabout



# Plans of proposed roundabout

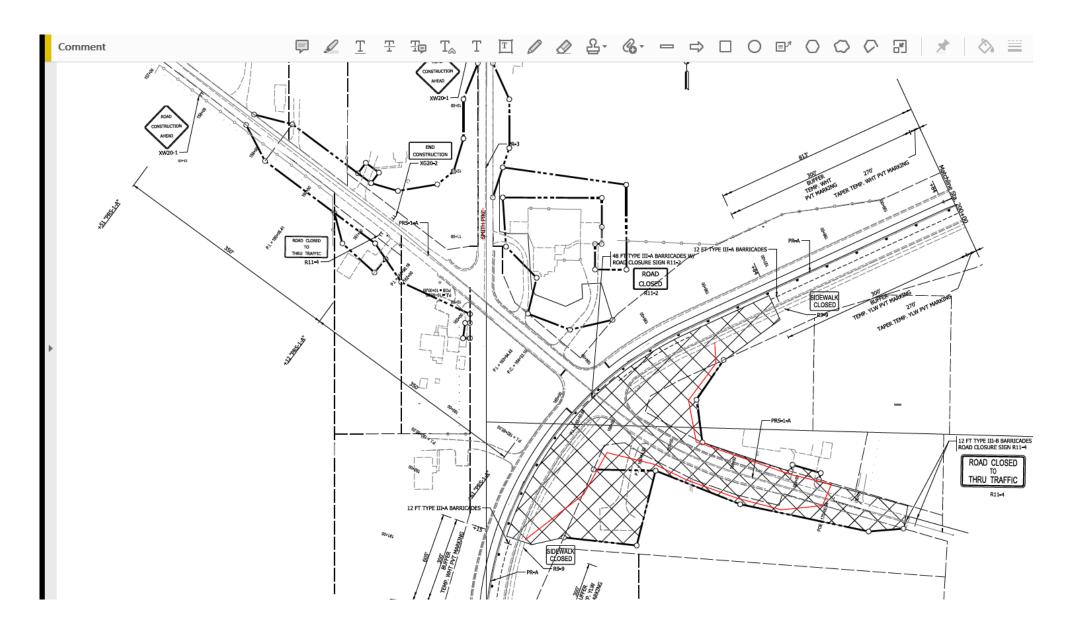


#### Pedestrian MOT issues

- PROWAG R205 requires an alternate pedestrian circulation path be provided for existing sidewalk on south side of existing road while roundabout is constructed
- A Technical Inquiry came to INDOT's ADA TAC not to provide an alternate path for the pedestrian circulation path on the south side because it was felt to be infeasible to do so due to lack of other existing pedestrian facilities

# Option 1 for providing alternate pedestrian route

Provide temporary walking surface on right-of-way side of roadway inside of existing R/W during phase 1 construction of roundabout



# Why right-of-way side diversion will not work

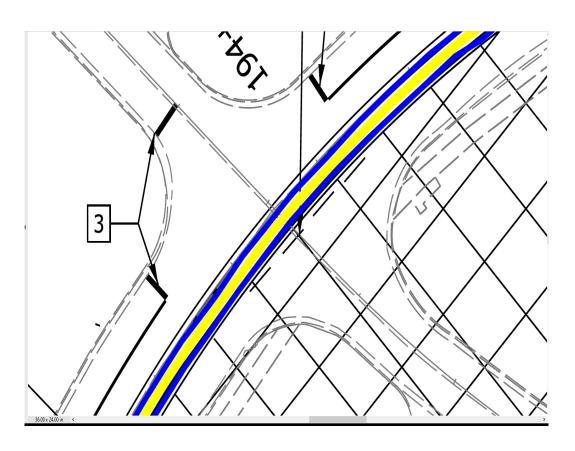
 Right-of-way side diversion can't work is because not sufficient space within R/W to provide an adjacent path within appropriate setbacks from active construction

# Option 2 for providing alternate pedestrian route

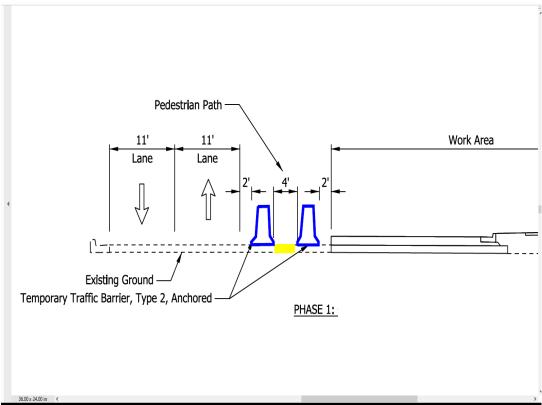
Provide diversion on street side of phase 1 construction

