



Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail: Acme through Elk Rapids Public Input Summary #1

To help inform the preliminary design of the proposed Traverse City-Charlevoix Trail: Acme through Elk Rapids Segment, public input was collected at a Public Open House on August 22, 2018 in Elk Rapids and through an online comment form from August 22, 2018 through September 7, 2018. A total of 132 comment forms were completed including 68 comments cards at the Public Open House and 64 online forms. Below is a summary of the input received.

How do you personally envision using the proposed trail?

Total # of Responses = 130

Recreation: 87% (113 responses)
Transportation: 23% (30 responses)
Do not plan to use: 9% (12 responses)
Other: Sightseeing; enjoy life; sharing/connecting to TART Trails; scooter; cross-country skiing, snowshoeing

What do you like most about the proposed trail?

Total # of Responses = 114

Safer experience (34)
Recreational opportunities/walking/biking (29)
Connecting communities (17)
Connecting trail systems (11)
Health/exercise/physical activity (10)
Proximity to home (9)
Bates Road (6)
Avoiding US-31/Highway (5)
Connections to parks, natural areas, and beaches (5)
Economic development (5)
Non-motorized commuting opportunities/Car-free transportation (5)
Scenic (5)
Not on North Bayshore Dr. (4)
Safe for kids (4)
Access to the outdoors (3)
Attraction and Retention (2)
Bike trips/touring (2)
Family fun (2)
Other: Connections to work, school, and amenities, Fencing, Longer rides

What types of features or amenities would you like to see added within the area of the proposed trail?

Total # of Responses = 106

Restrooms (31)
Drinking Water (24)
Benches (15)
Separated trail (16)

Signage (14) (Wayfinding, Interpretive, Private Property, Rules)
 Safe from road/hwy/traffic (13)
 Rest stop/shelter (11)
 Trash receptacles (11)
 Scenic vistas (8)
 Connections to parks/beaches/natural areas (7)
 Paved trail (7)
 Safety from traffic/highway (7)
 Parking (5)
 Bike repair station (4)
 Lights (4)
 Connections to stores/restaurants (3)
 Connections to other trails/regional system (3)
 Doggie bags (3)
 Maps (3)
 Non-residential areas (3)
 Natural habitat (2)
 Bike racks (2)
 Buffer sight/sound from highway (2)
 Connections to campgrounds (2)
 Fencing/barriers (2)
 Parallel US-31 (2)
 Picnic tables/shaded picnic area (2)
 Safe/minimal road crossings (2)
 Similar to TART Trail (2)

Other: Connections to schools, Connections to town, Connector path to VASA trailhead on Bartlett rd; Connections between Bunker Hill, M-72 and north, Connection to pump track or bike skills park, Crushed Limestone, Deviations from US-31 to add interest, Historical markers, Landscaping, Light at 72/Bates Rd crossing (like at 3 Mile Rd), Lighted intersections/crossings, Mileage charts, Speed bumps on Deepwater and Dock Roads, Tunnel or bridge for crossing US-31, Winter grooming for fat bikes

What concerns do you have about the proposed trail?

Total # of Responses = 104

N. Bayshore Dr. - Shared Roadway (not safe/narrow/curvy/traffic speed/congestion/driveways) (19)
 None (14)
 Proximity to US-31 (too close, traffic, noise, safety, aesthetics) (13)
 Deepwater/Dock Roads - Shared Roadway (not safe/narrow/traffic speed/congestion/no shoulder) (8)
 Time until construction (6)
 Traffic (*general*) (6)
 Crossing US-31 (5)
 Loss of buffer/privacy on west side of US-31, north of Elk Rapids (5)
 Maintenance (4)
 Private Property – Encroachment (4)
 Safety (*general*) (4) (*safety is associated with several of the listed concerns*)
 Shared Roadway (*general*) (3)
 Etiquette (2)
 Pesticide application (2)

Other: Driveway crossings – US-31, No motorized use, Littering, Potential motorized use of trail, Property value, Steep grades on US-31, Trespassing

What solutions can you suggest related to your concerns?

Total # of Responses = 83

Route on US-31 north of Elk Rapids/Not on North Bayshore Dr (20; 11 east side, 3 west side)

Route on Bates Rd (7)

Buffer/protection/distance from US-31/roads (4)

Avoid US-31 (3)

Communicate/educate (3)

Fencing (residential and farms) (2)

Fundraisers/slight increase in taxes/volunteers (2)

Reevaluate use of Dock and Deepwater Roads (2)

Separated trail (general) (2)

Speed bumps on Deepwater Rd (2)

Trash receptacles (2)

Tunnel/Box culvert crossing (2)

Other: Allow motorized traffic, Avoid lakefront roads, Eminent domain, Establish funding mechanism for future maintenance, Follow shore roads; follow gas line and other utility easements, Grade separation with bike/ped bridges, Maximize use of public land, Minimize road crossings, No shared road (general), Plan for connections to parks, natural areas, and other trails, Route on Dixie Hwy for views, Route on Shore Rd (Not Deepwater/Dock Rds), Route on US-31 as separated trail, Route on US-31 shoulder, Search for alternatives to US- 31 corridor, Scrap plans or reroute, Signage, Tunnel under 72 over to US 31 east side, Warning signs on trail and website about pesticide application, Wider easements on different routes

Are you a property owner adjacent to a proposed trail route?

Total # of responses = 95

Yes: 53% (50 responses)

No: 47% (45 responses)

If yes, is your property used for:

Residential: 46 responses

Agriculture: 4 responses

Commercial: 0 responses