



Shoreline Drive

- **Type:** Roadway Rehabilitation with a Multi-Purpose Trail
- **Length:** 0.7 Miles
- **Cost:** \$10 Million
- **Funding Sources:** City of Sandusky, Wightman-Wieber Foundation, Private Donations, Grants
- **Date:** 2018-2020
- **Project Leaders / Managers:**
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Shoreline Drive connects Downtown Sandusky to a range of waterfront recreational, commercial, residential and industrial uses. Its recent history, however, has been utilitarian in nature – a place for deliveries, dumpsters for downtown businesses, and other similar uses. To support the redevelopment of the adjacent Jackson Street Pier, the City saw an opportunity to re-envision Shoreline Drive as more of a front door for visitors arriving via water and an important connector between downtown Sandusky and an evolving range of waterfront uses.

The street’s right-of-way has been redistributed to accommodate angled parking, outdoor dining and amenity spaces for downtown businesses, as well as a new Sandusky Bay Pathway multi-purpose path designed to support pedestrian and bicyclist movement. Sandusky Bay Pathway provides a safe downtown connection for all modes of non-motorized travel. Ultimately, this connection will serve as a key implementation to completing the proposed 80 mile-route of the Pathway. Complementary to the trail, the addition of landscaping, pocket parks and seating encourage strolling and a comfortable connection between the city’s impressive set of waterfront amenities.

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The Good Stuff

- **Amenities**
 - Dumpster Enclosures (consolidated dumpsters; enhanced corridor visuals and aesthetics; protection from weather)
 - Narrowed driving lanes (10 ft lane width)
 - New / enhanced crosswalks
 - Buried utility lines
 - New seating, landscaping and lighting
- **Connections to other non-project assets**
 - Connections with existing & future Sandusky Bay Pathway trail network
 - Adjacent to new Jackson Street Pier
 - Downtown and neighborhood connections

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Shoreline Drive’s rehabilitation integrated a critical piece of the Sandusky Bay Pathway’s multi-modal trail network. Home to the pathway’s “Mile Marker Zero,” the reimagined corridor now distinguishes itself as a hub for multi-modal travel and waterfront connections. By reconfiguring the roadway’s spatial allocation and narrowing vehicular driving lanes to 10 feet, the street has been rebalanced and could be reimagined with the multi-purpose Pathway trail, expanded sidewalks, amenity and buffer zones for landscaping, lighting and seating, and improved crosswalks. Additionally, the corridor runs alongside the City’s newly transformed Jackson Street Pier – an \$8.1 Million investment that has been under construction concurrently with Shoreline Drive. From waterfront parking lot to vibrant new community park and gathering space, Jackson Street Pier has been better integrated into its greater Downtown waterfront context due to Shoreline Drive’s enhanced connectivity.




