

# GLEBE/MONTROSE/ASHBY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Fall 2023



# Objectives

#### Recap past community comments

Outline existing conditions and challenges

Share design options

Gather feedback

#### Background

- Vision Zero
  - City program to improve traffic safety and eliminate fatal and severe crashes
- Past Outreach
  - Meetings with Lynhaven Citizens
    Association in 2020, 2021, and 2022
- Improvements So Far
  - Flashing pedestrian beacons
  - Speed radar signs
  - Lynhaven Neighborhood Slow Zone Pilot
- Commonwealth-Glebe-Ashby Stormwater Capacity Project
  - Major flood mitigation project in design
  - Long-term traffic safety improvements are being coordinated with this project



#### What We Heard + Existing Conditions

- Difficulty crossing E Glebe Road
- > Speeding on E Glebe Road
- Complexity and visibility issues at the intersection
- Narrow sidewalks
- Insufficient sight distance
- Nontraditional, five-legged intersection
- Multiple angle crashes resulting in injuries
- No reported pedestrian crashes, but concerns about risk and near-misses
- No fatal or severe crashes
- ADA issues



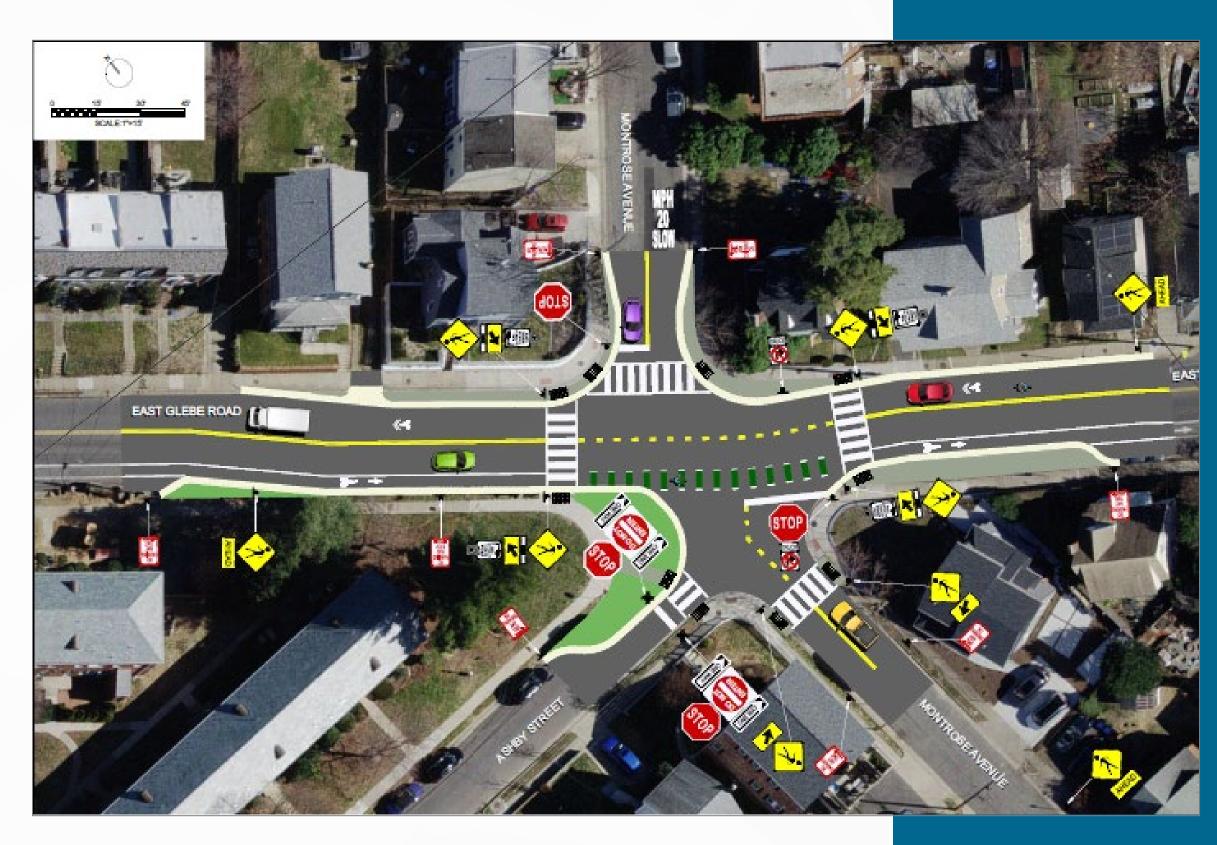
#### Design Option 1: Curb Extensions

This option replaces the medians with curb extensions, resulting in:

- ✓ Improved sight distance
- Two-stage stop for Ashby Street to provide more orderly operations and fewer conflicts
- ✓ Shorter crossing distances
- ✓ Increased sidewalk and bus stop space
- ✓ Retained traffic calming benefit
- Continuous bike lane eastbound through the intersection
- ✓ Potential for added green space

Other Considerations:

- Removes two-stage crossing for people walking across Glebe Road
- Removes some on-street parking



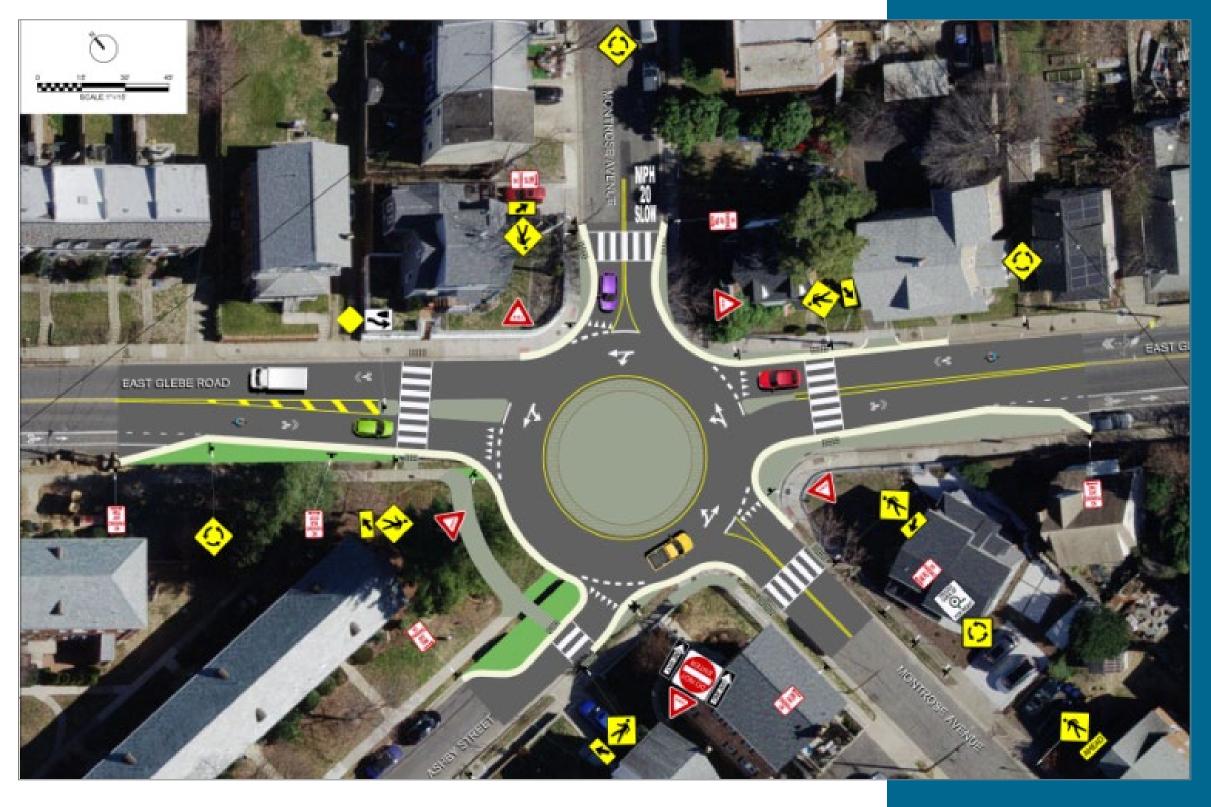
#### **Design Option 2: Roundabout**

This option includes reconfiguring the intersection into a roundabout, resulting in:

- ✓ Improved sight distance
- $\checkmark\,$  Fewer conflict points in the intersection
- ✓ Reduced risk of angle crashes
- ✓ Slower vehicle speeds
- ✓ Shorter crossing distances
- ✓ Increased sidewalk and bus stop space

Other Considerations:

- Reduces median refuge on one side of Glebe Road
- Bike lane is not continuous through the intersection
- Removes some on-street parking
- Would require purchase of right-of-way



