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Town of East Greenbush / Town of North Greenbush / CDTC US Route 4 Corridor Study Study Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting #3 Friday, May 19, 2023, 9:30am Capital District Transportation Committee 1 Park Pl, Albany, NY, 12205







#### 1. Welcome

- 2. Public Engagement #1 Overview
- **3. Public Survey Highlights**
- **4. Future Operational Analysis Discussion**
- **5. Next Steps**



## Welcome

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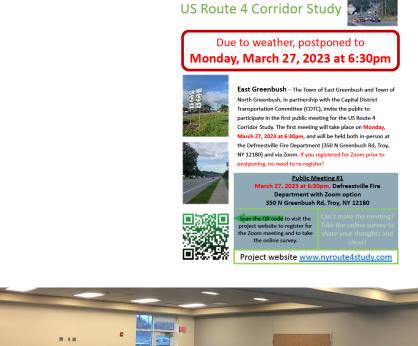
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## **Public Engagement #1 Overview**

#### Public Meeting #1

- ➢ Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:30 PM
- > In-person at Defreestville Fire Department and via Zoom.
  - ➤ ~100 in person
  - ➢ 84 via Zoom
- Discussion items
  - Project Schedule Overview
  - Highlights of Existing Conditions Memo
  - Previous Plans/Relevant Documents
  - Mini-Visioning Session
  - Next Steps
  - ≻ Q&A





## **Public Engagement #1 Overview**

#### Mini-Visioning Session

- > What do you like best about the corridor?
  - 1. Nothing
  - 2. Retail/ Shopping Options
  - 3. Highway Access
  - 4. Social Opportunities
  - 5. Close to home
- What would you like to see changed on the corridor in the future?
  - Additional Lane N Bound
  - Sidewalks
  - Roundabouts
  - Better Bus Service
  - ➢ Bike Lanes
- Describe the biggest challenge(s) or issue(s) within the corridor.



When poll is active, respond at pollev.com/mjplanning518
 Text MJPLANNING518 to 37607 once to join

#### Describe the biggest challenge(s) or issue(s) within the

#### corridor in 1-2 words.

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## **Public Engagement #1 Overview**

#### Public Meeting #1

- > For folks who were able to attend
  - > What did you see?
  - > Anything surprising?
- > Available on the project website (nyroute4study.com)
  - ≻ Agenda
  - ➢ Recording
  - PowerPoint
  - Summary



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#### Public Survey

➢ February 03, 2023 to April 25, 2023

Publicized through survey cards, email blasts, project and town websites, and Facebook

**784** responses received!



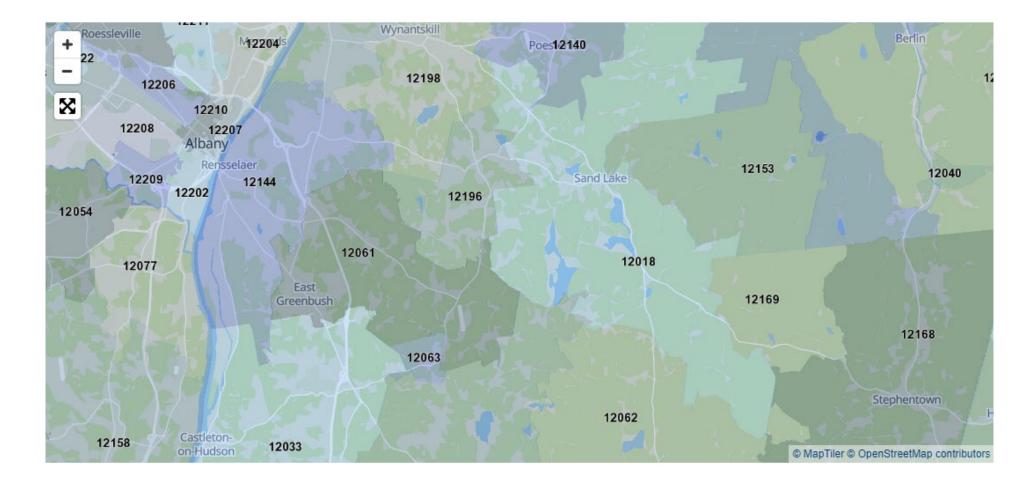
Scan the QR code to access the survey on your mobile device.



For more information: www.nyroute4study.com

#### Please enter your zip code.

- ▶ 12144 39%
- ▶ 12061 29%
- ▶ 12180 9%
- ▶ 12198 8%
- ▶ 12033 5%



What typically brings you to the study area? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 772 Skipped: 12

#### Business Dining Shopping Employment Residence Other (please specify) 10% 70% 90% 100% 0% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 80%

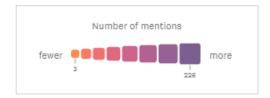
# What typically brings you to the study area?

- Business 33%
- ➢ Dining 67%
- ➢ Shopping 88%
- Employment 15%
- ➢ Residence 48%
- ➤ Other 8%

#### Survey Common Themes: Challenges

- ➤ Traffic 42%
- Traffic congestion 11%
- ➤ Traffic flow 7%
- ➤ Congestion 4%
- ➢ Much traffic 4%

much development Route 3rd Ave needs widened Excessive traffic horrible Home Depot busy amount Heavy traffic many safety traffic volume Pedestrian controlterrible driving congestion Rt much traffic Valmart plan going stop flow lanes Traffic lights route already often back business bike peak access speed Rte Traffic flow Traffic congestion development bottleneck intersectionlot times area congested High Gridlock one Traffic backup Increased Traffic 3rd ave due traffic jams streets Space coming Third Avenue East Greenbush corridor single lane



#### Survey Common Themes: **Opportunities**

- Business Corridor 10%
- ➤ Additional NB Lane 10%
- ➢ Restaurants 5%
- ➤ Improve traffic flow 5%

lanes direction Improve traffic available Alternateroom Reducesecond additional entrance going Better traffic Walkability Traffic circle traffic congestion commercial traffic flow Home Depot opportunity space Add Improve traffic flow recreational Increase traffic Rt restaurants development Work times Bring Make access stores park DUSINESSES route bike north TURNING LANES Createtax baseBetter Fixing improve area road lanes Expand congestion routes existing need retail Keep shopping newpedestrian convenient study area two lanes infrastructure improvements travel bike friendly residents sidewalks corridor expansion roundabouts public transportation



Survey highlights and all responses data to be shared with the SAC after the meeting



