



# Walk and Roll Westland

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan

Steering Committee Meeting 1  
April 14, 2021



# Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Project Overview

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# Introductions

Tell us:

- Who You Are
- Who you're representing
- Why you're interested in improving walking and biking in Westland





# Project Overview



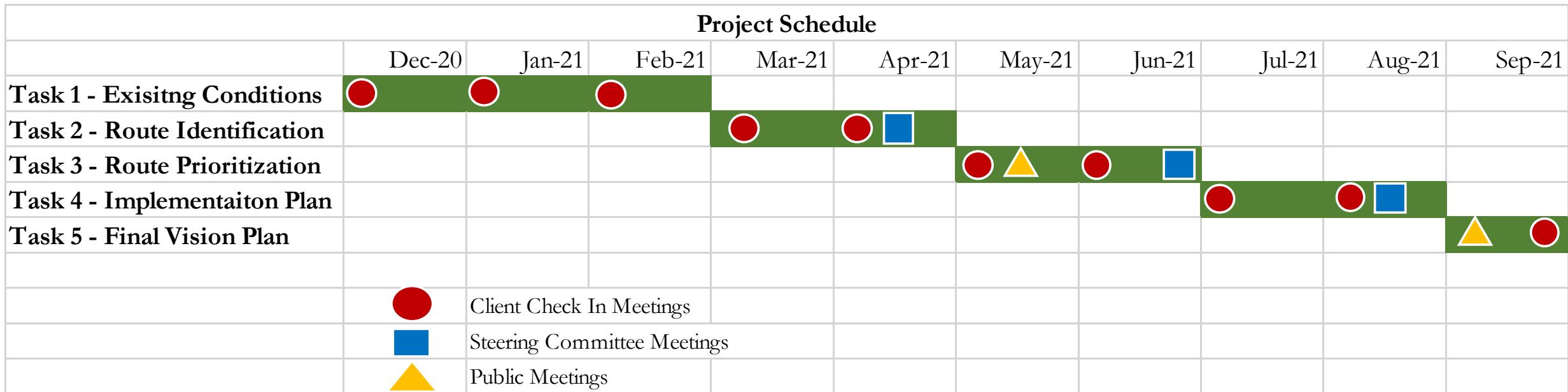
# Project Purpose

- Identify most needed walking and biking corridors through Westland
- Corridors will connect high demand areas with the trails north and south of the City
- Recommendations for 5-7 near term projects
- Feasibility and type of project will be explored for each





# Project Timeline





# Project Goals

1. Connect to areas of high equity and high demand per SEMCOG's Equity and Demand Analysis
2. Improve safety for non-motorized travelers in Westland
3. Encourage more residents to walk and bike more often
4. Identify feasible projects that can be constructed

