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Westland Awarded Over \$670K for Pedestrian Safety Improvements



Westland, MI (October 31, 2023) – The City of Westland has been awarded over \$670,000 in funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Local Agency Program for pedestrian safety improvements at over 40 locations within the City. This funding is allocated from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program, which has the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The City of Westland was granted approval for all three projects that were submitted. One project will include a major overhaul of the Hunter and Wayne Road intersection. This overhaul will include the installation of left-turn signals for north- and southbound directions, the upgrade of the current pedestrian signals to countdown signals, and the update of the intersection to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The other two projects the City received the funding for will see the installation of nearly 300 pedestrian countdown signals across over 40 locations, upgrading the current signals. Studies have shown that intersections with pedestrian countdown signals see a 30% reduction in fatal/injury-causing pedestrian crashes. These signals will be installed along such roadways as Cherry Hill, Ann Arbor Trail, Venoy, Joy, Warren, Annapolis, Cowan, Carlson, Wildwood, Glenwood, Marquette, and Palmer.

“According to a 2023 National Association of Realtors survey, over 85% of Americans find walkable communities attractive,” commend Mayor Michael P. Londeau. “Keeping our pedestrians safe is an important part of building a Walkable Westland, and I am always going to continue putting in the work to make our city safe for all our residents.”

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200

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