#### Street side diversion

#### Plane view diversion



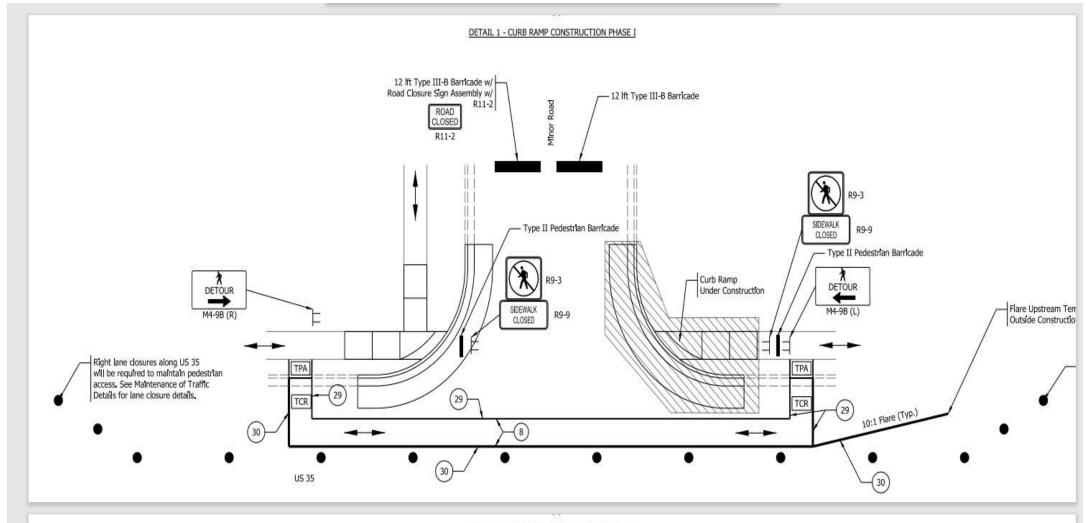
#### **Cross section view diversion**



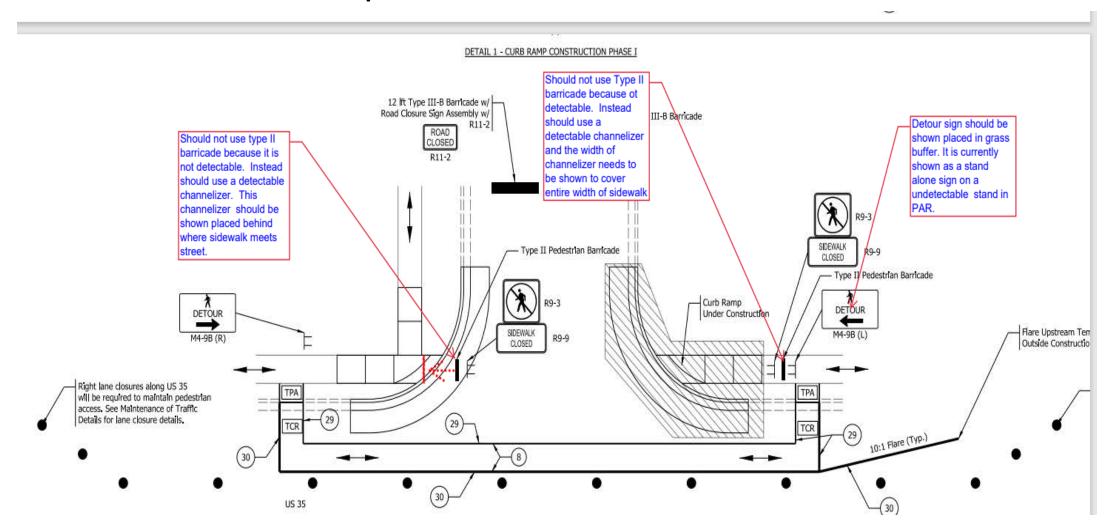
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After phase 1 construction maintain pedestrian mobility on east side of roadway with newly constructed sidewalk and curb ramps and construct west side of roundabout