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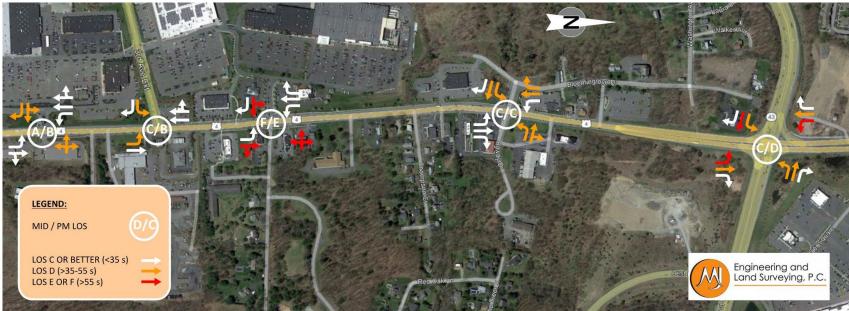
#### **Future Operational Analysis Concept Discussion**

#### Concepts

- > Concept No. 1 Optimized Signal Timing (OST) & Improved System Coordination (ISC)
- Concept No. 2 OTS & ISC with added Service Road Option
- > Concept No. 3 OTS & ISC with Additional US Route 4 Northbound Lane
- > Concept No. 3A Concept No. 3 with Left Turn Lane added to Grandview Drive
- Concept No. 4 Roundabout Intersections
- > Concept No. 4A Concept No. 4 with Left Turn Lane on Grandview Drive into Starbucks
- Concept No. 5 Combination of Signalized and Roundabout Intersections
- > Concept No. 5A Concept No. 5 with Left Turn Lane on Grandview Drive into Starbucks

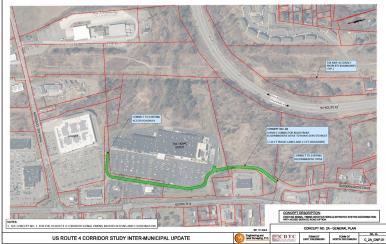
#### Optimized Signal Timing & Improved System Coordination

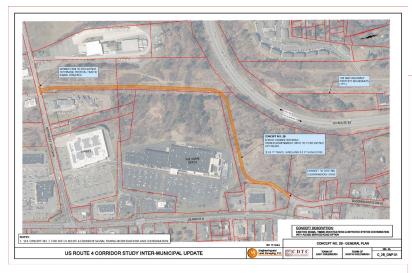
- > Maintains the Existing Geometry
- Signal Timings Modified
  - Coordinated from Agway/Bloomingrove to Walmart Plaza
  - Improves progression through corridor
  - > Reduces queue spilling over to other intersections (3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Left Turns)

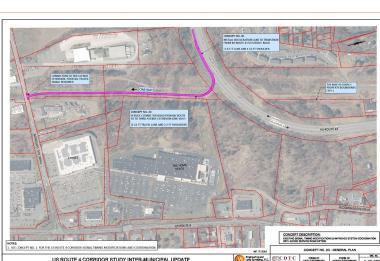


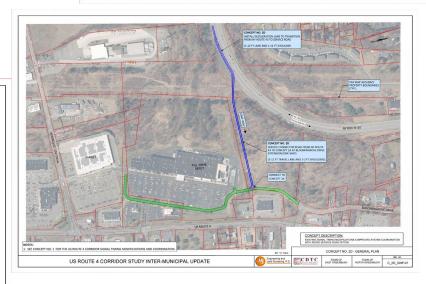
Optimized Signal Timing & Improved System Coordination with added Service Road Option

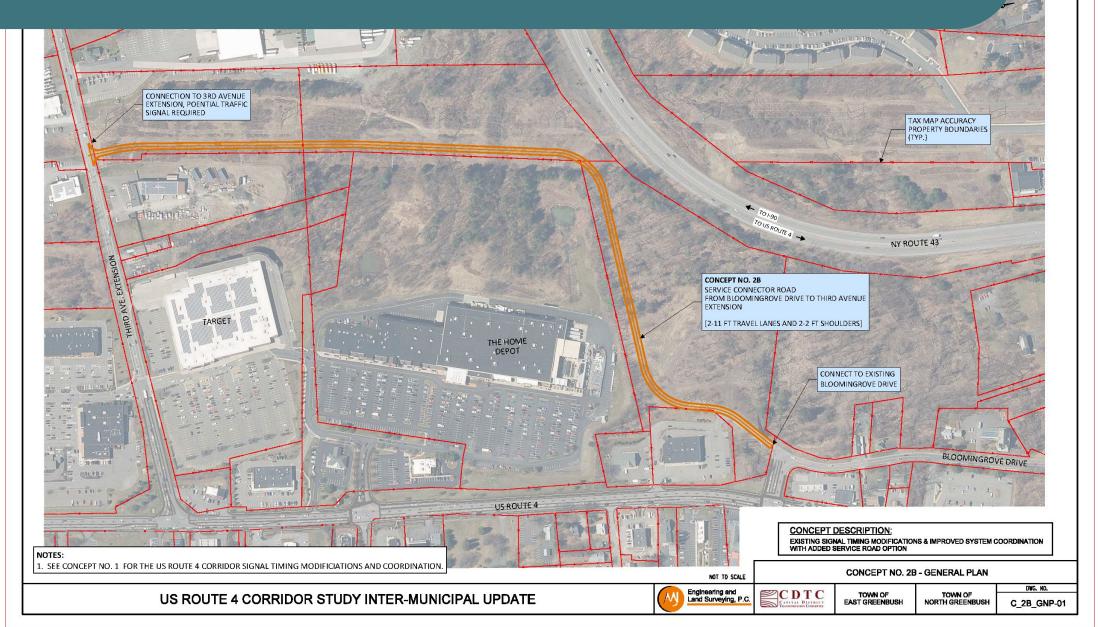
- ➢ US Route 4 Geometry same as Concept No. 1
- Parallel Access Road Reduces Vehicle Load on US Route 4
- US Route 4 Volume Reduction Under Development by CDTC

