

### **ARPA Priorities & Federal Funding Wins**

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#### **Setting the table**



#### Setting the table for the outcomes you want

### Kalamazoo City Commission & Community Priorities

- Community Surveys (2)
- City Commission retreat & public discussion
  - Safety
  - Housing
  - Economy
  - Infrastructure
  - Youth
  - Housing



#### **Translating Priorities into Projects & Programs**

#### **Safety**

- Gun violence initiatives that included many organizational partners

#### Housing

- Grant program to assist non-profit housing organizations
- Grant and low-interest loans to LIHTC developments

#### **Economy**

- Supporting grants and low interest loans through the United Way

#### Infrastructure

- Assisting with lead pipe removal
- Traffic Calming

#### Youth

- Supporting programmed interventions that would help reduce the likelihood of group violence



#### **ARPA Projects that keep on giving**

#### Housing

- Library of 6 Pre-permitted plans
  - SF 3 or 4- Bedroom
  - Up/Down Duplex
  - Side by Side Duplex
  - Garage Accessory Dwelling Unit
  - Cottage Home (ADU)
  - 4-Plex/6-Plex
- (3) Pre-permitted Duplexes with Accessory Dwelling Units
- (30) Pre-permitted Single-Family Homes
- 300 Units of Multi-family housing supported through one time grants







## **Preparing for Federal Grants Incremental Steps to Success**

- 2022 RAISE Planning Grant (\$6,000,000)
- 2023 Reconnecting Communities (\$12,000,000)

• 2023 Applying for RAISE Construction Grant (\$25,000,000) x2

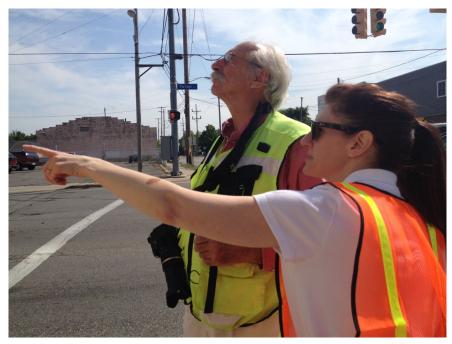
# Preparing for Federal Grant Applications - Planning & Engagement (setting the table again!)

#### Planning for the future

- There are incremental steps for success
- Detail your infrastructure goals make them actionable

### Know the application process – start working toward the information:

- Environmental Justice
- Economic outcomes
- Engage your community on specific outcomes
- Place matters, walkability matters, pilot projects to test ideas
- Master Plan every step of the process day one idea engagement to cones on the road



Dan Burden & Rebekah Kik 2013 "if you dare to dream it"

#### Pilot everything you can & gather data



### 11 SPEED HUMPS INSTALLED

Calming 2.9 lane miles of residential streets



### RESIDENTIAL INTERSECTIONS

Mini roundabout & curb bump out pilots



#### RIGHT SIZED VEHICLE LANES & ADDING BIKE LANES

Calming 5.5 lane miles of city streets



### 10+ LANE MILES OF NEW BIKES LANES

Bike wave delineator, bollards, paint, cones



2+ MILES OF SIDEWALK REPAIRED OR BUILT, CONNECTING 7+ MILES OF THE NETWORK

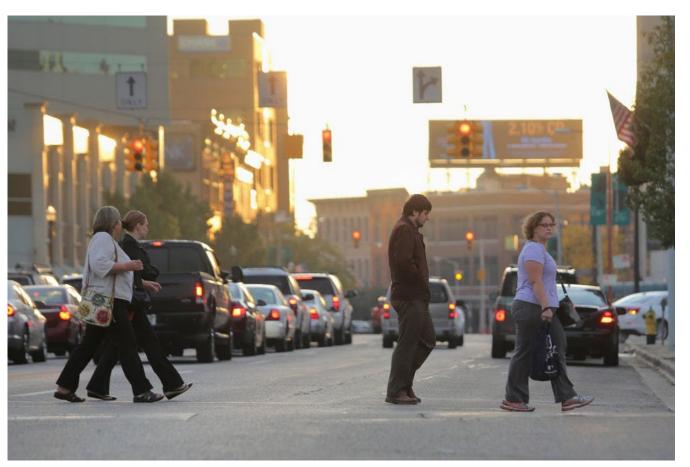
## 75+ INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Curb extensions, painted and raised, improved crosswalks

## Preparing for Federal Grant Applications – Planning & Engagement

#### **Streets for All**

- 2017 Master Plan that was written for Land Use & Transportation integration
- 2018 Adopted Complete Streets Policy
- 2018 Retail Market Analysis
- 2019 Jurisdictional Transfer (\$10,000,000/ 10 years)
- 2021 Street Design Manual



#### **Thank You!**

#### **Outcomes:**

- 1. Healing & Happiness
- 2. Repair & Reconnecting
- 3. Policy to Pilot to Project
- 4. Land Use & Transportation
- 5. Housing Boom... From 0 to 48





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2014 hired as City Planner, 2017 promoted to Director of Community Planning and Economic Development, 2022 started as Asst. City Manager. Rebekah has led many projects including Imagine Kalamazoo, pre-permitted plan sets, and the two-way streets restoration currently underway.

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