# Proposed curb ramp with street side diversion



# Comments on plans of street side diversion



# What was actually constructed

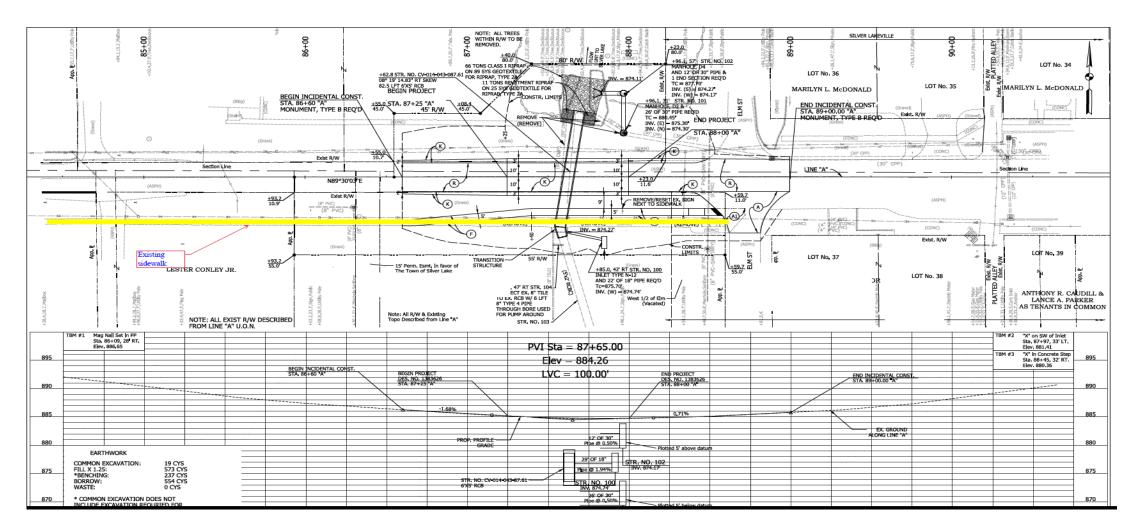


# Small Structure Replacement

# Location of project and Pedestrian MOT issues



# Proposed plans



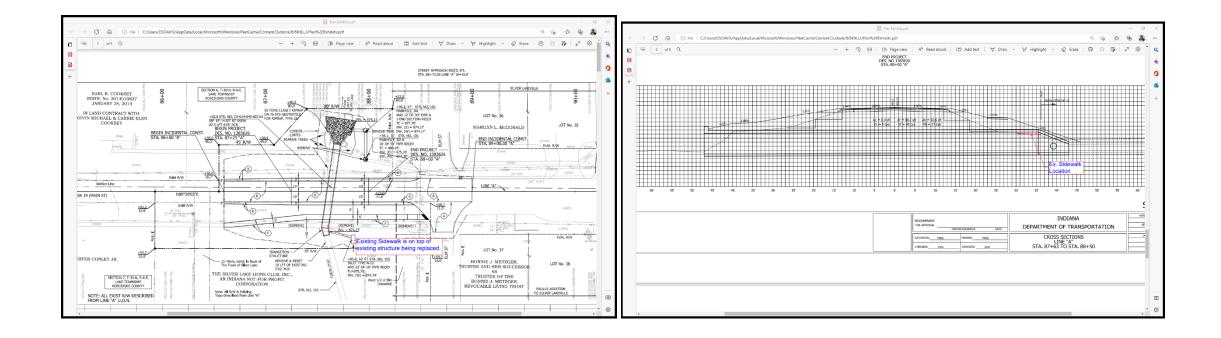
#### Pedestrain MOT issues

 Provide Alternate pedestrian circulation path for sidewalk south of Main St. while small structure is installed and new sidewalk is installed

# Option 1 for providing alternate pedestrian route

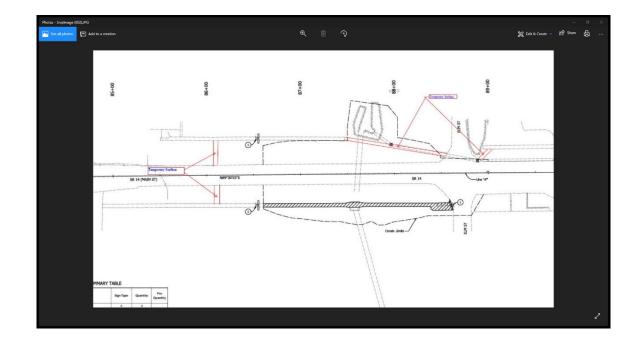
Use phase construction to keep existing sidewalk open while new sidewalk is constructed

Problem is existing sidewalk is located on the existing structure being replaced as well as the fill required. The fill will cover the existing sidewalk location making it impossible to keep open during construction of the new sidewalk.....



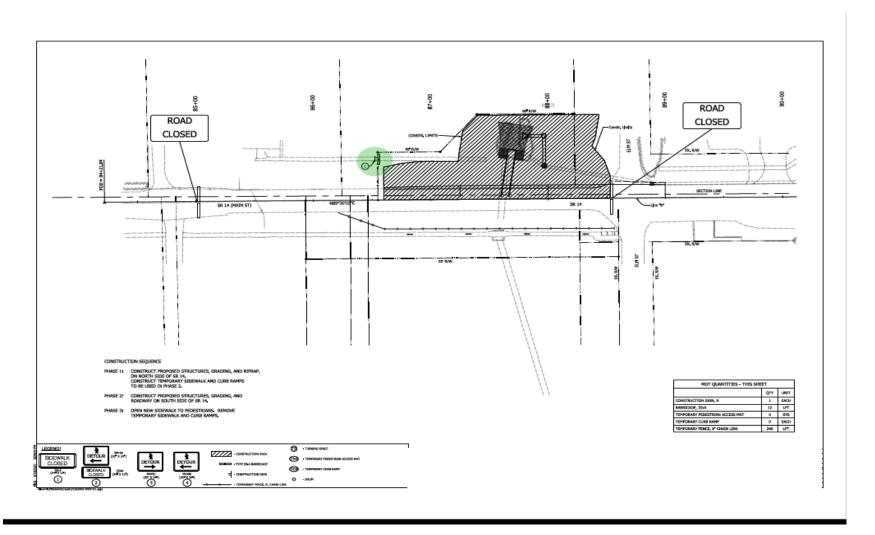
# Option 2 for providing alternate

- Provide temporary crossing SR xx west of structure along with temporary walking surfaces from existing sidewalk on north side of SR xx
- Construct south side of project while maintaining pedestrians on north side of SR xx
- After south side of project is constructed maintain pedestrians on south side and construct north side of project