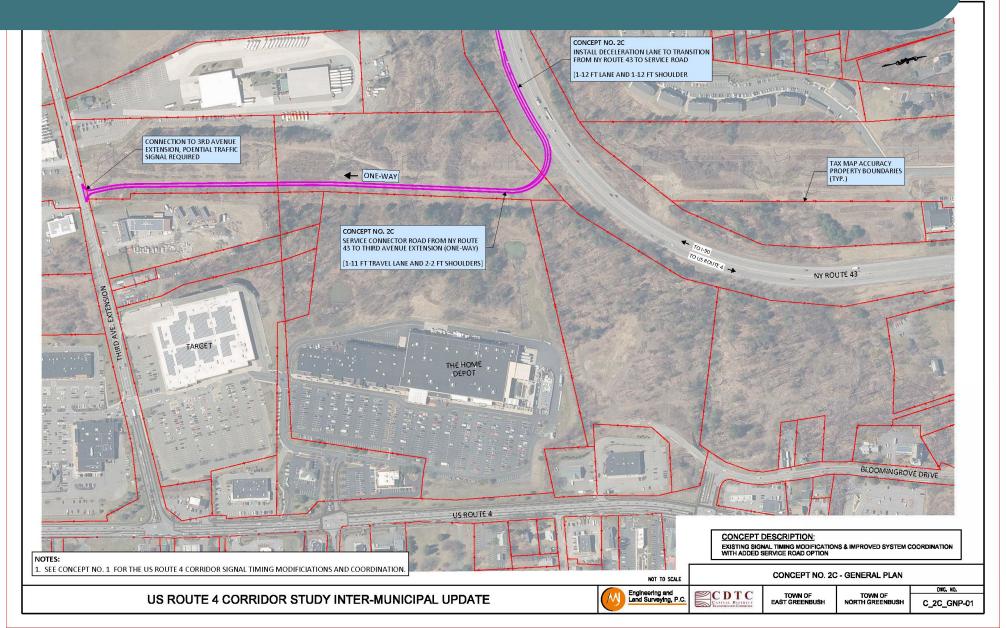


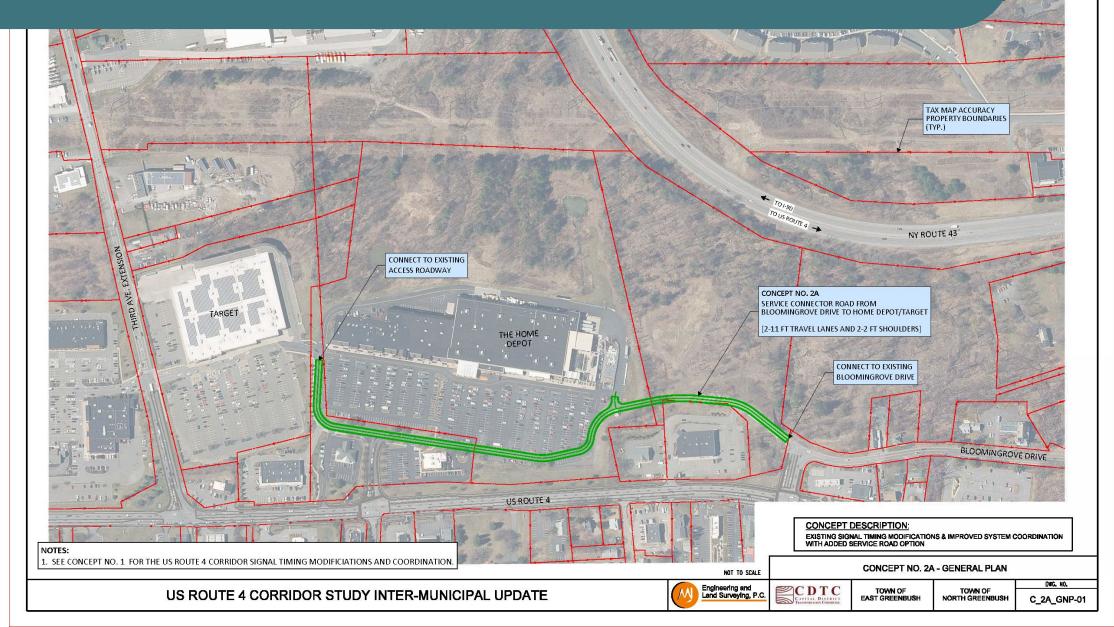


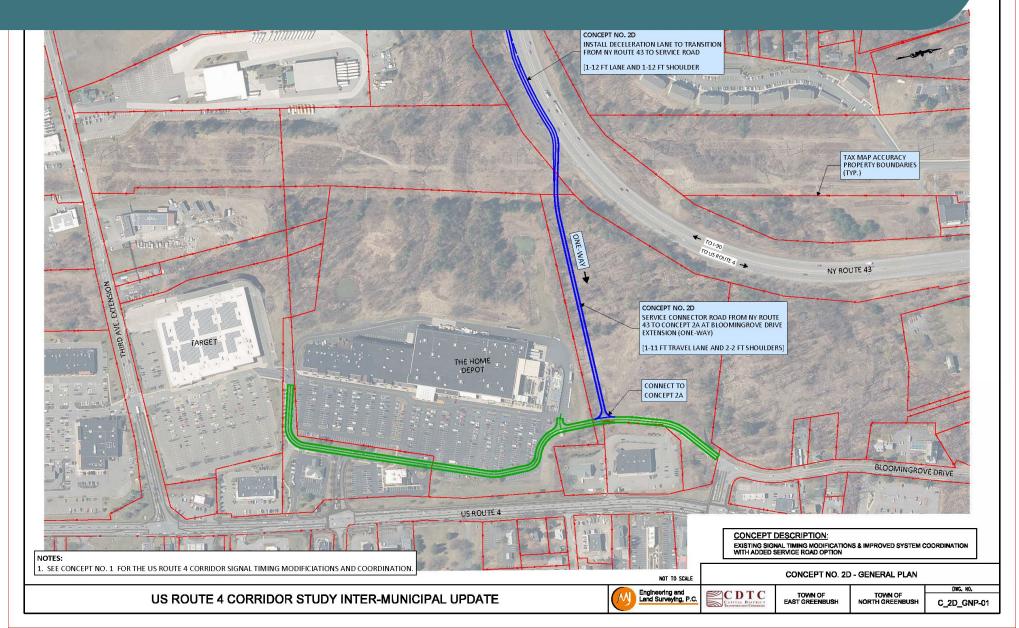








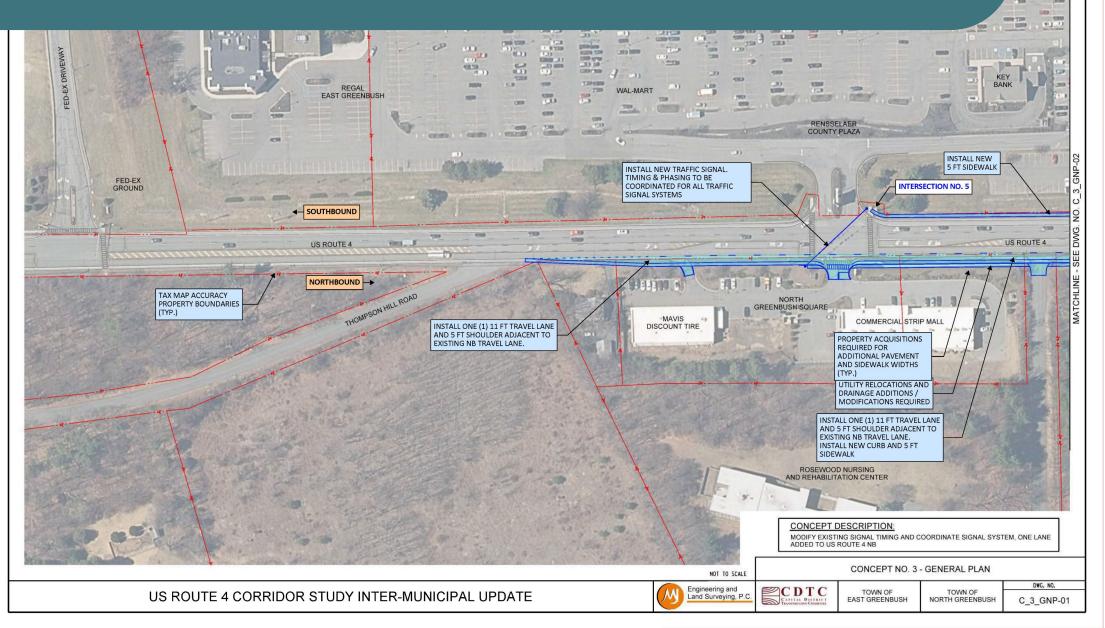


