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NY Route 78 (Transit Road) – Highway Rehabilitation Project
Project Identification Number 5813.61

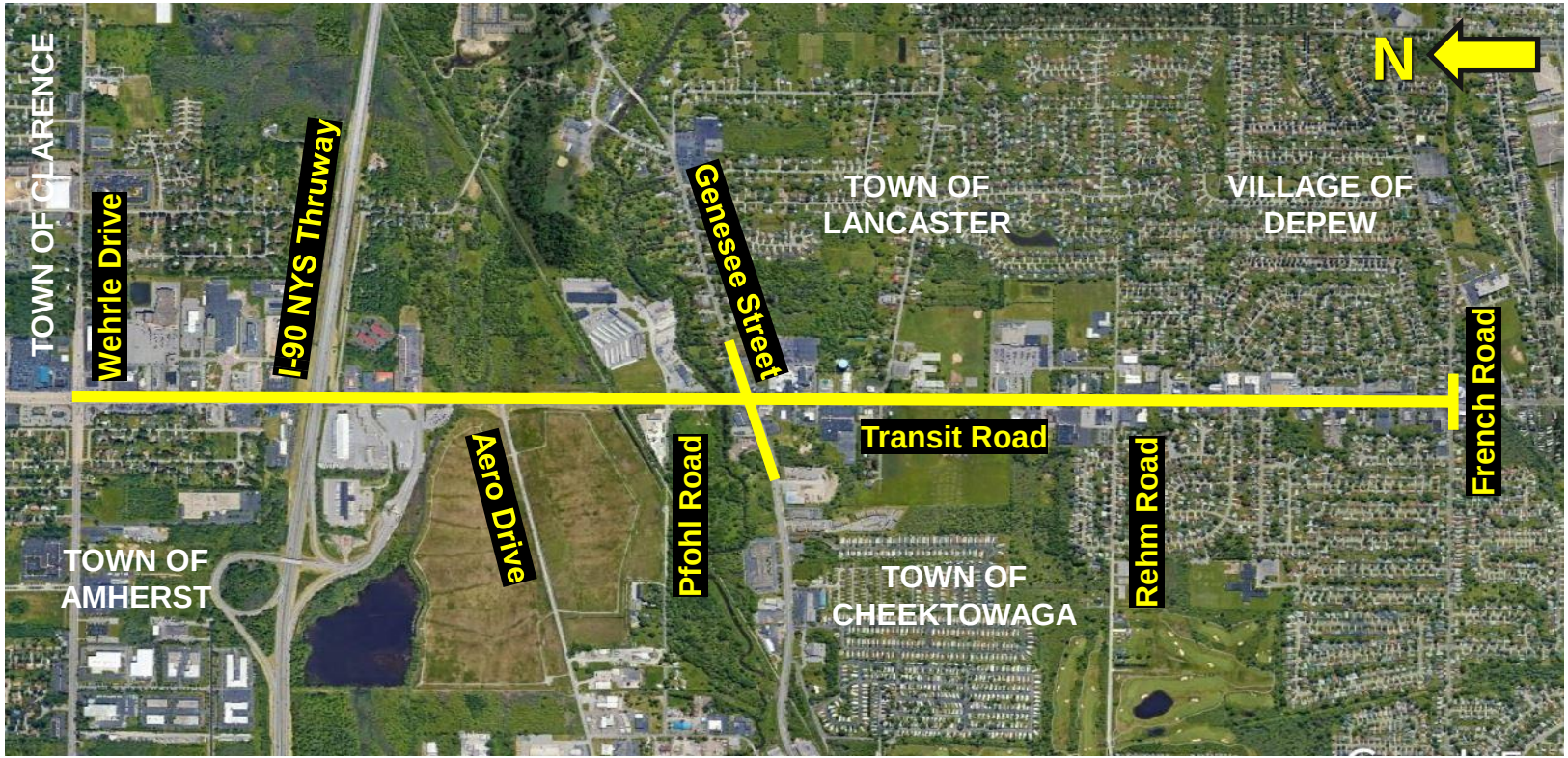
Transit Road from French Road to Wehrle Drive

Towns of Clarence, Cheektowaga, Lancaster, and Amherst

Village of Depew

Erie County

Project Location Map



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Project Need

The corridor between I-90 and Buffalo Niagara International Airport, which is a critical urban freight corridor, experiences congestion and delays. Additionally, there are capacity issues at the intersection of Transit Road and Genesee Street.