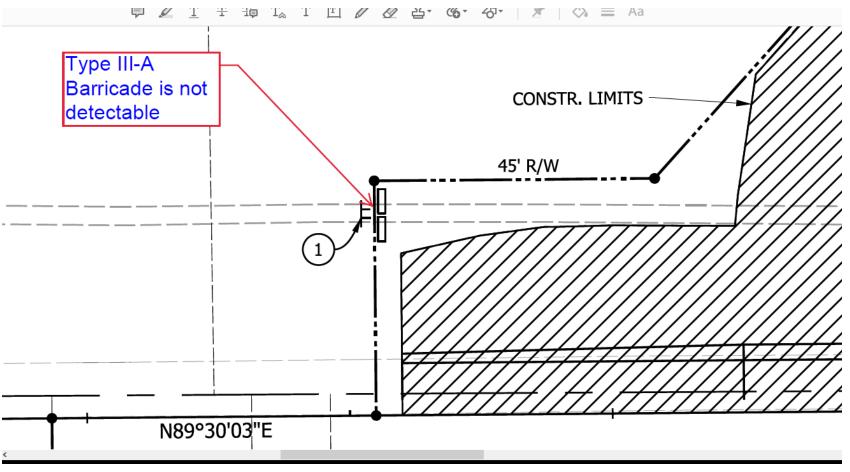


### Final Pedestrian MOT phase 1

Maintain Pedestrians south side road existing sidewalk construct north side

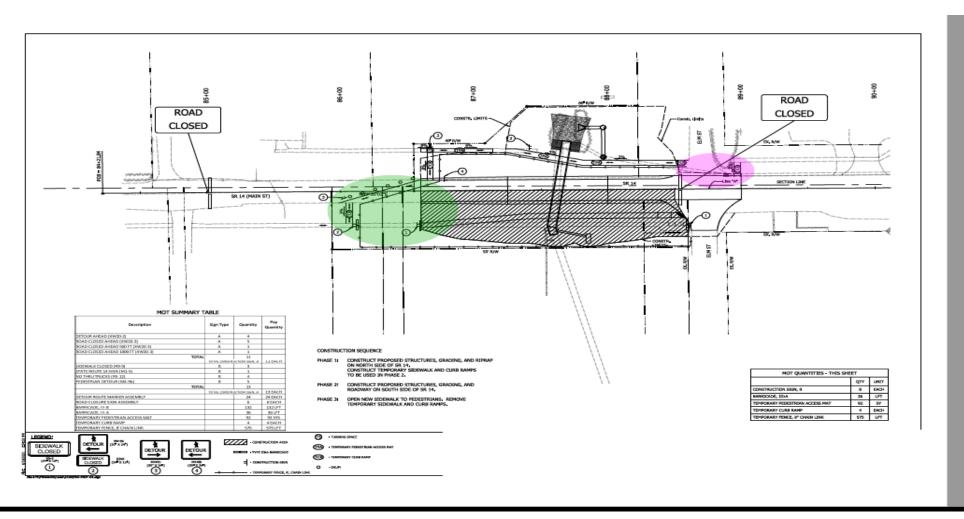


# Comments on signage stage 1

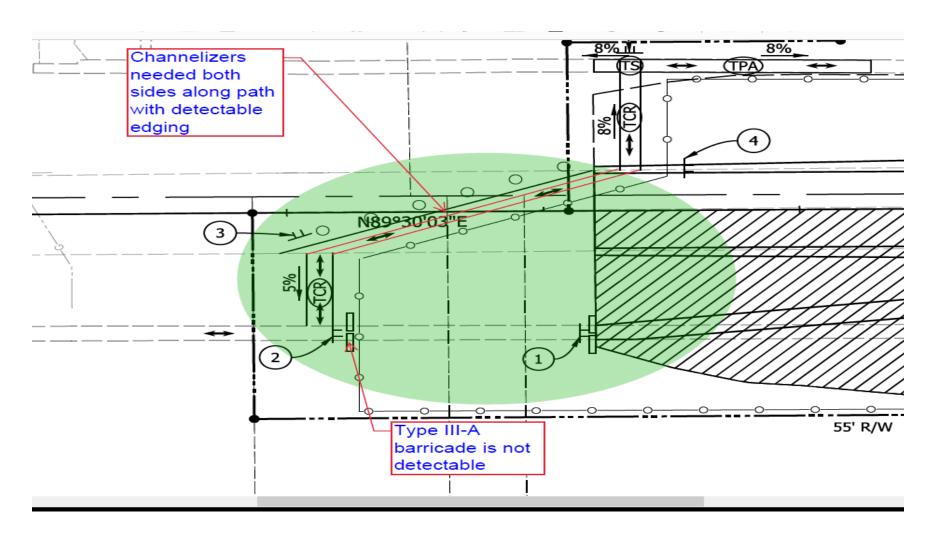


#### Final Pedestrian MOT phase 2

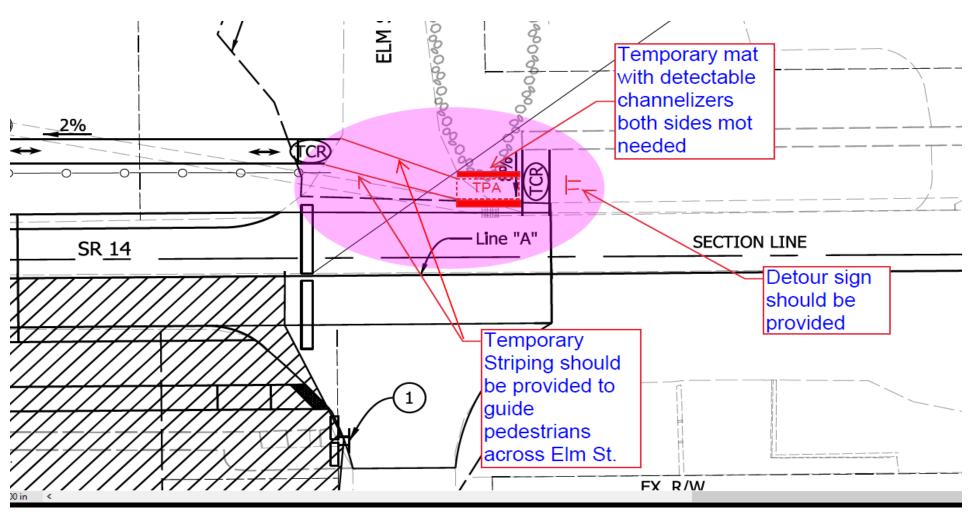