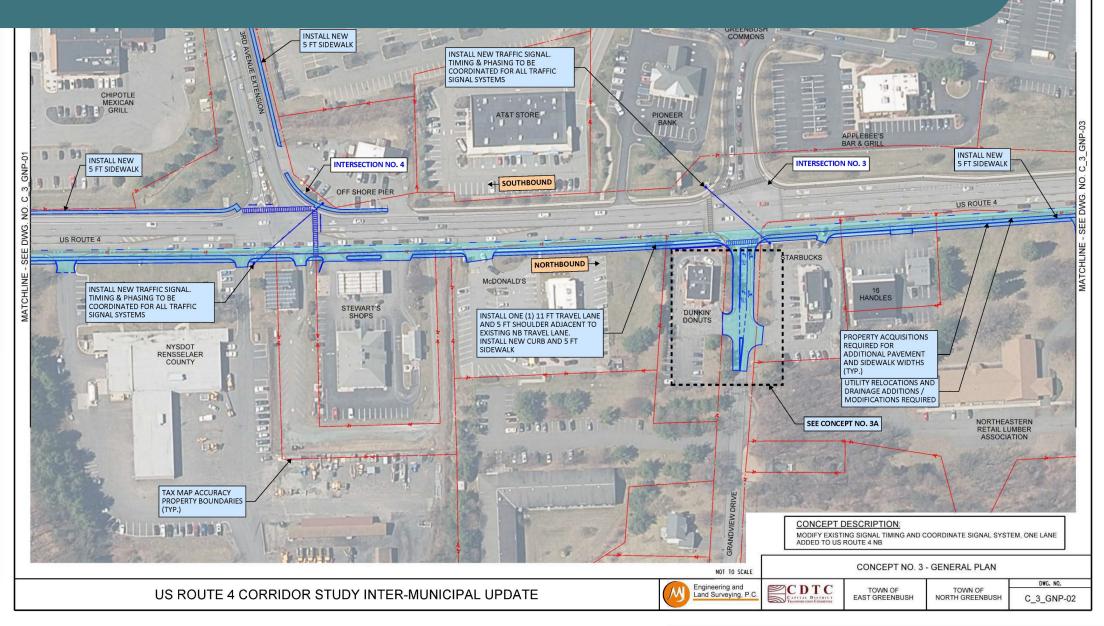


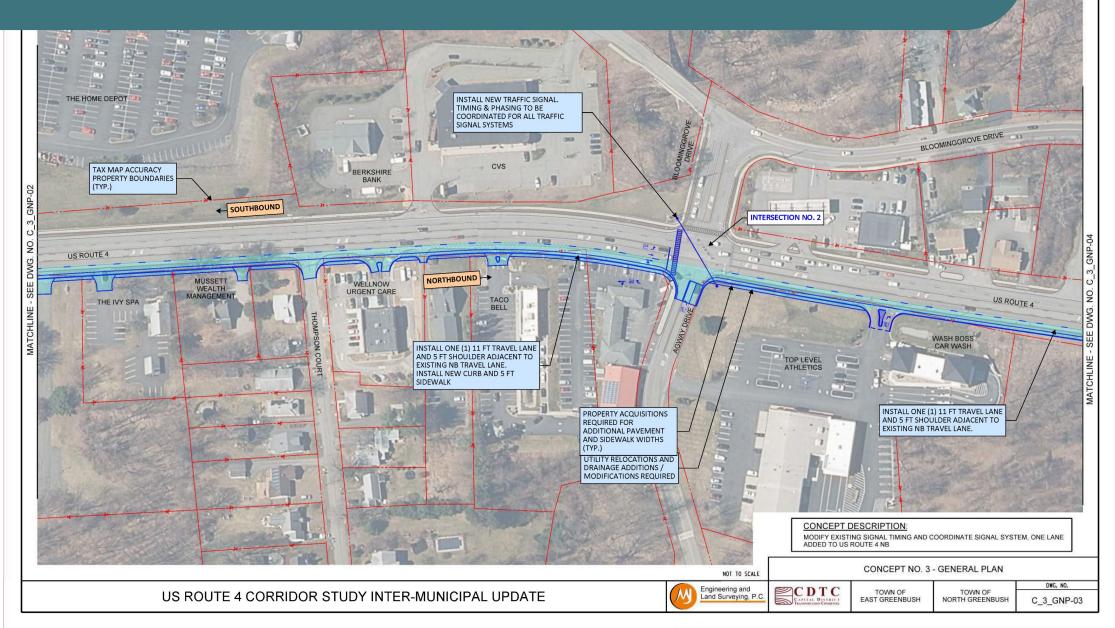
# Optimized Signal Timing & Improved System Coordination with Additional US Route 4 Northbound Lane