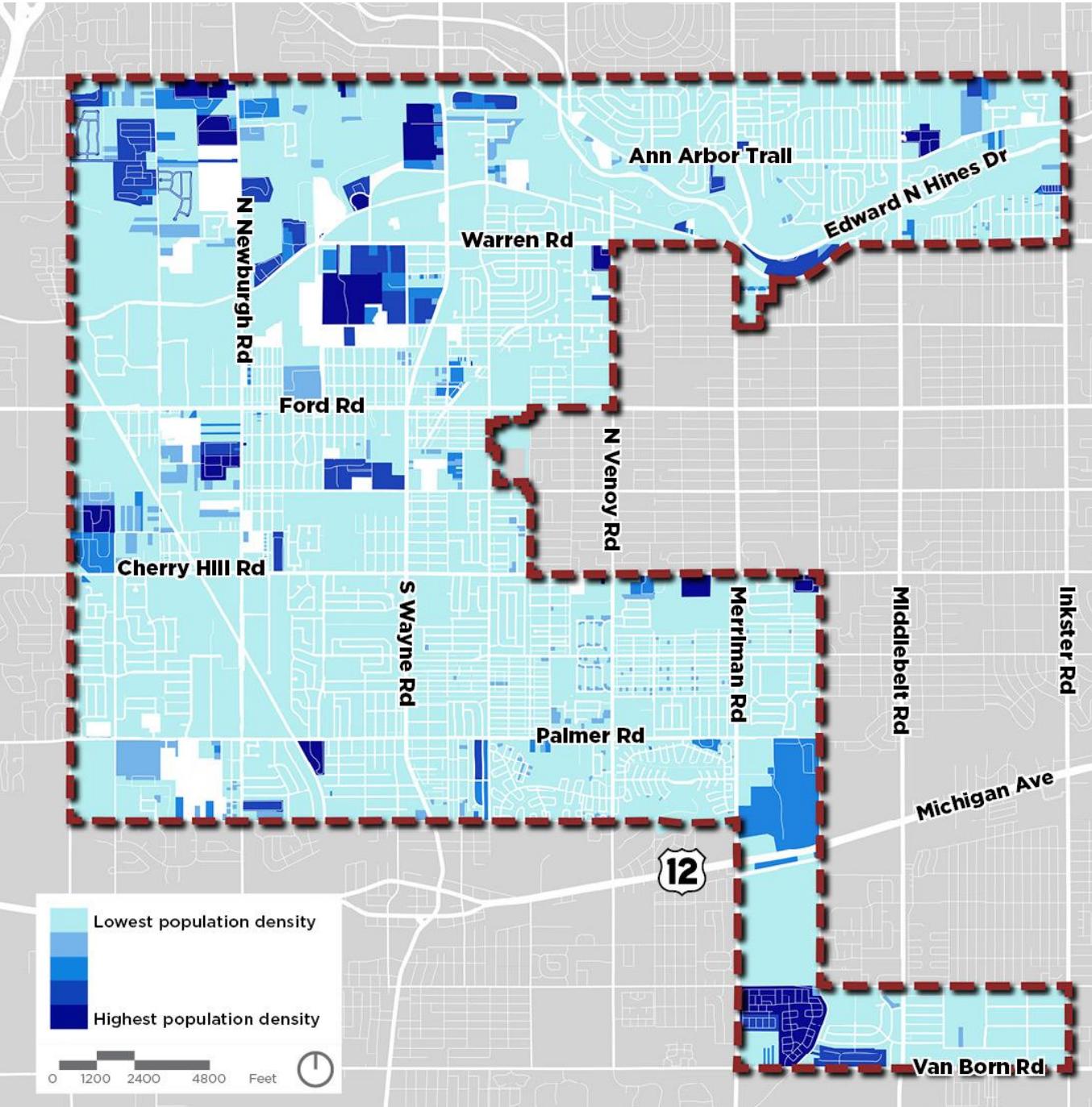
**What Other Goals Do You Have?**



# What We've Found

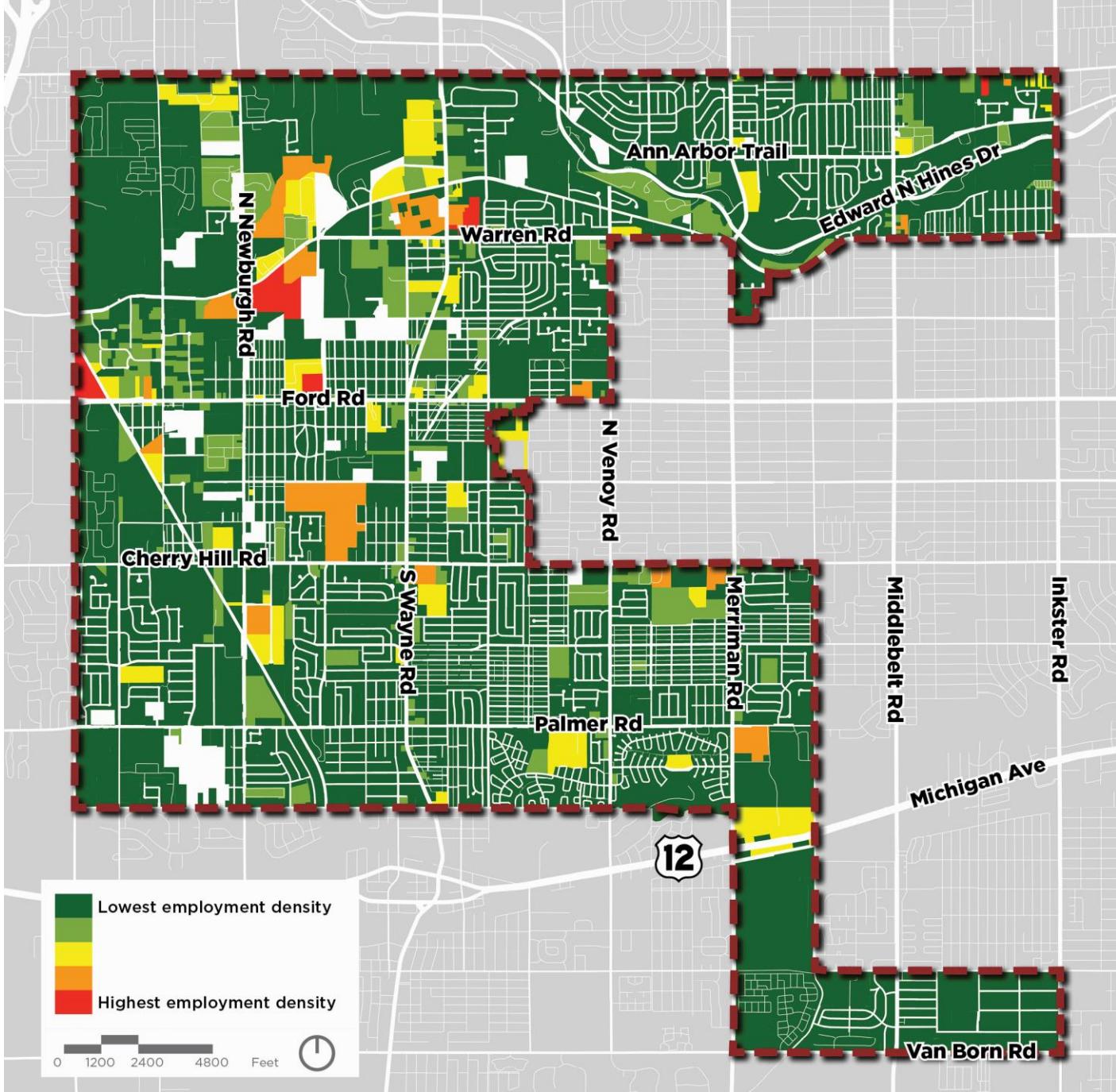
# Population Density

- Pockets of high