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Good morning, Nicole,
I have shared your inquiry with the Department of Public Works, who may be able to address this request. I've also asked them to share the communication with the Mobility Committee, whose next meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 6 pm.

Thank you,
Lindsay



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Hi Lindsay,

I'm a Novi resident in the Echo Valley neighborhood, and I'm reaching out regarding a potential neighborhood connection to the ITC Corridor Trail that I'm hoping the City would be willing to evaluate.

Echo Valley, Andover Pointe and Edinborough sit immediately adjacent to the ITC corridor, but our neighborhoods do not have a common public access point to the trail. Residents whose individual homes back directly up to the corridor may have access from their own property, but the broader neighborhood does not.

One of my biggest concerns is safety. To access the ITC trail through a public route, residents from our area—including families and children on bikes—currently have to travel toward and cross Ten Mile Road. Ten Mile is extremely busy and congested, and it seems especially unfortunate to require that roadway crossing when the ITC trail runs immediately alongside our neighborhoods.

I've attached aerial images showing what appears to be a potential connection near the end of Andover. There is wooded/wetland area between the neighborhood and the existing trail, so I completely understand that property ownership, easements, environmental constraints and engineering would all need to be evaluated.

Seeing Novi's recent pathway/boardwalk connection between Bosco Fields and the ITC trail made me wonder whether a smaller neighborhood connector could be feasible here as well, potentially using a boardwalk or similar environmentally sensitive design if necessary.

Would the City be willing to conduct a preliminary feasibility review of this area? Specifically, I would love to understand:

- Who owns the land between the neighborhood and the ITC corridor
- Whether there are existing city, utility, HOA/common-area or other easements that could help create access
- Whether a short pedestrian/bicycle path or boardwalk connection appears feasible
- Whether a connection like this could be considered as part of Novi's future nonmotorized pathway, Parks or capital-improvement planning
- Whether grant funding similar to other Novi trail projects could potentially apply if the project proved feasible

I believe this could provide meaningful trail access for residents of three adjoining neighborhoods while also eliminating an unnecessary Ten Mile crossing for many pedestrians, cyclists and children.

I would be very happy to meet with City staff and walk the area if that would be helpful.

Thank you very much for taking a look at this. I appreciate Novi's continued investment in the ITC trail system and would love to explore whether this missing neighborhood connection could be addressed.

