

B. Fact Sheet



Figure - Carillion Boulevard Southbound Near Twin Cities Road

Scope: Carillion Boulevard is a north-south four lane thoroughfare and serves as the primary transportation route along the east side of the City of Galt. A mixture of low, medium, and higher density residential communities are accessed from Carillion Boulevard. Trails and a large community park are located along Carillion Boulevard. Pedestrians and cyclists daily use this route to travel to schools, parks, and commercial establishments. The objective for this project is to update and modernize the roadway in order to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and invest in the City's infrastructure to extend the life of this vital transportation corridor. The scope of this project consists of approximately 0.90 miles of pavement maintenance and rehabilitation (mill and inlay), green bike lane markings, lane narrowing with new lane striping, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, and permanent speed feedback signs.

Cost: The estimated project cost is \$2,800,000 and the requested amount for funding is \$2,100,000. The City has already programmed funding for this project that will serve as the match.

Schedule: In the summer of 2022, the City awarded a contract to an engineering firm to assess feasible options for safety improvements along Carillion Boulevard, in response to community engagement efforts and multiple public workshops with the City Council conducted in late 2021 and early 2022. The project schedule currently assumes a start date for design phase in July 2023 with major milestones assumed for items such as the end of the environmental phase by December 2023, end of design phase by June 2024, beginning of construction by February 2025, and completion of construction by August 2025. These dates are preliminary and are subject to change depending on the completion of the project study report and awards of funds. This schedule is conservative and there are many opportunities to condense timelines for each of the major deliverables.



Benefits: Vehicle speed and traffic count data collected over the last couple of years indicates that drivers travel at high rates of speed through this thoroughfare. Given the numbers of pedestrians and cyclists, including young children, that utilize Carillion Boulevard, the City is making safety along this corridor a high priority. Benefits of this project are significant with there being multiple outcomes such as increased safety, enhanced longevity of the roadway surface, additional bike route connectivity, improved visual markings and striping, and instantaneous driver feedback, all of which creates a corridor that all users regardless of ability can utilize and enjoy safely.

While this project is not addressing housing or land use goals as it is a roadway only project, it indirectly facilitates denser growth within the project area by investing in infrastructure improvements needed for these types of developments. For example, several infill projects are underway along the corridor that are proposing to increase densities to 10+ units per acre, which is much greater than historically seen within the City of Galt.

Greenhouse Gases Impact: This project would impact greenhouse gas emissions by providing transit users with a safer route to travel and thus creating more of a demand for transit use and lowering greenhouse gas emissions with fewer people driving their cars. Further, with the focus on safety of pedestrian and cyclists, the City expects that these improvements will facilitate increases in non-motorized uses along Carillion Boulevard, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Transportation Equity: The project considers transportation equity by improving the safety of the corridor through reducing the size of the lanes for motorists. These improvement are expected to motivate motorists to travel slower along the roadway. Furthermore, by enhancing the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, the City expects that these improvements will encourage the public to more frequently utilize the bike lanes more because adding green paint will further illuminate the bike lanes within the roadway that motorist will need to be cautious of.

Mitigation/Avoidance of Negative Community Impacts: Impacted and interested members of the community were given several opportunities to express their thoughts and concerns in public meetings. This project has mitigated negative community impacts by involving the community in the planning stages that are currently being conducted. Carillion Boulevard was being considered for a road diet, which would have reduced the number of lanes from four to two. The public was notified on this potential change and invited to voice their opinion at several city council meetings. At these meetings members of the public who use Carillion Boulevard were given ample opportunities to voice their concerns and provide valuable feedback that enabled the City to determine exactly the type of facility that would benefits its community the best. Ultimately from public feedback it was determined that a road diet was not the right solution for the community and further analysis is needed for potential other improvements that could be made instead of changing the number of lanes.