



A NEW LOOK

MARKET SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

OVERVIEW

The Manheim Borough Council is pleased to share a new concept plan for improvements to Market Square along with frequently asked questions and answers that will help you understand how our Team has taken the feedback provided in 2023 and applied it to the revised plan.

The primary points of interest were grouped into the three key categories highlighted in the table with specific responses noted.

Please take a look and provide your feedback through an online survey. Details on how to access the survey are included on the last page.

POINT OF INTEREST BOROUGH RESPONSE

1 Pedestrian Access and Safety

End of block crosswalk length	The existing crosswalks are too long. Crosswalks will be shifted away from the intersection and improved with a center island safety refuge.
New mid-block crosswalks	PennDOT conditionally approved adding the mid-block crosswalks and granted an exception to widening the center island as previously proposed.
Raised crosswalks	There will not be any raised crosswalks.
Mid-block center island	The existing center island will only be modified to accommodate the new bumpouts and crosswalks.

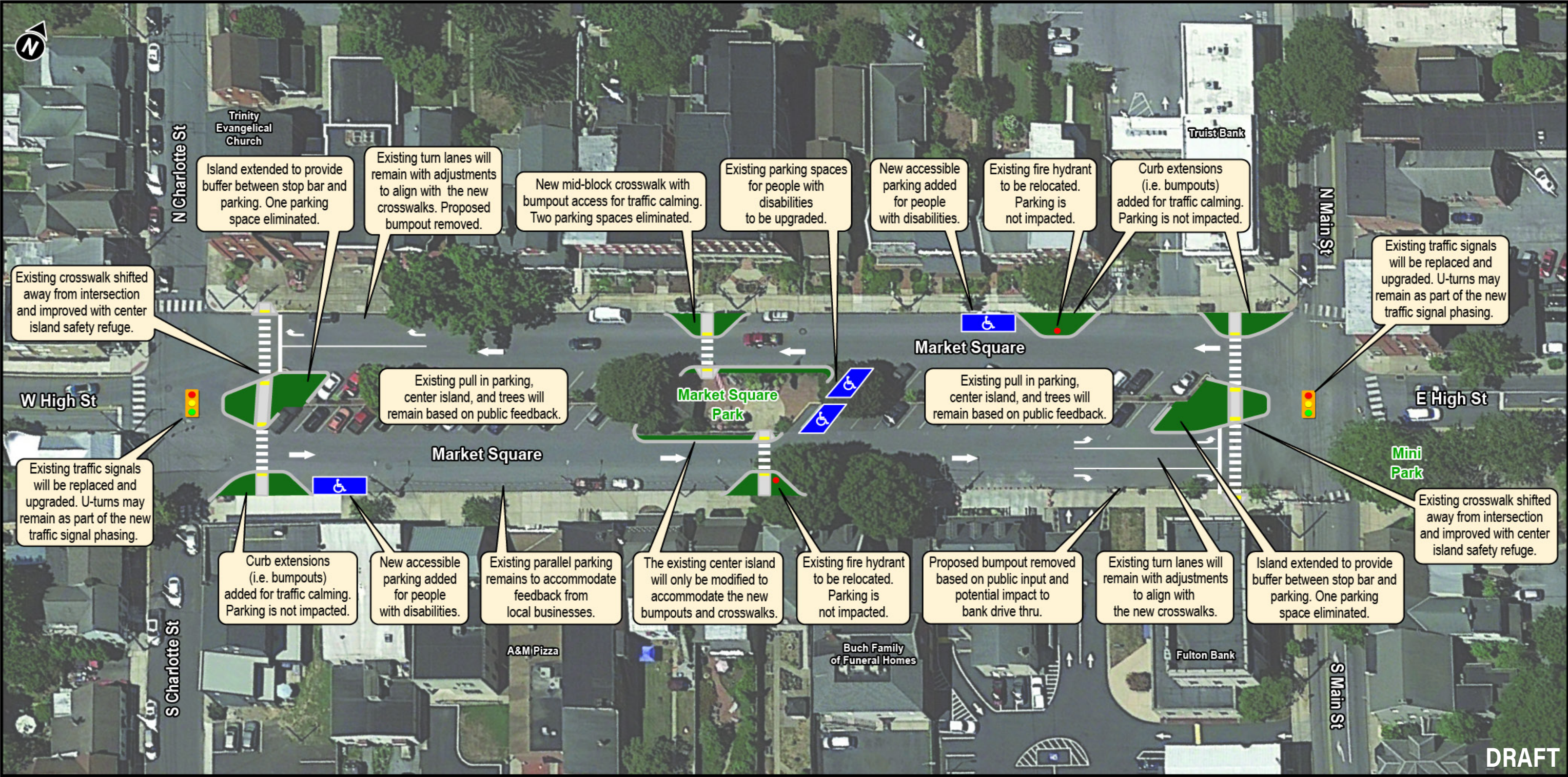
2 Traffic Flow and Safety

Traffic signals	Traffic signals at both ends of the square will be replaced and upgraded to current design and safety standards.
Truck and emergency service (EMS) access	The new design will not impact truck and EMS access.
End of block U-turns	U-turns may remain as part of the new traffic signal upgrade. Internal U-turns will be eliminated to improve safety.
Right turn on red	Right turn on red restrictions will be evaluated in final design.
Turn lanes	The existing turn lanes will remain with adjustments to align with the new crosswalks.
Speed bumps	None will be provided.
Curb extensions (i.e. bumpouts)	Curb extensions will be added for traffic calming near the center island and on the incoming corners of the square. The two bumpouts on the corners that were previously considered on the exiting corners were eliminated to maintain the layout of the existing turn lanes.

3 Parking Enhancements

Minimize loss of parking	The new concept will impact a maximum of four spaces. The spaces impacted are the two parallel spaces along the westbound side of the square and the two diagonal spaces at each end of the center island.
Back-in (reverse diagonal) parking	The back-in (reverse diagonal) parking concept has been eliminated.
Parking for people with disabilities	Two existing spaces will be upgraded and two new spaces will be provided.
Horse and buggy parking	None currently and none proposed.

NEW CONCEPT PLAN FOR MARKET SQUARE





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COMPLETE THE PUBLIC SURVEY BY MAY 3, 2024

