

US 31 M-37 Division Street PEL Public Comments Week of December 15, 2014

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1. Place all traffic lights on the sides of the intersections – like Chicago – on both sides of the road. This helps the motorist be aware of what is going on at the street level instead of overhead/sky regarding bicycles and pedestrians. The road crossings would be more friendly. Also, less clutter.

Email

1. Comment: I have been involved with the Division St issue for 10+ years, as President of Central Neighborhood and co-chair of the Division St Steering Committee.
First, set the speed limit from 14th St to Grandview Parkway at the same speed -- it should not be 40mph and then 30mph. In fact, it should be 25mph for the entire stretch of road, or 30mph at the most. Why is it necessary to have this be the fastest speed limit in the city? Division St borders a well-established neighborhood and currently the speed of the vehicles make crossing to the medical campus and much parkland is next to impossible. Charlevoix's US31 goes through its downtown at 25mph - why can't Traverse City have the same deal? Charlevoix's main drag is pleasant and sedate, with the traffic usually going much slower - how nice would that be?!? Changing the speed on this 1.25 mile section would not greatly diminish the travel time for those people going through the city and certainly make it much more enjoyable for all who live here.

I would also consider a modern roundabout at 14th and Division to provide a definite change to the southern entrance to the city. The roundabout would slow traffic down while providing for smooth flow and be much better. Consider a roundabout at 11th St for a better entrance to the Bldg 50/medical campus - better flow and calmer drivers. The NW corner of the intersection is not in the parkland and could ease the issue of parkland use issues.

Keep the lanes on Division St at 11ft - wider lanes only make the vehicles want to go faster and that is not what we want or need.

For all those who complain about rush hour traffic, it's called rush hour for a reason and the road shouldn't be built up to handle those situations. Just go to a moderate or large city to learn about traffic backups.

Thanks for considering these ideas.