density spread around Westland



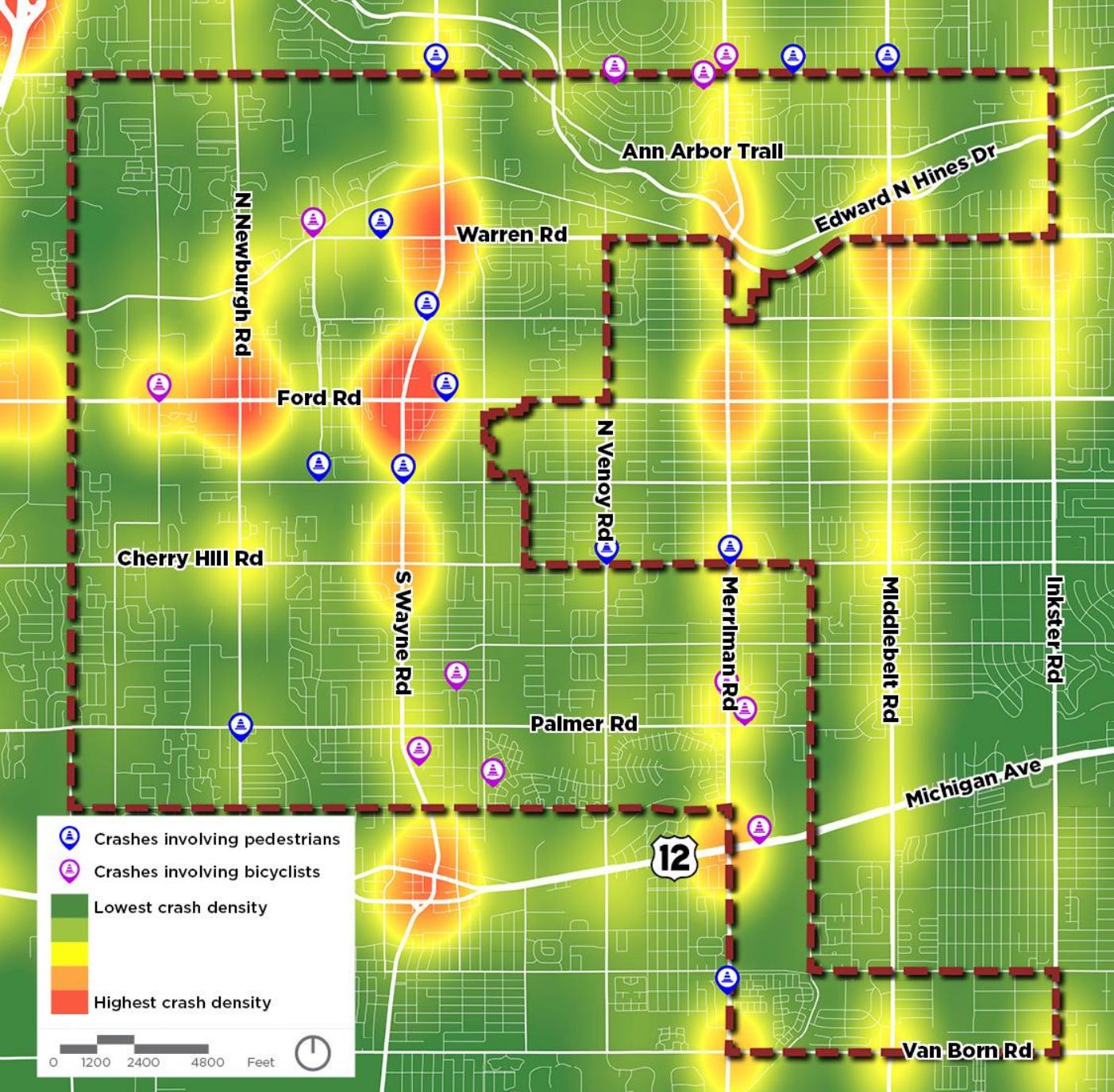
# Employment Density

- Higher employment density located on the north side of Westland



