



US-23 from Tawas River to Tawas Beach Road

Public Meeting

City of East Tawas and Tawas City, Iosco County

US-23 Reconstruction Project



Schedule: Construction 2027
Project Length: 3.2 miles

Location:
Tawas River to Tawas Beach
Road in the City of East Tawas
and Tawas City, Iosco County

Cost:
\$24 million (estimated cost for all
phases, including design)

Project Limits



Why This Project?



Long-Term Infrastructure Investment



City Water and Sewer Enhancements



Safety



Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements



Connectivity Improvements

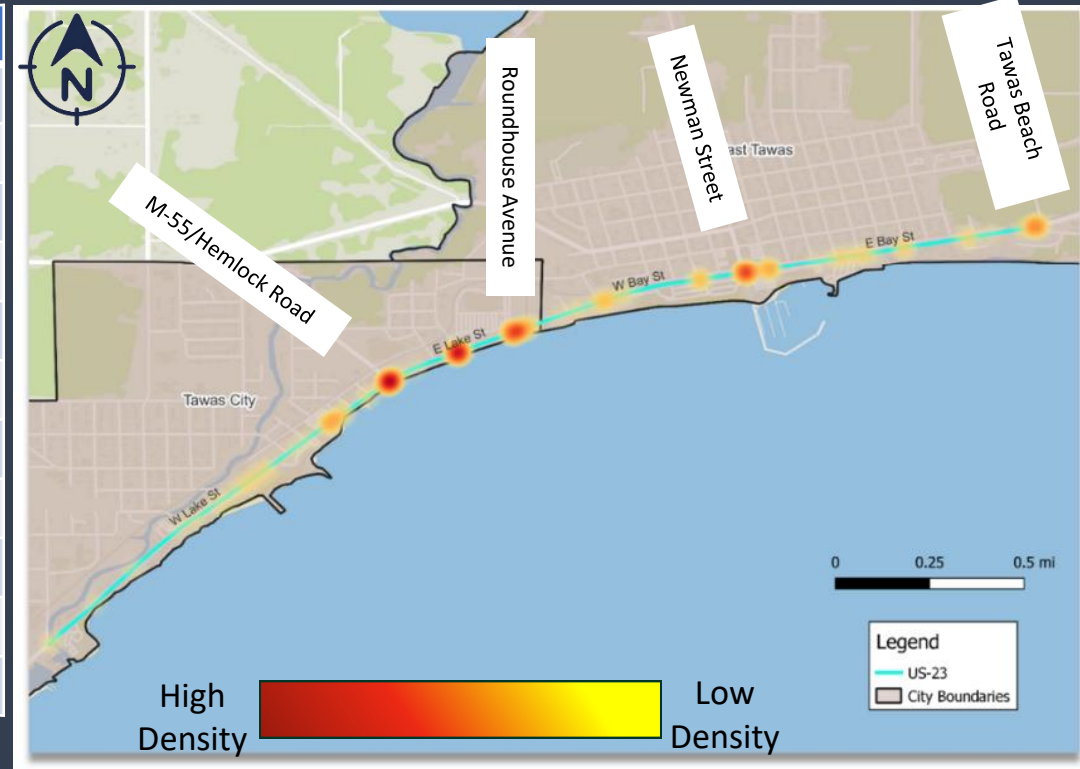


Crash Summary (2018 – 2022)

2018 - 2022	Total	A, B	K
*Rear-end Straight	27 (30%)	5 (55%)	
*Sideswipe Same	19 (21%)		
*Angle Turn	18 (20%)	4 (45%)	
*Rear-end Left-turn	7 (8%)		
Fixed Object	7 (8%)		
Angle Driveway	4 (4%)		
Rear-end Right-turn	4 (4%)		
Head-on Left-turn	2 (2%)		
Single Vehicle	1 (1%)		
Bicycle	1 (1%)		1
Total	90	9	1

