



# Joe Louis Greenway –*Hamtramck Segments*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Joe Louis Greenway?

- It is a 30-mile planned biking and walking trail that extends from the Detroit Riverfront to Highland Park, Dearborn, and Hamtramck.
- The Joe Louis Greenway is being coordinated with the City of Hamtramck, City of Detroit, City of Highland Park, and City of Dearborn. The City of Hamtramck oversees control over design and implementation of the segments located within city lines.

### What will the Greenway look like in Hamtramck?

The Joe Louis Greenway in Hamtramck can be divided into 4 segments:

- **Hamtramck Drive: East Grand Boulevard to Joseph Campau**
- **Joseph Campau Segment: Hamtramck Drive to Holbrook**
- **Joseph Campau Segment: Caniff to Carpenter**
- **Joseph Campau Alleyway: Holbrook to Caniff**

### What is a “Greenway? Why are they important for cities?

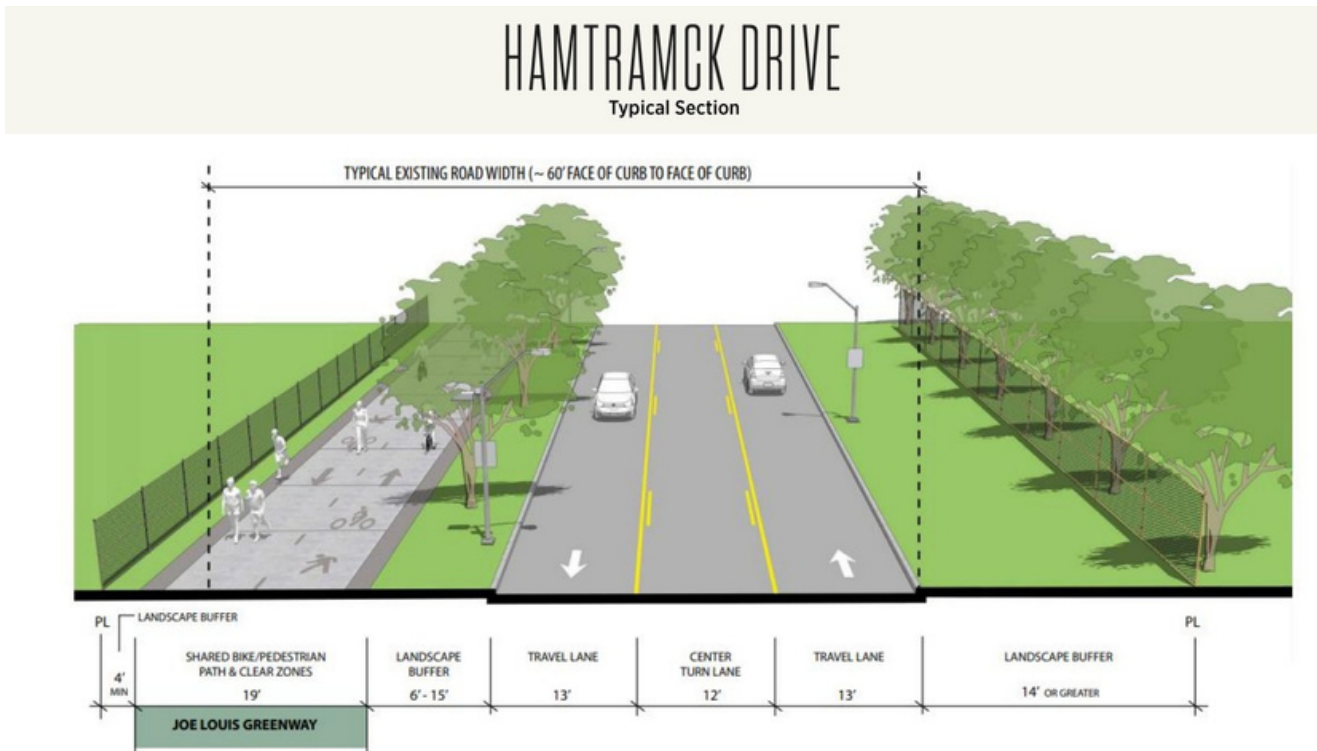
- A Greenway is an outdoor recreational path connecting people & places. Each greenway is unique, reflecting the character of the communities it connects.
- Urban greenways and parks play a vital role in the social, economic, and physical well-being of cities and their residents. In addition to improving the public health and mobility through increased access to recreational opportunities, greenways generate economic value and growth.

