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# News

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## Planning & Economic Development

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### **\$150 million sought to improve Mound Road in Macomb County** *Visioning session with stakeholders held to define priorities*

Innovate Mound is a collaborative effort between Macomb County, the city of Sterling Heights and the city of Warren to transform nine miles of Mound Road into a state-of-the-art corridor. The estimated investment needed for this project is \$150 million.

A stakeholders' visioning session held today brought together more than 70 business and community leaders to discuss the possibilities and provide feedback.

"Mound Road is a part of Michigan's Defense Corridor and an important artery for many other businesses too," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. "I am encouraged to see the community gather to learn more about the possibilities and offer their input and support for the project."

The design considerations that are tentatively in place for this project include complete roadway surface reconstruction, widening north of 17 Mile Road, landscaping, lighting, signs, driveway controls, additions of non-motorized facilities, 10-foot-wide safety path along the bike trail or corridor, connections to trail network, and improvements to transit stops.

This corridor could also be equipped with smart street technology to include computerized traffic signal systems, real-time traffic speed monitoring, cameras, communications to signals and more. This technology would be able to increase emergency management and enhance safety and mobility.

Innovate Macomb has identified several federal sources which could help to fund project costs. Gaining strong stakeholder support for the project is crucial for securing funding.

The average life expectancy of a roadway is about 25 years. The selected portion of Mound Road is nearly 30 years old and in poor condition. Each year, Macomb County spends between \$3 to \$4 million on maintenance and patching.

For more information on the Innovate Mound project, visit [InnovateMound.org](http://InnovateMound.org) or follow on Twitter @InnovateMound.

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