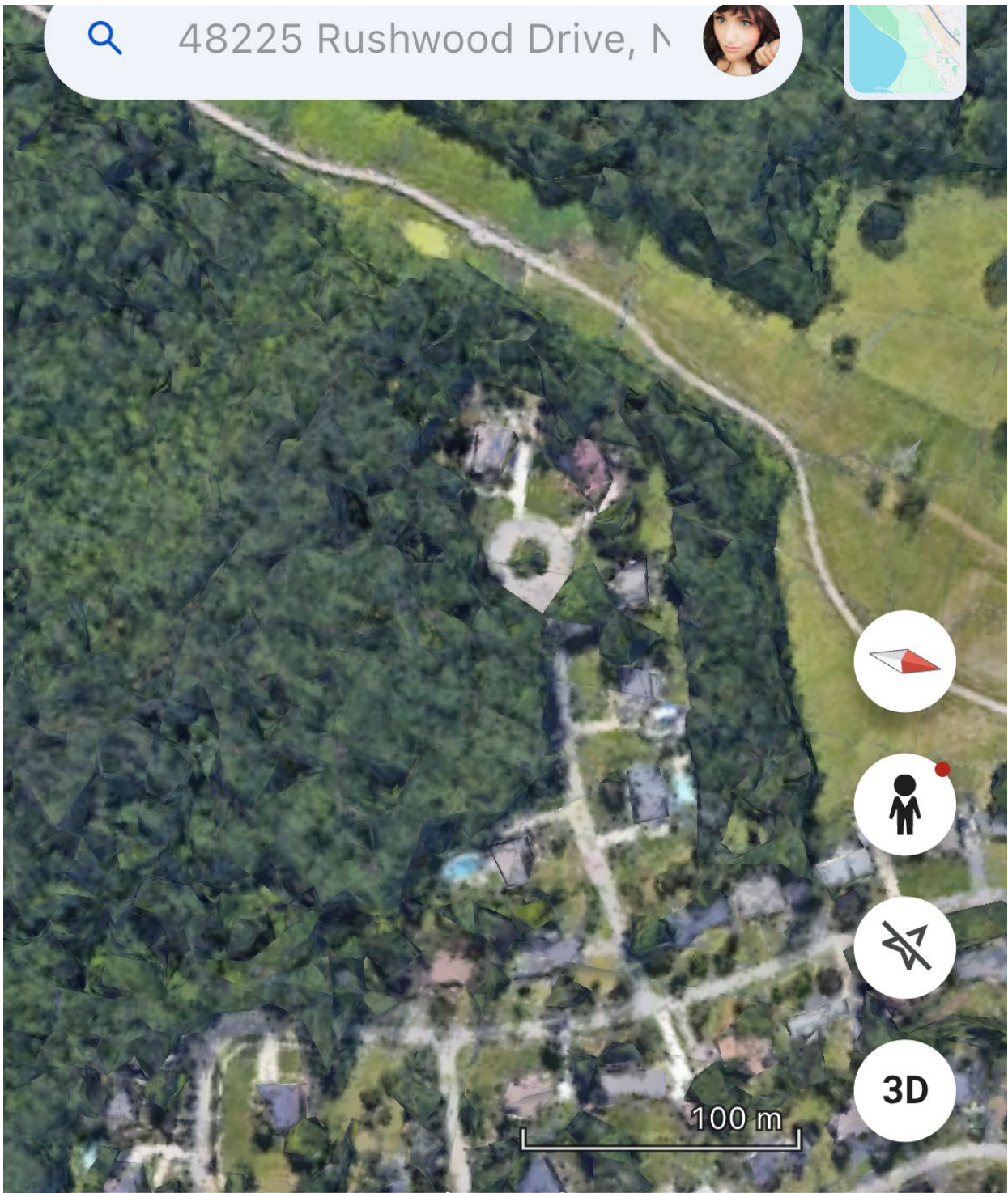
Thank you, Nicole Herman

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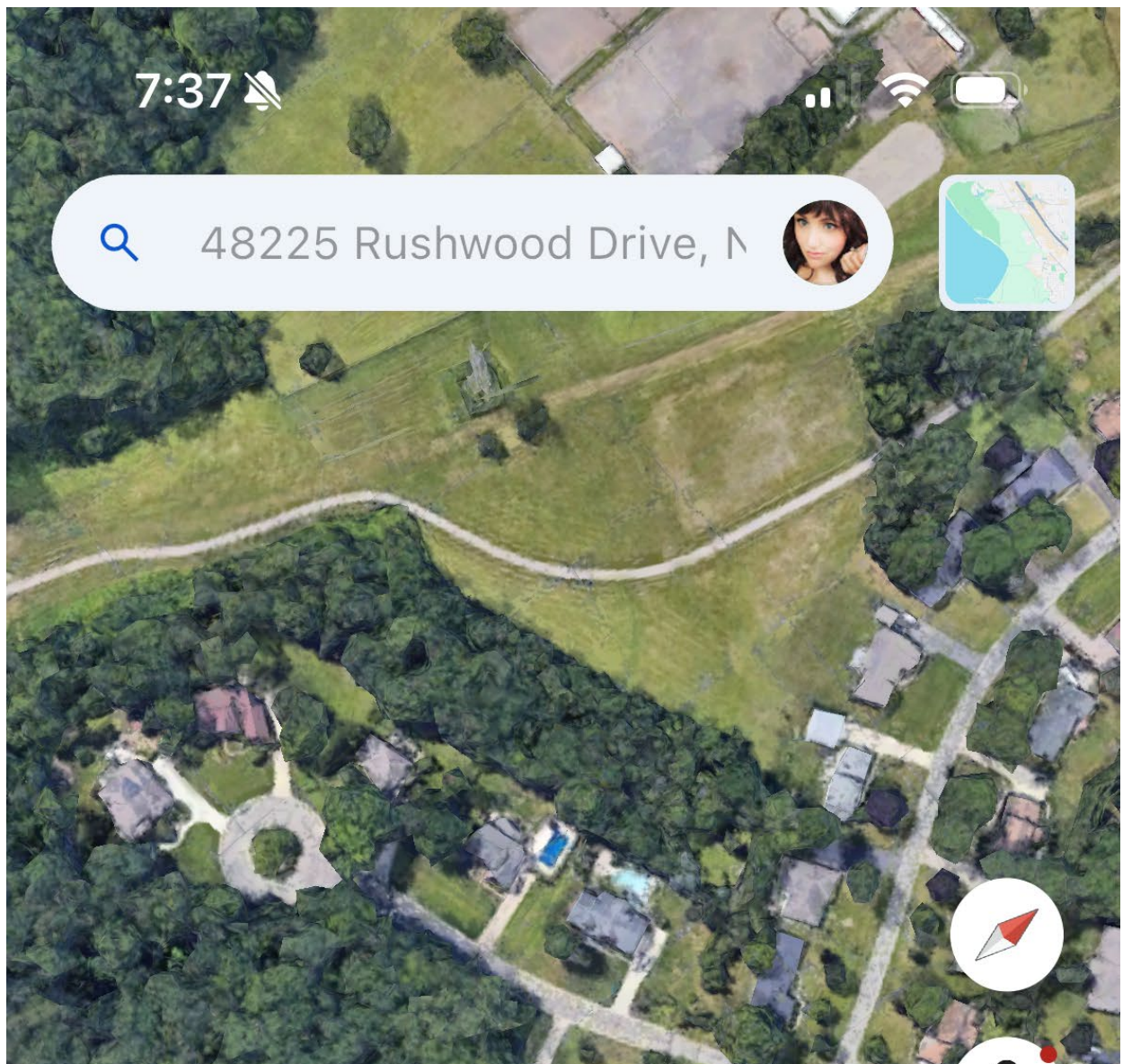