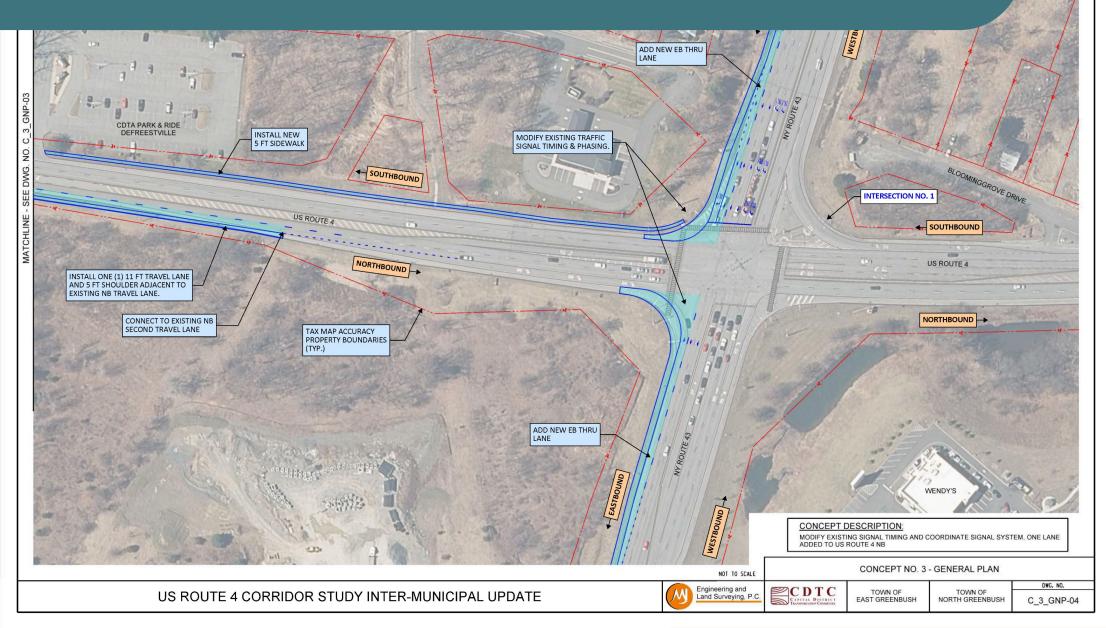
- Coordinated from Agway/Bloomingrove to Walmart Plaza
- Improves progression through corridor
- > Additional Northbound Lane from Thompson Hill Road to 625 feet south of
  - NY Route 43
- > Added Capacity







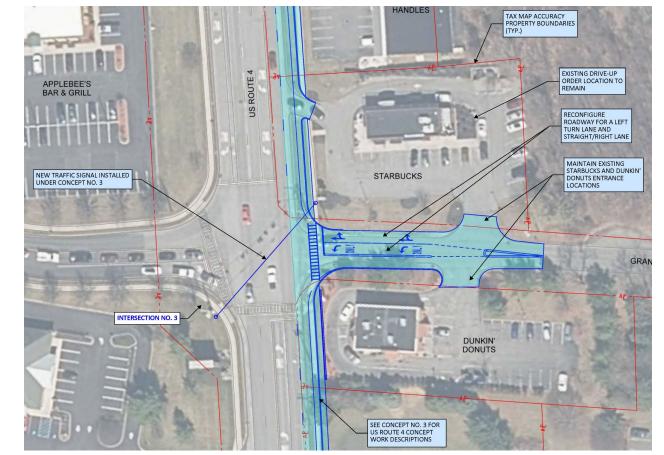




## **Concept No. 3A**

Optimized Signal Timing & Improved System Coordination with Additional US Route 4 Northbound Lane

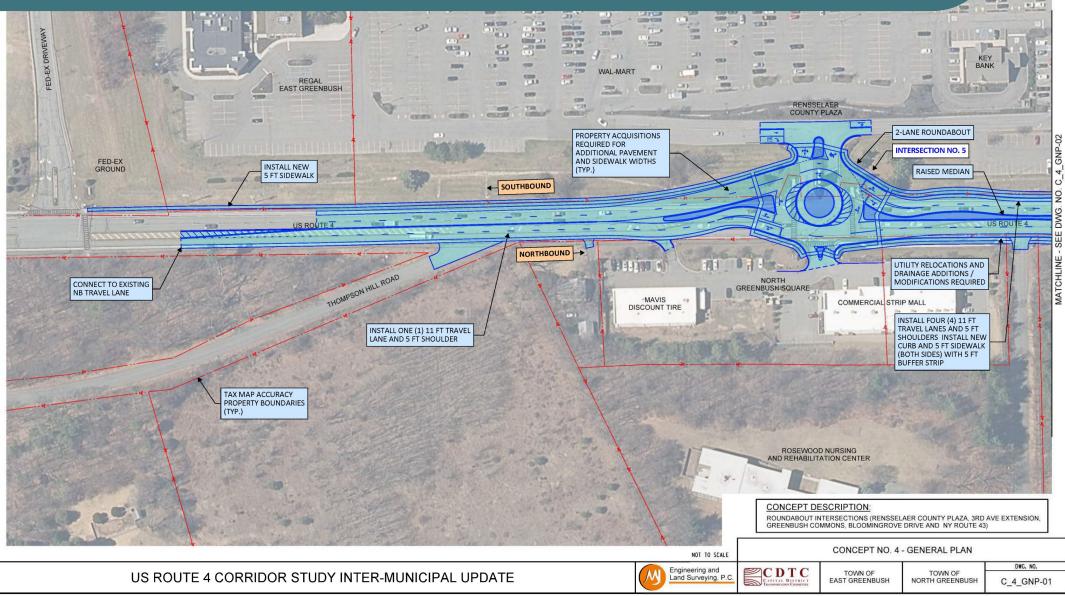
- ➢ US Route 4 Same as Concept No. 3
- Add Left Turn Lane on Grandview
- Add Capacity for Heavy Left Turn Volume