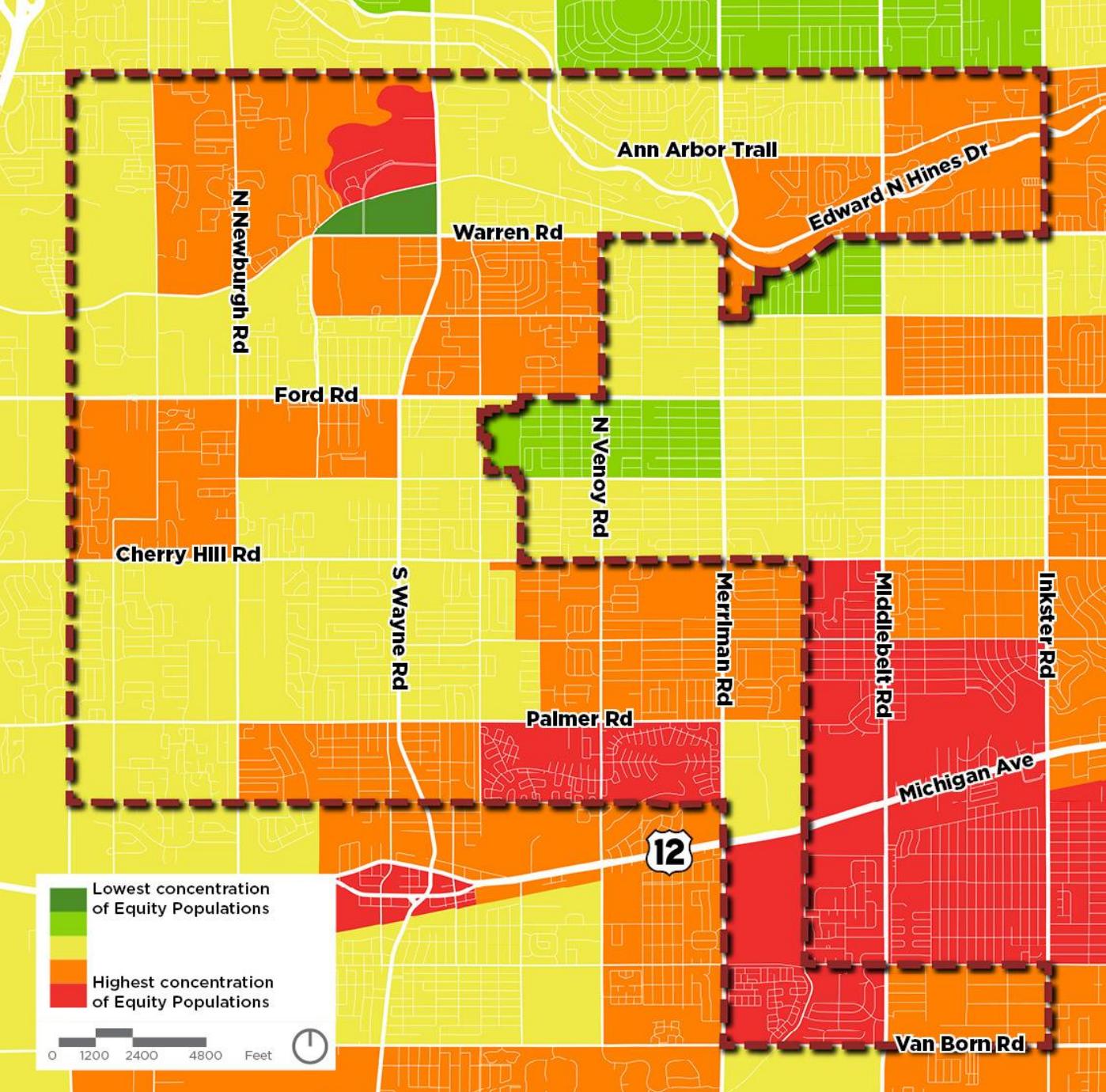
# Crash Rate

- Crash hotspots along Ford Rd and Wayne Rd
- Highest crash density at Wayne Rd and Ford Rd intersection
- Neighborhoods have very few crashes