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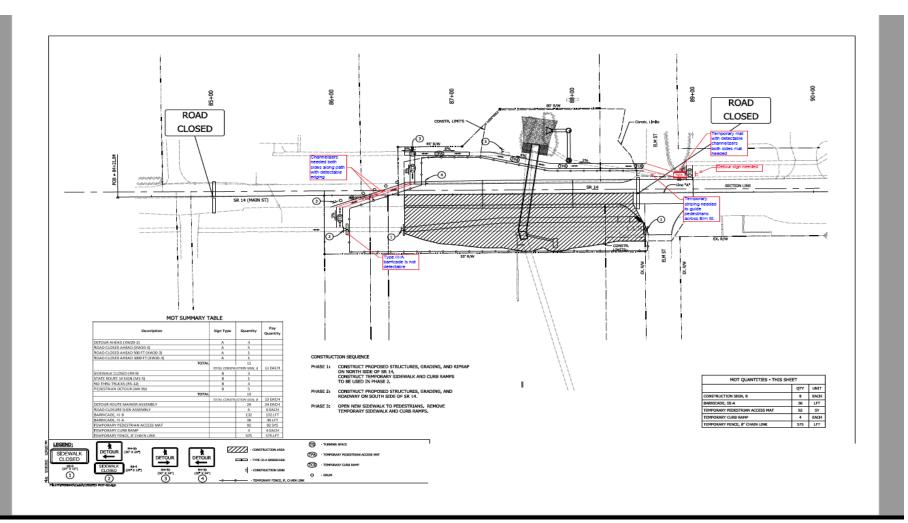
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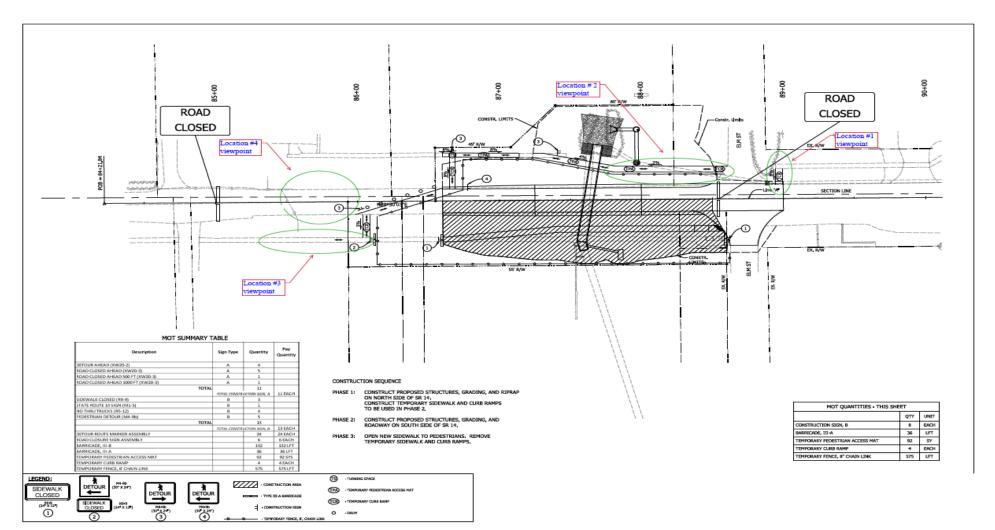
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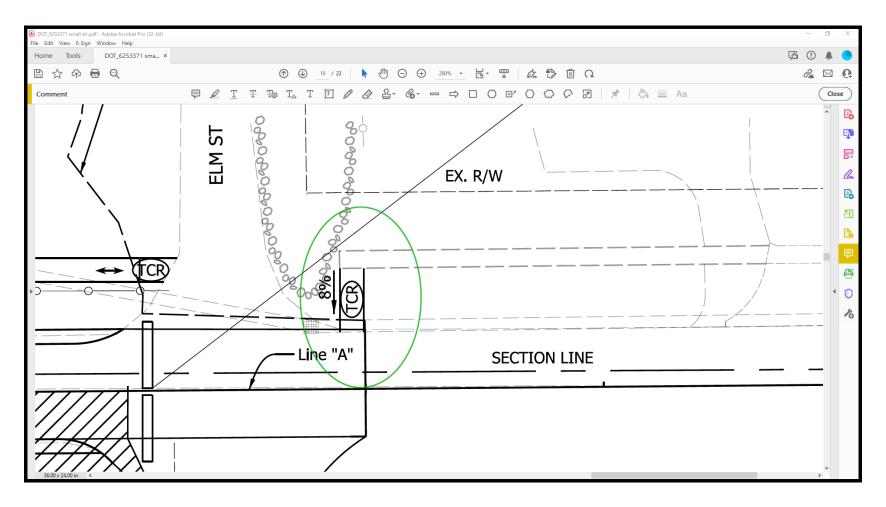
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## Actual MOT provided during construction