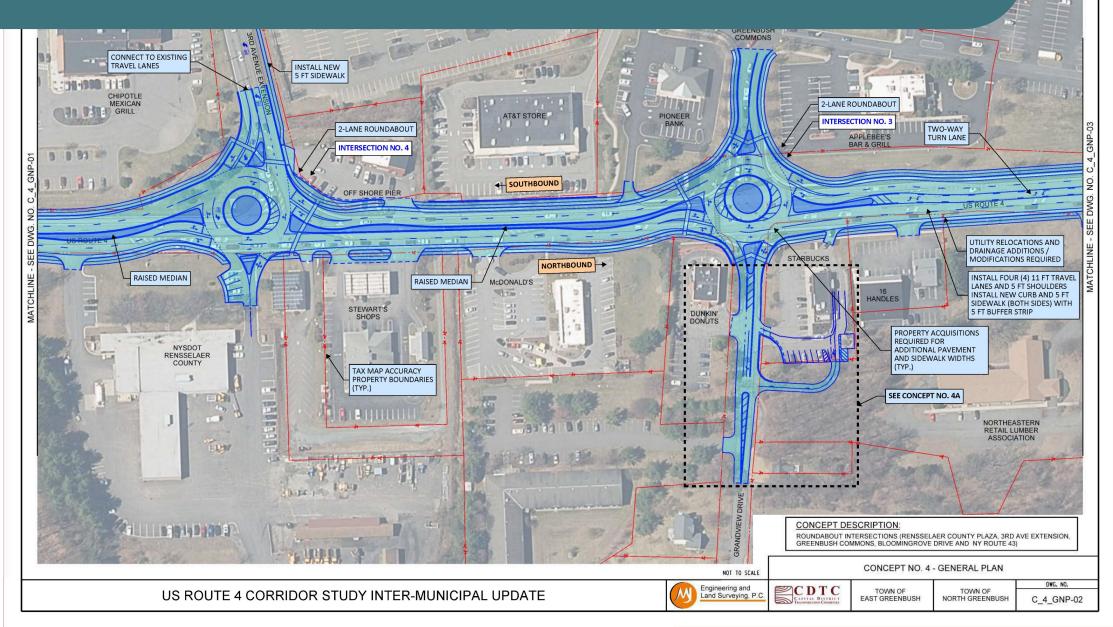


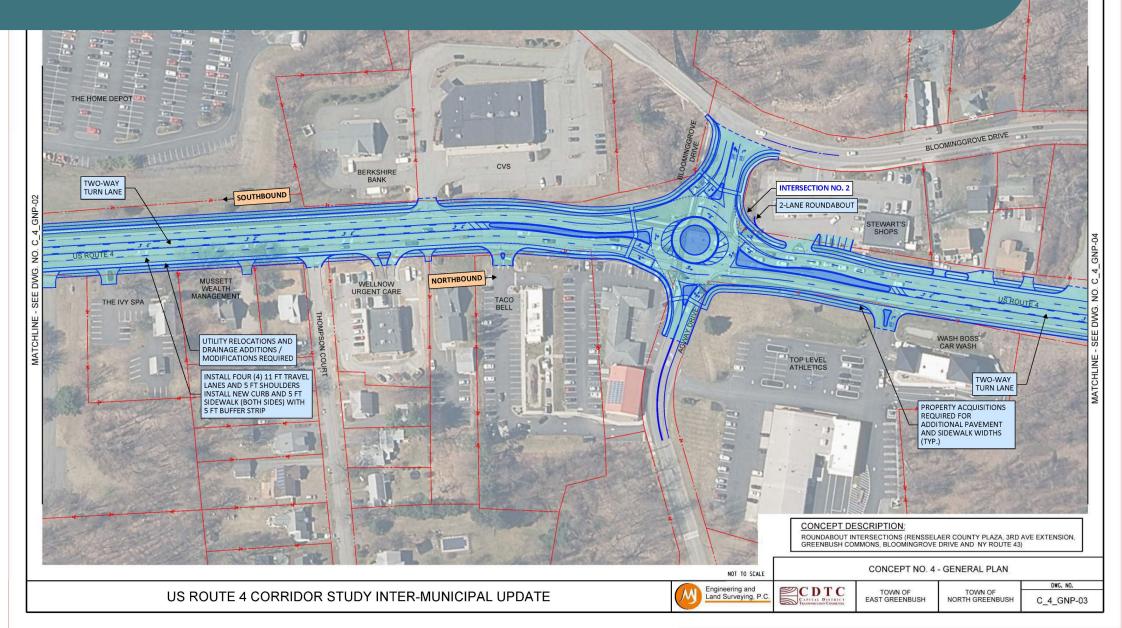
#### Roundabout Intersections

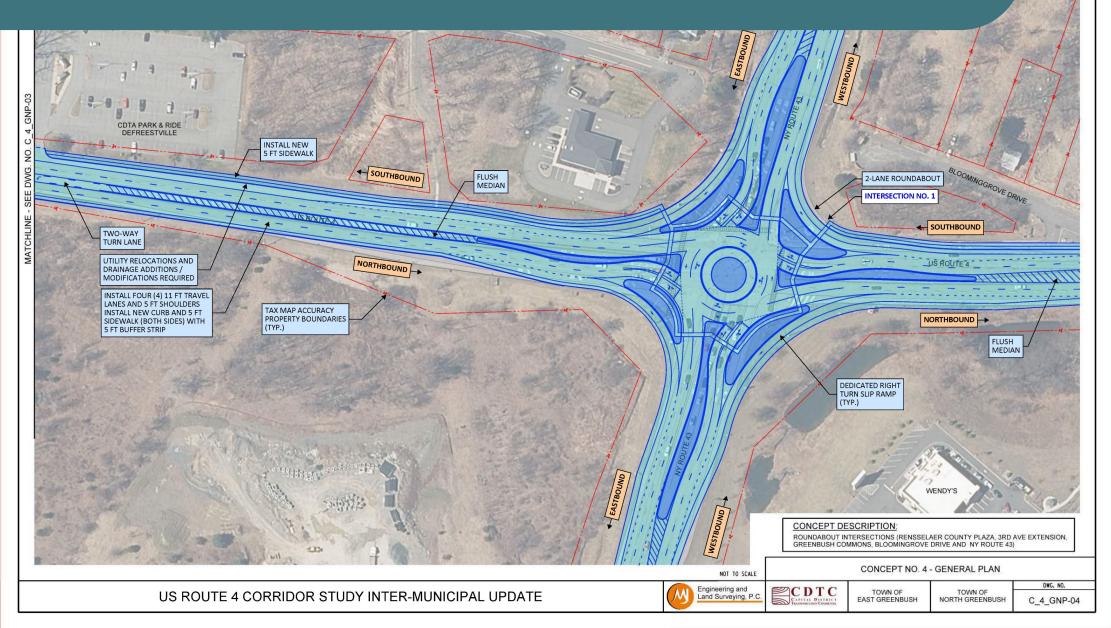
- Five (5) Study Intersections converted to Roundabouts
- Modified 2-Lane Roundabouts
- Varying Approach Lane Configurations
- > Two-way Left-turn Lane between NY Route 43 and Grandview Drive
- Raised Median between Grandview Drive and Walmart Plaza







