

Westnedge & Park

Westnedge Avenue and Park Street are fast moving streets, with wide lanes and few areas for pedestrians to comfortably cross. In Summer 2021, City staff heard from hundreds of residents who shared their thoughts on Westnedge Avenue and Park Street including priority crossing locations, thoughts on traffic calming, and how they feel as a driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist along or near Westnedge Avenue and Park Street. City staff incorporated this feedback with traffic crash data and street design best practices to plan improvements to make these streets safer for all users.

Phase 1, 2021 improvements in the Northside neighborhood included:

1. Westnedge at Hopkins, 2. Westnedge at Lulu, 3. Westnedge at Mabel, 4. Westnedge at Ransom, 5. Park at Norway, 6. Park at Lulu, 7. Park at Ransom, 8. Park at Willard which recieved painted continental crosswalks and pedestrain signage.

1. Westnedge & Paterson, 2. Westnedge & North, 3. Park & Paterson, 4. Park & North are all signalized intersections which recieved upgraded paint enhance the crosswalks.

Review of Project Goals

- Reduce speeding on Westnedge & Park
- Create streets that allow all users to travel safely
- Support economic vitality by removing transportation challenges
- Align the streets with the adjacent character of the Northside and Vine neighborhoods

Northside Improvements

- Re-surfacing to create a uniform black surface and rejuvenate the asphalt pavement
- Re-painting of vehicle travel lanes to be right-sized (11 ft) to help calm traffic
- Bike Lanes & On-street parking (in some areas)
- Improve Crosswalks with signage & paint

What to Expect

Work begins Monday, July 11th and continues through Mid-to-Late July. This work will include removing existing paint, re-sealing the pavement, and adding new paint. During re-surfacing work, partial lane closures will be in place for a 4 - 8 hours at a time during the construction process, which may cause delays.

Project Timeline

- JULY & AUG. 2021
Community Outreach & Input
Outreach to residents in the area. Meetings, online input opportunity
- FALL 2021
Implementation
Pedestrian improvements in the Northside Neighborhood.
- SUMMER 2022
Implementation
 - Sidewalk Improvements
 - Updated travel lanes (10 - 11 ft) w/ bike lanes and on-street parking in certain locations
 - Crosswalk & Sign Improvements in Vine

Traffic Calming Improvements

Planned improvements to Westnedge & Park to make them safer for all users based on the community input, traffic crash data, and street design best practices are continuing starting July 2022.

FALL 2021 IMPROVEMENTS (COMPLETED)

Several Pedestrian Crossings at intersections were installed on Westnedge & Park where residents expressed a need.

With the high number of pedestrians crossing Park Street at Ransom & Willard, these crosswalks were enhanced with push-button activated flashing LED lighted signs. Two new “Your Speed Is” Radar Signs were installed to alert drivers of their speed and collect speed data.

2022 IMPROVEMENTS (Starting July 11th, 2022)

Re-surfacing of Westnedge & Park from Michigan Avenue to Dunkley St will rejuvenate the old asphalt surface and increase visibility of the new paint.



Re-Surfacing

Once this process is complete, Westnedge & Park between Dunkley and Michigan Avenue will be restriped to right-size the vehicle lanes (11 ft). This is done to calm traffic. Bike lanes (buffered in some locations) and in some locations, on-street parking, will be added in the extra space. Bike lanes will provide enhance connectivity for non-motorized users.

Sidewalk, Crosswalk, and signage installations will also help support pedestrian connectivity.

If you have any questions, please call 311 or 269-337-8000 or email hello@kalamazoo.org

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UPDATE TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS

2021 Improvements have been completed. 2022 Improvements are set to begin Monday July, 11th 2022.

