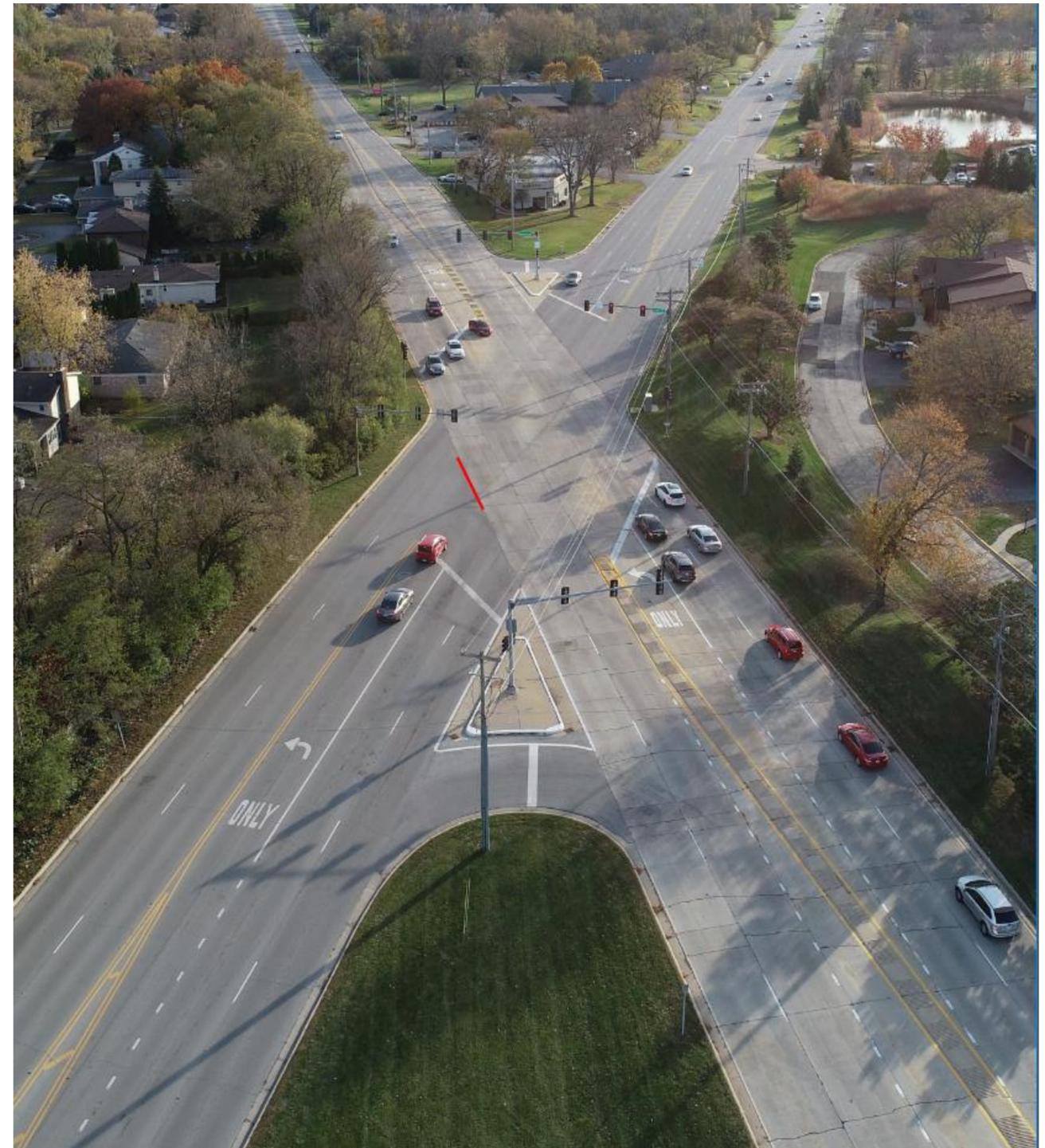


Project Overview

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) is proposing improvements to Kedzie Avenue between Vollmer Road and 159th Street. This 5-mile corridor provides access to vital institutions and recreational facilities including:

- Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena
- Coyote Run Golf Course and Restaurant.

The proposed improvements include reconstructing the roadway pavement, modifying the roadway geometry to improve safety and reduce vehicular speeds, providing drainage improvements and adding dedicated spaces for pedestrians and bicyclists to use along the corridor.