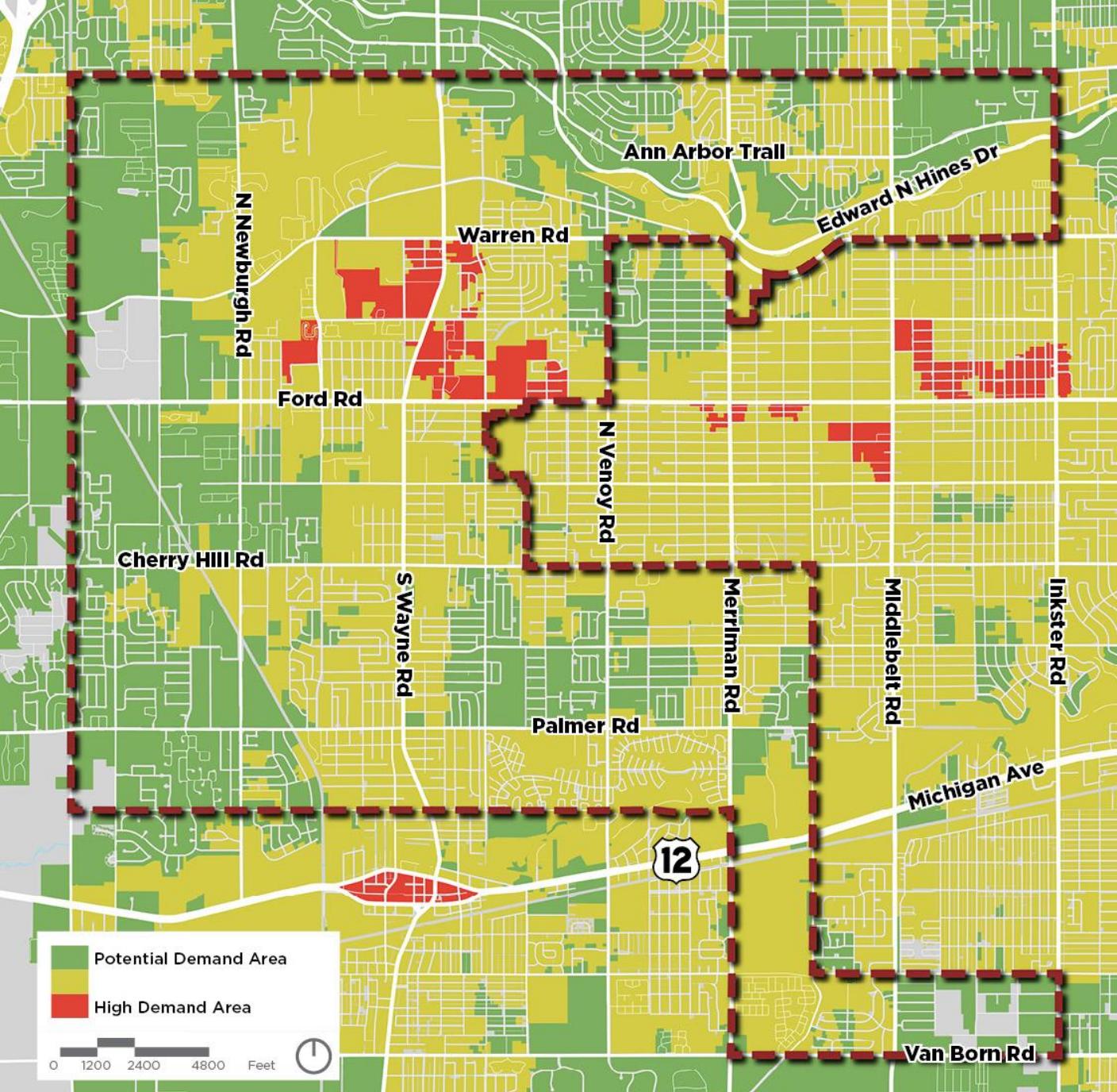
# Concentration of Equity Populations

- High equity populations on the north and south sides of the City.
- Looking to connect these areas with non-motorized facilities



