



**PIN 5763.36 William Street**

**Public Hearing**

**Transit Road to Bowen Road**

**MAY 14, 2026**



# Introductions



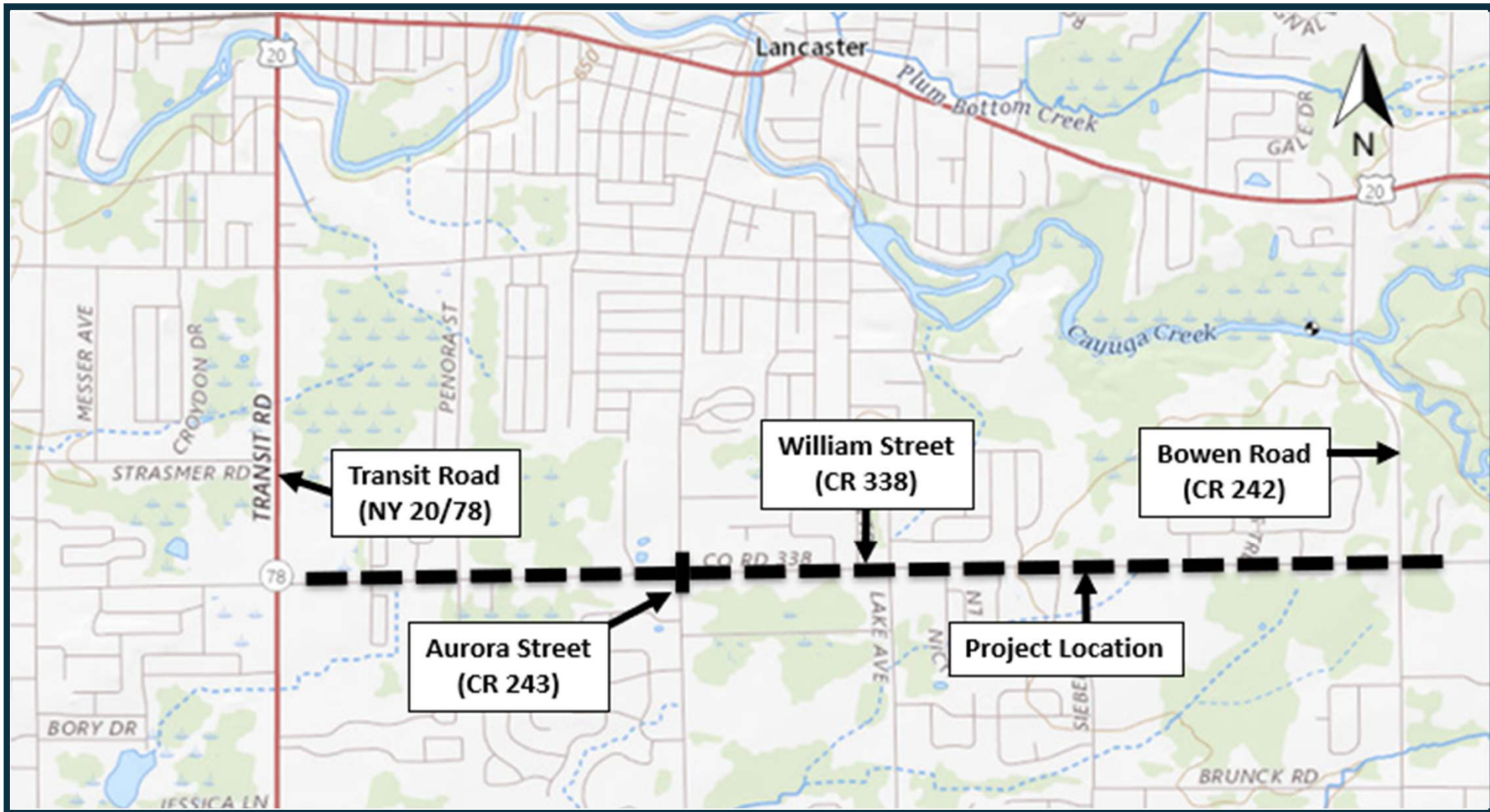
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# Agenda



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# Project Location



# Project Progress



- ◆ The project was initiated in 2021 to address the infrastructure needs of the corridor.
- ◆ Erie County DPW held a “listening session” on November 10, 2021 to ensure the project objectives meets the needs of the area.
- ◆ The project team reviewed all comments received and determined what was feasible based on engineering constraints.
- ◆ The revised project scope required additional funding, which took time to secure.
- ◆ Tonight’s meeting will present the results of this work.