- There have since been two pedestrian crashes

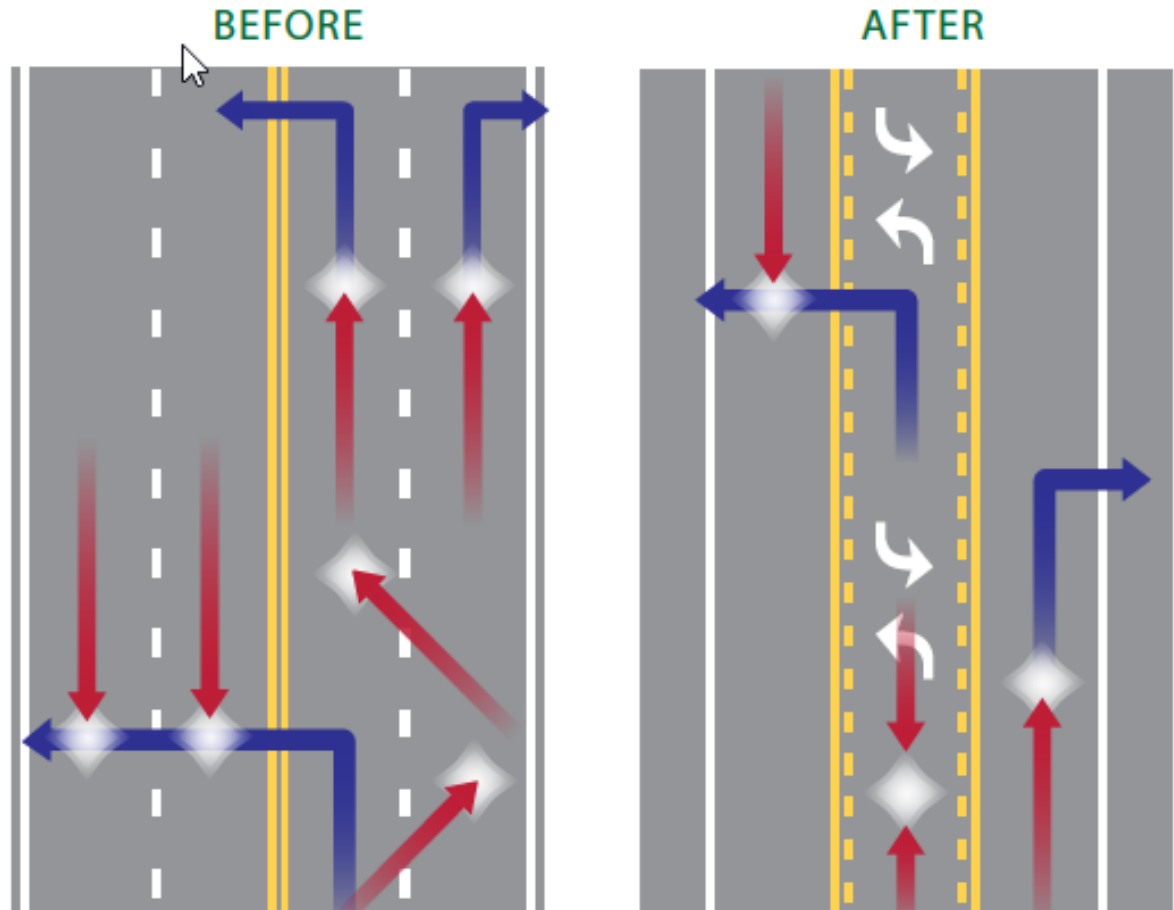
*Crash type can be reduced by implementation of three-lane conversion