The roadway surface is showing signs of deterioration.

Pedestrian facilities within project limits lack continuity.

Transit Road bridge over Ellicott Creek (BIN 1030250) does not have a sidewalk on the east side.

Some curb ramps and crosswalks are not up to current standards and intersections lack pedestrian crossing signals.

Transit Road and French Road has offset left turn lanes in the east/west direction which creates a sight distance issue

Project Description

1. Mill and Resurface Transit Road from French Road to Wehrle Drive

2. Capacity and Mobility Improvements – Extend the southbound right turn lane on Transit Road at Genesee Street to the I-90 on/off ramps. At the intersection of Transit Road and Genesee Street, install a second left turn lane in the northbound, eastbound, and westbound directions.

3. Pedestrian Accommodations – Replace/Install curb ramps and crosswalks as needed to bring them in compliance with the current standards. New sidewalks will be installed where gaps exist between French Road and I-90.

4. BIN 1030250 NY Route 78 over Ellicott Creek – install a new pedestrian structure adjacent to the existing bridge (along the east side) along with minor rehabilitation work.

5. French Road Intersection – French Road will be widened at Transit Road to better align the left turn lanes.

6. Traffic and pedestrian signals will be replaced or upgraded, as needed, to bring them up to current standards.

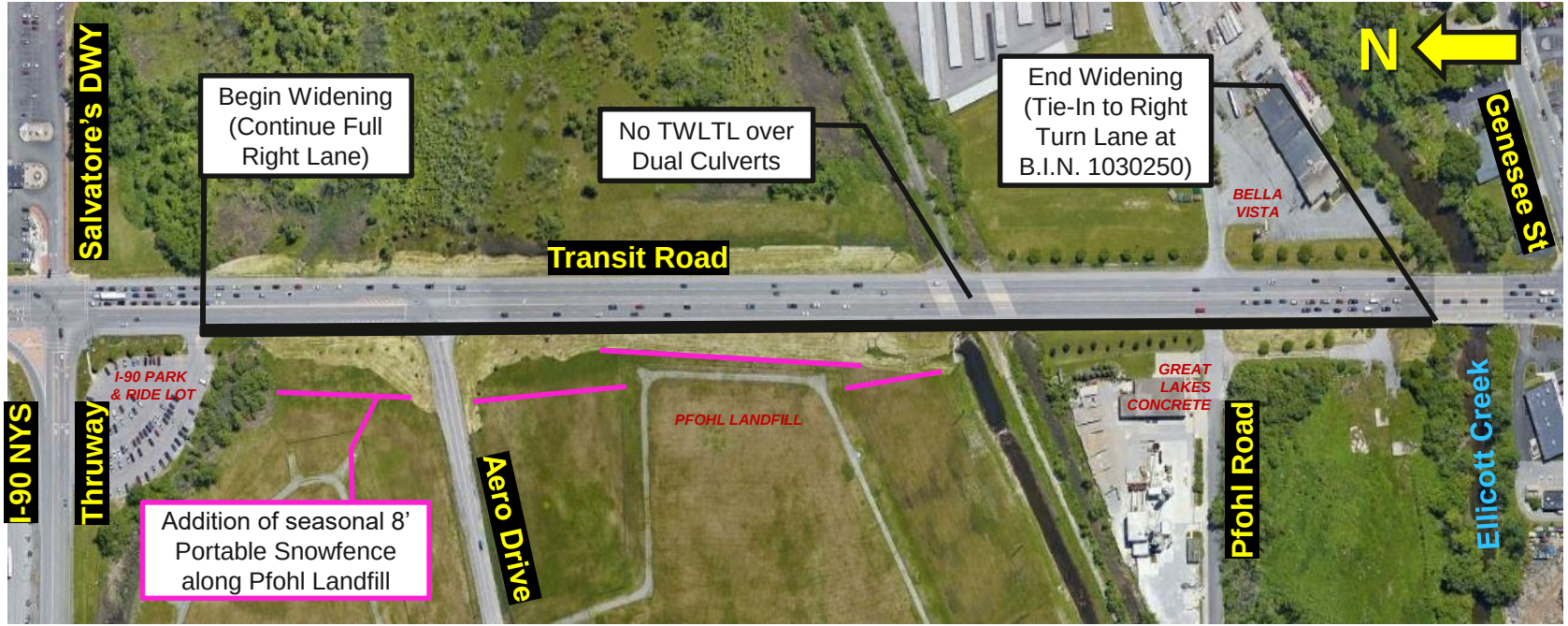
7. Signing - Install new signage for pedestrian crossings, TWLTL, and lane designation signs in accordance with MUTCD Manual and PSAP guidance. Upgrade all other signs to new reflective standards and meeting MUTCD requirements.