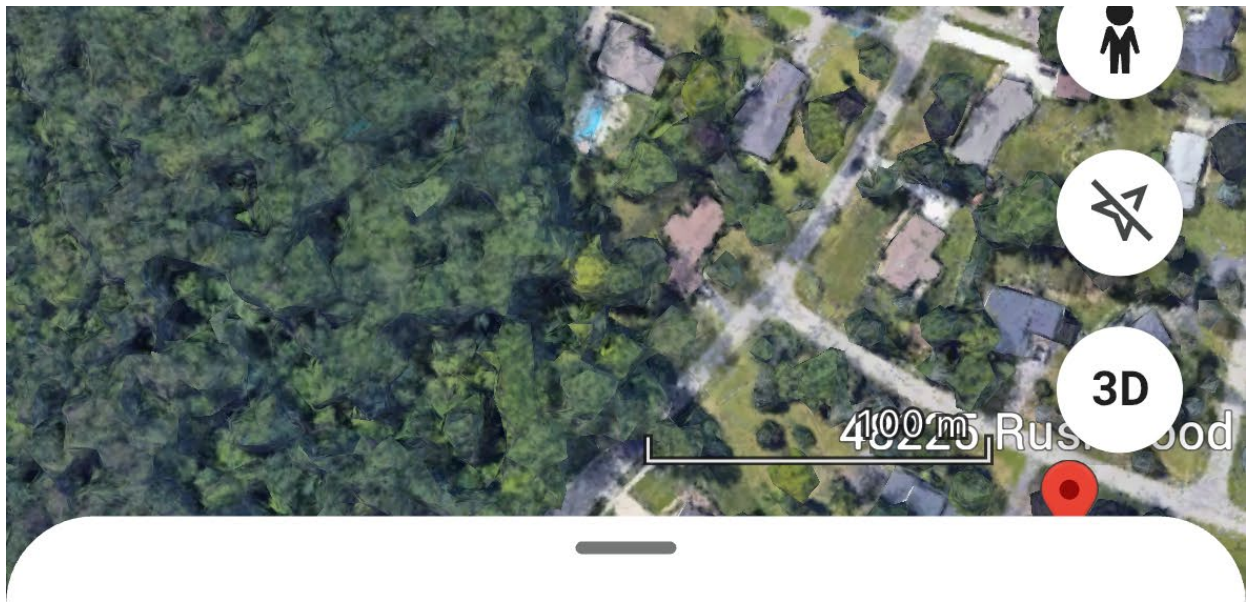
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