### Who is Joe Louis?

- Joe Louis was a boxing legend and a proud Detroiter. His significance as an American hero and icon cannot be overstated. Although he's
- become a prominent cultural symbol in our city, many people are unaware of the important role he played as an advocate for social
- justice. Joe Louis worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights of Black Americans and to promote social justice in the United States.
- The Joe Louis Greenway is more than a tribute to his legacy. It
- celebrates Joe Louis as a role model, as someone whose values can guide this project and the people it brings together.
- “My gift was fighting and through fighting I was to uplift the spirit of my race.” Joe Louis.

# Hamtramck Drive: East Grand Boulevard to Joseph Campau

Hamtramck Drive is under Wayne County jurisdiction. The detailed engineering and design is being jointly coordinated between Wayne County and several partners and will meet both of their standards of requirements.



## Joseph Campau Segment: Hamtramck Drive to Holbrook

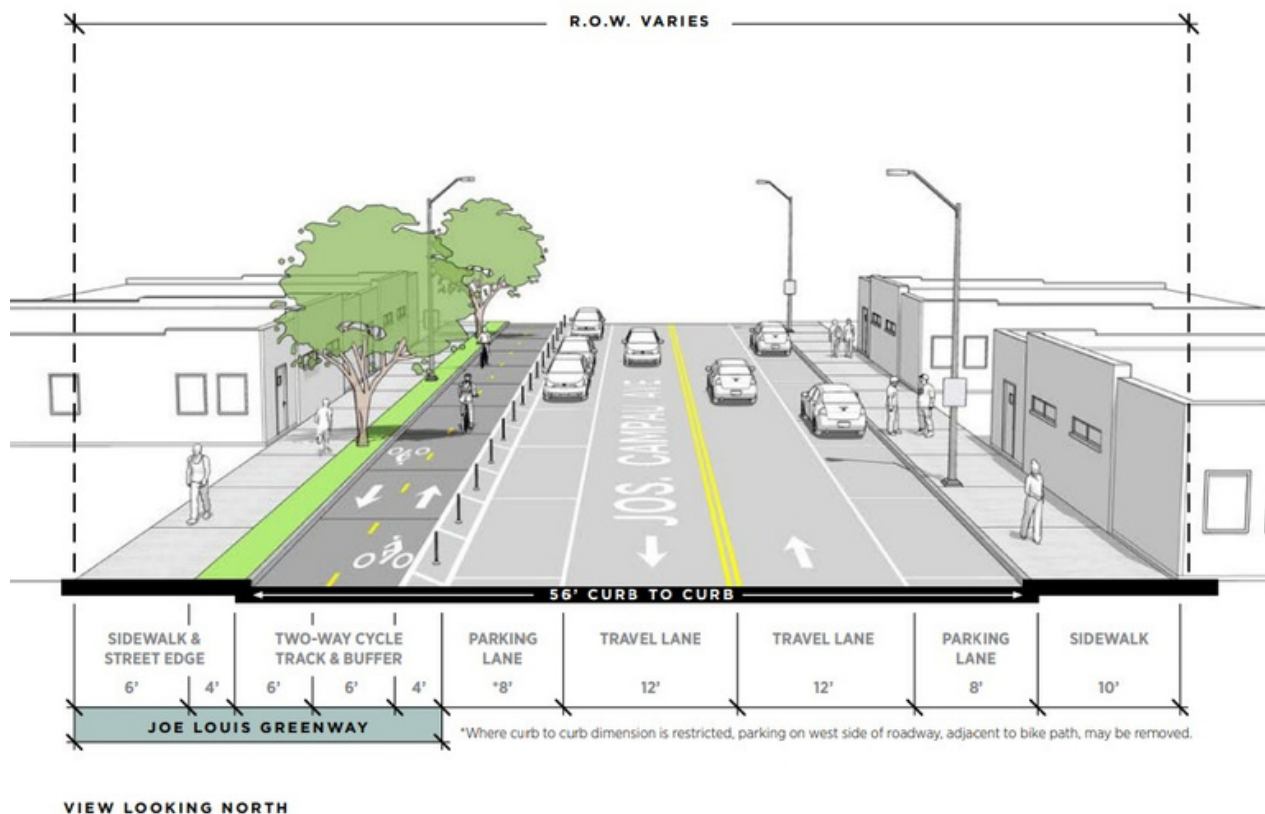
### Joseph Campau Segment: Caniff to Carpenter

On-street greenway connects Hamtramck's downtown to Detroit.