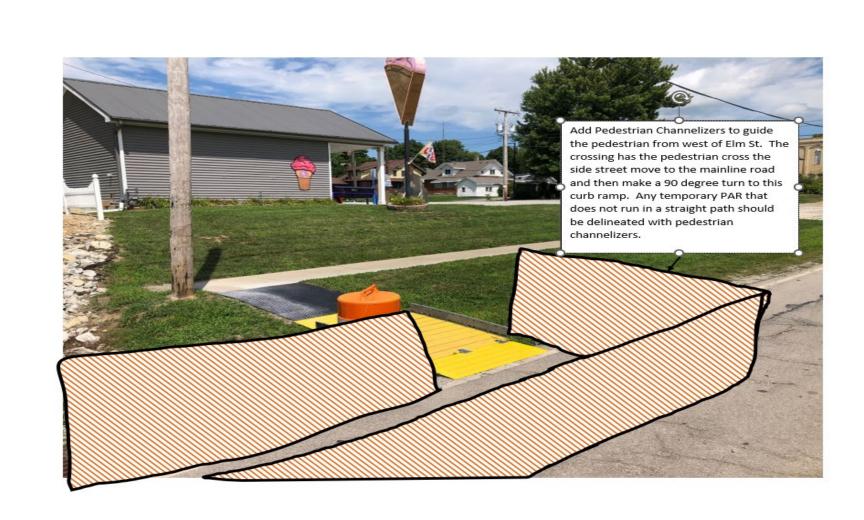
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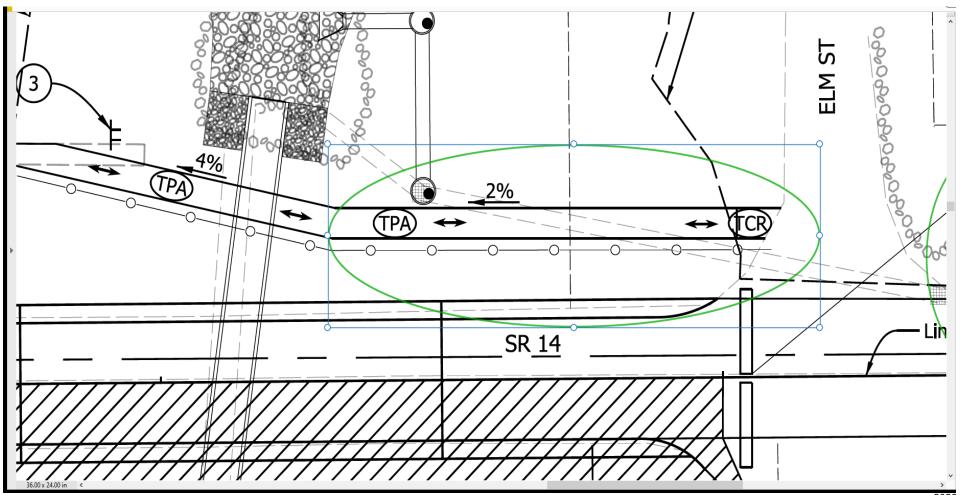
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### Location 1 – Additional items needed



#### Plan Sheet Location 2



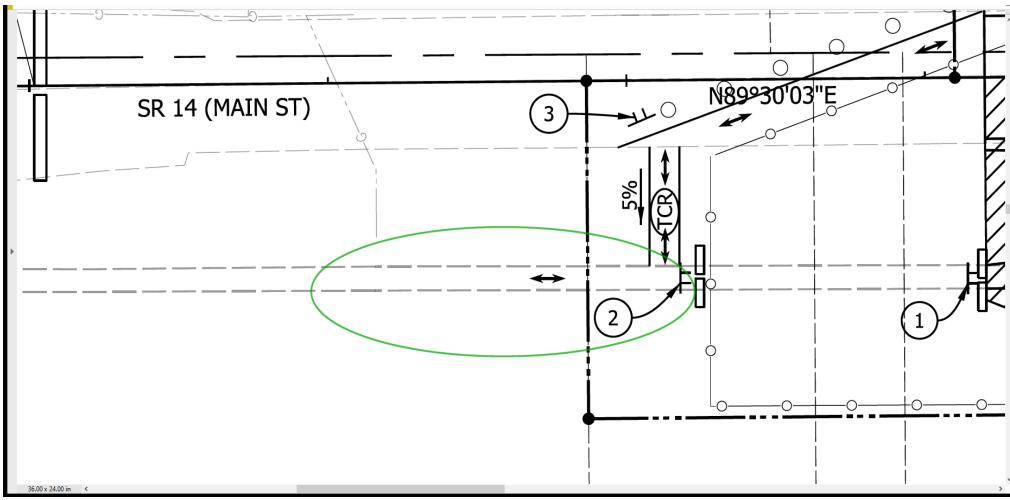
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#### Plan Sheet Location 3



