



# Today's Agenda

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# **Welcomes & Introductions**

# Overview: How We Got Here

## Who Worked Along the Way

- Cities of Detroit and Ferndale, Wayne and Oakland Counties, State of Michigan, and Community Organizations.

## What We've Done

- Weekly Human Service Visits to meet persons @ corner, assess needs, facilitate service
- Bi-Weekly Cleanups within legal limits and with a human focus to remove unclaimed litter and debris (or anything within the roadway)
- Regular Check-ins with participating organizations to monitor progress and discuss observations, challenges, etc. in the field
- Reporting and Recommendations to capture results from weekly visits and explore solutions to improve the corner

# Overview: What We've Learned

## We Must Acknowledge that We Need Long-term Solutions

- Ensure that sufficient resources, monitoring and follow-up protocols are in place and can be sustained, evaluated and adaptive over time.

## Maintenance Services Must be Formalized and Human Centered. Clean Ups are Not Enough

- Consistent maintenance that shows that community organizations and cities are respecting the space

## Service referrals should distinguish between everyday needs and long-term support for underlying drivers of homelessness

- Ensure that our community is receiving the services they need.

# Multidisciplinary Approach

## Consistent and Effective Human Services

- Learning the lessons of previous engagement; streamline access to services that these persons need and want.
- Formalizing partnership agreements and funding for sustainable engagement.

## Environmental Improvements

- Human centered design
- Invest in physical improvements
- Goal: make this intersection safe, welcoming, and useable for ALL.

## Cross municipal collaboration

- Formal service agreements signed by all parties

# Consistent & Effective Human Services

## Responding to Actual Conditions

- There are two groups of people at the intersection: *those that are actively choosing to occupy this space and do not want support services, and those that would be receptive to support. We must respond with empathy and include these persons in the process, but to be effective we must acknowledge this reality and address the drivers of these conditions.*

## Creating a Sustainable Partnership

- We need to formalize an arrangement with service providers to eliminate jurisdictional confusion and limitations, and ensure adequate resources can remain in place.

## Engaging and Educating the Community

- We need to do a better job of increasing awareness of the circumstances at this intersection and provide better avenues for people to provide support.

# Environmental Improvements

## Project will be led by the Eight Mile Boulevard Association (8MBA)

- 501(c)3 nonprofit founded by Eight Mile Mayors and Executives in 1993.
- Coordinates multi-municipal activities on 8 Mile.
- Detroit and Ferndale are active members.
- Proven track record of engaging neighborhood groups and enhancing public spaces