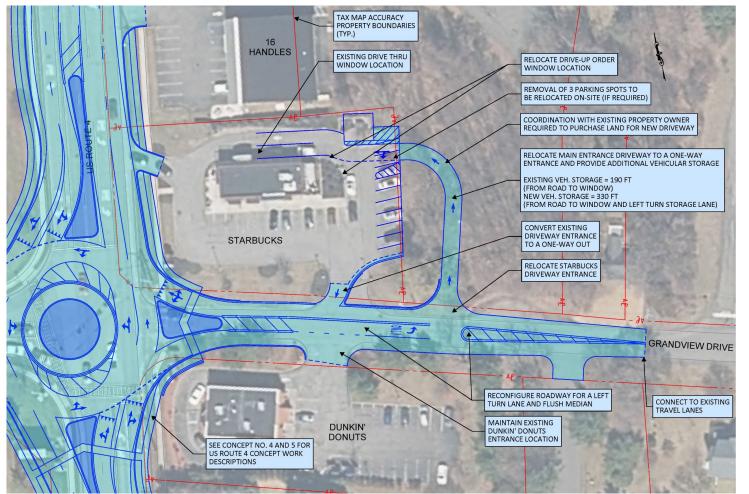




## **Concept No. 4A**

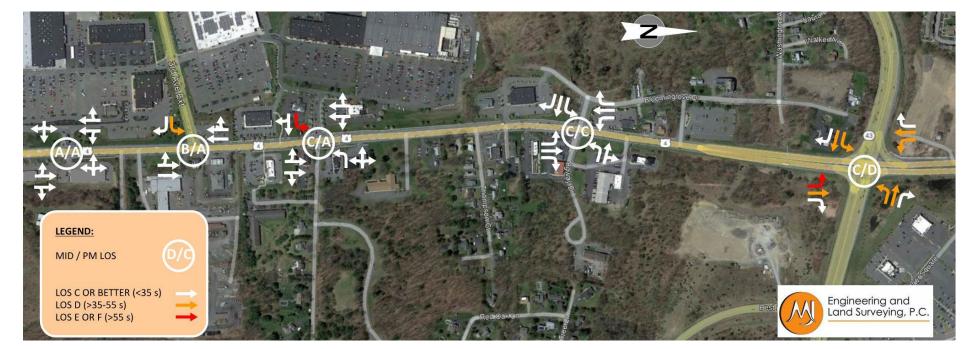
#### **Roundabout Intersections**

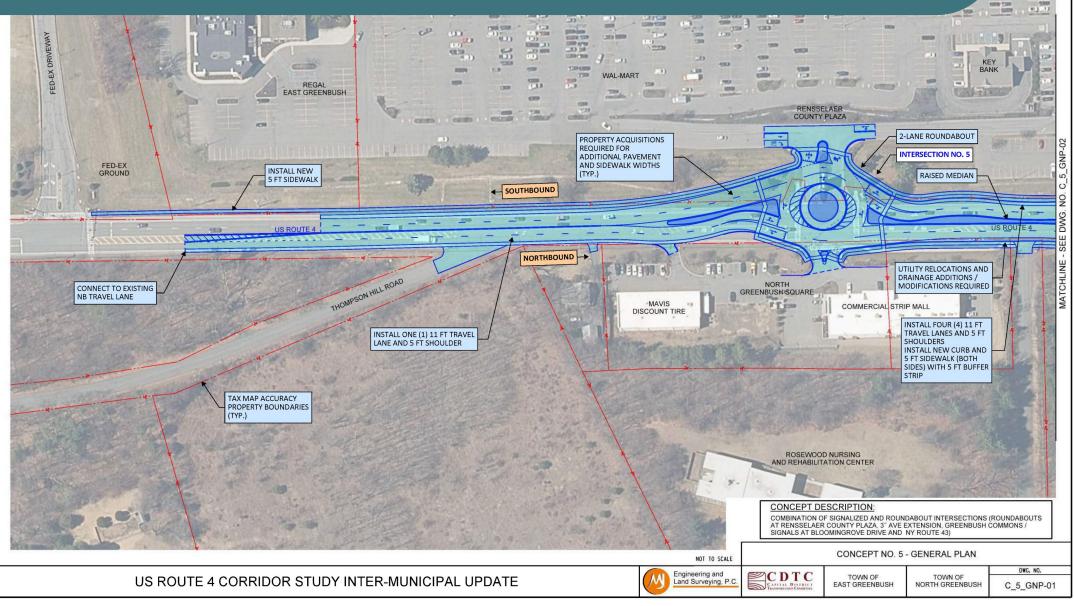
- ➢ US Route 4 Same as Concept No. 4
- > Add Left Turn Lane into Starbucks
- Reduce Spilling of Drive-Thru Traffic onto US Route 4
- Reduce blocking of Grandview Drive

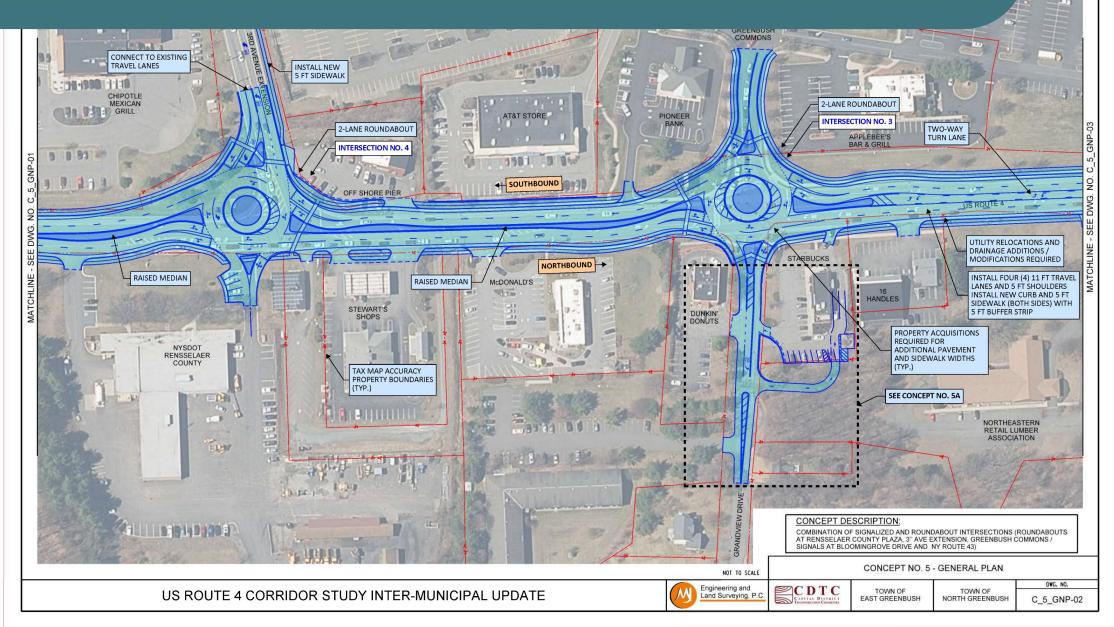


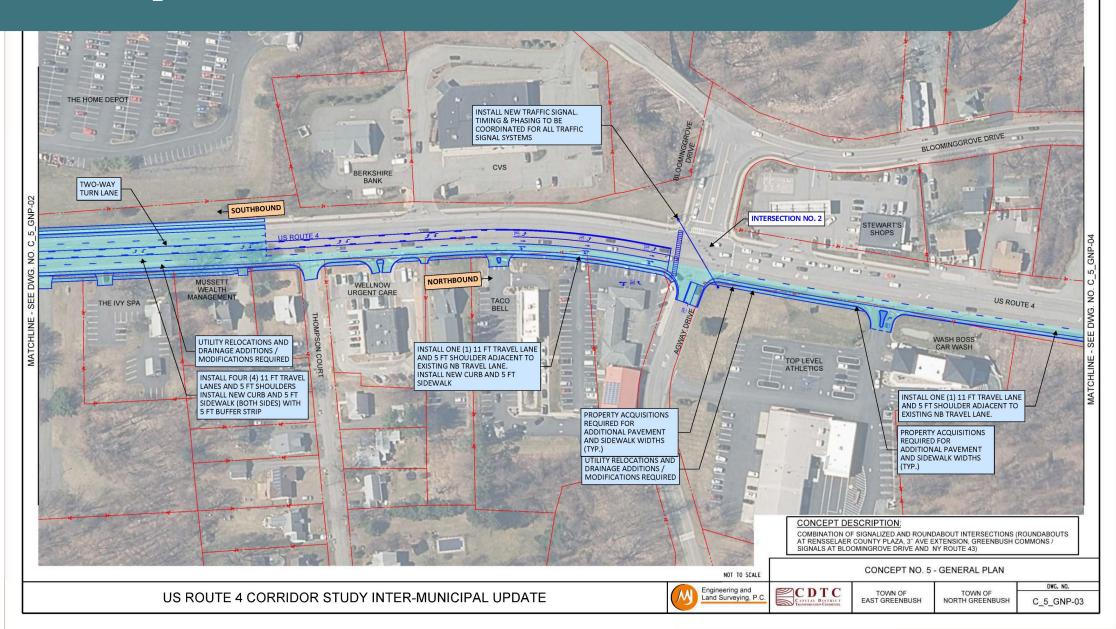
#### Combination of Signalized and Roundabout Intersections