8. Install/Repair drainage structures as necessary.

9. Pavement Markings will be installed throughout the project limits.

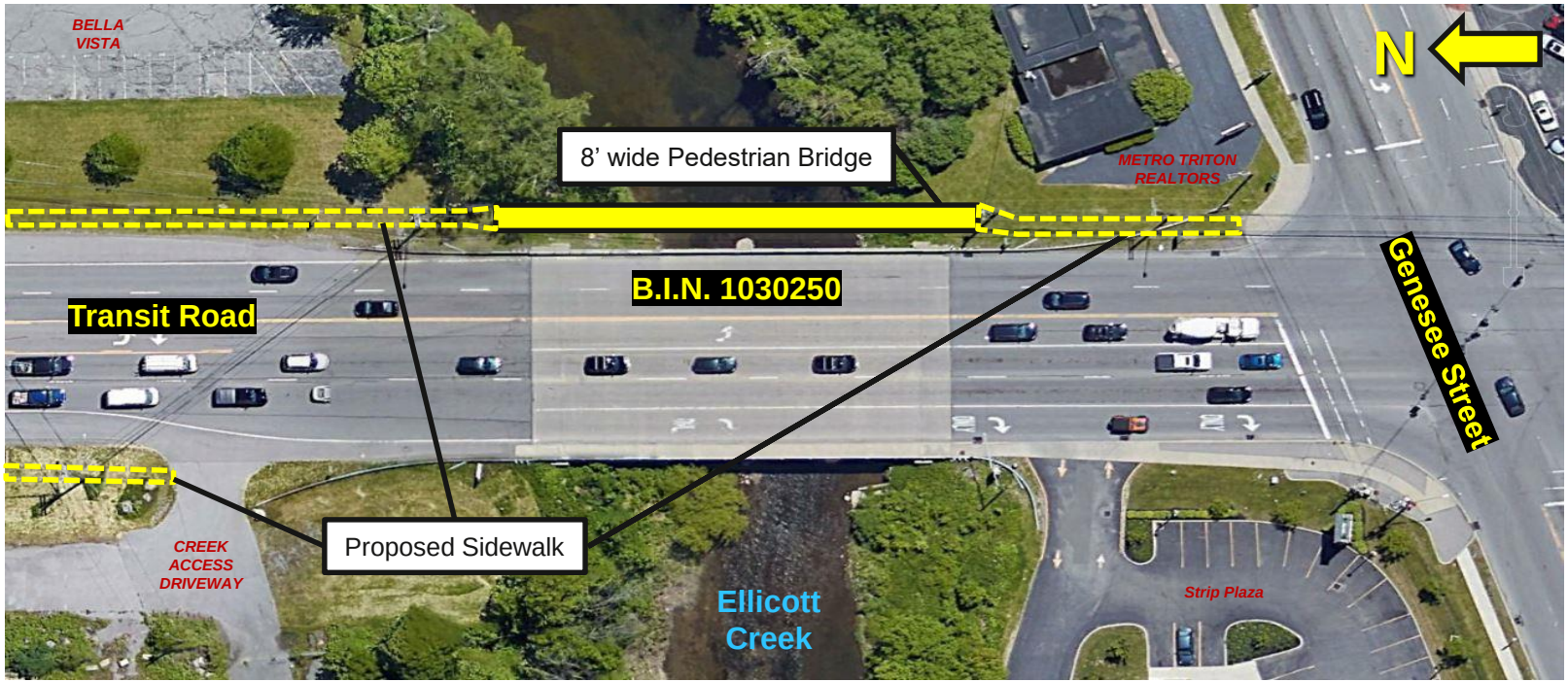
Proposed Changes