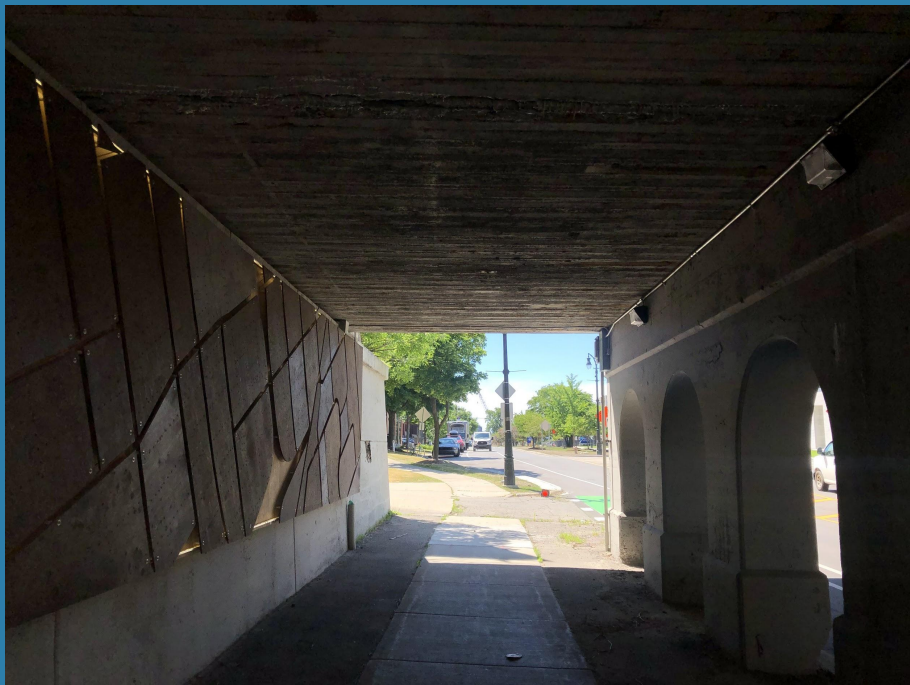




# Design Examples



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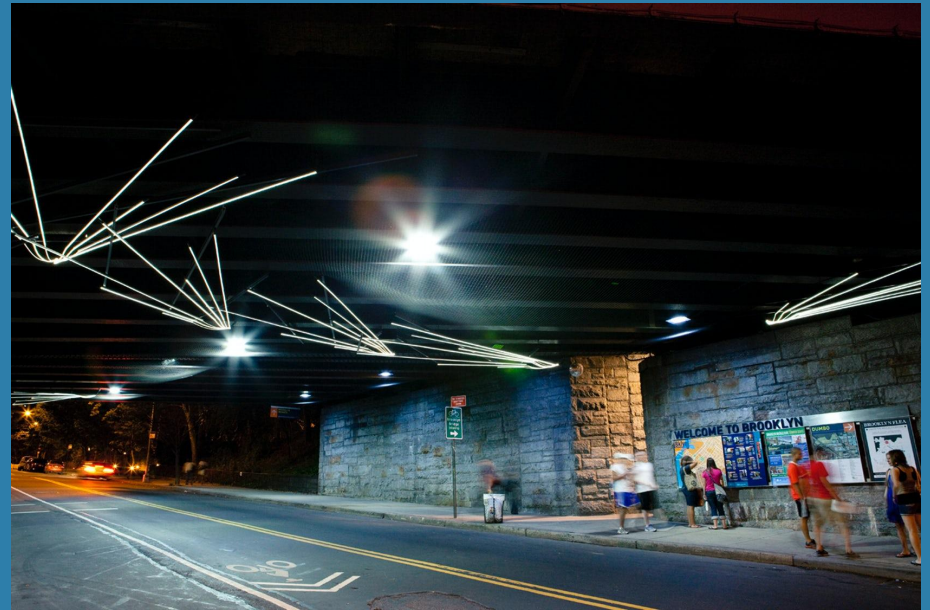
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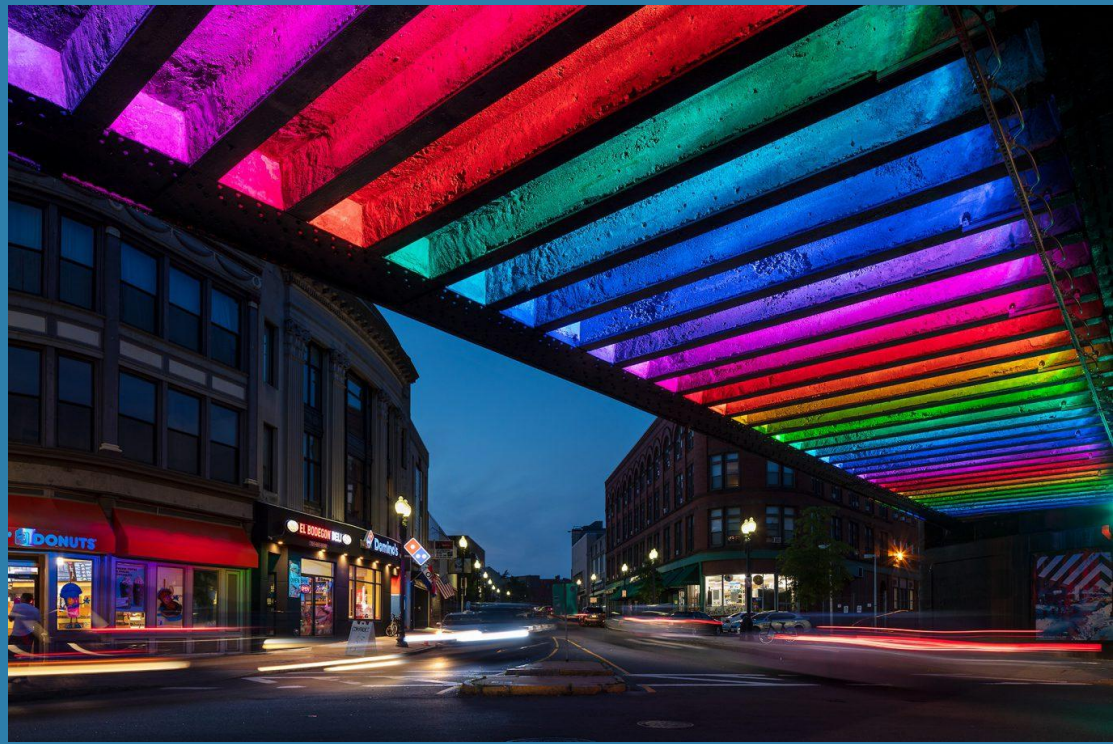
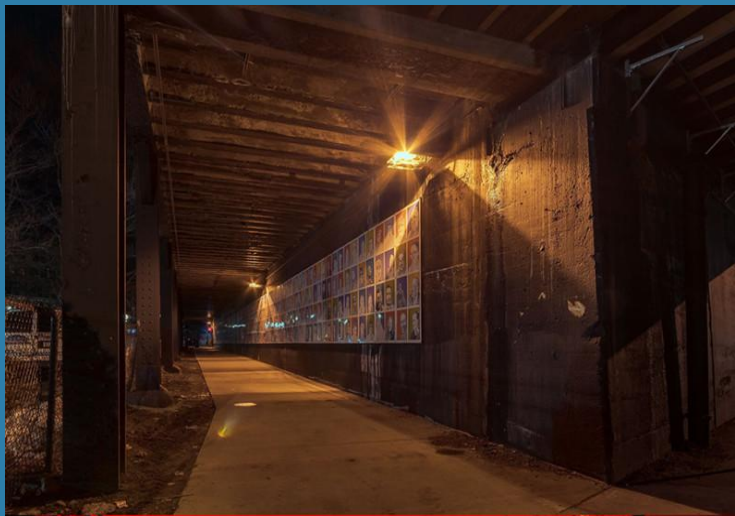




# Brooklyn, New York



## Additional Design Examples



**Lynn, Massachusetts**





# Lynn, Massachusetts

# Cross-Municipal Cooperation

## Project Overview

- Work through 8MBA, guided by a Memorandum of Understanding, to tackle both physical improvements and enhanced human services activities.

## Project Goals for 2020

- Design and install physical improvements at intersection.  
Establish a structured, sustainable plan to maintain the intersection long-term.  
Establish and deploy a plan to improve outcomes for homeless and/or panhandling persons at the Intersection that builds upon work done previously.

## Scope of Work

- 8MBA will manage the overall project and assist in making progress toward all project goals. Detroit and Ferndale staff will provide funding, technical assistance, and quality assurance to 8MBA.

# What's Next

## City of Detroit and City of Ferndale Finalize RFQ

- Create final form of RFQ that incorporates community input

## Selection Committee Formed

- Bring in members of each community to help select winning bid

## Down the Road

- Current focus is successfully issuing the RFP for physical improvements. Both cities are currently working to finalize human services plans. Opportunities for input will be provided.

## How YOU Can Stay Involved

- Contact 8MBA Operations Manager Jacob Jones: [jjones@eightmile.org](mailto:jjones@eightmile.org)

# Questions & Comments