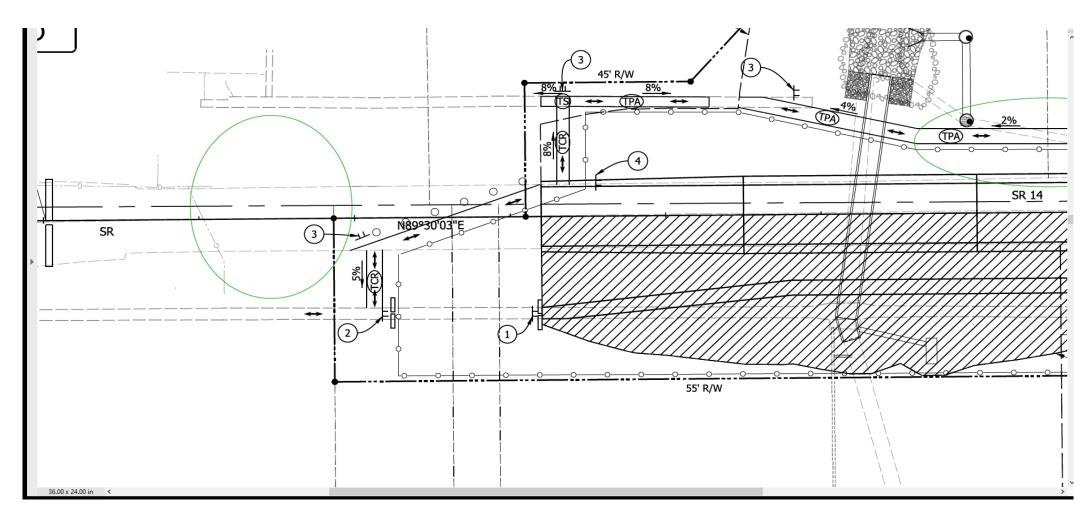
## Location 3 – Actually provided



#### Location 3 – Additional items needed



#### Plan sheet location 4



## Location 4 – Actually provided

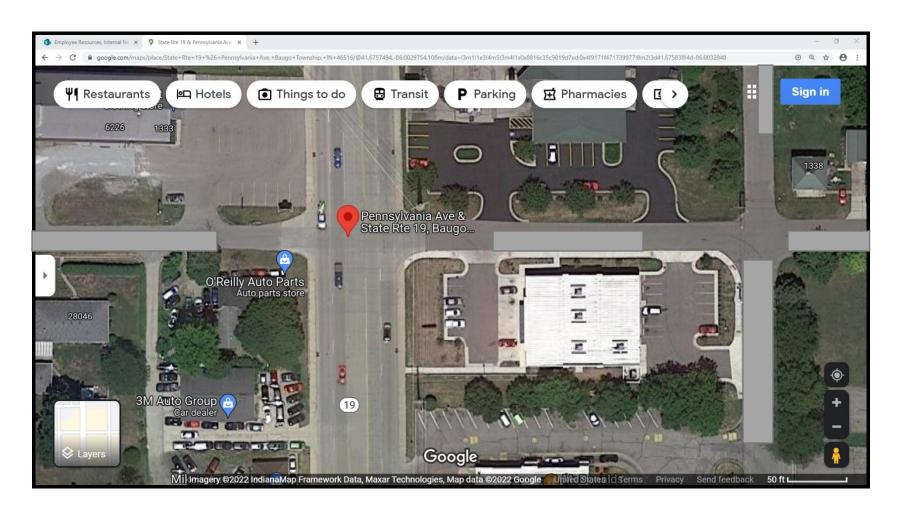


#### Location 4 – Additional items needed

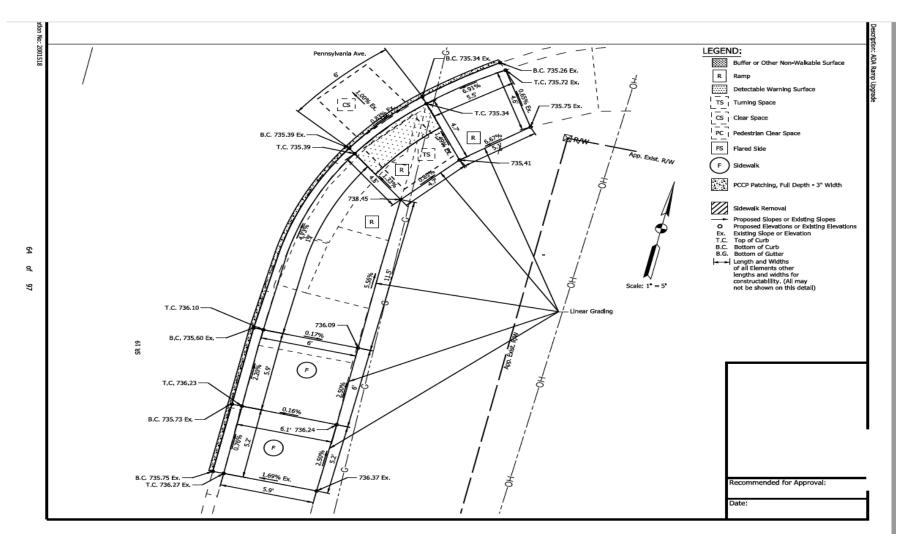


## Long Detour Example

# Location curb ramp SE corner Side street & SR 19



## Proposed design



## Pedestrian paths affected



## Will a diversion along right-of-way side work?

Due to lack of available existing
Right-of-way to bypass the
proposed construction this can't
be done. Try next option which is
Street side diversion.



## Will a diversion along street side work?

Sidewalks along SR 19 and Pennsylvania are adjacent to the curb. A diversion on the street sides would restrict the outside lane on SR 19 which District traffic does not desire and due to width of Pennsylvania make existing two way traffic not possible. Try next option which is mid-block crossing



## Will a mid-block crossing work?

Providing a midblock crossing across Pennsylvania Street would require Pennsylvania Street to be closed and there is no existing sidewalk on north side of Pennsylvania.

Providing a midblock crossing for SR 19 is infeasible and unsafe due to number of lanes of traffic needed to be crossed and the roadway width, along width the high traffic volumes and speeds. Try next option which is a short detour.



