## **COMPLETE & GREEN STREETS** Lee Road (Miles Ave to Shaker Heights)



### LEE ROAD PROJECT FACT SHEET



#### **Project Description**:

- Project length is 1.1 miles (Miles Ave to Shaker Heights border map here)
- Street type is Arterial
- There are 9 signalized Intersections
- Project schedule: Conceptual: In Progress | Design: 2025 | Construction: 2027
- Political Boundary: Ward 1 (Councilmember Jones)



#### Complete & Green Streets:

- <u>Elements To Be Included</u>: two-course repair & resurfacing / thermoplastic markings to improve traffic calming / 150 ADA complaint ramps / sewer cleaning and casting adjustment / street tree maintenance or removal / crosswalks
- <u>Elements To Be Considered</u>: bike facilities / sidewalk, curb and driveway repair/replacement / green infrastructure measures (storm water control, tree lawn restoration & street tree planting) / high visibility crosswalks / upgraded signalization (ex. countdown signals) / street lighting improvements (CPP) / other elements as design and funding permits



#### Stakeholder Engagement:

- Lee Road is included in Lee Harvard Master Plan process (to be completed Jan 2024)
- Project website is being developed in partnership with City Planning
- Additional public engagement meetings will be scheduled by MOCAP during Design phase



#### Funding Sources:

- <u>Known</u>:
  - \$3,450,639 Federal Transportation (CMAQ) Funds (pending)
  - \$8,872,229 SIB Loan (FY2027)
  - \$1,127,132 STBG Grant (2026)
  - \$1,500,000 TA Grant (2027)
  - \$800,000 Cleveland Road and Bridge Bonds and Utilities funds
- Possible:
  - Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 (note: no CWD work scheduled, however, +/- 27 cityside lead service connections need replaced)
  - City of Cleveland Urban Forestry Tree Planting (\$1.1M)
  - Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Grant Program (up to \$50K)
  - Cleveland Tree Coalition Grant Program (up to \$75K)
  - NEORSD Green Infrastructure Grant Program (up to \$300K)

**DID YOU KNOW**: During the post-war period from 1945 to 1970, Lee-Harvard experienced remarkable growth. It evolved into a flourishing African-American community characterized by 80% homeownership and a highly educated population. This legacy endures even as the neighborhood grapples with identity challenges, an aging population, and past discriminatory practices like redlining and the foreclosure crisis.

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#### **Transit & Street Amenities:**

- Lee Road carries Bus Route #40 (30-min frequency) and is intersected by Route #19 (30-min frequency) at East Miles Avenue and Route #15 (15-min frequency) at East Harvard Avenue.
- There are **11** bus stops (**5** shelters), **0** benches and **5** public trash cans in the project area.



#### Bike & Pedestrian:

- There are no existing bike facilities for this segment of Lee Road.
- The NOACA Level Of Traffic Stress (LTS) rating is 3 (comfortable for confident cyclists).
- The 2013 Regional Bike Network recommends **sharrows** for this section of Lee Road
  - Lee Road Corridor Road Diet Study evaluated traffic impacts of on-street and sidewalk-level bike facilities (see link to plan below in next section).
  - Shaker Heights will incorporate a separated, sidewalk-level cycle track on Lee in 2027.
  - Lee Road will be included in the new Citywide Mobility Plan (to be completed in 2024).
- There is no current reporting regarding NOACA bike & pedestrian counts.



#### Existing Plans:

- <u>City of Cleveland Planning Department District 4 Lee-Miles Planning Study</u>: Plan recommends streetscape improvements along Lee Road and Harvard Avenue.
- Lee Road Action Plan (Shaker Heights, 2023): Plan a "thriving corridor and commercial district that is attractive, walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly."
- <u>Lee Harvard Community Plan (2023)</u>: This plan takes takes into account a holistic neighborhood improvement strategy which includes Lee Road.
- <u>Lee Road Corridor Road Diet Study (2023)</u>: Planning and traffic study examines existing operations, safety, parking, and road diet and bike facility feasibility.
- <u>City of Cleveland Ward 1 Master Plan</u> (2013): Broader study of improvements for the ward but now over ten years old.
- <u>E. 173rd Bike Boulevard Plan (2012)</u>: Provides conceptual designs for a neighborhood bikeway on E. 173rd where a vehicular barricades is currently in place.



#### Safety:

- The Vision Zero Cleveland plans lists Lee as having a **High** incidence of serious injuries.
  - One-Mile Segments: Throckley Ave to 4345 Lee Road 14 crashes
  - Between 2017-2021, Lee/Harvard intersection was listed as a top 25 citywide hot spot for pedestrian & bike crashes **(25)** as well as all crash types **(462)**.
- ODOT Systemic Safety application submitted Feb 2022 for pedestrian safety enhancements.



#### School & Routes:

- There are **9** schools w/in a mile radius of Lee Road.
- Lee is not a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) route but connects with routes on Harvard & Lotus.

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#### **Pavement & Sidewalk Characteristics:**

- Pavement Width: 48' curb-to-curb with total right-of-way width of 80'.
- Project Length: 5,600' (1.1 mile) from Miles Avenue to Shaker Heights border.
- Current road configuration: Two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- Current sidewalk conditions:
  - Shaker Heights border to Harvard Ave (here)
  - Harvard Ave to Miles Ave (here)



#### Green Infrastructure:

- Lee Harvard's tree canopy rate is 18.1% (capable of 57.1%)
- Urban Heat Index rating is Medium
- Total street trees in the project area is 23
- Total estimated planting locations (existing, east side only) is 40
- Total estimated hardscape removal (east side only) is 16,357 sqft
  Additional planting spaces created (east side only) is 57
- Estimated Stormwater Capture (east side only) is 120,035 gal



#### **Bike Facilities:**

• There are no current bicycle accommodations.



#### Parking:

- On-Street:
  - No metered parking but parking is allowed on both sides of road in sections.
  - Note: In some sections, sidewalk area has been converted to on-street parking.
- Off-Street:
  - There are 43 lots (600+ spaces). Two (2) are city-owned but need resurfacing.



#### Traffic:

- The speed limit throughout the project area is 25 MPH
- Below is the 3-year crash history between 2020 to 2022:
  - Lee Road & Miles Ave intersection had 159 crashes & 28 with injury
  - Lee Road & Harvard Ave intersection had 127 crashes & 55 with injury
  - Total corridor: **513** crashes with **1** fatal & **12** serious injury
- The Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 19,200 vehicles