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## East Loop Streetscape Project Update: Conceptual Design Underway

The East Loop CID is excited to share progress on the Streetscape Enhancement Project for the 5800–5900 blocks of Delmar Blvd. Since our last update, the project team has completed the **Existing Conditions Report** and **Traffic Study** and is now moving into **Conceptual Design**.

The **Existing Conditions Report** provides a comprehensive understanding of the corridor—from property lines and utility locations to infrastructure constraints—establishing a clear framework for what design changes are feasible within the public right-of-way.

The **Traffic Study** offers detailed insight into traffic flow, crash patterns, and intersection wait times. Based on this analysis, a **road diet**—a strategy that reduces the number of vehicle lanes to improve pedestrian safety and mobility—is being strongly considered as part of the conceptual design approach.

This next phase of the project focuses on translating findings into design ideas. Our team has started drafting **conceptual designs** that incorporate community priorities such as wider sidewalks, safer crossings, better lighting, and increased public space. These concepts also aim to **extend the successful streetscape improvements** from the 6000 blocks into the 5800–5900 blocks to create a more unified and vibrant corridor.

In the coming weeks, we'll be inviting the public to view these early concepts and provide feedback to help refine the vision. One such opportunity is **Design Delmar**, a drop-in open house taking place on **August 18th from 4–6 PM at STL ArtWorks (5959 Delmar Blvd)**.

### Project Timeline & Next Steps

- **Spring–Summer 2025:** Discovery Phase completed (existing conditions analysis and traffic study)
- **Summer 2025:** Conceptual Design + Community Engagement (in progress)
- **Fall 2025:** Schematic Design (30% design drawings)
- **Late 2025:** Cost Estimation and Refinement
- **Early 2026:** Federal Grant Application for Construction Funding

Stay engaged as we move into schematic design and begin estimating costs and preparing a grant application to help fund the construction phase. Your input will continue to be essential in shaping the future of Delmar Blvd.

We remain committed to transparency, community collaboration, and quality design. To follow the project's progress or sign up for updates, visit [www.eastloopcid.org/streetscape](http://www.eastloopcid.org/streetscape) or reach out to Samantha Smugala at [director@thedelmarloop.com](mailto:director@thedelmarloop.com).