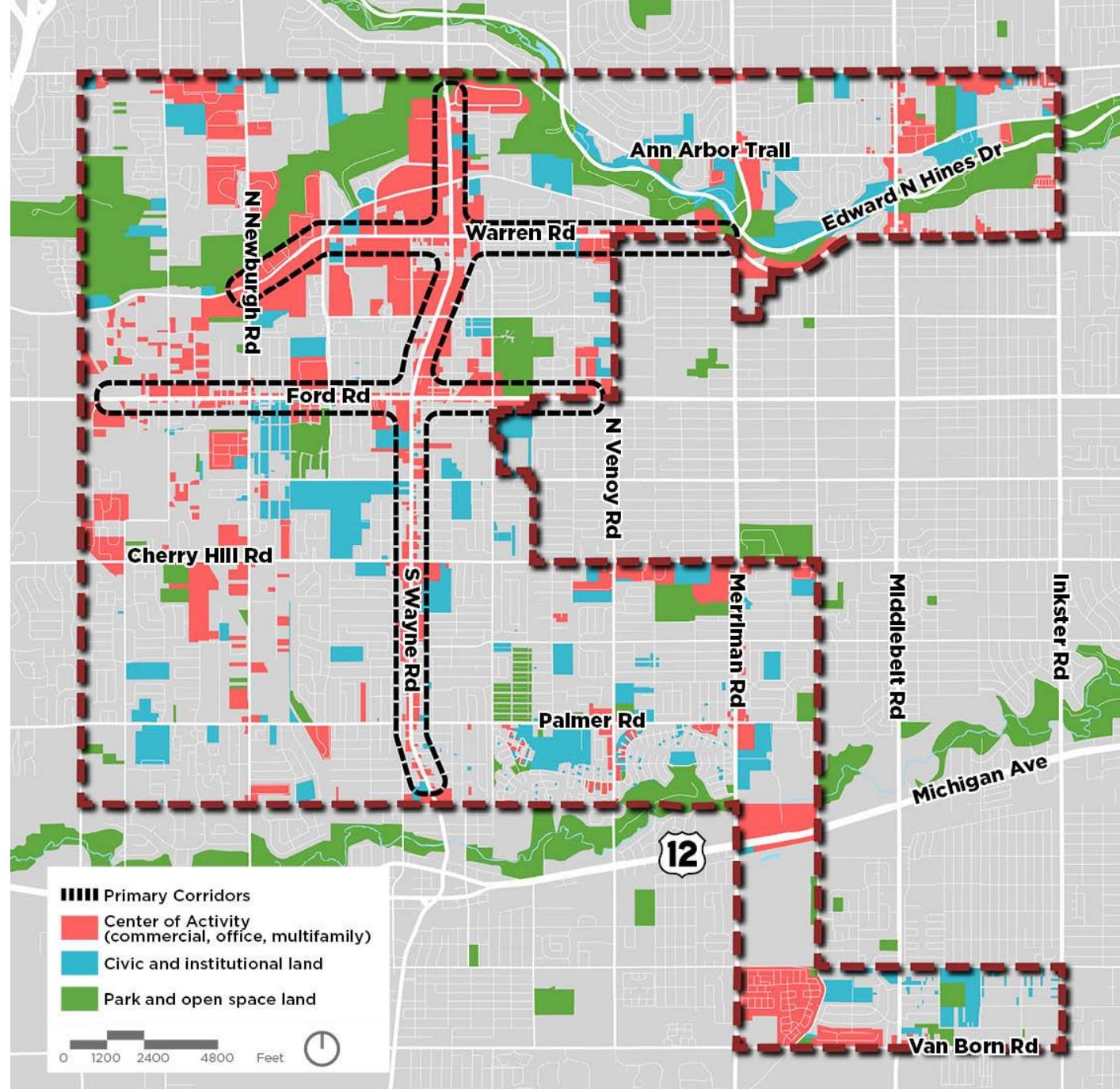
# Short Trip Demand Areas

- Short trip demand areas are areas where walking and biking trips could replace car trips
- High demand areas between Newburgh Rd, Ford Rd, Venoy Rd, and Warren Rd



# Westland Activity Areas

- Commercial areas, civic buildings, and parks are major activity centers
- High concentration of activity centers on north side of City, near Warren Rd.