Lane Conversion Safety Benefits

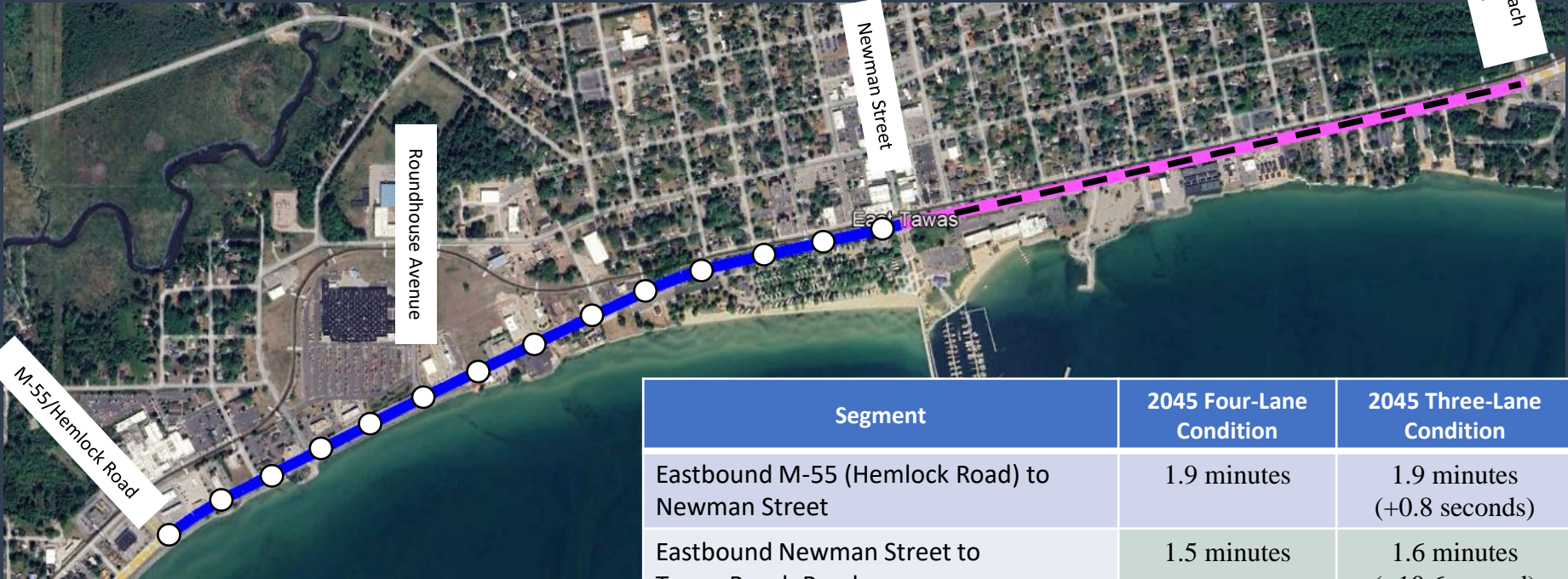
M-55 (Hemlock Road) to Tawas Beach Road

- Reduce number of conflict points
- Traffic calming and crash mitigation
- Reduce pedestrian crossing distance
- Complete Streets



Travel Time Summary For Lane Conversion Study

Averaging the Morning, Evening and Saturday Peak-Hour



Legend

- Hemlock Road-to-Newman Street Segment
- Newman Street-to-Tawas Beach Road Segment

Segment	2045 Four-Lane Condition	2045 Three-Lane Condition
Eastbound M-55 (Hemlock Road) to Newman Street	1.9 minutes	1.9 minutes (+0.8 seconds)
Eastbound Newman Street to Tawas Beach Road	1.5 minutes	1.6 minutes (+10.6 second)
Westbound Tawas Beach Road to Newman Street	1.9 minutes	1.9 minutes (+3.4 seconds)
Westbound Newman Street to M-55 (Hemlock Road)	1.5 minutes	1.6 min (+5.1 seconds)

Three-Lane Conversion at M-55 (Looking south)



Three-Lane Conversion at East Tawas City Park (Looking north)



Additional Opportunities



Opportunities for Additional
Nonmotorized Crossings



A Corridor for All Users



Community Enhancements



Municipal Utility Accessibility



Project Schedule

We are here!



February 2025
Public meeting

Fall 2025 – Public Meeting
Project updates and potential
maintenance of traffic

Spring 2026
Final plan completion
and permitting

December 2024
Stakeholder meeting
Focus on three lane
conversion study

Spring 2025
30 percent design
completion

December 2025
Preliminary design
(70 percent design
completion)

2027
Construction
begins

Public Involvement

MDOT wants your continued input!

Please submit questions using QR code or email.

Comment Period Open Until
Feb. 26, 2025.



Scan for Project Website and
Link to Online Comment Form



Please place any feedback on the boards using the sticky notes provided.



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Thank You