**Connections:** This segment provides direct access and connections through Hamtramck neighborhoods and business. There exist multiple opportunities for connections to key destinations, including Veterans Park and Historic Keyworth Stadium.

- Construction on the section from Hamtramck Dr. to Holbrook Ave. began in 2022.
- Design of the section from Caniff to Carpenter is on-going.

**Builds on Other Work:** The City of Hamtramck was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for non-motorized facilities improvements along Joseph Campau in 2019 in the amount of \$511,788. The City of Hamtramck Planning Department applied for the grant in 2017 and City Council approved in 2018. Construction is slated to conclude in 2023 between Hamtramck Dr. and Holbrook Ave.



## Joseph Campau Alleyway: Holbrook to Caniff

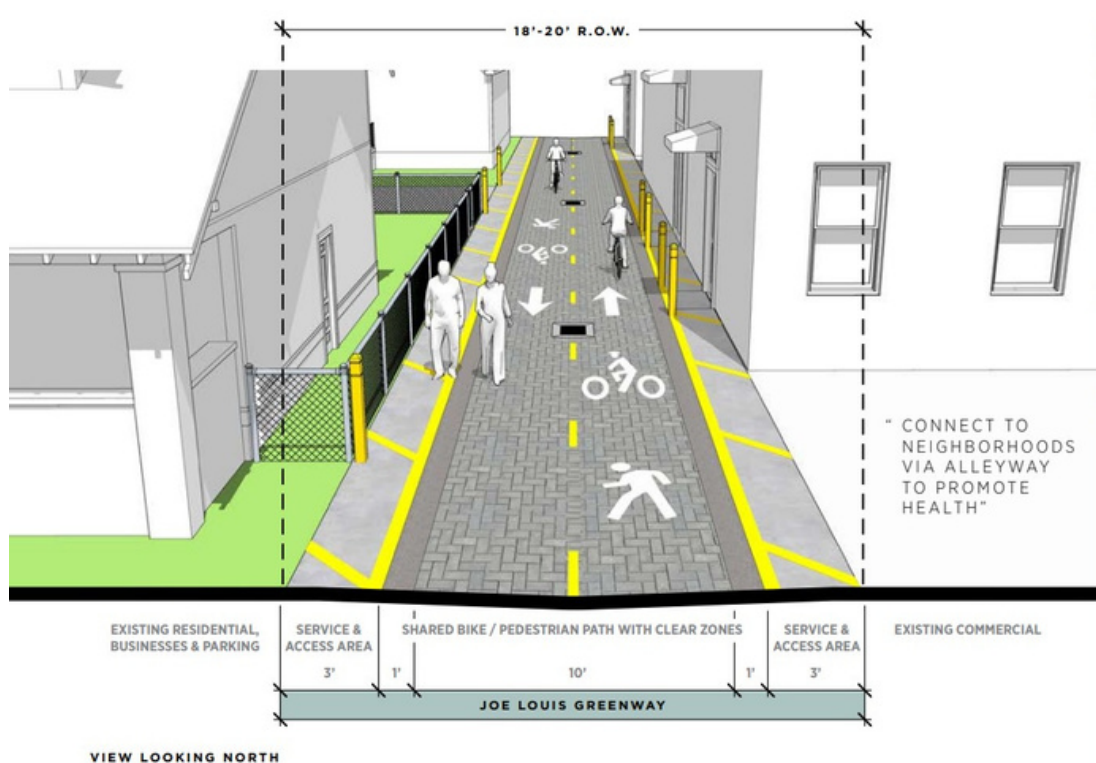
Alley segment creates an intimate, activated, and unique experience. The alley segment builds on the existing use of the alley to ensure safety and create a unique space for residents to walk, bike, play, or gather.