# Purpose and Need



## ◆ Purpose:

- Resurface, restore, rehabilitate, and construct/reconfigure the driving surface
- Address riding quality and safety concerns along the roadway
- Provide geometric and operational improvements

## ◆ Need:

- Improve safety
- Alleviate delay at intersections
- Provide dedicated facilities for walking
- Restore pavement to a uniform smooth riding surface
- Accommodate the demand placed on the roadway by increased economic output of local businesses and the population growth of the surrounding area.

# Objectives



- ◆ Correct safety deficiencies along the corridor using cost effective measures
- ◆ Restore the pavement to good condition with a smooth and uniform riding surface
- ◆ Improve existing facilities to mitigate future delay
- ◆ Improve surface and subsurface drainage
- ◆ Provide an improved pedestrian system that is consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

# Existing Deficiencies



- ◆ Intersection congestion and delay, particularly at Aurora Street
- ◆ Lack of left-turn capacity at Bowen Road
- ◆ Deteriorated pavement
- ◆ Substandard shoulder widths
- ◆ Lack of pedestrian connectivity
- ◆ Poor subsurface drainage

# Preferred Alternative



- ◆ The project aims to modernize the corridor to meet current design standards, improve safety for all users, and accommodate projected traffic growth while supporting commercial and residential development in the area. This will be accomplished by:
  - Pavement Rehabilitation – Milling and Resurfacing the existing pavement
  - Pavement Reconfiguration – Addition of a center two-way left turn lane from 800 feet east of Transit Road to Penora Street
  - New, Wider Shoulders – 6 feet from 800 feet east of Transit Road to Aurora Street and 4 feet from Aurora Street to Bowen Road
  - Addition of right turn lanes at the Aurora Street intersection (except for westbound traffic)
  - Addition of left turn lanes along William Street at the intersection with Bowen Road
  - Optimizing Signal Timing
  - Addition of underdrain
  - New, closed drainage system
  - Addition of new sidewalks in select areas

# Work Zone Traffic Control



- ◆ Traffic will be maintained along William Street using daily single lane closures with alternating one-way traffic. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers and/or temporary traffic signals.
- ◆ Routes for emergency vehicles will remain open.
- ◆ NO closures/detours are anticipated.
- ◆ NO night work is anticipated.

# Property Acquisitions



- ◆ There are right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and easements (both temporary and permanent) from 87 Parcels which impact 72 property owners.
- ◆ Parcels of land need to be acquired for the roadway widening, turn lanes at Aurora and Bowen, drainage improvements, and sidewalk installation. No residential buildings need to be acquired, and the acquisitions are not expected to adversely affect businesses.
- ◆ Affected property owners will be contacted directly by NYSDOT, who is acquiring the property on the County's behalf.

# Property Acquisitions



- ◆ **FEE ACQUISITION:** The New York State Department of Transportation acquires all property rights and title to a parcel of land and turns the parcels back to the County for purposes related to constructing or maintaining highways or other transportation related facilities
- ◆ **PERMANENT EASEMENT:** The acquisition of certain rights and interest to use a property for a designated purpose. In most cases, the property owner retains the use of the property for other functions which do not interfere with the purpose of the easement.
- ◆ **TEMPORARY EASEMENT:** Acquire the use of a piece of property for specific use(s) during a construction project, for a limited duration of time (usually the length of the construction contract). All property rights return to the property owner upon termination of the easement.

# Anticipated Project Schedule



- ◆ Design Approval, when the project is permitted to move on to the creation of plans and specifications, is expected this summer. At that point, the project will be split into two phases:
- ◆ Phase 1 – 600 feet west of Aurora Street to Bowen Road:
  - Final Design and ROW Acquisitions: Summer 2026 to Spring 2027
  - Bid and Award – Spring 2027
  - Construction – Summer 2027 to Summer 2028
- ◆ Phase 2 – Transit Road to 600 feet west of Aurora Steet:
  - Final Design and ROW Acquisitions: Winter 2028 to Winter 2029
  - Bid and Award – Winter 2029
  - Construction – Spring 2029 to December 2029

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