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Envision the Future at “Imagine the Avenue”

(LANSING) - Between Monday, August 6th and Saturday, August 11th, the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue will come alive for “Imagine the Avenue,” a popup event, hosted by the City of Lansing, exhibiting temporary, in-place street design changes (e.g., protected bike lanes, expanded pedestrian ways and an enhanced transit stop) to show how one city block can be transformed anew.

“This is a significant community project, which when complete, will impact everyone living in and visiting Lansing,” Mayor Andy Schor said. “It’s especially important that we involve as many people as we can to make this key corridor what we want it to be for decades and generations to come. Please join us, bring your families and friends, and help us ‘Imagine the Avenue’ by providing your feedback.”

Throughout the week, the public can view proposed designs and provide feedback by completing a brief [online survey](#). During the weekend, a full agenda of family-friendly activities is planned.

- **Friday, August 10th:** Lansing Bike Party starting at 6 p.m., at the Peanut Barrel in East Lansing, and Arts Night Out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring music, artists and walkable fun throughout the neighborhood.
- **Saturday, August 11th:** a Lansing Art Space Pop-Up Market is planned between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the corner of East Michigan Avenue and South Fairview Avenue, as well as a Family Fun Fest with activities for kids, great food and music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the City of Lansing parking lot behind the Green Door.

“Imagine the Avenue” represents the evolution of “Shaping the Avenue,” driven by public input. The effort is a multi-jurisdictional partnership between the municipalities of Lansing, Lansing Township, East Lansing, Meridian Township and the Capital Area Transportation Authority. For more information, visit [ShapingtheAvenue.com](#).

“Shaping the Avenue” began in 2016 to address the potential for improving the Michigan Avenue corridor from Pennsylvania Avenue to just west of U.S.-127. For nearly two years, interested citizens and stakeholders participated in workshops to create and comment on preassembled street designs, demonstrating a range of possible improvements for the avenue.

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Based on public feedback, a street design manual was drafted with guidelines for how spaces between buildings should be designed including the roadway, sidewalks, bike facilities, transit amenities, street plantings, crosswalks and privately-owned properties between rights-of-way and building facades.

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