



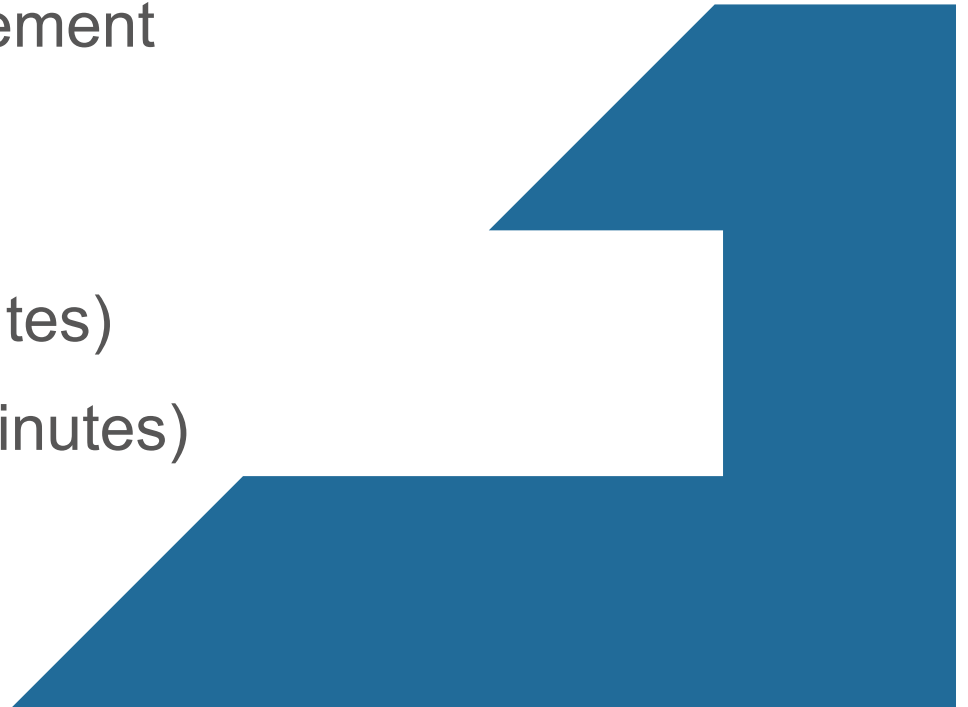
Downtown Lancaster Roundabouts Project

**Improving Safety and Advancing Downtown
Redevelopment**
Village of Lancaster, NY



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Project Overview (10 minutes)
- Stakeholder & Public Engagement Overview (10 minutes)
- Q&A (10 minutes)
- Interactive Exercise (60 minutes)
- Wrap-up & Next Steps (30 minutes)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Project need identified in previous studies
- Why roundabouts?
- Schedule



PROJECT NEED

- Reduce traffic delay
- Improve air quality
- Improve pedestrian safety
- Establish a walkable downtown
- Create gateways to downtown



WHY ROUNDABOUTS?

- Slower vehicle speeds
- Fewer and less severe crashes compared to signalized intersections
- Improved pedestrian safety as pedestrians need to watch only one direction of traffic at a time
- The slow speeds of roundabouts allow drivers and pedestrians more time to react to one another
- Less delay at intersection, resulting in improved air quality

PUBLIC SQUARE A CNU Journal



Downtown Olean, NY, after the street redo. Source: Bob Ring.

COMMUNITY

Small city invests in downtown

With a new urban vision and context-based street design, Olean has taken a bold step to revive its economy and social life.