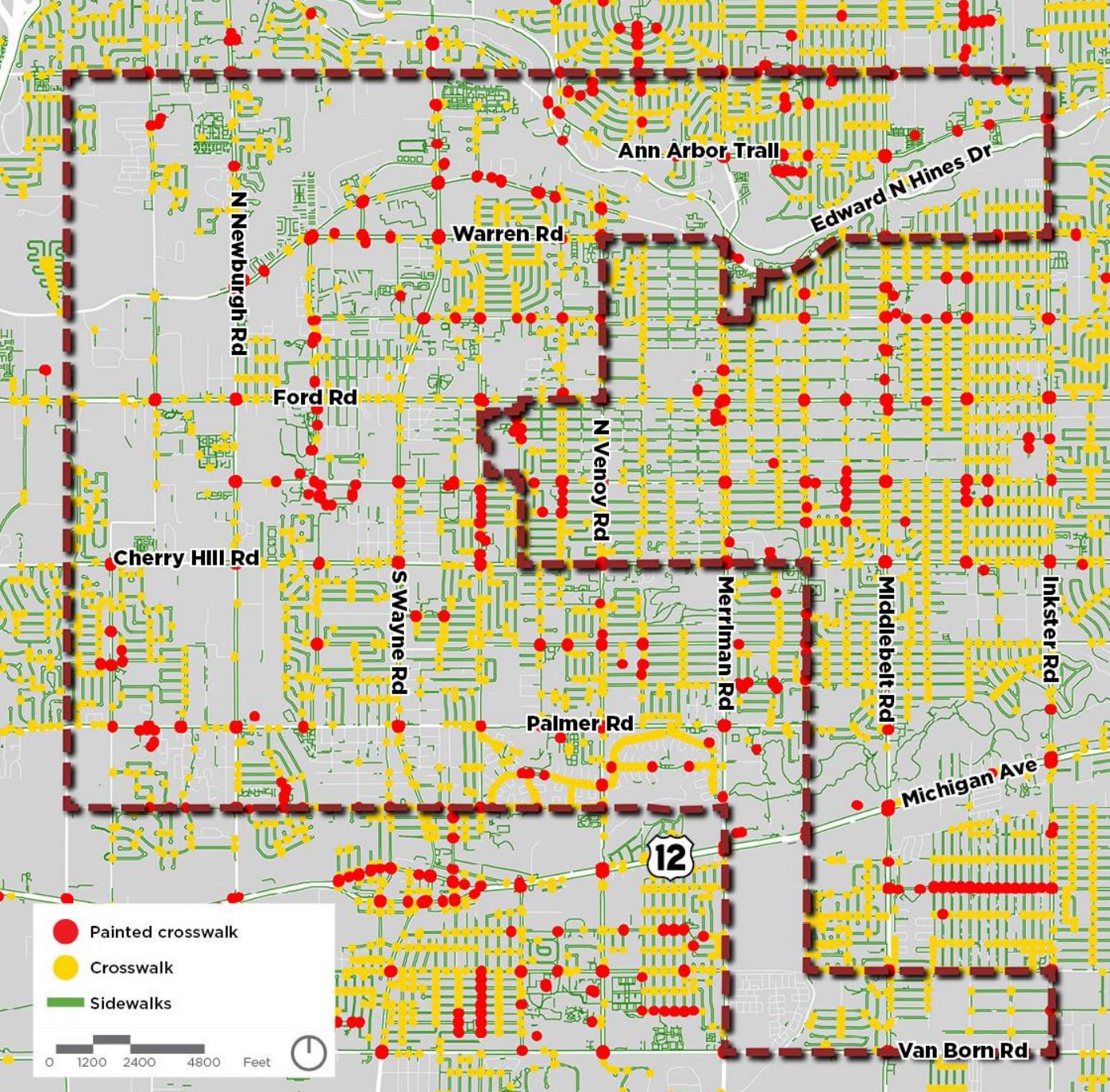
# Existing and Planned Non-Motorized Facilities

- Wildwood Rd bike lane coming this spring
- Planned facilities in Garden City and along Lower Rouge



# Existing Sidewalks and Crosswalks

- High concentration of sidewalks in neighborhoods south of Cherry Hill and north of Hines Dr
- Gaps in the center of the City



# What Are Other Communities Doing?



Ferndale Buffered Bike Lane



Detroit Protected Bike Lane

# What Are Other Communities Doing?



Rouge River Gateway Trail



I-275 Metro Trail - Canton

# What Are Other Communities Doing?



Royal Oak Bike Lane



Roseville Bike Lane



# Community Survey

- Online survey for community members to submit feedback on their experiences walking and biking in Westland
- Launched this week and will be available for one week following Public Meeting 1
- Input gathered will help determine where walking and biking facilities are most needed in Westland



Please take the community survey to help inform **Walk and Roll Westland: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan**. Your ideas are crucial in identifying and prioritizing potential future walking and biking projects for the City of Westland.