RT Lane Extension from I-90 to Genesee Street



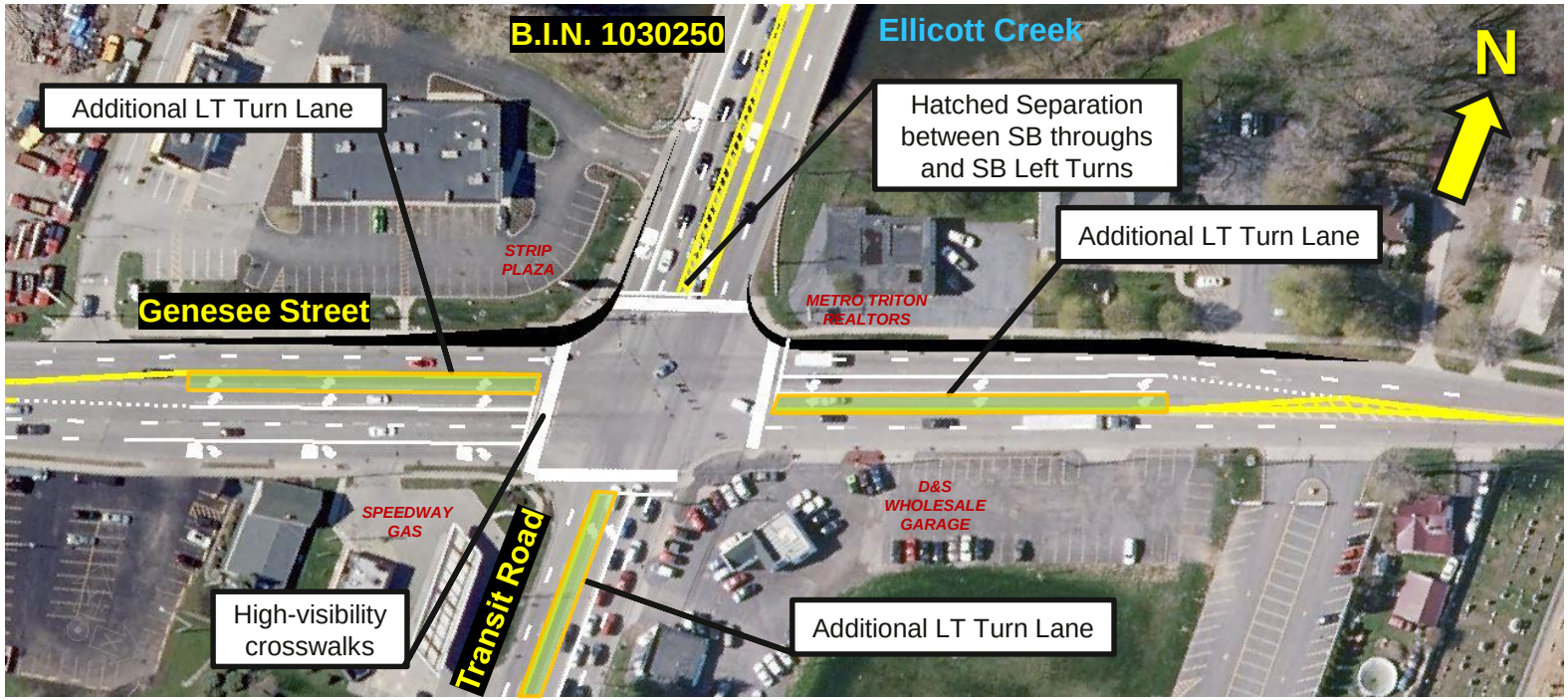
Proposed Changes

Pedestrian Bridge / Sidewalk over Ellicott Creek



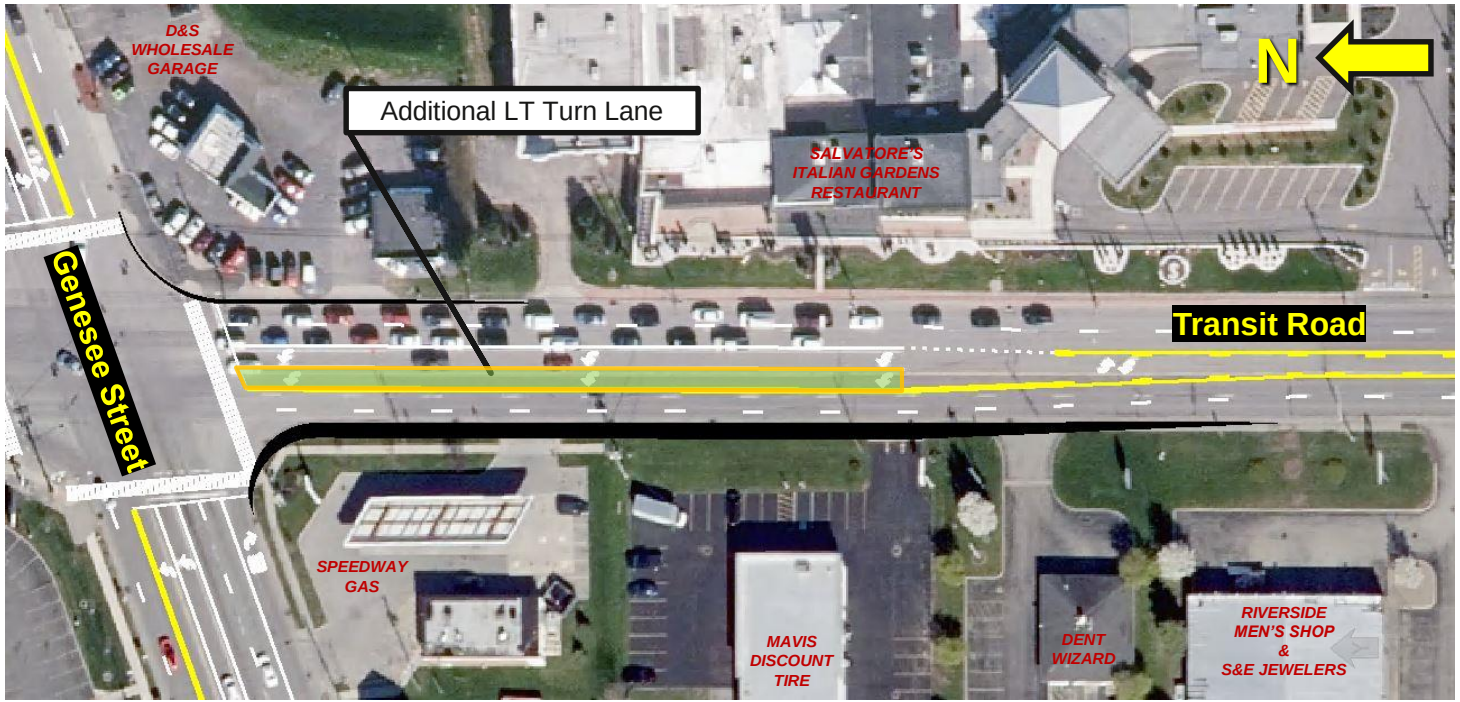