#### Performance Summary of Design Options

| <b>Performance Metric</b>                                     | <b>Existing</b><br>(No Build) | <b>Option 1</b><br>Curb Extensions                | <b>Option 2</b><br>Roundabout                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Number of Approaches<br>with Insufficient Sight<br>Distance   | 3 of 5 approaches             | 1.5 of 5 approaches                               | 1 of 5 approaches                                 |
| Number of Vehicular<br>Conflict Points                        | 56                            | 38                                                | 9                                                 |
| Average Pedestrian<br>Crossing Distance                       | 30′                           | 23′                                               | 22′                                               |
| <b>Continuous Bicycle Lane</b>                                | No                            | Yes                                               | No                                                |
| Potential for 2 ADA Bus<br>Stops (Westbound and<br>Eastbound) | No                            | Yes                                               | Yes                                               |
| Parking Impacts                                               | 0 spaces                      | 3 spaces:<br>• Ashby St (1)<br>• Montrose Ave (2) | 4 spaces:<br>• Ashby St (2)<br>• Montrose Ave (2) |

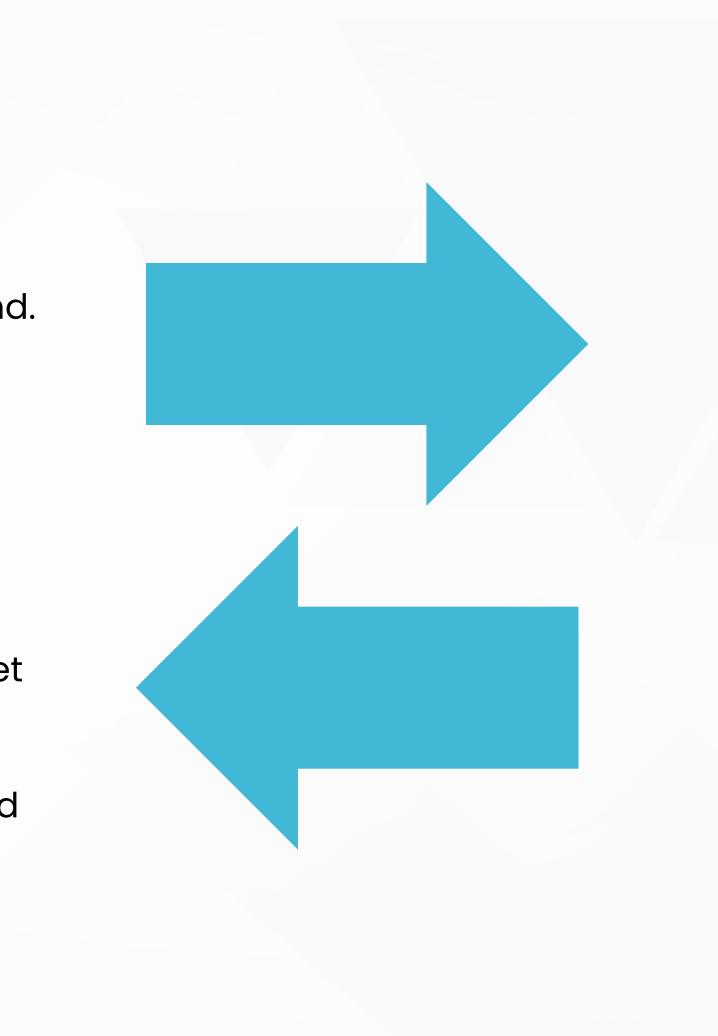
#### **Additional Option:**

#### Ashby Street One-Way Conversion

Ashby Street is currently one-way eastbound. If it were one-way westbound instead, it would:

- ✓ Reduce the complexity of the Glebe/Montrose/Ashby intersection by removing 1 of 5 approaches.
- ✓ Reduce the risk of crashes
- ✓ Balance the number of intersection approaches at either end of Ashby Street

Converting Ashby Street to one-way westbound is feasible with both Option 1 and Option 2 and could potentially be implemented shorter-term as an interim improvement.



#### **Ashby Street: Existing**



#### **Ashby Street: Proposed**



### Share

# Your

### Feedback!

Complete the online feedback form by December 22, 2023. **Next Steps** 

Community **Comment Period** 

December 2023

Recommendation of Preferred Concept January 2024

Traffic & Parking **Board Public** Hearing

January 22, 2024