Project Benefits



Improved pavement condition



Increased safety for vehicles, pedestrians
and bicyclists



Drainage improvements to prevent
roadway flooding



Decreased congestion during peak traffic times

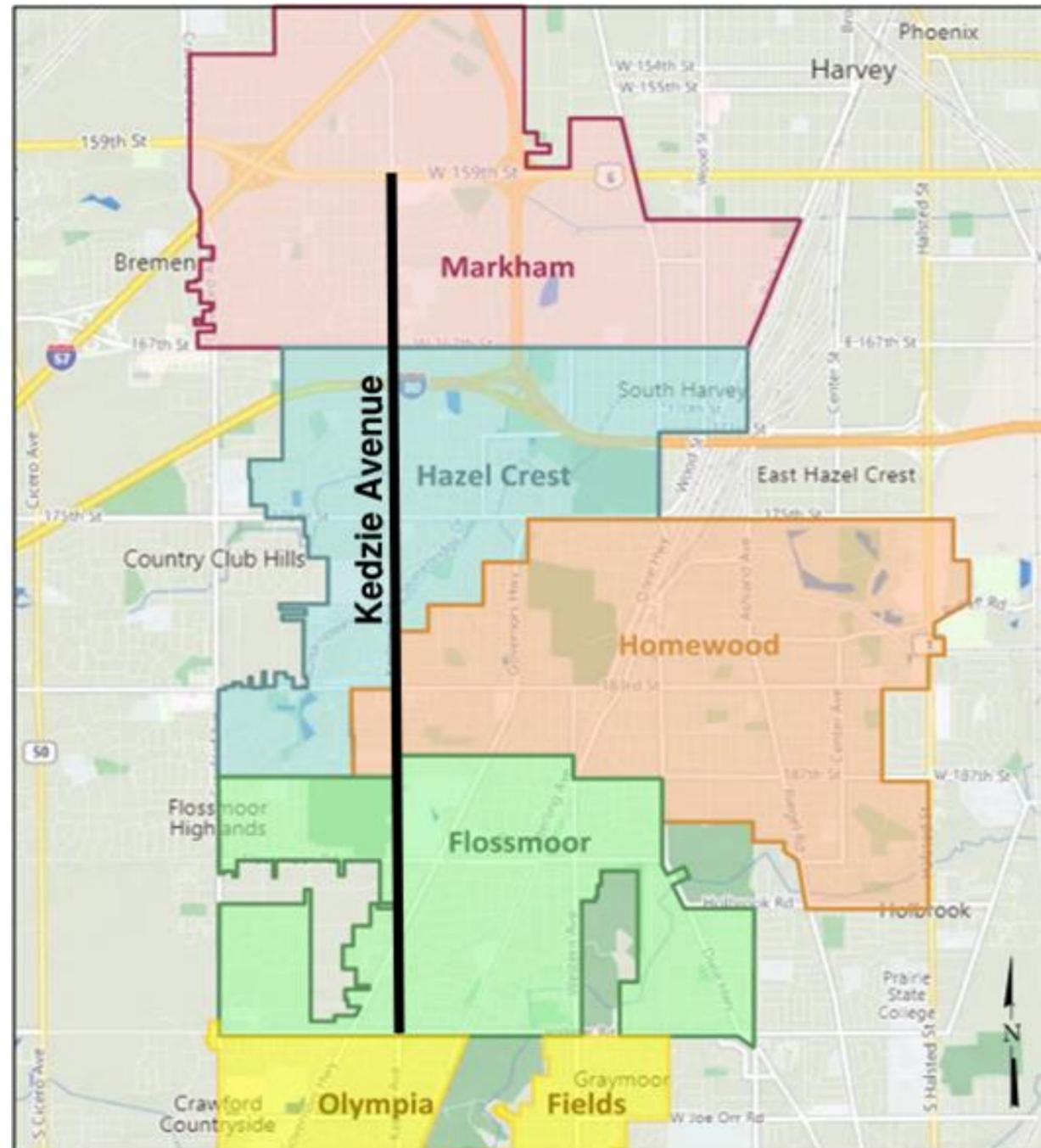


New proposed shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians and
improved sidewalk connections

Communities benefited:

- Village of Flossmoor
- Village of Hazel Crest
- Village of Homewood
- City of Markham
- Village of Olympia Fields

Project Location Map



Existing Conditions

Kedzie Avenue is a 4-lane minor arterial with center medians in various locations. Intermittent sidewalk facilities are present along the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue.

