

An aerial photograph of a modern road intersection featuring a central roundabout. The roundabout has a landscaped center with a circular stone structure and greenery. Surrounding the roundabout are various commercial buildings, including a hair salon and an eye care center, with their respective signs visible. The road is wide and paved, with clear lane markings and traffic signals. The overall scene is well-maintained and landscaped with green grass and trees.

Baldwin Road Widening and Beautification Project

+ Completed in partnership with Orion Township and the Road Commission for Oakland County.

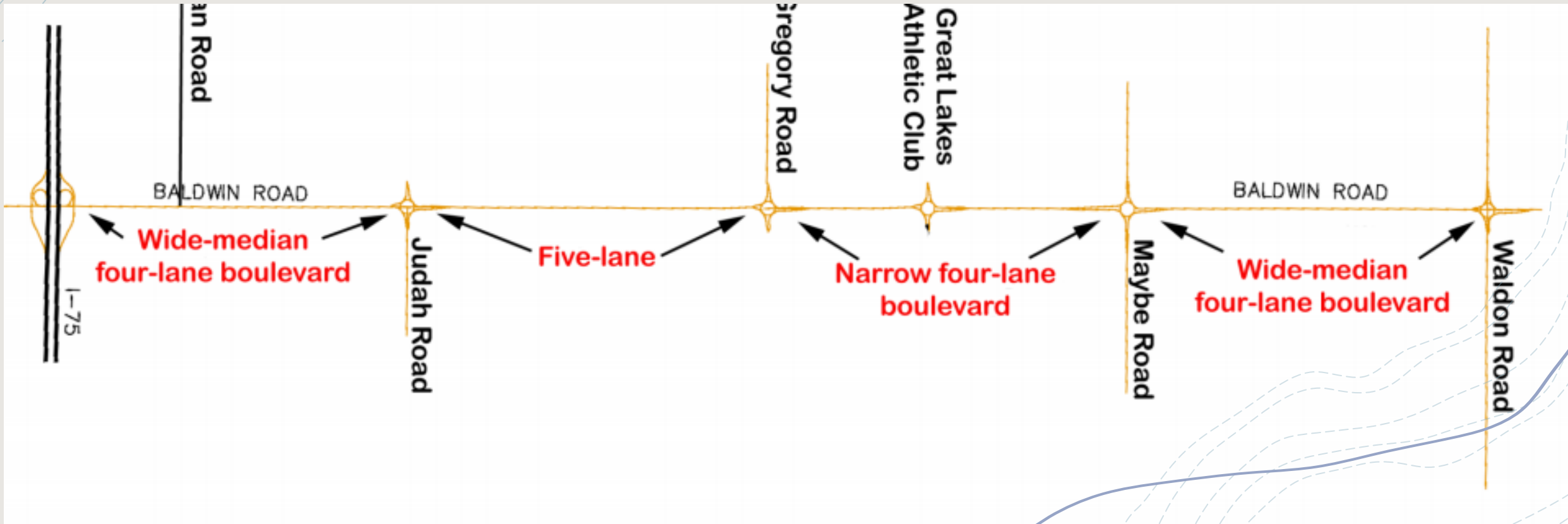
Project History

- + The Road Commission had planned to widen this section of Baldwin Road for more than 20 years.
- + Due to the size of the project and amount of federal funds involved, RCOC and the Township were required to conduct a multi-year, Federal Environmental Assessment.
- + Orion Township Trustees dedicate funds over the years for this project.
- + Orion Township creates a Corridor Improvement Authority to fund a portion of the landscaping and beautification.



Funding

- + Total Cost: \$55 million
 - + State of Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C
 - + Federal
 - + 50/50 local match (RCOC and Orion Township)
 - + Orion Township Corridor Improvement Authority



Project Benefits

- + Walkable community
- + Sense of place
- + Pocket parks
- + Improved safety
- + Improved traffic flow
- + Increased business investment
- + Reduced environmental impact (fewer idling cars)



Additional Features

- + 8-foot non-motorized pathway added on both sides.
- + Pedestrian lighting and landscaping enhancements throughout the project added by the Township.
- + Two Pocket Parks



“This section of Baldwin was previously very congested, which hurt area businesses and made it difficult for area residents to travel to and from their homes. Now, the traffic flows much better, the road is much safer, and it looks much more attractive.”

- Andrea LaLonde, Chair of the Road Commission for Oakland County