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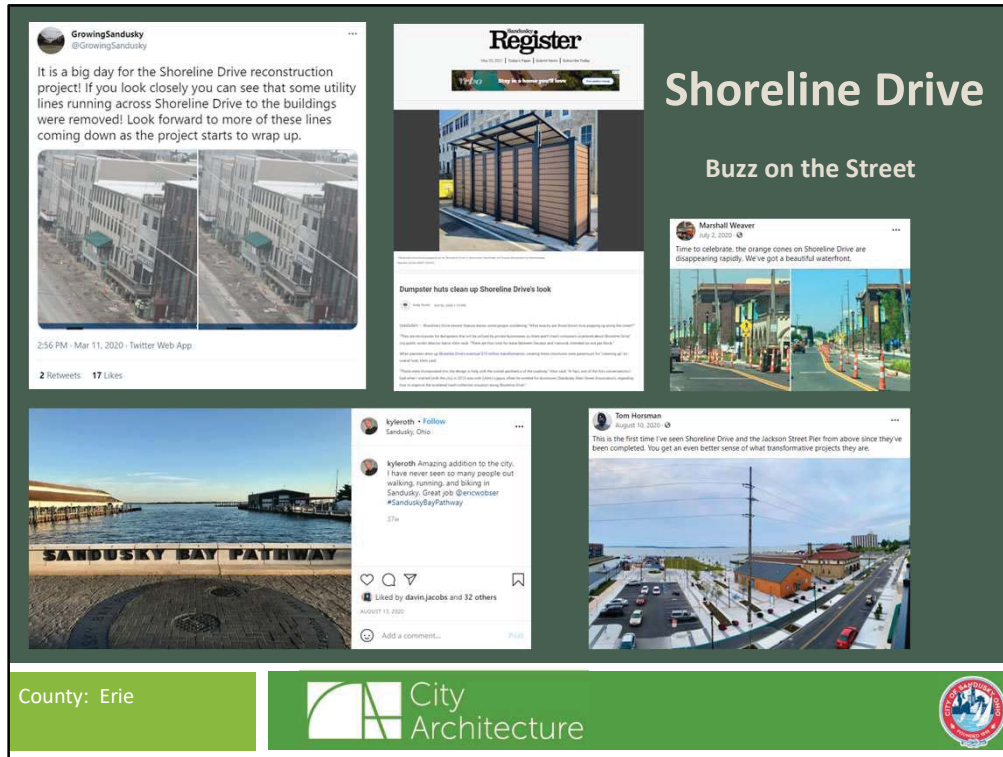
- **Benefits to the Public**
 - New multi-purpose trail
 - Traffic calming – enhanced safety for all roadway users
- **Environmental Enhancements**
 - New trees & landscaping;
 - Views of the Sandusky Bay
- **Social Equity**
 - Safe and accessible off-road infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists
 - New link and connections between downtown and surrounding neighborhoods

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Shoreline Drive’s Sandusky Bay Pathway provides a new recreational amenity for residents and visitors alike. Whether by bicycle or on foot, the physically buffered off-road trail safely links downtown Sandusky and adjacent neighborhoods with the waterfront. With scenic views across the Sandusky Bay, new landscaping to increase the corridor’s beauty and inherent sustainability, and accessible infrastructure for all modes of transportation, Shoreline Drive reflects the City of Sandusky’s implemented vision to invest in its people, its waterfront and its future.

Shoreline Drive’s previous configuration included a mix of right-of-way widths, unclear lane definition, inconsistent and missing sidewalks, and few locations for safe pedestrian crossing. It felt more like a service lane than a functioning city street in some locations. This project brought balance, consistency and predictability to movement along the roadway.



Throughout the entirety of the Shoreline Drive Rehabilitation project, there has been media and online buzz created about the large-scale transformation. Various posts have documented construction progress as final designs began to take shape, while some community members shared their excitement for project completion. As reflected in local journalism and news articles, the project’s innovations and significance gained attention at a broader scale throughout the community and Northern Ohio. Ultimately, the roadway rehabilitation and addition of Sandusky Bay Pathway have resulted in a better connected, safer and more welcome waterfront experience in downtown Sandusky.



The two-year construction of Shoreline Drive’s rehabilitation has resulted in an entirely reimagined corridor. The City of Sandusky’s commitment to leveraging its waterfront as an inviting destination while enhancing safety of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists have been demonstrated through the implementation of this important civic investment. From underutilized waterfront roadway to activated multi-modal corridor, Shoreline Drive has been transformed into a safe, beautiful and functional downtown link that better serves businesses, residents and visitors alike. Attention to detail (inclusive of the dumpster enclosures, buried utility lines and landscaping details) reinforce the corridor’s sense of place while improving functionality. Providing a crucial new link of the Sandusky Bay Pathway while connecting additional City investments, including the transformed Jackson Street Pier, further establishes Shoreline Drive as a prominent community asset. As the City continues to transform its Downtown into a vibrant and walkable neighborhood while expanding the Sandusky Bay Pathway into its ultimate 80-mile regional network, Shoreline Drive will serve as anchor for future investments while serving as a model for other communities on how to enhance their waterfronts, integrate new multi-purpose trails and enhance roadway safety for all.