

The East Walnut Hills Assembly hereby requests support from the Department of Transportation and Engineering to conduct conceptual design and pre-engineering work for improvements to Victory Parkway north of East McMillan. This would be to the north of the current Eden Park Bridge and Victory Parkway Rehabilitation Project area. Specifically, we request evaluation of improved cycling infrastructure along this portion of Victory Parkway to connect to Wasson Way; improvements to the intersection of Victory Parkway and Madison Road; and consideration of right-sizing the road through a "road diet" or other appropriate improvement.

Improvements to cycling infrastructure on Victory Parkway are consistent with both the City's Bicycle network plan and Plan Cincinnati. The Bicycle Plan identifies this route as a Phase One implementation target, and improvements to the Victory - Madison intersection are also identified as Phase One improvements.

Victory Parkway in this section is potentially overbuilt, with room to "right-size" the roadway and to install high quality cycling infrastructure connecting both the East Walnut Hills and Walnut Hills business districts to Wasson Way. Evaluation of improvements to Victory Parkway would be consistent with the "Connect" objective within Plan Cincinnati, as a clear improvement to the multi-modal transportation network in the City, improving options for non-automobile travel. It would also foster the goal of creating a more walkable city by offering a traffic calming intervention on Victory, consistent with the "Live" objective in Plan Cincinnati.

In evaluating Victory Parkway for improved cycling infrastructure, we request that the highest quality designs be considered, especially protected bike lanes, and that the design users for these improvements be non-vehicular cyclists, such as children cycling to school or novice adults running errands. At the Victory - Madison intersection, we request that the DOTE consider removal of the slip lane from Victory to Madison Road, as this slip lane encourages unsafe driving behaviors heading into our business district at Woodburn. This intersection could be considered for a roundabout or other more efficient, compact design consistent with NACTO design principles.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this request.