

Transforming the Core of our Community

# MCORE

Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project

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The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD), City of Champaign, City of Urbana, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are partnering to improve mobility in our communities core through a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. The \$35M MCORE Project is unprecedented in our community's history and will have a transformative impact.

## WHEN

MCORE Project construction is anticipated to start in September of 2016 and continue into 2019, covering five separate project areas to improve key urban transportation corridors.

## PROJECTS

### PROJECT 1

Green Street (from Wright Street to Busey Avenue) 2016-2017

### PROJECT 2

Green Street (from Neil Street to Fourth Street) 2016-2017

### PROJECT 3

White Street (from Second Street to Wright Street) and Wright Street (from White Street to Springfield Avenue) 2016-2017

### PROJECT 4

Armory Avenue (from Fourth Street to Wright Street) and Wright Street (from Armory Avenue to Springfield Avenue) 2018-2019

### PROJECT 5

Green Street (from Busey Avenue to Race Street) 2018-2019

## BENEFITS OF THE MCORE PROJECT

### Enhances Mobility Choices

The goal of MCORE is to provide a balance between all modes of transportation. Transportation choices address pedestrian access routes, bicycle lanes, transit efficiency and vehicle flow; and reduce potential conflict areas.

### Improves Infrastructure

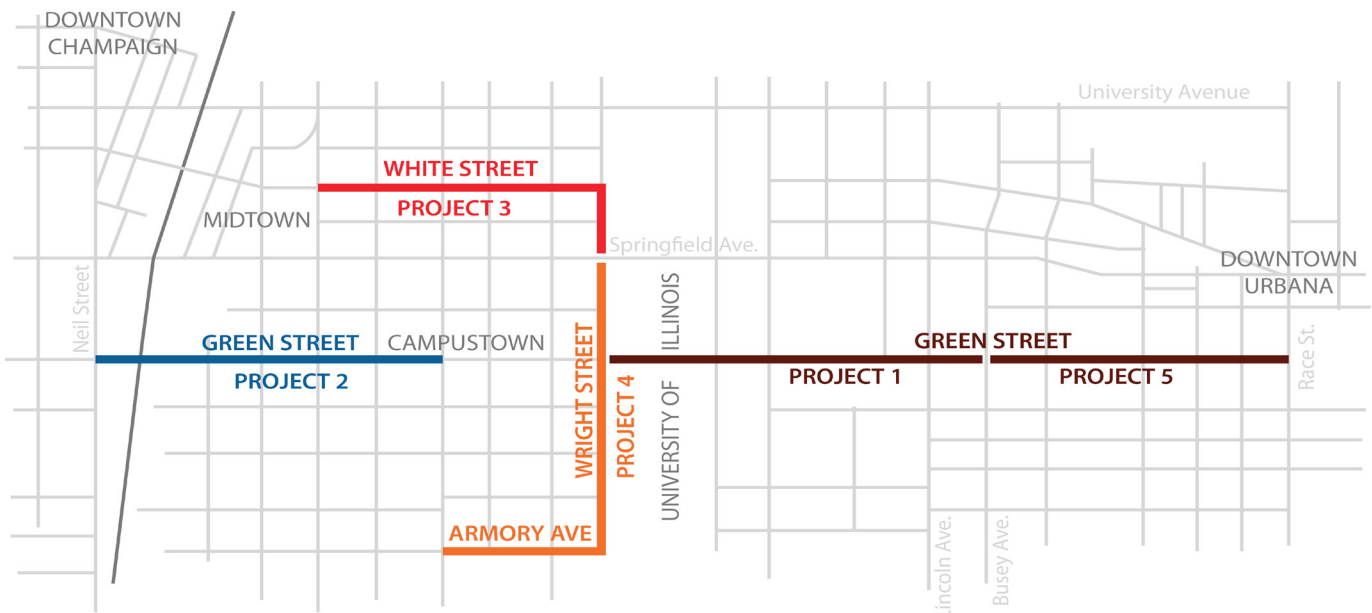
MCORE will improve the condition of the existing pavement and bring the streets of these core transit corridors into a state of good repair while redesigning them into complete streets to accommodate all users.

### Promotes Sustainability

MCORE will encourage sustainable development that is located and designed to be compact and contiguous to existing development and have limited environmental impact; provide streetscape improvements for an enriched built environment, sense of place, and quality of life; emphasize all modes of transportation while decreasing the use of single occupancy vehicles, thereby reducing congestion, traffic hazards, and carbon emissions.

### Improves Critical Linkages

The completion of the MCORE Project will provide better connections between the downtown centers of Champaign and Urbana, the university, the area's major employers, health, and social service organizations.





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## COST

The MCORE Project is estimated to be \$34.8M. The TIGER grant accounts for \$15.7M with \$19.1M in local matching funds: City of Champaign (\$9.6M); MTD (\$3.8M); University of Illinois (\$3.6M); and the City of Urbana (\$2.1M).

### *Projected Construction Costs:*

**PROJECT 1 = \$3.5M**

**PROJECT 2 = \$8.0M**

**PROJECT 3 = \$4.1M**

**PROJECT 4 = \$9.3M**

**PROJECT 5 = \$4.0M**

*(design and engineering for all projects = \$5.8M)*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- More than 80% of the jobs in the Champaign-Urbana area are located within approximately one mile of the project corridors.
- This is the third time the MCORE partner agencies have applied for the TIGER grant; there were 797 applicants this time with submissions totaling \$9.5B. Only \$600M was available in this round of funding.
- A requirement of the TIGER VI grant process is to complete work by 2021.
- Champaign-Urbana is one of two Illinois communities to receive TIGER Grant funding in this round (Bronzeville Bridge to Chicago's Lakefront).

## STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Public sessions in May and the fall 2015 will show multiple MCORE project concepts and allow opportunities for feedback. Comments are always welcome on the contact page at [MCOREProject.com](http://MCOREProject.com). All questions will be logged as part of TIGER grant federal reporting requirements and routed to the proper participating agency. Additionally, MCORE-involved organizations are continuing to schedule meetings with stakeholders located in project areas.

## ABOUT TIGER

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), originated as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide economic stimulus and sustainable investment in the nation's transportation system. This is round six of the TIGER Grant program or "TIGER VI."

## Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study (CUUATS)

CUUATS is the transportation entity of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, which is responsible for administering the federally mandated transportation planning process. This group of local agencies meets monthly and collaborates on projects that take place within the Champaign-Urbana-Savoy-Bondville-Tolono Urbanized Area. The MCORE Project is consistent with local planning for our metro area that has been accomplished through organizations like CUUATS and the Campus Area Transportation Study (CATS).

## "COMPLETE STREETS"

Improvements in each corridor will include complete street design components and more efficient travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and vehicles. Concepts include: reduced vehicle lanes, shared lane markings, bicycle lanes, bus lanes, enhanced bus stops and pedestrian amenities, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible curb ramps.

