

**SAUGATUCK  
TOWNSHIP**

## **Tri-Community Non-Motorized Trail Study Committee Agenda September 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/TODAY'S AGENDA TOPICS ONLY (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participant's screen found in the Zoom interface or enter \*9 if calling in by phone to raise hand.*
- 6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION:**
  - A. Updated public input summary
  - B. Select final routes & recommend to Local Unit of Government for approval
  - C. Review funding options & finalize grant application amounts and local share costs
  - D. Discuss schedule & requirements for Local Unit of Government approval (including Allegan County)
  - E. Committee role in continued work
- 7. REVIEW NEXT STEPS**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT 3 MINUTES)** *Use the "raise hand" button in the participant's screen found in the Zoom interface or enter \*9 if calling in by phone to raise hand.*
- 9. MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

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## Blue Star Trail Public Meeting Survey Results

Updated 9/8/2021 – Includes follow up information received up to 9/1

Meeting Date: 8/25/2021

64 Total Survey Responses

### Segment: Washington Street to Lake Street (Kalamazoo River Bridge Section):

This segment has two alternatives:

- 3 Lane Configuration
- 2 Lane Configuration

The two lane configuration alternative was most favored. Please see the responses below.

#### 3 Lane Configuration -

Of those responding to this question, 16 were in favor of this configuration. The most common reason cited was that it would be best for **EMS Access**. Second most common comment was **No Traffic Light (“this would be more palatable”)**. Other comments included Drivers are used to a turn lane; Cost seems modest; Do not like the look of delineators; Prefer a roundabout; Good cost, but would like a traffic light.

#### 2 Lane Configuration –

Of those responding to this question, 39 were in favor of this configuration. The most common reasons cited were **Safest Option, A Traffic Signal Here Is Long Overdue, and Two Lanes Are More Roomy (Safer) and Better Aesthetics**. Other comments of note include: This option would be better with a painted barrier and not a physical barrier; Less confusion more open design; More expensive but worth it; Do two lanes but no signal (1 response); Need multiple crosswalks (1 response).

### Segment: Lake Street to Maple Street:

This segment has two alternatives:

- At Grade Boardwalk or Retaining Wall Section -
- Alternate Median Section with Curb and Gutter

The At Grade Boardwalk or Retaining Wall Section alternative was most favored. Please see the responses below.

#### At Grade Boardwalk or Retaining Wall Section-

Of those responding to this question, 34 were in favor of this alternative. The most common comments were **More Separation Is Better; More Appealing (Cost is worth it); Safer**. Another comment was made a couple of times saying that the Curb is not of benefit.

#### Median Section with Curb and Gutter-

Of those responding to this question, 13 were in favor of this alternative. The most common comments were **More Affordable; Safety; Clearer Route Delineation**. Other comments included Will reduce impact on entry landscaping as well as reduces cost of construction and eliminates run-off issues; More bike friendly; Less wood structure to maintain; Concern for plan for passage by the Pallet Signal; Concern about boardwalk safety when wet.

For this segment there were also three responses of Either Alternative and two responses of Just Get It Done.

**Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan:**

This segment simply requested any comments.

Of those turning in the survey, 17 did not comment on this area at all. The most common comments were **Looks Good (well thought out) (Get it done); Needs additional traffic light (at Blue Star & Old Allegan)**. Notable comments: Would like to see additional traffic light or roundabout; Slower speed limit; Expand shoulder or add separating curb; Needs stop signs for Bikes; Make fit in with landscape; Add shaded area with benches/picnic tables.

**Segment: North Street to Holland Street:**

This segment simply requested any comments.

Of those turning in the survey, 30 did not comment on this area at all. The most common comment was **I Like The Plan (26 responses)**. Other notable comments were Glad it will be an official trail that meets standards; Important to connect the two communities; Consider stop sign for bikers at Holland crossing (and general comment of add stop signs for bikers); Expand shoulder and add curb; I like planning of crossing through undeveloped park area – would love to see park made accessible to the public, the trail would allow this.

**Overall Trail Plan:**

Request to Please Provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives.

Of those turning in the survey, 15 had no comment. The most common comments (same meaning, different words, 39 comments) were **I Support All; Build It!; Thank You For All The Work That Was Put Into This; Looking Forward To Progress**. Other comments included Incredible benefits for the economy and residents; A lot can be gained by doing this right, take a look at the TART Trail and all the ways it helps the area (Traverse City); Use the most cost effective, attractive, and safe solution; Make a separated trail wherever possible; A great investment in the future; Support recreation and makes it safer; Please don't alter pallet sign.

Please state which you prefer and why:

Proposed trail Good!

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

We have 2 children for Saug. Schools. We need them to be able to

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Great!

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Great!

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Great! Super! Needed

Optional Information

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Name: Allyson McNabb

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Please state which you prefer and why:

The proposed trail along bluestar to North + connecting to Holland St

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Any completed trail is good even tho I prefer this. More than anything I want completion so grandkids living near Clearbrook can ride to school

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Off road if possible just as the Old Allegan to North St section is

As long as the trail is not on the car traffic road it is great!