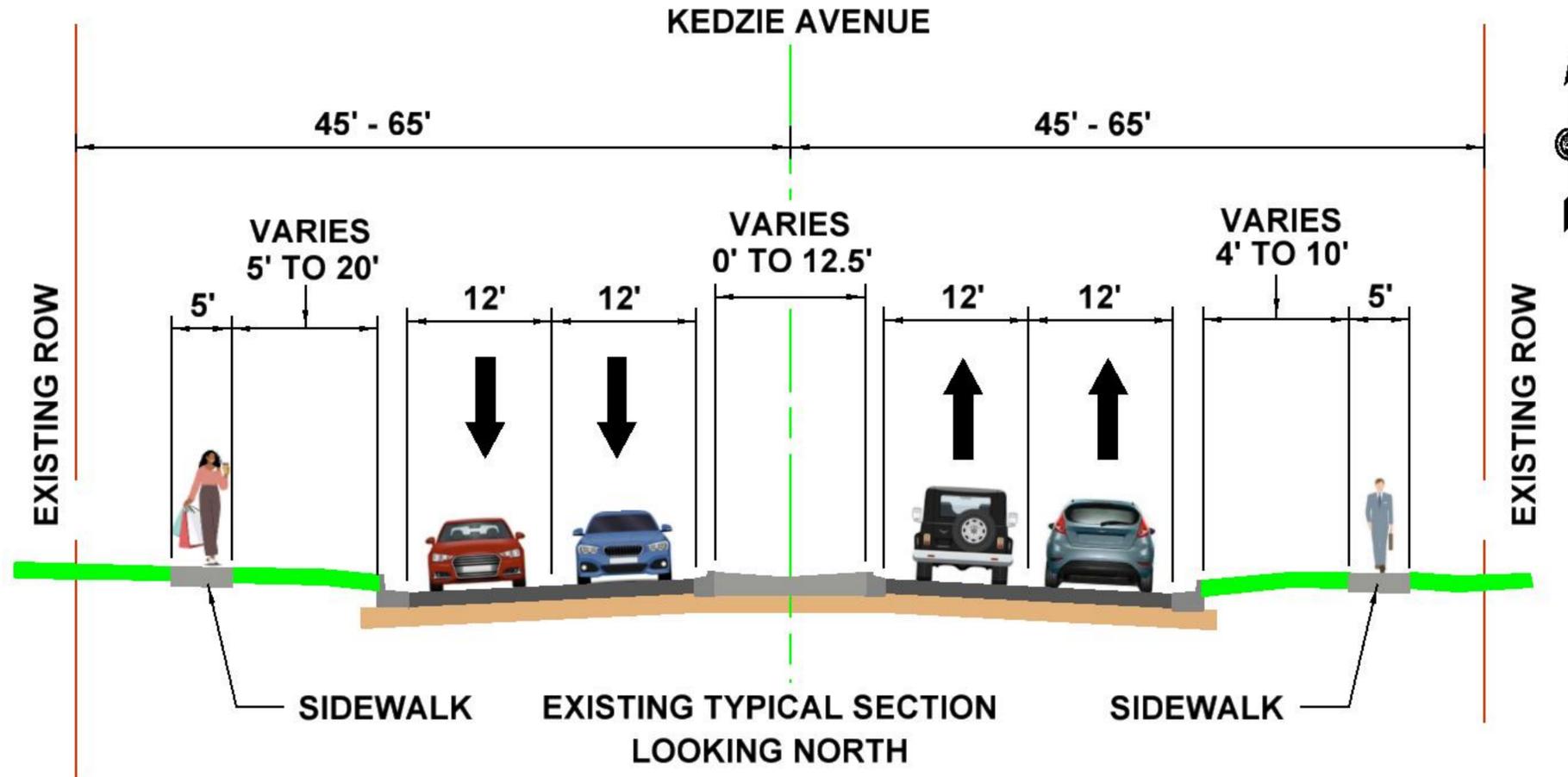
Why Are Improvements Needed?