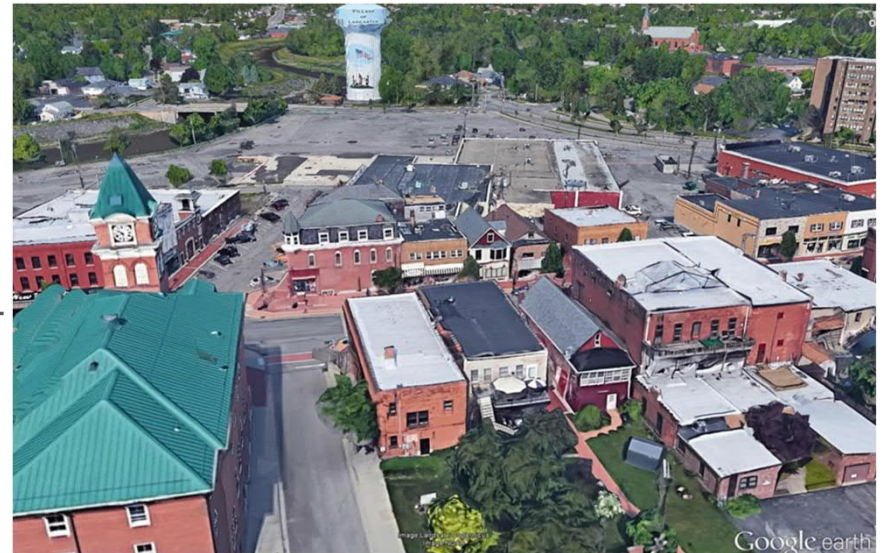
ROBERT STEUTEVILLE DEC. 11, 2018



Olean, a small city in isolated southwestern New York State, has transformed its wide main street, North Union Street, using five roundabouts and a new tree-lined center median to calm traffic and shorten pedestrian crossing distances. Four lanes of traffic were reduced to two and several traffic lights were eliminated—allowing traffic to flow slowly but steadily through downtown. Angle-in parking gives drivers direct access to merchants—and the pedestrian-friendly streetscape encourages them to park once and walk.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Public Engagement (Jan/Feb 2020)
- Preliminary Design (Feb/March 2020)
- Public Meeting #2 (March 2020)
- Design Approval & Detail Design (April – Oct)
- Public Meeting #3 (Late 2020)
- Final Design & Bidding (Late 2020)
- Construction (2021)



COMPLETED ENGAGEMENT

- Stakeholder Interviews (Nov-Dec 2019)
- Public Engagement Plan (Dec 2019-Jan 2020)
- Stakeholder Meetings (Jan 20, 2020)
- Door-to-Door Outreach (Jan 28, 2020)
- Project Webpage



WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

- Roundabouts are controversial
- Confusion about purpose and need of project
 - There isn't congestion today
 - Has a traffic study been completed?
 - Change traffic signal retiming
 - Project is costly and will undo recent streetscape improvements on Central Ave.
- Project will compliment W. Main project
- Adding a mid-block crossing on Pleasant will increase safety for Lancaster Tower residents



WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

Design team should consider:

- Accommodating large trucks, buses and emergency vehicles
- Communicating information about design and construction to adjacent property owners and merchants
- Minimizing impacts to deliveries for local businesses
- Protecting businesses from dust and dirt



UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

- Family Fun Night: Feb 11, 2020
5:30–8:30PM at Lancaster High School Field House
- Focus Groups: March 2020
- Public Meeting #2: March 2020
- Public Meeting #3: Winter 2020



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



WORLD CAFE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Three questions for discussion at tables
2. Need a notetaker to document comments and discussion
3. Fifteen (15) minutes per question, then switch to different question x 2
4. Notetaker stays at same table, relays what was previously discussed
5. Report out

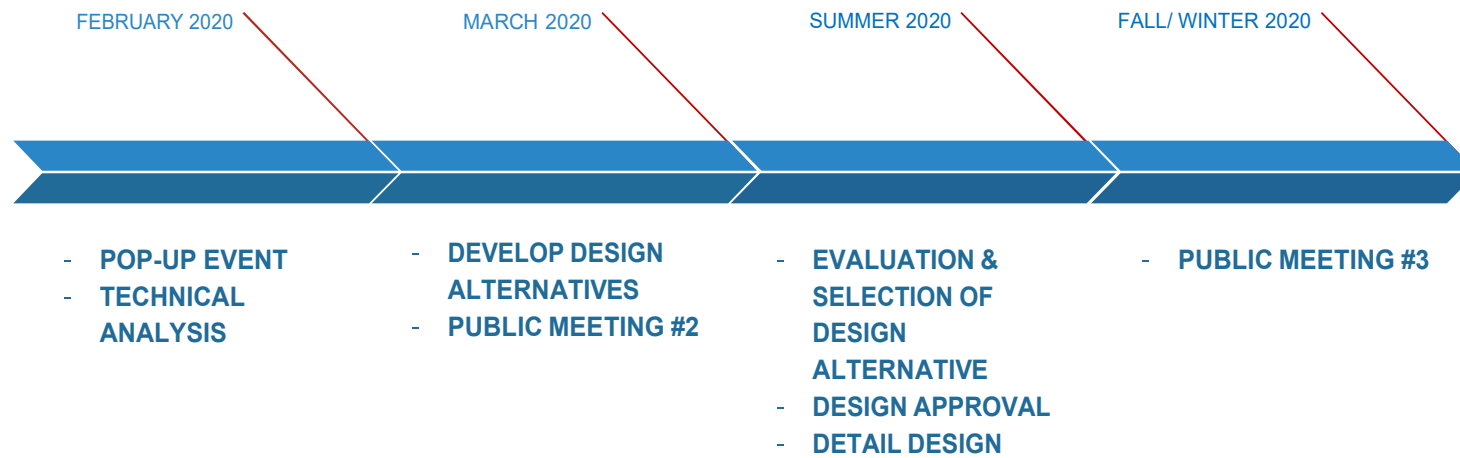


WORLD CAFE

1. What's important to you about this project? Why do you care?
2. How could this project best support the vision for downtown Lancaster?
3. How can we maintain safety and minimize construction impacts to property owners and businesses?



NEXT STEPS



THANK YOU!

For more information, visit the project webpage at
www.lancastervillage.org/downtown-lancaster-roundabout.html



