EAST High Street GATEWAY

This figure illustrates the improvements that will occur in each of the 5 phases of the East High Gateway Project. The key to the right shows the expected construction phases of the project as well as briefly describes the major improvements that are included in the project.

Timeline:

- **Phase 1** Access Drive and East Ave. — June 2014 - October 2014
- **Phase 2** North Side of High St — July 2014 - October 2014
- **Phase 3** South Side of High St — September 2014 - March 2015
- **Phase 4** Median Work — March 2015 - May 2015
- **Phase 5** Finishing and Paving — May 2015 - July 2015

Description of improvements

Streetscape

The addition of trees and landscaping will improve the aesthetics of the corridor and create a natural barrier between vehicular traffic and pedestrians, resulting in a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Median Installation

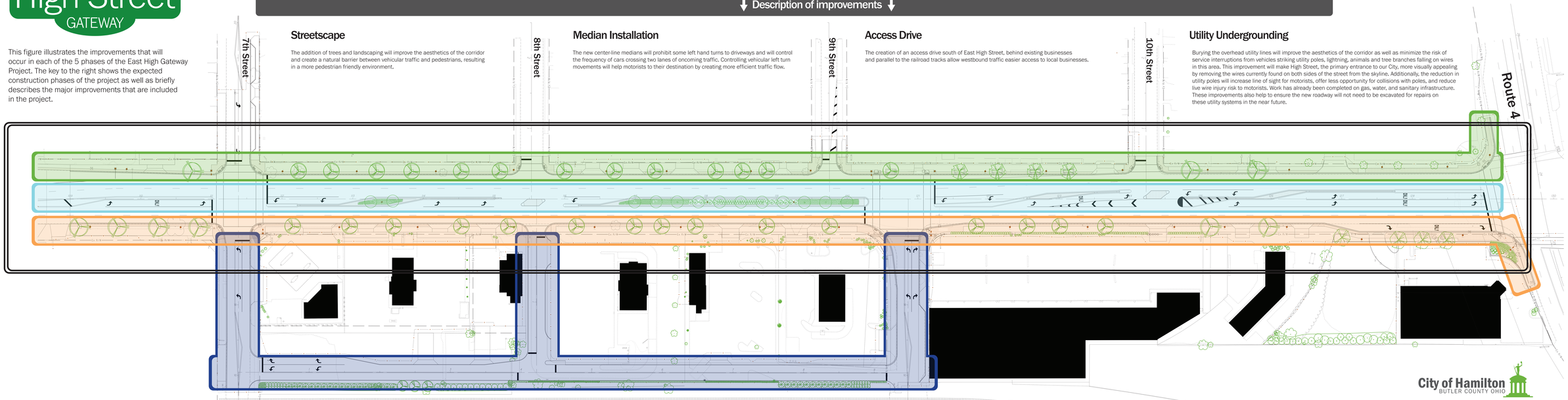
The new center-line medians will prohibit some left hand turns to driveways and will control the frequency of cars crossing two lanes of oncoming traffic. Controlling vehicular left turn movements will help motorists to their destination by creating more efficient traffic flow.

Access Drive

The creation of an access drive south of East High Street, behind existing businesses and parallel to the railroad tracks allow westbound traffic easier access to local businesses.

Utility Undergrounding

Burying the overhead utility lines will improve the aesthetics of the corridor as well as minimize the risk of service interruptions from vehicles striking utility poles, lightning, animals and tree branches falling on wires in this area. This improvement will make High Street, the primary entrance to our City, more visually appealing by removing the wires currently found on both sides of the street from the skyline. Additionally, the reduction in utility poles will increase line of sight for motorists, offer less opportunity for collisions with poles, and reduce live wire injury risk to motorists. Work has already been completed on gas, water, and sanitary infrastructure. These improvements also help to ensure the new roadway will not need to be excavated for repairs on these utility systems in the near future.



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