Thank you for participating in this survey and helping us plan for the future of walking and biking in Westland!

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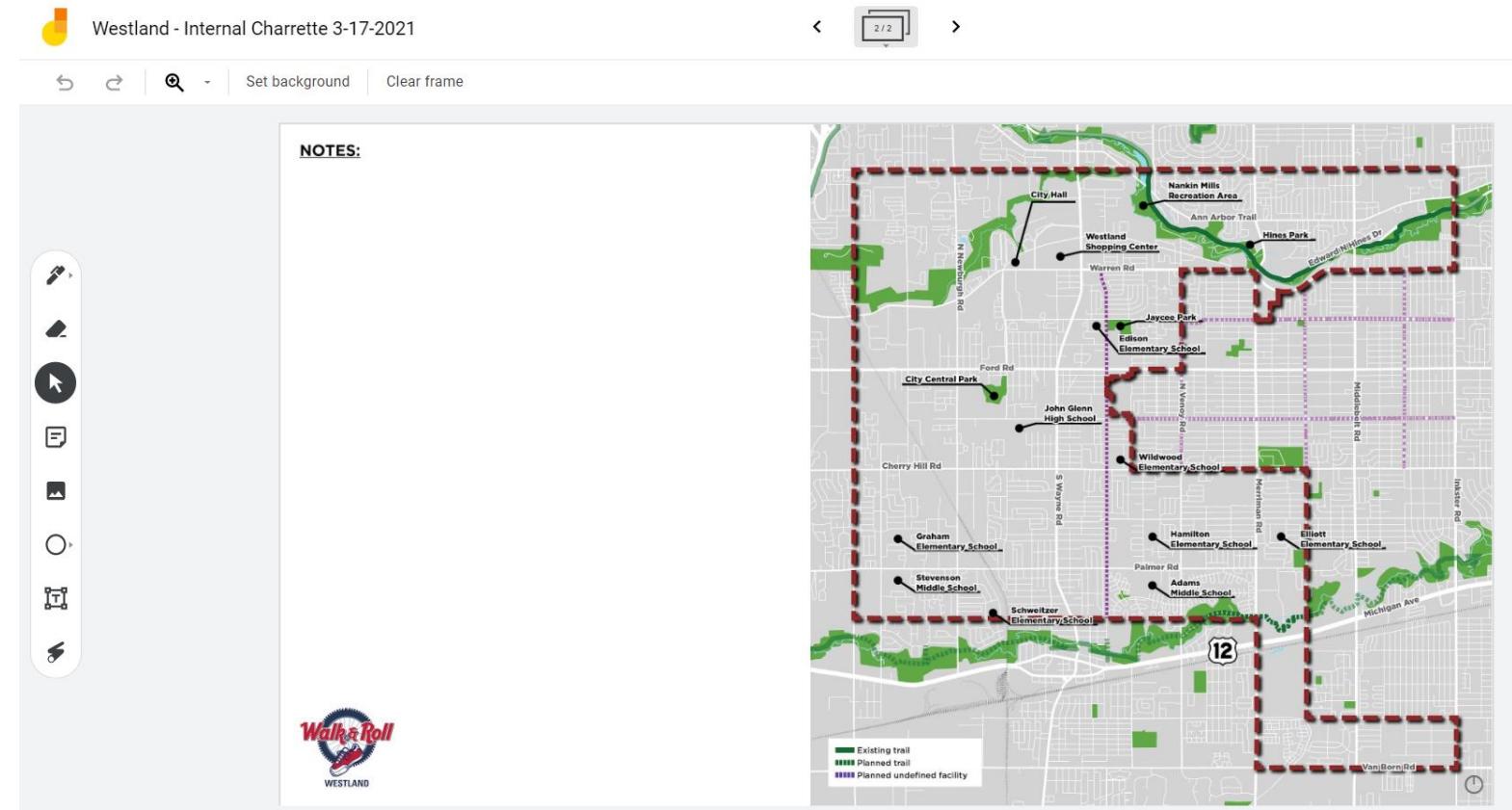


# Brainstorming



# Jamboard

- Online collaboration software that allows for real time editing.
- Open Jamboard with link in Chat
- Use pen, stickers, notes, etc. to indicate where you would like to see new bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- If you are unable to open, project team members will assist with data collection.





# Next Steps

- Public Meeting #1
  - Gather input on issues, opportunities, and the location of future facilities.
  - Targeting early May
  - Public Input Survey
- Steering Committee #2
  - Mid to end June
  - Review public input and corridor recommendations
  - Brainstorm facility types
- Mid-plan public check in
  - Online Survey and newsletter update