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PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN JONESVILLE

The Jonesville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is hosting an open house on Monday, October 30th from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Jonesville Police Department located at 116 W. Chicago Street. The DDA will be sharing the results of a study of a potential “Road Diet” for Chicago Street/US-12 in Downtown Jonesville.

The Road Diet would reduce the number of travel lanes through Downtown from five to three and improve the pedestrian crossings at the Middle School and the Jerry Russell Trail. The DDA commissioned the study to look at ways to improve the safety of on-street parking and make the street a more functional business corridor. The three-lane configuration has been successful in Quincy and Coldwater, other US-12 communities.

Plans will be available for review at the open house. The public will be able to ask questions of the project engineers and leave comments and feedback about the project for the DDA and City Council.

Road Diets are a nationally recognized technique for improving the safety and function of a city street. The Federal Highway Administration notes that a Road Diet “can improve safety, calm traffic, provide better mobility and access for all users, and enhance overall quality of life.”

Benefits of a Road Diet may include:

- Reduced right-angle crashes as side street motorists cross three versus five travel lanes.
- Fewer lanes for pedestrians to cross.
- Opportunity to install bike lanes and buffer zones for safer on-street parking.
- Traffic calming and more consistent speeds.
- A more community-focused, Complete Street that better accommodates the needs of all road diet users.

Additional information regarding the Road Diet project and Open House can be found on the City’s website, www.jonesville.org or by calling City Hall at (517) 849-2104.

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