**Connections:** This segment maintains access to and through Downtown Hamtramck.

**Comfort and Safety:** This alley alignment avoids the narrow and high traffic downtown corridor of Joseph Campau Avenue while still maintaining access to the downtown businesses and restaurant district of Hamtramck. Special attention is paid to the alley crossings at cross streets. Additionally, this space will be pedestrian-focused; bicycles will be asked to slow down. Delivery trucks and automobiles would be permitted as needed and at slow speeds.

**Economic Development:** This unique greenway experience is designed to attract people to the vibrant and active Hamtramck Downtown. With opportunities for programming, dining and access by adjacent businesses, this segment will connect users to shopping, amenities and jobs.

**Builds on Other Work:** The Hamtramck Downtown Development Authority has been exploring ways to activate alleys in Downtown Hamtramck prior to the Joe Louis Greenway Framework planning process.





## What is the Hamtramck Alley Project?

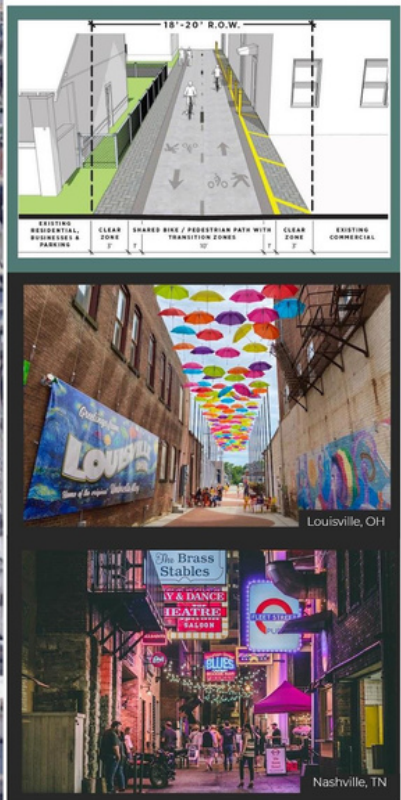
- Our goal is to build on the existing way Hamtramck residents use the alley as a walking path. We hope ensure safety, slowing traffic at the intersections, and making an even more safe & comfortable space for residents to walk, bike, play, or gather. Come share how you would use the alley!
- We are currently fundraising for a design and engineering firm to fully address the challenges that currently exist in the alleyway, including traffic calming & safety, waste management, and consolidation, drainage, lighting, and street crossings.
- The City of Hamtramck applied for SEMCOG Planning Assistance Grant
  - Creating design solutions
  - Will be gathering feedback from the community
  - When preliminary design options are completed, concepts will be shared and feedback gathered.