Proposed Changes

Additional Left Turn Lanes



Proposed Changes

Transit @ Genesee / NB Dual Left Turn Lanes

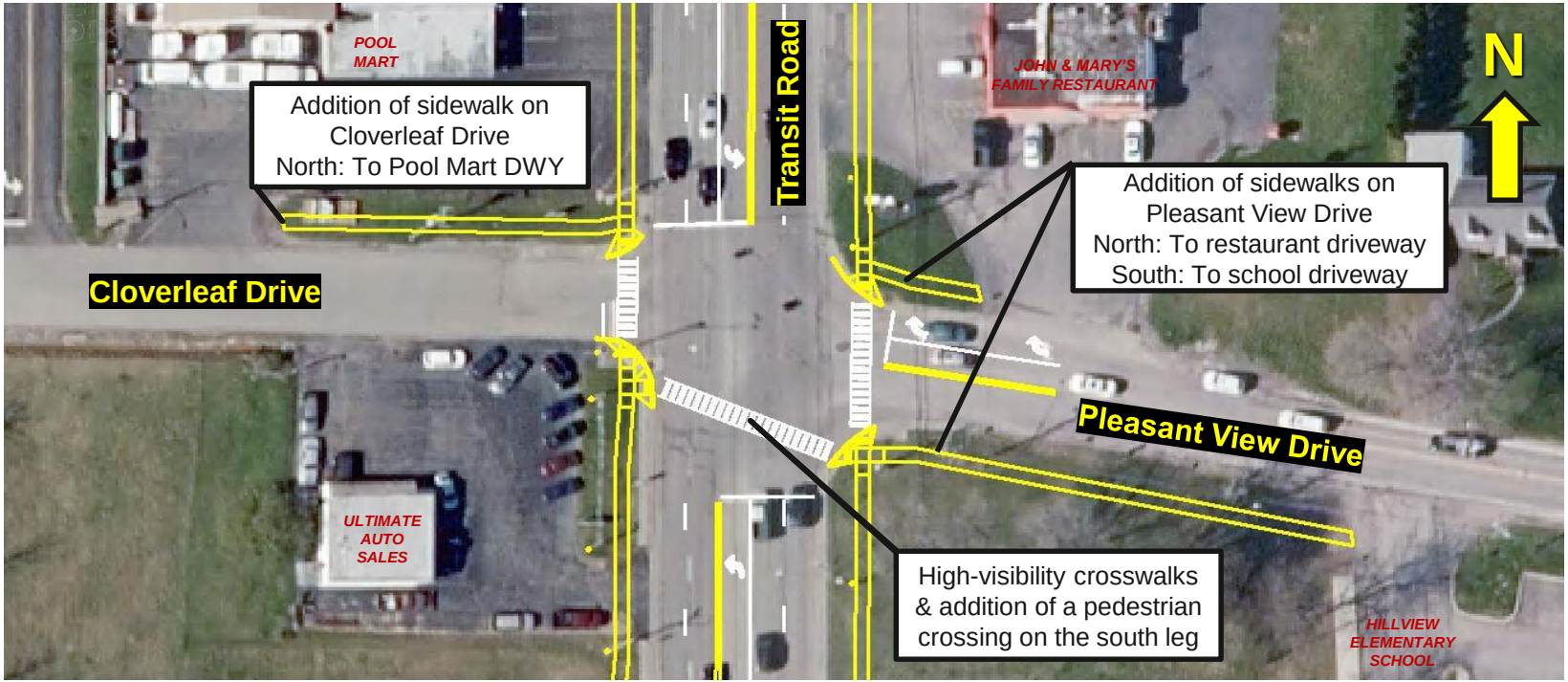


Proposed Changes

Genesee @ Transit / Extend EB Right Turn Lane

