

Corridor Plan Marine City Highway



Project Overview

The Marine City Highway corridor is located in the southeastern portion of St. Clair County, Michigan, consisting of an 11-mile stretch of road between County Line Road and King Road. It is a two-lane county road and traverses a predominantly rural and agricultural portion of St. Clair County. The corridor serves as a key east-west route connecting I-94, commercial areas and employment destinations within Macomb County on the west end with the City of Marine City and the St. Clair River on the east end.

In recent years, considerable new development has occurred between I-94 and County Line Road within Macomb County, including several large-scale commercial and medical developments. This has led to higher traffic volumes near and along the corridor. New commercial and industrial development has also occurred within the western portion of the corridor within St. Clair County, joining other commercial and industrial operations and institutional uses that are scattered along the corridor.

Four townships have jurisdiction for land use and development within the study area -- Casco, China, Cottrellville, and Ira -- while the St. Clair County Road Commission has responsibility for road design and maintenance of the highway. ***Given the multiple regulatory jurisdictions, increasing traffic patterns, and development pressures facing the corridor, St. Clair County, in conjunction with the four townships, road commission and the Economic Development Alliance (EDA), initiated this effort to prepare a comprehensive corridor management plan for the Marine City Highway Corridor.*** The scope of work for the corridor plan will include an analysis of existing corridor conditions, demographic and market conditions. The intent of the plan is to serve as a guide for cohesive development within the corridor, and will include recommendations related to land use, transportation, infrastructure, and land development regulations.

Alignment with Regional Plans

This corridor plan will be prepared in recognition of prior regional planning efforts, including the St. Clair County Master Plan. The county master plan advocates for managed growth and change in order to preserve the rural character, unique features, and natural, cultural, and historic resources that make St. Clair County an attractive place to live, work, and play. To achieve this, the county master plan calls for regional and local units of government to work together to find innovative solutions to problems and to carry out planning and economic development projects, such as this Marine City Highway Corridor Plan.

Public Engagement Opportunities

This planning effort will include several opportunities for public engagement -- the feedback received during these engagement activities will greatly influence future planning recommendations. These will include:

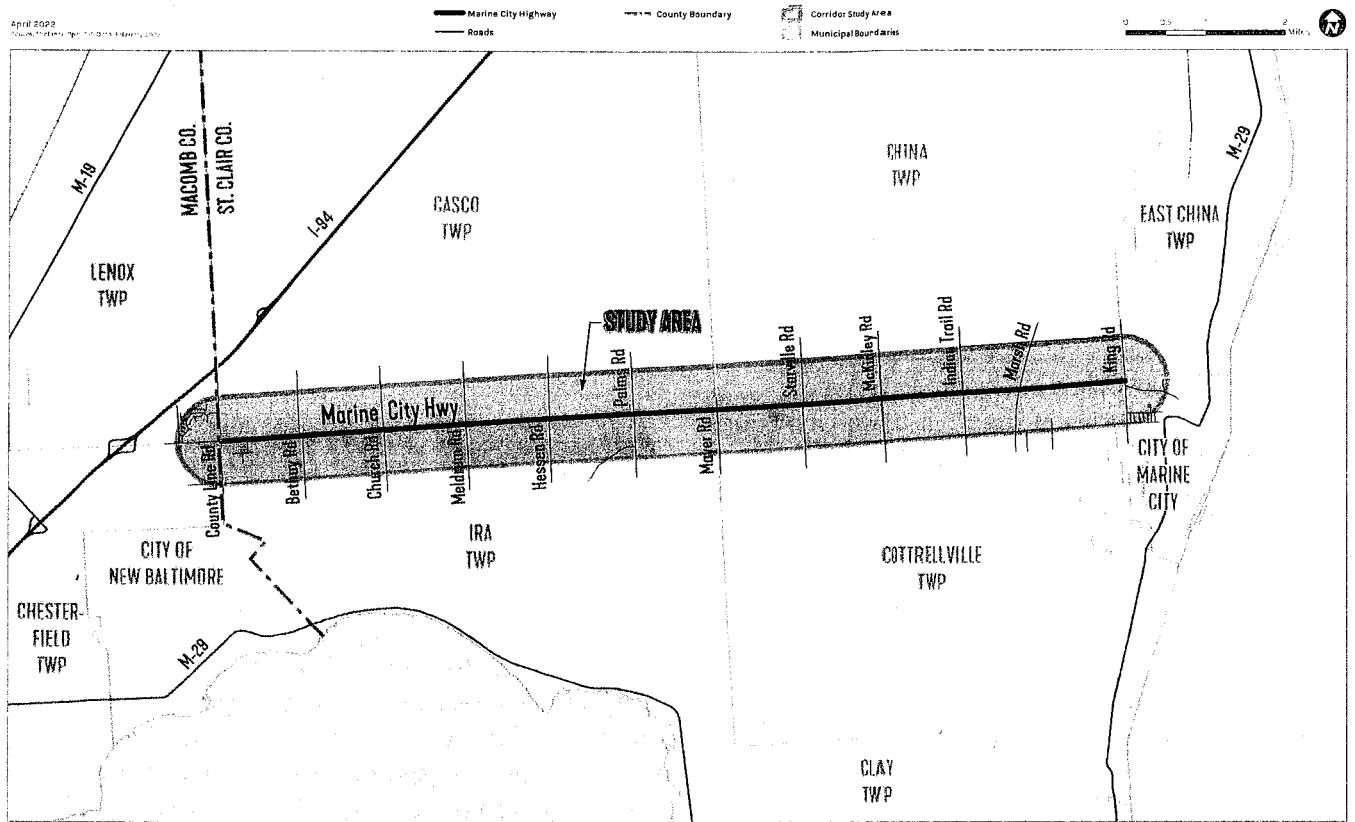
- Online Survey -- June to July 2022
- Public Forum -- June 29, 2022 @ 6pm at the Lions Club of Marine City (545 Ward Street)
- Public Open House -- Late Summer/Fall 2022 (time/location TBD)

We Want to Hear from You!

For the latest information about public engagement opportunities, please visit the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission website at:

www.stclaircounty.org/offices/metro/

Study Area Map



Project Leadership

This project is sponsored and funded by the St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the St. Clair County Economic Development Alliance (EDA). The corridor planning effort kicked-off in January 2022 and is being led by an approximately 20-member steering committee consisting of representatives from:

- St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
- St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission
- EDA of St. Clair County
- St. Clair County Road Commission
- St. Clair County Transportation Study
- Casco Township
- China Township
- Cottrellville Township
- East China Township
- Ira Township
- City of Marine City

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