

# Westnedge & Park

We are launching a project to calm traffic on Westnedge Avenue and Park Street. This project focuses on Westnedge and Park between Dunkley Street (north city limit) all the way south to Crosstown Parkway, spanning across the Northside, Downtown, and Vine neighborhoods and adjacent to the Stuart neighborhood.

## Current Challenges

Today Westnedge and Park are through-streets with high speeds, wide lanes, and few places for pedestrians to comfortably cross. They often feel more like freeway lanes than city streets and do not match the adjacent neighborhood buildings and houses.

## Our Goal

- Reduce speeding on Westnedge and Park
- Create streets that allow all users to travel safely and comfortably
- Support economic vitality by removing transportation challenges
- Align the streets with the adjacent character of the neighborhood (city scale, not freeway scale)

## Proposed Actions

- Slow traffic by narrowing or reducing the number of vehicle lanes
- Use the extra space to add bike lanes and on-street parking
- Improve pedestrian crossings at intersections
- Repair sidewalks and fill in gaps in the sidewalk network

## Please Share Your Experience

**Attend an Event** - Join us at an event below to review options and share your input. Kids welcome. Chance to win prizes! Also visit **imaginekalamazoo.com** to complete a Pre-Event Input Activity and enter to win a gift card to Park Street Market or Midtown Fresh!

### NACD National Night Out

Tue. August 3 | 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
NACD (612 N. Park)

### VNA Art Hop

Fri. August 6 | 5 P.M. - 9 P.M.  
VNA (806 S. Westnedge)

### Lunchtime Live!

Fri. August 6 & 13 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Bronson Park (200 S. Rose)

### Galilee Parking Lot

Tue. August 10 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Galilee Baptist Church (1216 N. Westnedge)

### Walnut & Park Cafe Patio

Thurs. August 12 | 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Walnut & Park Cafe (322 W. Walnut)

## Share Input Online

Watch **imaginekalamazoo.com** for information on online/virtual input opportunities.

## Contact Us

Please call **(269) 226-6524** and leave a message or email **hello@kalamazoo.org** with your top three intersections for pedestrian improvements on Westnedge & Park, as well as any other information about walking & biking in the area.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What about converting Westnedge & Park to two-way?

We are working to update many streets, including converting the one-ways to two-ways. Road redesigns can take a long time to implement, so we have been looking at what projects we can start now to have an immediate improvement. This project is a first step toward making Westnedge and Park better serve the adjacent residents, business, and all travelers.

### How will the intersections be chosen for crossing improvements?

Community input collected during this project on priority intersections for pedestrian improvements is the primary tool for making decisions. To support the discussions and decisions, we will also have crash reports, citizen complaints, and bus stop/route information.

### How will we know if it worked?

We will be collecting data on vehicle speeds, number of vehicle-related accidents, and level of comfortability in crossing Westnedge and Park before and after the improvements are installed.

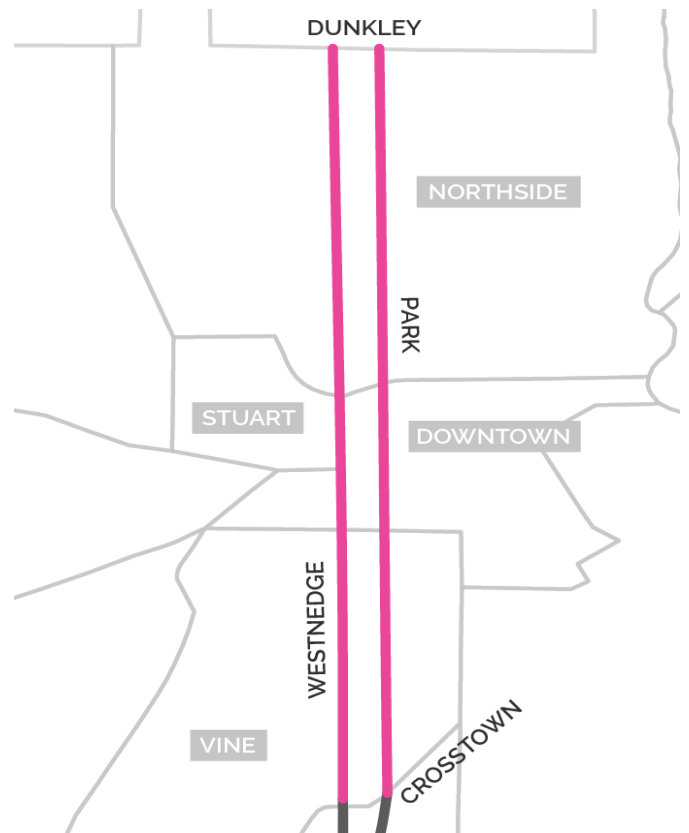
### What if after the improvements occur something needs to be changed or additional work is needed?

Many of the traffic calming ideas may include paint and signs. These relatively inexpensive materials will allow us to adjust as we monitor their impact. This project is a first step before permanent changes which could include protected bike lanes or new traffic signals.

### How does this relate to the 131 interchange work?

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is working to secure federal funds for work that is moving forward to improve the 131 interchange. This work is focused on the on/off ramps at 131 and currently does not include the Business Loop near the City of Kalamazoo and the Northside Neighborhood. During discussions MDOT did not see conflicts between this project and the interchange work.

## Project Area



## Project Timeline



JULY - AUG. 2021

### Data Review

Review existing conditions, land uses, & crash data



AUG. 2021

### Community Outreach & Input

Outreach to residents in the area. Meetings, online input opportunity. Discuss and confirm results.



FALL 2021 - FALL 2022

### Implementation

Install intersection improvements and traffic calming measures



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