Proposed Changes

Sidewalk on Transit, Pleasant View & Cloverleaf



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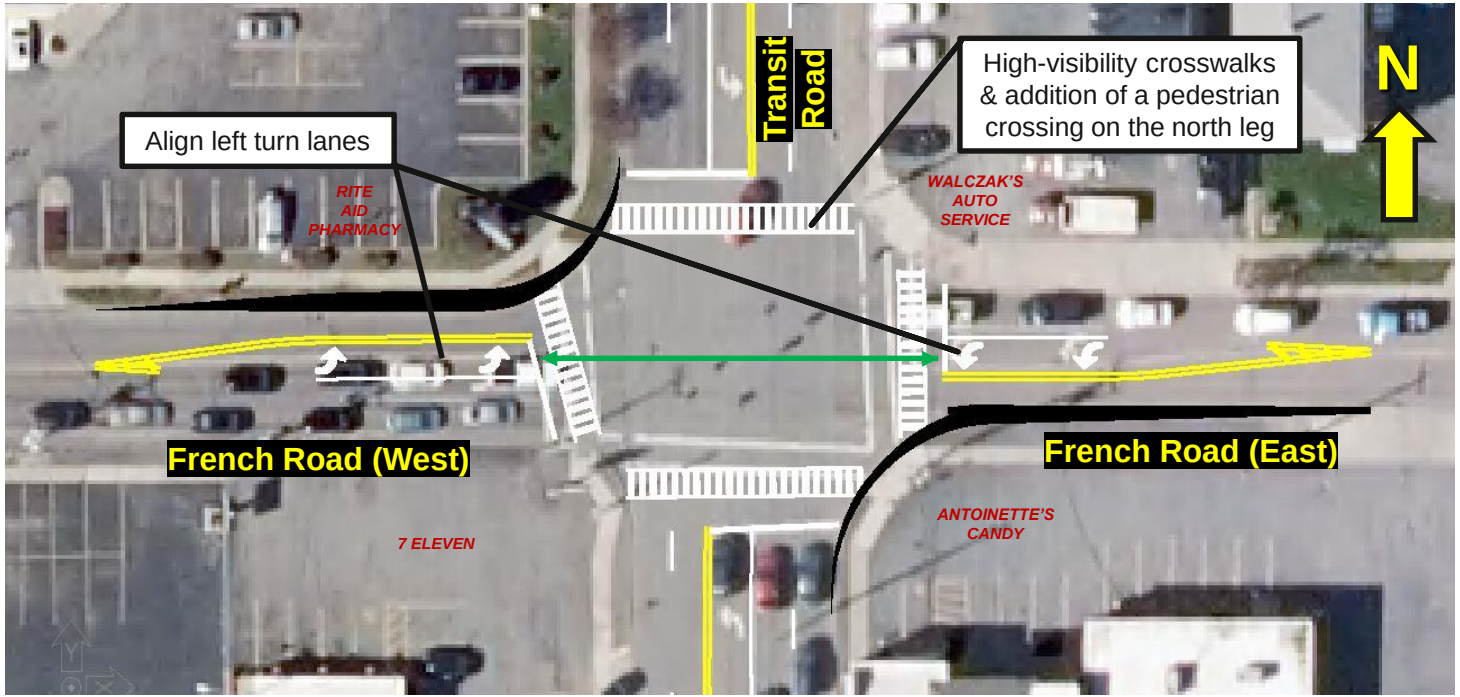
Proposed Changes