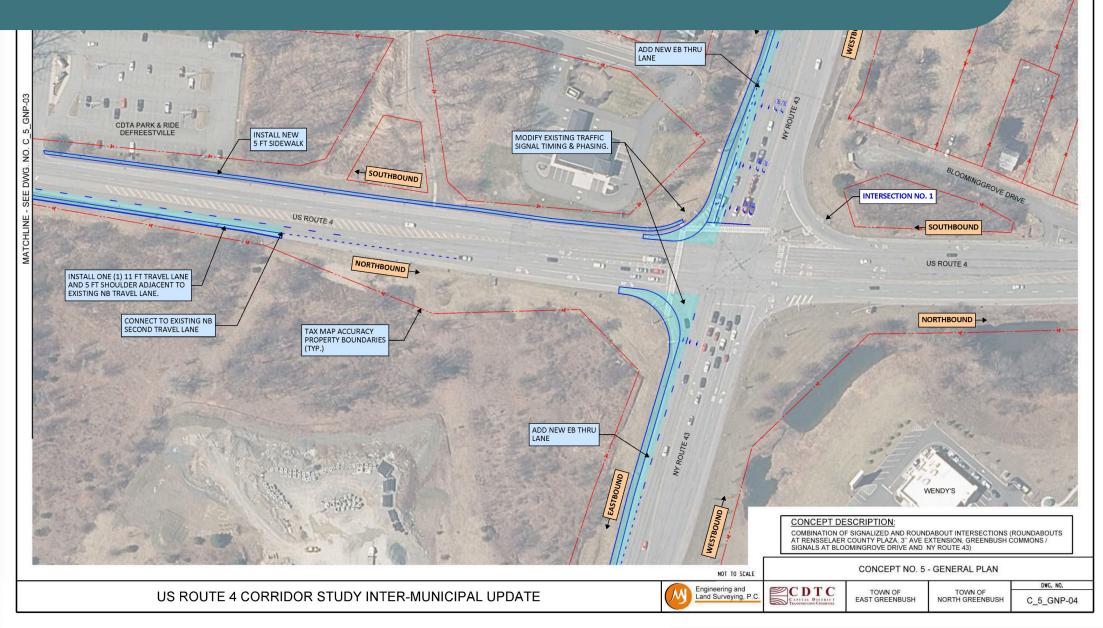
- Combines Concept Nos. 3 and 4
- ➢ Signal at NY Route 43 and Bloomingrove Drive
- ▶ Roundabouts at Grandview Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Extension, and Walmart Plaza
  - > These three (3) intersections spaced close All Roundabouts









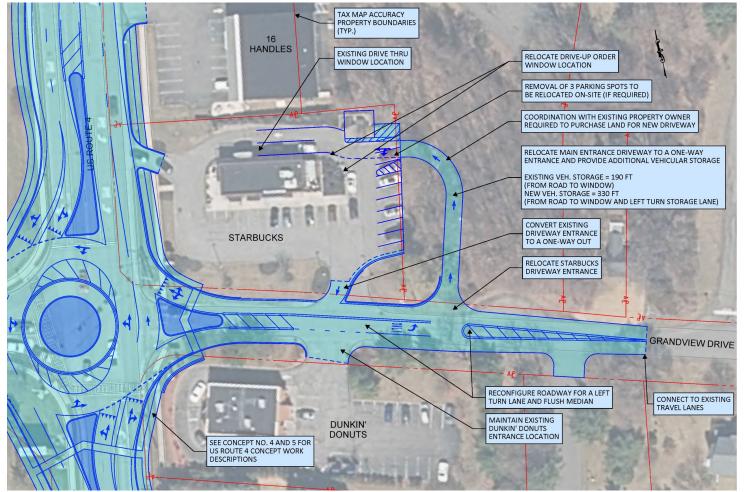


## **Concept No. 5A**

#### Combination of Signalized and Roundabout Intersections

- ➢ US Route 4 Same as Concept No. 5
- Same as Concept 4A
- > Add Left Turn Lane into Starbucks
- Reduce Spilling of Drive-Thru Traffic onto US Route 4

Reduce blocking of Grandview Drive



## **LOS Comparison**



#### Concept 1:

Concept 3/3A:



#### Concept 5/5A:







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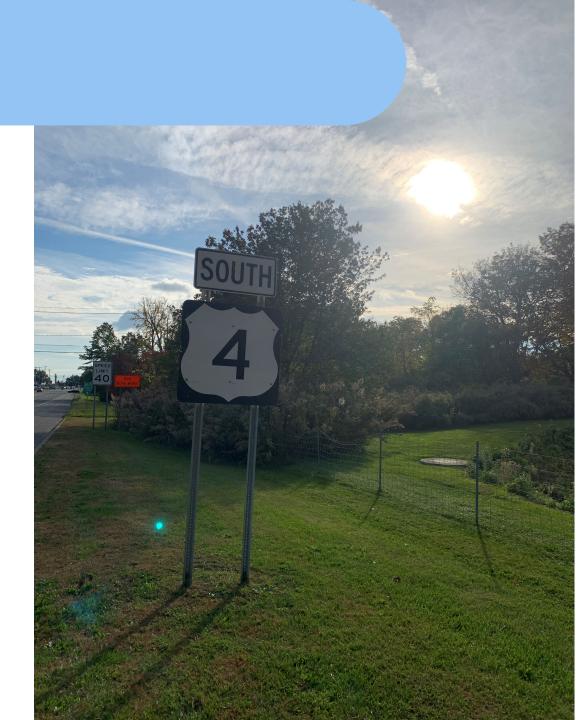
➢Future Operational Analysis Review

➢Refine Concepts

≻Survey Highlights Review

>Draft Report Preparation

SAC #4 Scheduling





# Thank you!