## REIMAGINE THE ALLEY



## ALLEY EXAMPLES

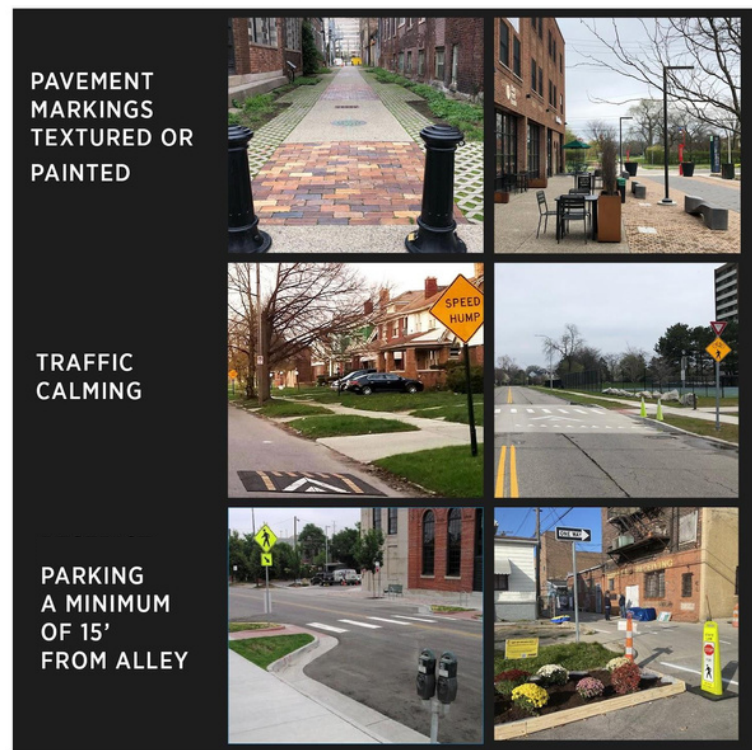


## What are traffic calming measures and why are they important?

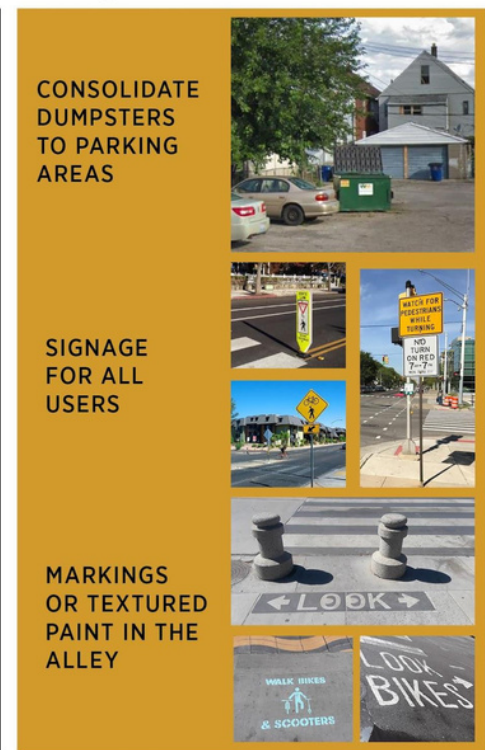
See chart below detailing the type of treatments and their benefits.

Treatment	Benefits
Pavement Markings (including reflective tape)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designates space for pedestrians and bicycles</li> <li>Improved visibility of greenway space</li> </ul>
Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved visibility of greenway space</li> <li>Warns drivers of pedestrian and bicycle crossings</li> </ul>
Street Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved visibility of greenway space</li> <li>Improved safety</li> </ul>
Curb Extensions/ Curb Bump outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shortens intersection crossing for pedestrians</li> <li>Improves visibility of pedestrians crossing intersections</li> <li>Lowers speeds by narrowing road &amp; driving lane</li> </ul>
Planters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shortens intersection crossing for pedestrians</li> <li>Beautification</li> <li>Opportunity for artists to add designs to planters</li> <li>Lower cost option can be built by community members</li> </ul>
Convex Mirrors (driveway mirrors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved visibility for vehicles and pedestrians entering the intersection</li> </ul>
Median Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect cyclists and pedestrians in the intersection</li> <li>Lowers speeds by reducing travel lane width and deflecting vehicles</li> <li>Users only have to cross one direction of traffic at a time</li> </ul>

## HAMTRAMCK ALLEY



## Safety Tools for all Users



### **When will the Joe Louis Greenway project be completed?**

- Currently, the construction of the full Joe Louis Greenway is slated to be completed in 4 to 7 years, dependent on fundraising efforts. Additional amenities, programming, art, will be planned and developed in the years after it is fully constructed.

### **How can I learn more, share ideas, and show support?**

- Read more about the Hamtramck segments on our website:  
[hamtramck.us/joe-louis-greenway](http://hamtramck.us/joe-louis-greenway)
- Are you a business owner? Fill out one of our surveys:
  - If you are a *business owner south of Holbrook or north of Caniff*:  
<https://forms.gle/aKK4kEXqrrqezw6X6>
  - If you are a *business owner in the westside alley between Holbrook and Caniff*.  
<https://forms.gle/GXhQp2sPYfBC565Y6>
- For more information about the entire route, go to the City of Detroit's website: [www.joelouisgreenway.com](http://www.joelouisgreenway.com)

*If you are interested in volunteering to assist with special events and the Joe Louis Greenway project, please contact the City of Hamtramck's Community and Economic Development team at:  
313-800-5233 ext. 818 or email us at  
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