French Rd @ Transit / Realignment



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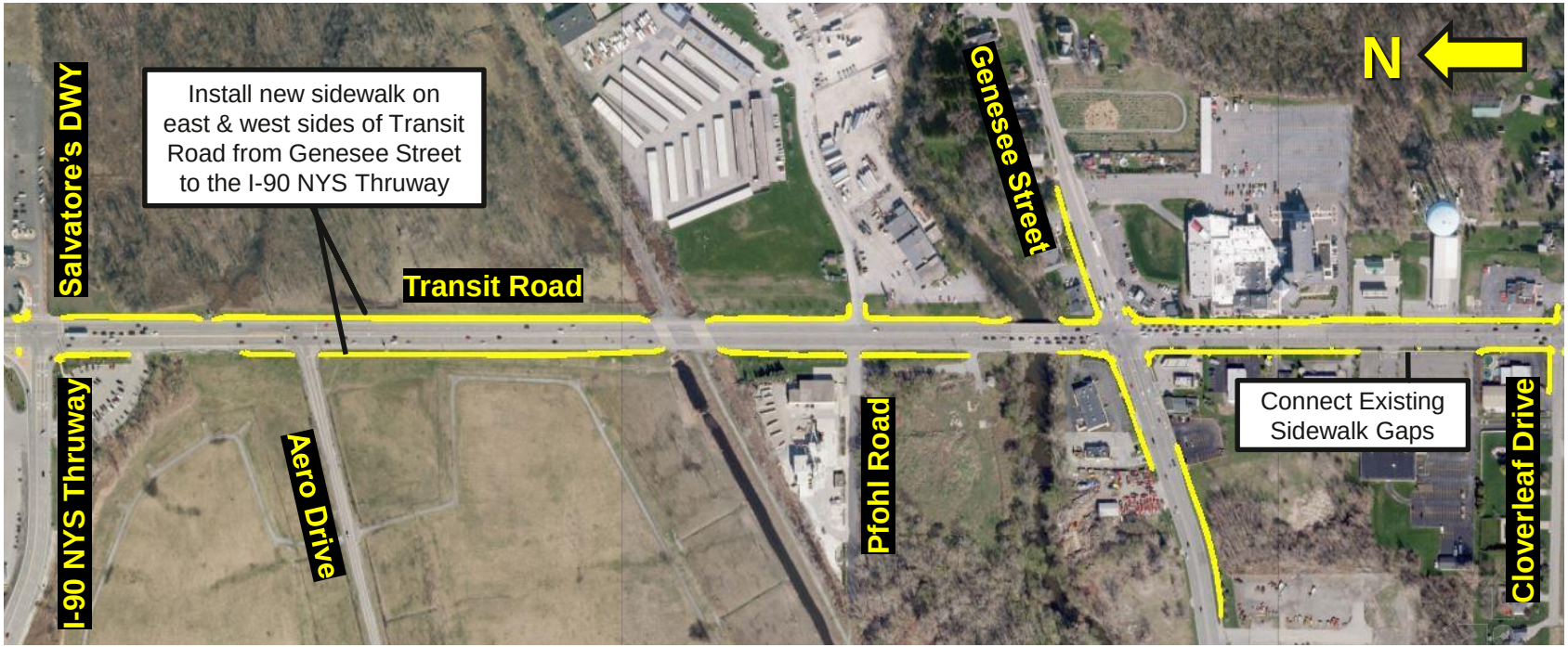
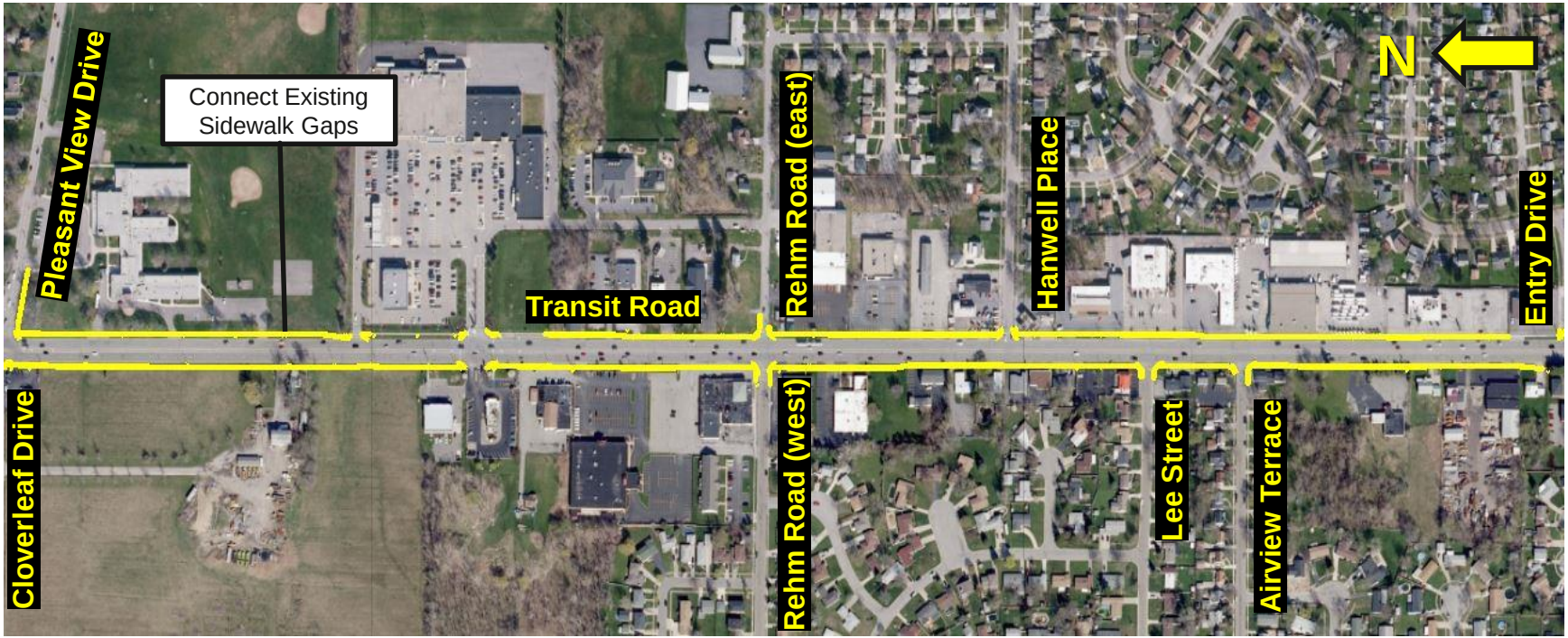
Sidewalk Additions / Interconnections (I-90 to Cloverleaf)



