

LINDEN AVE TEMPORARY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Starting October 15, 2024

Verona wants your input on making Linden Avenue safer!

Verona Township is investigating ways to improve traffic safety, decrease cut-through traffic, and make it easier to walk and bicycle along Linden Avenue. A traffic study found that only 7.5% of the vehicles followed the posted speed limit, and that during peak hours, traffic can back up at the Grove Street intersection. The Township will be making temporary changes starting the week of October 15, and wants to know what YOU think!

What is a Temporary Demonstration Project?

A Temporary Demonstration Project is a low-cost way to test out new traffic patterns and get community input before committing to permanent changes. Verona received a repaving grant for Linden Avenue from NJDOT and is interested in testing out a new layout *before* repaving. Verona applied to the Complete Streets Technical Assistance program, a partnership of Rutgers-Voorhees Transportation Center, Sustainable Jersey, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, to help organize this project.

What will Verona be testing?

Verona will be evaluating three possible changes along Linden Avenue. Between Fairview Avenue and Grove Avenue, curbside parking will be modified to alternate between the north and south side of the roadway. On the Peckman River Bridge, a painted median will be added. At the Derwent Avenue intersection, a painted curb extension will be added. Details of each installation can be found on the second page of this flyer.

I live on Linden Avenue. Will access to my home change?

NO. Two-way traffic will still be allowed, and there will only be a decrease of two parking spaces along the project area.

How will the Township make the changes?

As part of this demonstration, temporary road striping and signs will be added to mark the new parking and traffic pattern. In addition, plastic soft-hit bollards will be placed to help drivers understand the new traffic pattern.

How will these changes improve traffic safety?

Slower streets are safer for drivers, pedestrians, and all people using the road. The traffic calming treatments being tested here encourage drivers to drive more slowly. In addition, slower speeds discourage cut-through traffic.

How long will the demonstration be in place?

Changes will be in place for a minimum of two weeks

How will success be measured?

The team's evaluation will include speed studies, direct observations, and feedback from residents. An online survey will be conducted once the changes are in place. Verona will also host an in-person Walk Audit to hear directly from the community.

What happens after the project?

Based on the results of the evaluation, parts of the project may be removed, modified, or made permanent as part of the repaving project.

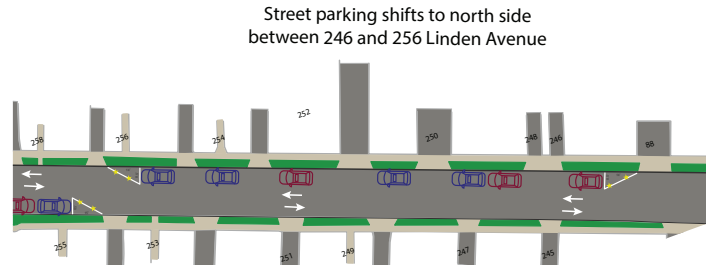
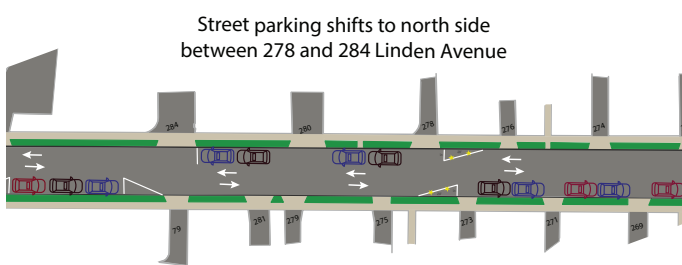


Three Demonstrations

The project team will test **THREE** different concepts along Linden Avenue.

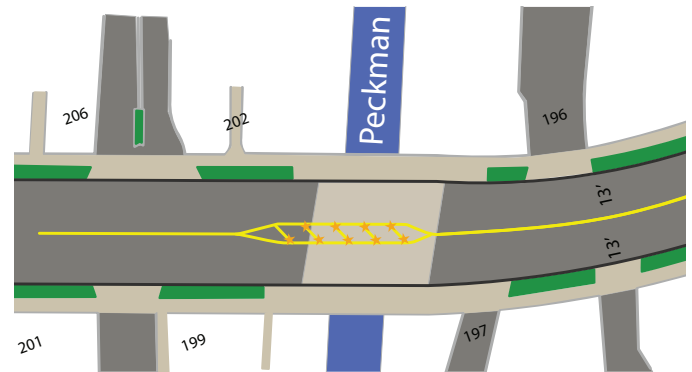
Fairview Avenue to Grove Avenue - Alternate Street Parking

Parking is currently permitted only on the south side of Linden Avenue. During the demonstration, parking will be shifted to the north side of the roadway from 278-284 and from 246-256 Linden Avenue. Temporary striping and vertical posts will be added to clarify the transition. This change will create a curve by shifting the travel lane, requiring drivers to slow down as they travel between Fairview Avenue and Grove Avenue.



Peckman River Bridge - Painted Median

As parking is not allowed on and adjacent to the Peckman River Bridge, the travel lanes widen to 15-feet in each direction, which encourages faster driving. A painted median will narrow the travel lanes to 11-feet in each direction. Vertical posts will be added to clarify the installation during the demonstration period and to prevent vehicles from driving over the painted median. This installation will not affect parking or access to driveways.



Derwent Avenue Intersection - Painted Curb Extensions

Curb extensions reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians, narrow the roadway to reduce speeds, and improve sightlines by helping to enforce existing parking prohibitions near the intersection. This installation will not affect parking or access to driveways.



Project Toolkit

Verona will be using temporary low-cost materials for these changes, including striping, signage, and flexible posts.



Public Input

Once the demonstration is in place, a questionnaire will be made available at <https://go.rutgers.edu/verona-survey> or by using this QR code.

Questions?

For questions about this project, contact the Township of Verona Administration at 973-239-3220 or via <https://www.veronanj.org/town-council-contact-form>