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Yes - Good

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Yes - Good

grandchildren

Optional Information

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Segment: Washington Street to Lake Street (Kalamazoo River Bridge Section)

This segment has two alternatives:

- ☆ 3 Lane Configuration
- ☆ 2 Lane Configuration with a Traffic Signal at Lake Street

Please state which you prefer and why:

ind, 3 lane - but add traffic signal @ Lake/BSIF  
regardless

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Lake Street to Maple Street

This segment has two alternatives,

- ☆ At Grade Boardwalk or Retaining Wall Section (AASHTO Compliant Separation from Roadway)
- ☆ Alternate Median Section with Curb and Gutter (Reduced Separation from Roadway)

Please state which you prefer and why:

b. A/T Med Sec - don't like boardwalk, gets slippery after rain

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

looks good

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

looks good - but most bikers won't use this section

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Great plans - get it done!

Optional Information

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*Either is fine, but I believe a traffic signal at Lake is necessary for either,*

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Please state which you prefer and why:

median - no boardwalk - seems to me that boardwalks fall into disrepair ~~that~~

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

I like it

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

I like it

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Do it!

Optional Information

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Please state which you prefer and why:

3 lanes - enough for bikes and dog walkers

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

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Please state which you prefer and why:

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

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Please state which you prefer and why:

3 lane w/ a turning lane

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

No stop light - roundabout

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Please state which you prefer and why:

Turnpike lane less congestion

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

tourists are sometimes DUMB

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

provide shaded spaces w benches + picnic table

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

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Please state which you prefer and why:

I prefer the two lane w/ traffic signal because I think it will be safer for everyone

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

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Please state which you prefer and why:

I prefer 1st alternative because I think more separation is better.

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

looks good

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

looks good

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Thank you for your hard work!

Optional Information

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Please state which you prefer and why:

#2. I feel this will be safer.

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

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Please state which you prefer and why:

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

our community's character; as a tourist, local, ~~town~~ and beyond! Thank you ♡

Overall Trail Plan

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I really don't have a preference for the details. I would like it finished because of the tremendous positive impact it would have on -

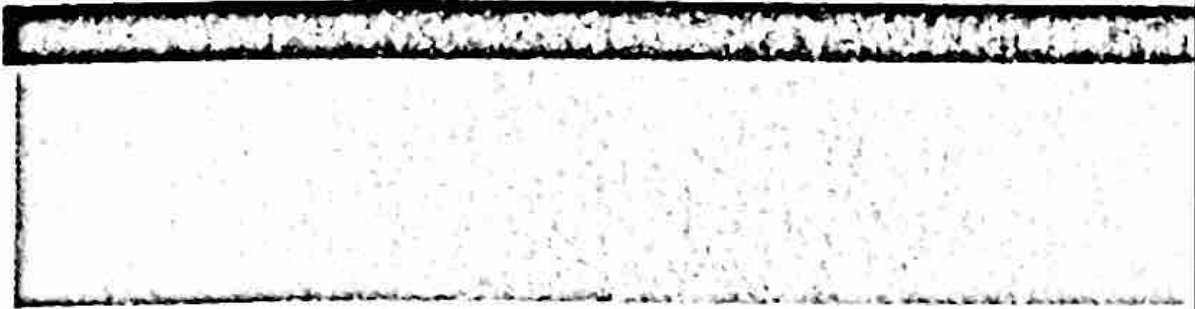
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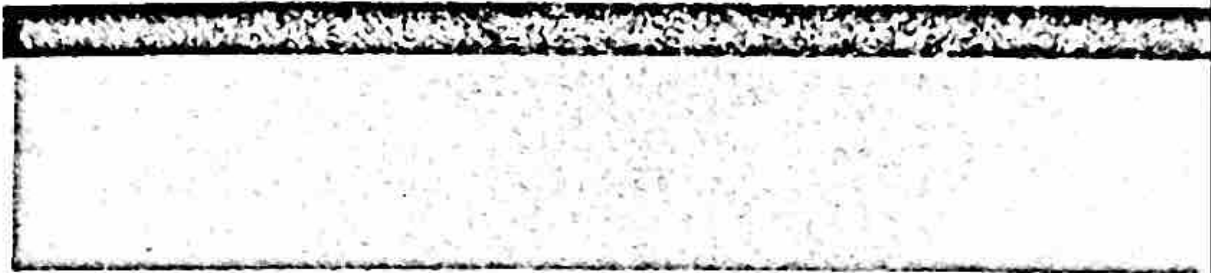
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- ☆ 2 Lane Configuration with a Traffic Signal at Lake Street

Please state which you prefer and why: *2 lane configuration with traffic signal at Lake St. This is a dangerous intersection for both motorists and trail users. This option is SAFER.*

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment: *I feel the traffic signal is needed anyway. I never use Lake St. if I want to make a left hand turn north on the Blue Star. also Emergency responders prefer this option.*

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Please state which you prefer and why: *At grade Boardwalk and Retaining wall section --*

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

*feel this is safer and is visually more attractive*

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

*going to be my favorite portion to bike!*

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

*lets get this done!*

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Please state which you prefer and why:

yes on option 1 \$130K is better than \$280K

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Granted a ~~high~~ traffic light would be nice

Segment: Lake Street to Maple Street

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Please state which you prefer and why:

Option 1 - may not get Tap funding for #2

Please provide any additional comments related to this segment:

Segment: Maple Street to Old Allegan

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Segment: North Street to Holland Street

Please provide any comments related to this segment:

Overall Trail Plan

Please provide any comments related to the overall trail plan and alternatives:

Its awesome! Thank you regular bikers here. :)

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