Proposed Changes

Sidewalk Additions / Interconnections (Cloverleaf to Entry)



Proposed Changes

Signal Replacements & Upgrades

Transit Road & Wehrle Drive – Signal # 05-53-143**:** ***Signal Modifications / Upgrades***

Transit Road & Freeman Road – Signal # 05-53-586**:** ***Signal Modifications / Upgrades***

Transit Road & to/from I-90 – Signal # 05-53-310**:** ***Signal Modifications / Upgrades***

Transit Road & Aero Drive – Signal # 05-53-492**:** ***Signal Modifications / Upgrades***

Transit Road & Genesee Street – Signal # 05-53-50**:** ***Signal Replacement***

Transit Road & Pleasant View & Cloverleaf – Signal # 05-53-286**:** ***Signal Replacement***

Transit Road & Tops / McDonald's – Signal # 05-53-541P**:** ***Signal Modifications / Upgrades***

Transit Road & French Road – Signal # 05-53-265**:** ***Signal Replacement***

Work Zone Traffic Control

- **Two-way Traffic will be maintained on site at all times, through lane shifts and temporary lane and shoulder closures**
- **No off-site detours are proposed**
- **The Mill and Paving operations will be performed during off-peak hours / Night work**

Current Project Schedule

- Design Approval – Fall 2020
- Construction Bid Opening – September 2021
- Anticipated Start of Construction – Spring 2022
- Anticipated Construction Completion – Winter 2023

Questions & Comments

Questions and comments can be submitted via e-mail to;

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