The Borough is requesting any additional feedback on the new concept plan through an online survey available at www.ManheimBoro.org or scan the QR code below.



Printed surveys will be made available upon request to the Borough.

NEXT STEPS

If you would like to participate in the next phase of the design process, please join us on:

May 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.
Manheim Farm Show
502 E Adele Avenue
Manheim, PA 17545.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO:

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WILL THIS PROJECT CHANGE HOW MARKET SQUARE FUNCTIONS AND MINIMIZE THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO VISIT THE AREA?

The proposed improvements will enhance safety, walkability, and connectivity across the square. Compliance with current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards will make the square more welcoming to all populations.

CAN WE USE THE PROJECT FUNDING FOR STORMWATER, STREET LIGHTING, OR OTHER PROJECTS IN THE AREA?

No. This funding was provided through the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Program and therefore must be utilized for the project as submitted in the grant application and approved by PennDOT. This grant allows for traffic signal improvements, upgraded equipment, intersection lighting, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, and landscaping upgrades in the square.

WILL ANY OF THE EXISTING TREES BE REMOVED?

The existing trees will not be removed with this design concept, but changes to the trees, landscaping, and amenities may be added to the project based on feedback from the community.

WILL MARKET SQUARE EXPERIENCE ROAD CLOSURES THAT COULD IMPACT BUSINESSES?

Access to Market Square will be maintained during construction. There may be a need for temporary short-term partial road closures on one side or the other. If this is the case, a detour will be posted.

WILL THE TRANSIT STOP IN MARKET SQUARE BE ELIMINATED?

No. The project team will continue to coordinate with South Central Transit Authority to adjust their routes and bus stop location from the west end of Market Square, on the eastbound side, to the proposed mid-block crosswalk. The details will be confirmed during the design phase of the project.

HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROJECT?

Project updates will be provided at Borough Council Meetings and through the Borough website. Please complete the survey and provide your contact information to be kept informed of the project. A workshop will be scheduled with Market Square residents and business owners to gather feedback on design treatments such as stamped concrete, landscaping, amenities, and other aesthetic features.