## **Gratigny Parkway East Extension**

Project Development & Environment (PD&E)
Study

## **Public Kick-Off Meeting**

**September 15, 2010** 

MDX Work Program #: 92407

ETDM#: 11500

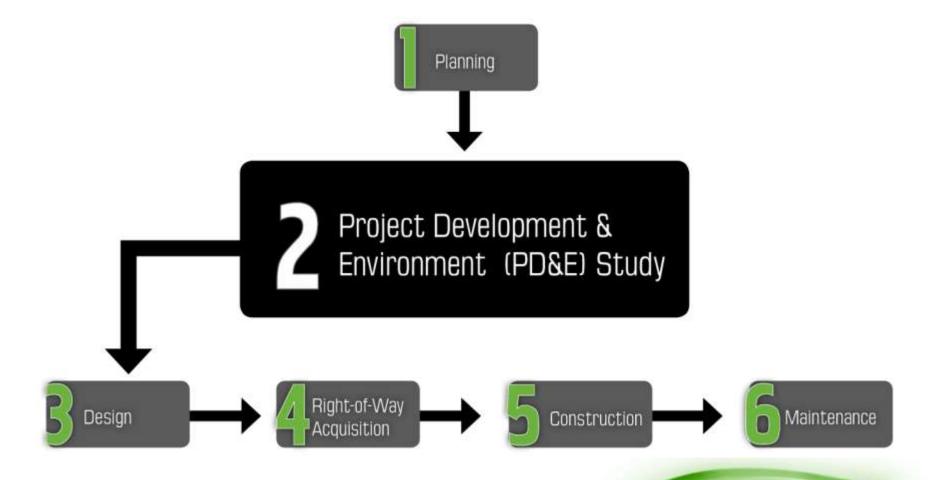


# What is a Project Development & Environment Study?

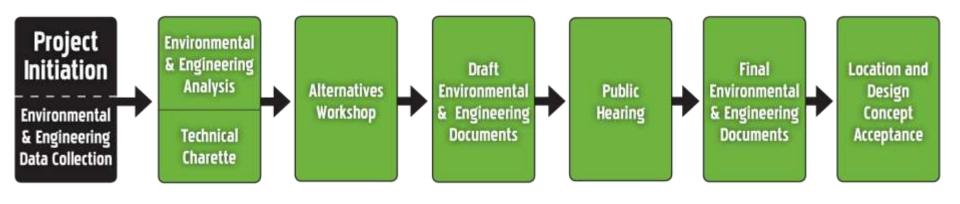
- Establish purpose and need for the project
- Determine study area
- Perform preliminary engineering analysis
- Evaluate potential impacts (social, natural & physical)
- Coordinate with federal, state and local agencies
- Involve the public in the development of the project



## Steps to Project Completion



## **PD&E Study Process**



Public Involvement Process

#### Major Components:

- Engineering
- Environmental
- Public Involvement



## **Engineering Components**

- Identify Purpose and Need
- Traffic Data
- Safety
- Right-of-Way
- Transportation Plans
- Alternatives Analysis
- Drainage
- Structures
- Utilities
- Cost



## **Environmental Components**

#### **Natural**

- Air Quality
- Contamination
- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Water Quality

## **Physical**

- Construction
- Noise
- Visual



## **Environmental Components**

#### Socio-cultural

- Social and Community
- Cultural Resources
- Land Uses
- Environmental Justice
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Aesthetic



## **Public Involvement Component**

#### **Purpose**

- Make public aware of the project
- Solicit public input

#### **Activities**

- Public meetings
- Agency and elected official briefings
- Stakeholder / small group meetings

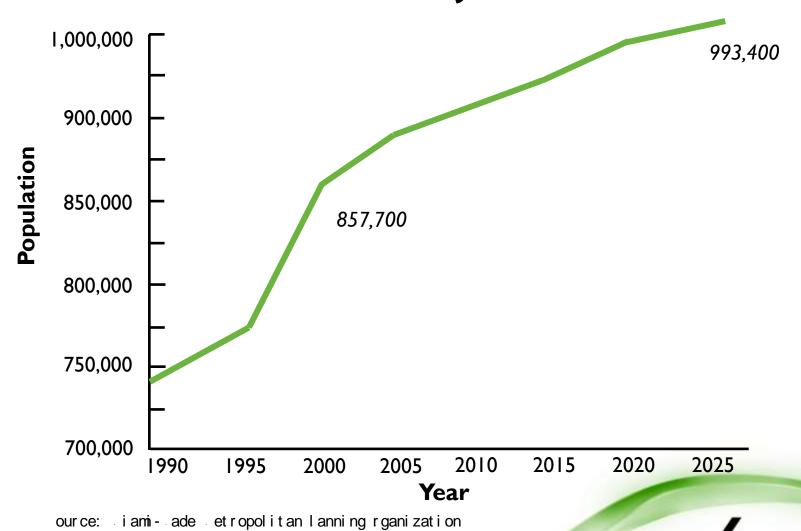


## **Project Location**



- Alleviate future traffic congestion
- Reduce travel times
- Provide a critical east-west connection





LOS A-B LOS C-D LOS I







- Roadway will operate at Level of Service E in 2035
- Number of vehicles projected to increase substantially



#### **Corridor Characteristics**

- 2 miles in length
- Six-lane arterial
- I 00' right-of-way
- Local access roadway
- Street frontage is mostly commercial with some residential uses
- Major landmarks
  - MDC North Campus, Westview Country Club, Barry University



## **Context Zones**



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## **Engineering Issues**

- Traffic forecasting
- Connection to Interstate95 (I-95)
- Right-of-way constraints
- Maintaining access
- Coordination with other area projects



### **Environmental Issues**

- Noise
- Visual impacts
- Socio-cultural effects
- Potential contamination sites
- Construction impacts



# **Preliminary Ideas**





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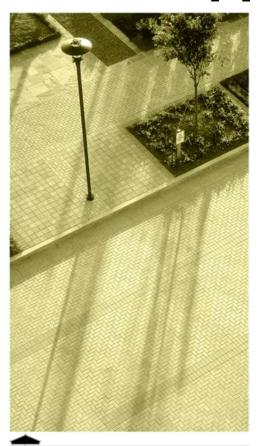


















DECORATIVE CONCRETE PAVERS

TREE GRATES

BANNER STRUCTURE WITH BENCH

## **Potential Project Benefits**

- Separate through traffic from local traffic
- Separate truck traffic from local traffic
- Provide regional and local connectivity
- Enhance urban amenities
- Provide multi-modal (transit, bicyclists, pedestrians)
   features and overall enhanced mobility
- Improve corridor aesthetics



## Ways to Stay Involved

- Public meetings
  - Kick-off Meeting, Technical Charrette, Alternatives Meeting, Public Hearing
- Agency and elected official meetings
- Small group meetings
- Project newsletters and website



## **Schedule**

| Activities                                    | Date           |
|---|----------------|
| Public/Agency Kick-Off Meetings               | September 2010 |
| Technical Charrette                           | December 2010  |
| Alternatives Public Meeting                   | April 2011     |
| Draft Environmental and Engineering Documents | August 2011    |
| Public Hearing                                | November 2011  |
| Final Environmental and Engineering Documents | April 2012     |
| Location and Design Concept Acceptance        | July 2012      |



#### **More Information**

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# Thank you for attending