## Will a short detour work?

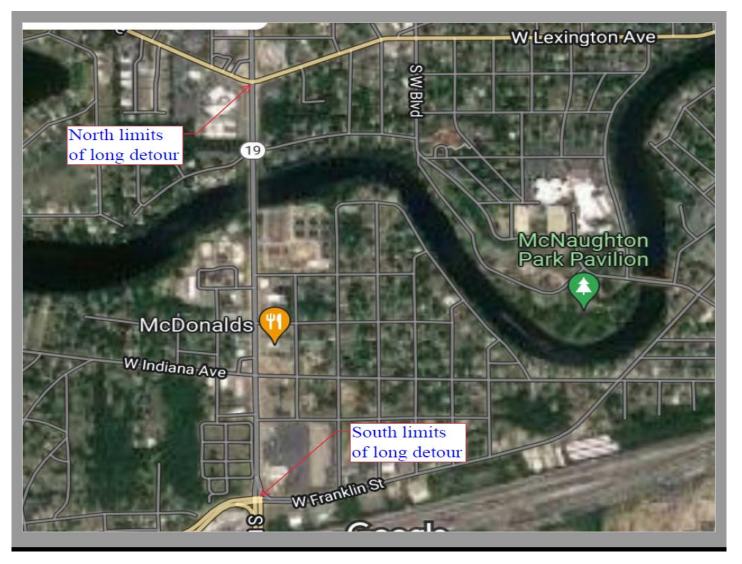
A short detour which is defined as being no greater than one block which is an area of land surrounded by four streets, is not possible because there is no sidewalk along the north side of Pennsylvania nor a crossing at the intersection of Laramie and Pennsylvania to accommodate the east west movement on the south side of Pennsylvania. There is also not an existing crossing of SR 19 and Indiana Ave to accommodate the north south movement on the east side of SR 19. Try next option which is a long detour.



## Will a long detour work?

#### North South movement SR 19

A long detour will work for providing an alternate path for the north south pedestrian movement by using the existing crossings at Lexington Av. and Franklin St. In order to keep the public informed about the impending curb ramp construction in the SE corner, signage will need to be added which gives a date when the sidewalk will be closed and the detour will need to be used a week before the actual closure. Also a USP will need to be developed which limits the construction time for this ramp to 3 days so pedestrians will be inconvenienced by the long detour for a short period of time

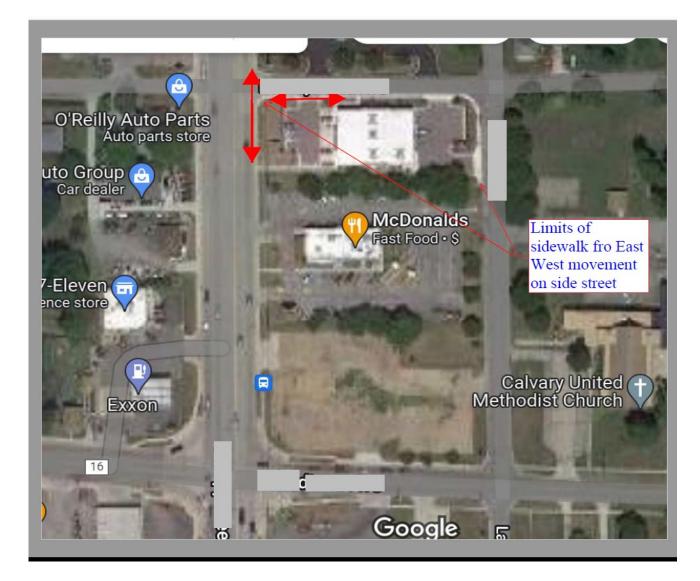


## Will a long detour work?

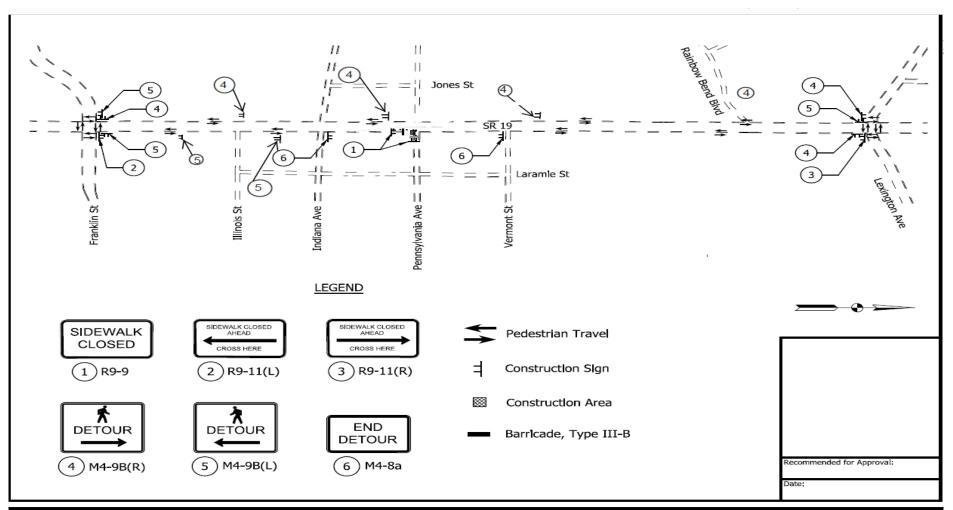
#### East west movement along Pennsylvania

Because the existing sidewalk on Pennsylvania only extends to Laramie and then for about 122' along Laramie and it does not connect to any other existing sidewalks a long detour is not possible.

Therefore when the SE corner ramp is constructed an alternate route for pedestrians will not be provided for the existing east west route on Pennsylvania. Seven days before construction begins signage will need to be provided which gives a date when the sidewalk will be closed. Also a USP will need to be developed which limits construction to 3 days



## Diagram Long detour



### Question???

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