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Review: LAC Roles and Responsibilities



- Please attend all meetings.
- Commit to actively participate in this process to identify mutually agreeable solutions.
- Provide an independent perspective to the project.
- Facilitate two-way communications with your entity that you represent.
- Provide accurate input to the process on key issues.
- Strive to avoid sidetracking, personality conflicts, and hidden agendas.
- Review and evaluate draft documents and reports in a timely manner.
- Provide feedback on public meeting format and content.

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Agenda for Today's Meeting



- Data Collection Update
- Summary of Oct. 28 Public Input Session
- Division Street Steering Committee Recommendations
- Draft Purpose and Need Statement
- LAC Member Comments
- Next Steps

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Data Collection Update

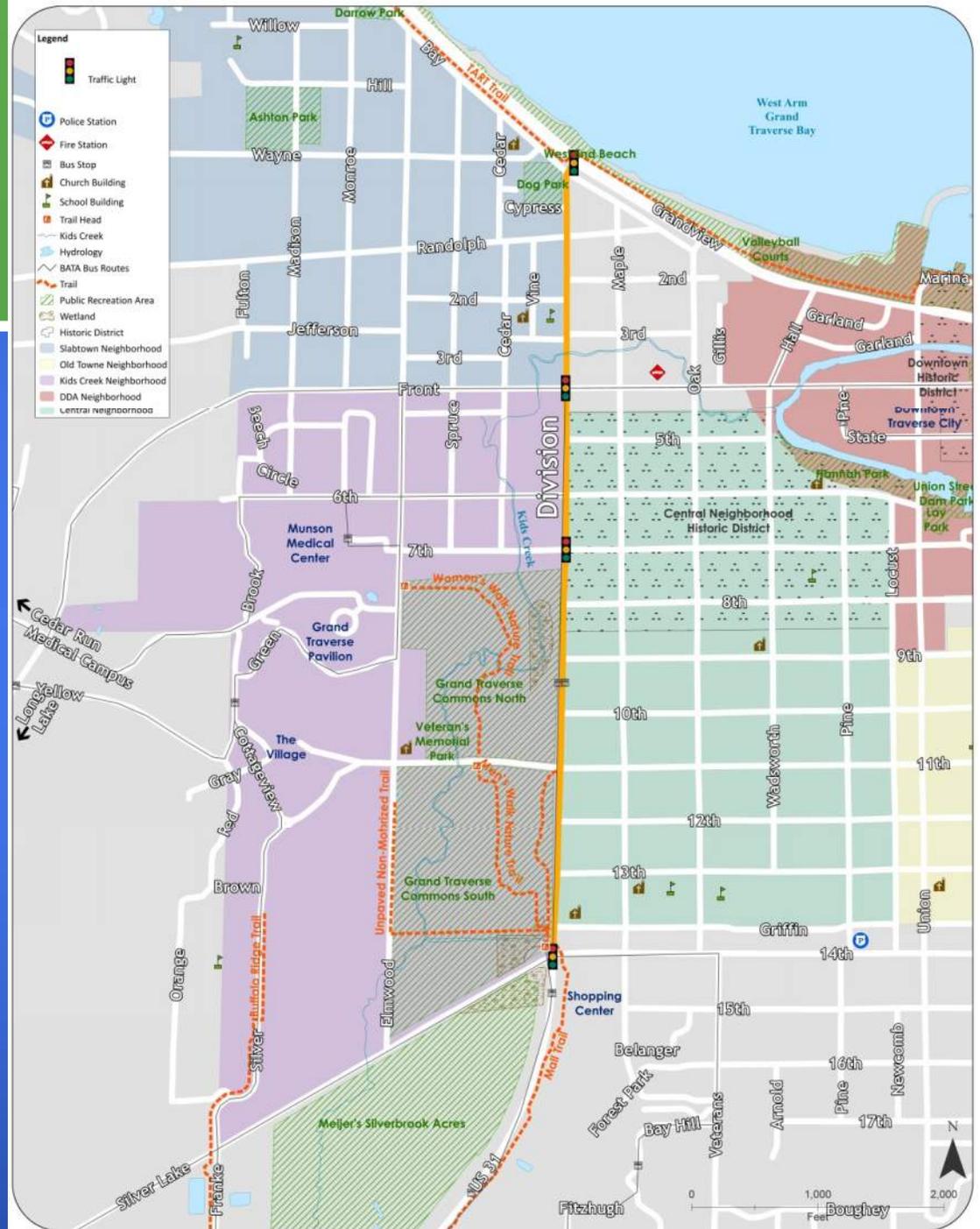


Traffic and Safety

- Calibrated existing traffic simulations models
 - AM, PM, and Off-Peak
- Evaluated intersection traffic operations
 - Existing and No-Build
- Conducted preliminary collision analysis; Jan. 2011 – Sept. 2014
 - 464 collisions over past four years
- Road Safety Audit Postponed

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- Parks
- Historic Districts & Properties
- Wetlands
- Section 4(f) & 6(f)



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Summary of Oct. 28 Public Input Session



- 4:00-7:00 pm
- Mailed out over 1000 postcards
- Open house format
- Approx. 62 attendees
- Media coverage



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Summary of Oct. 28 Public Input Session



- Enhanced map and comments are located on project website
- Common themes heard:
 - Need to reduce speeds
 - Pedestrian and bicycle safety
 - Difficult to cross Division Street, the road is a barrier
 - Need sidewalks on both sides of street
 - Worried about traffic using neighborhood streets to bypass Division
 - Generally favor roundabouts

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Division Street Steering Committee Recommendations



- Safer for motorist, bicyclists, and pedestrians to share, travel along and to cross
- Better fits the context of the city and its neighborhoods
- Unites the east and west sides of the street, and
- Creates the environment and driver behavior to ensure that traffic speeds will be reduced to 30mph. This must be a demonstrable requirement.

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DRAFT Purpose and Need Statement



Purpose

The purpose of the US₃₁/M-37 (Division Street) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) is to improve safety and operations for all users of this designated National Highway System route while minimizing negative impacts and enhancing positive benefits to the neighborhoods, parks, businesses, and all users of the corridor.

This process will address Division Street between Grandview Parkway and 14th Street and will:

- Create a plan that meets the many interests of its users (drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, commuters, commercial traffic, trucks, businesses, neighbors)
- Fit the context of Traverse City and the urban nature of the corridor
- Provide improved operations along Division Street
- Include traffic calming and complete streets design elements
- Improve non-motorized mobility along the corridor
- Be adaptable to future land use, accessibility, and transportation needs

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DRAFT Purpose and Need Statement



Need

- To support the continuing current and future development in the community
- Currently it is difficult for pedestrians, assisted device users, and bicyclists to cross Division Street
- Traffic congestion and declining operational levels
- Frequency of crashes along corridor
- To preserve and enhance the character of the area

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Comments and Discussion



LAC Member Comments...

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Next Steps



PUBLIC INPUT SESSION/OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, December 9th

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Munson Medical Center
REMEC Meeting Room

NEXT LAC MEETING - tentative

Tuesday, February 3rd

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Traverse City Governmental Center
2nd Floor Training Room