



Public engagement website for Stokes Boulevard Rehabilitation Project (Chester Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive)

Website address:

<https://www.clevelandohio.gov/transportation-mobility/stokes>

Comment period: from May 12 through June 29, 2026

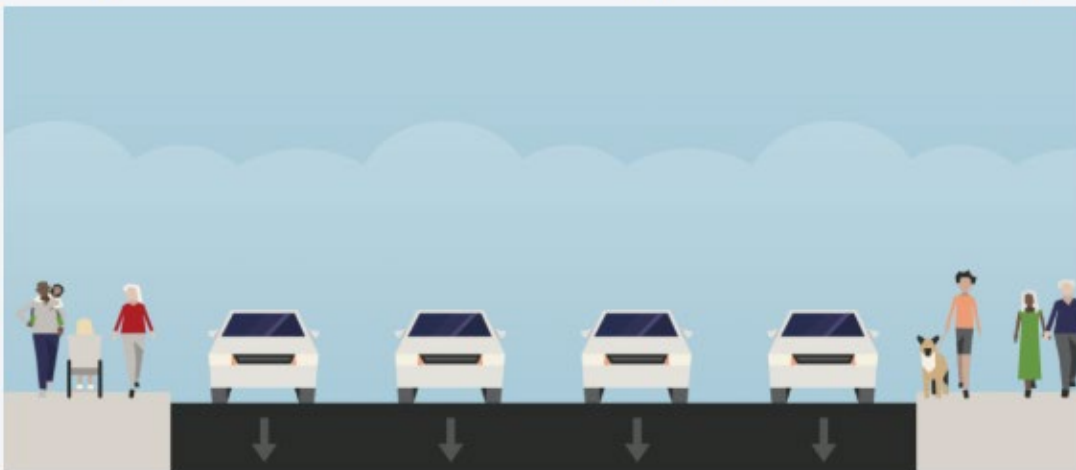
Number of survey forms submitted: 10

Number of commenters: 6

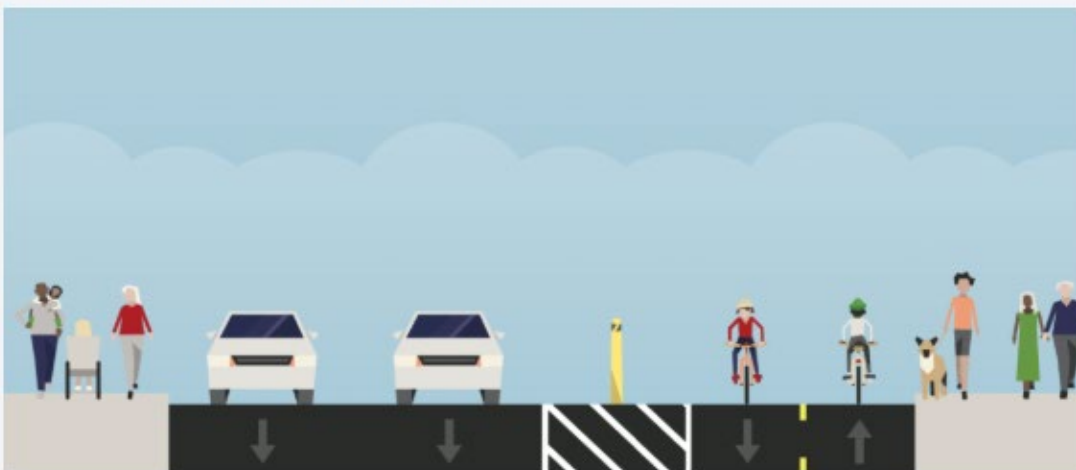
Comment topics by frequency of occurrence:

1. **Concern the proposed condition will create traffic congestion** 2 comments

The image below illustrates how Stokes Boulevard currently operates with four southbound travel lanes.



The image below illustrates the proposed design for most of Stokes Boulevard. The design includes a road diet to better balance safety and mobility for all users.



Response: The project team has generated models that reflect the proposed travel lane reduction. Less travel lanes shortens the length of pedestrian crossing distances. This allows for signal timing revisions to lengthen the green light time for vehicular travel. The proposed lane configuration accommodates anticipated traffic while improving safety and multimodal access for the corridor.

2. **Currently pedestrians feel unsafe with current vehicle behavior: speeding, reckless driving, ignoring red lights, and unsafe passing** **2 comments**

Response: The proposed design for Stokes Boulevard reduces the number of drive lanes to create a safer, calmer street. With fewer lanes, the roadway becomes easier for people to navigate and helps slow traffic by visually narrowing the road. The excess roadway space will be used to introduce separated bike lanes in both directions. The proposed design also identifies opportunities to improve pedestrian safety, add greenery, and provide on-street parking in select locations to better serve nearby destinations. The proposed improvements are expected to enhance safety and the overall experience for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

3. **I would not consider biking Stokes Boulevard as it exists, with the planned improvements I would use it every day to commute to work** **1 comment**

Response: The project team is confident the proposed improvements will provide a safer and more functional facility for all commuters.

4. **Communication with Community** **1 comment**

Response: The website will remain active through construction accepting questions and comments. There will be a public meeting before construction begins where the Contractor and Ohio Department of Transportation's Construction Team will be introduced. Traffic warning signage will be installed at least one week prior to the start of construction.

5. **Winter conditions on hill are hazardous** **1 comment**

Response: While this project does not include reduction in the steepness of the hill, the proposed improvements will provide a safer and more functional facility for all users. Safer travel for all transportation modes will be accomplished by slower vehicular speeds, especially in the winter.