- Pavement structure in poor condition
- Lack of continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue
- Frequent vehicle collisions and crashes at the intersections and along the corridor
- Street flooding during heavy rainfall events in select locations along the corridor
- Long queue lines for vehicles during peak traffic times – particularly at the intersections of 159th Street and 167th Street



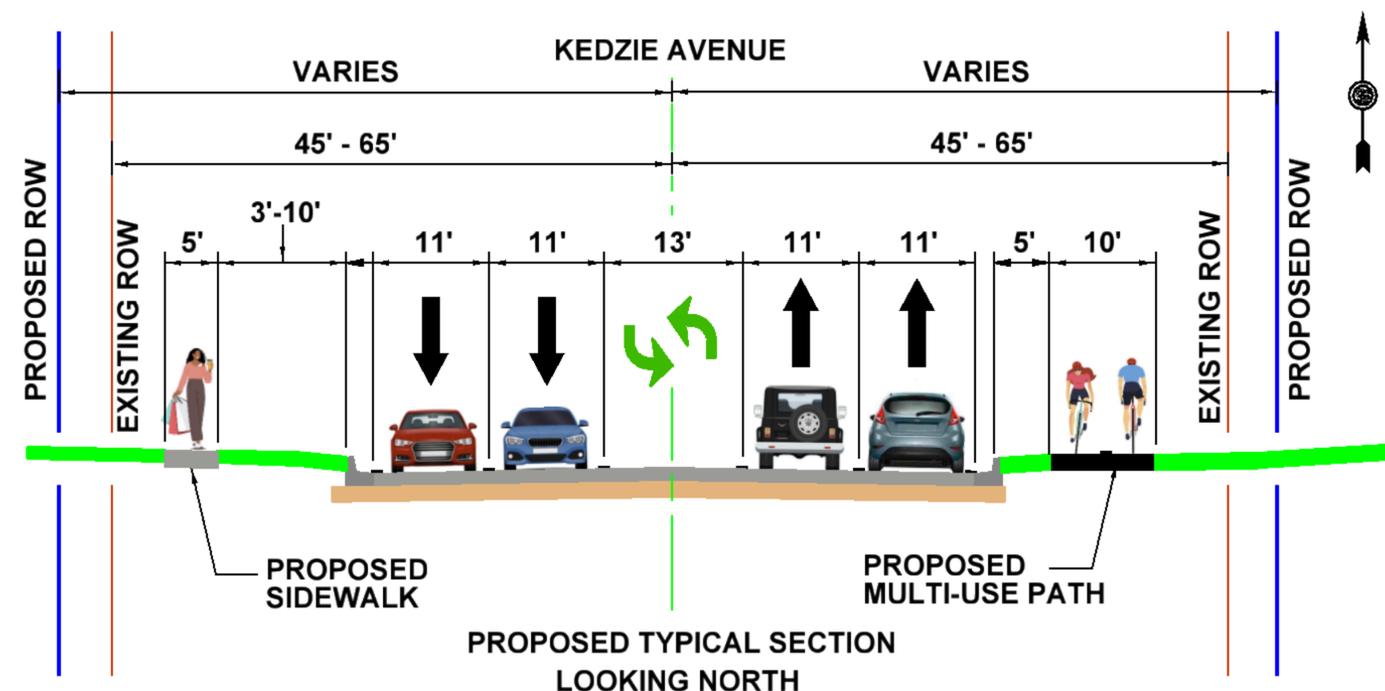
Existing Roadway Configuration

- Most of the corridor consists of two travel lanes in each direction with left-turn lanes at intersections
- Some parts of the corridor have a raised concrete median in the middle separating northbound traffic from southbound traffic
- Intermittent sidewalks are present on both the east and west sides of Kedzie Avenue



Proposed Roadway Configuration

- Complete reconstruction of the pavement structure
- Adding new right-turn only lanes south and north of the intersection of Kedzie Avenue and 159th Street
- Establishing new pavement markings along the corridor to allow for bidirectional turn lanes along the median (which will improve ease of access in highly residential areas) as well as proposed left-turn only lanes at intersections
- Adding continuous sidewalk facilities along the west side of Kedzie Avenue
- Adding a new 10-foot shared-use path to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists along the east side of Kedzie Avenue



Project Timeline

