

Cultivate Colfax

An effort to reconfigure Colfax Avenue (Lafayette Boulevard to Jacob Street segment) into a street that promotes development, supports arts-related and other businesses, and enhances pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety.

- In City Plan and East Bank planning processes, businesses and residents desired a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use environment for Downtown and the East Bank
- Colfax is currently a conduit for moving cars quickly, zipping by businesses, which go unnoticed; street can be a barrier

This proposal will

- Reinforce East Bank Village concept
- Bolster Colfax Arts Corridor
- Support business
 - Encourage people to stop and explore area
 - Potentially add on-street parking in core East Bank (Sycamore-Hill) segment
- Improve connections between Downtown, East Bank, and surrounding neighborhoods
- Calm traffic and improve safety
 - Reduced traffic speeds could help businesses be seen
 - Better define travel lanes and turn movements
 - Make walking, bicycling more pleasant
- Be very inexpensive to implement
 - Underwritten by Bike Michiana Coalition (www.bikemichiana.org)

Traffic Details

| Colfax Segment | Traffic Changes | Parking Changes |
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| Lafayette-Michigan | Addition of bike lanes | None |
| Michigan-Sycamore | Conversion from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, with continuous center left turn lanes and addition of bike lanes | None |
| Sycamore-Hill | Conversion from 4 lanes to 3 lanes, with continuous center left turn lanes and addition of bike lanes | Potential addition of on-street parking to north side |
| Hill-Eddy | Addition of bike lanes | Removal of on-street parking where present |
| Eddy-Jacob | Addition of bike lanes | None |

Schedule

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| April 6 | Hold public meeting/open house |
| April 13 | End of public comment period |
| Mid-April | Complete final design |
| Late April to Mid-May | Implement/construct initial phase of improvements |
| May 23 | Bike the Bend (www.BiketheBend.com) |
| May 24-28 | Bike to Work Week (www.michianabiketowork.org) |