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Roundabout coming to busy Greentown area intersection

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LAKE TWP. – Stark County will proceed with construction of a roundabout at State Street NW and Cleveland Avenue NW in the Greentown area.

Residents had expressed concern about the proposed intersection project.

The choice of a single-lane roundabout at the area known as "Greentown Square" offers the largest reduction in traffic congestion and a significant safety improvement compared to 20 alternatives analyzed in a feasibility study, according to the Stark County Engineer's Office.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2028 and be complete by fall 2029.

Social media reshaping research on substance use

Reddit and TikTok – with help of AI – offer unprecedented insights

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When you think of tools for studying substance use and addiction, a social media site like Reddit, TikTok or YouTube probably isn't the first thing that comes to mind. Yet the stories shared on social media platforms are offering unprecedented insights into the world of substance use. ● In the past, researchers studying peoples' experiences with addiction relied mostly on clinical observations and self-reported surveys. But only about 5% of people diagnosed with a substance use disorder seek formal treatment. They are only a small sliver of the population who have a substance use disorder – and until recently, there has been no straightforward way to capture the experiences of the other 95%.

Today, millions of people openly discuss their experiences with drugs online, creating a vast collection of raw narratives about drug use. As a doctoral student in information science with a background in public health, I use this material to better understand how people who use drugs describe their lives and make sense of their experiences, especially when it comes to stigma.

These online conversations are reshaping how researchers think about substance use, addiction and recovery.

Advances in artificial intelligence are helping make sense of these conversations at a scale that wasn't possible before.

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Canton City Schools submits fiscal forecast

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CANTON – The Canton City Board of Education has approved a three-year fiscal forecast to be submitted to the state.

The forecast, approved by the board Feb. 9, includes $17.7 million in cuts that were approved last month.

After forecasting a $17.7 million budget deficit in a previous forecast, the state required a cost-cutting plan be put in place. The projected budget deficit is due in part to a reduction of state and federal funding. The board approved moves that includes reductions in staffing, reductions in transportation, school consolidation and closings.

As the district moves forward, Treasurer Jeff Gruber warns the district isn't out of the woods. He anticipates a $10.5 million shortfall by fiscal year 2029.