US 31/M-37 (Division St.) PEL

Public Information Session 2

Comment Form

What comments do you have related to the Purpose and Need Statement or the current constraints shown for the project?

VERY GOOD

Other comments relating to the US 31/M-37 (Division Street) PEL area:

RIGHT HAND TURN LANES AT SILVER LAKE AND 14TH

Please place this form in a comment box, or see reverse side for other options.

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US 31 M-37 Division Street PEL Process Public Comments

Week of December 1, 2014
Emails:
1. Comment: Thanks for your work on this and for taking our comments. Please consider (1) sidewalks on both side of Division (2) a center turn lane along Division
(3) eliminate turning restrictions from Division
(4) Ban use of airbreaks within the city limits
(5) enforce noise ordinance in re:loud music in passing cars -- this is worse than the trucks in the summertime
(6) allow and encourage cut-through into the neighborhoods - that's what a grid system is for! As long as people don't speed through the neighborhoods. They are public roads maintained at great expense and should be used as roads. Don't put all the traffic burden on a few roads.
Thanks!

2. Comment: I have been a resident of Traverse City for most of my life. Division is one of the three main "arteries" that cross town and out of town traffic flow through. The city and county have used the idea of "traffic calming" on the other main cross roads as a way of getting people of slow down, and keep things "like they used to be." As a result, using roads like Grand-view Parkway, South Airport Road, and Munson Ave. (and recently 8th Street) have put work hour traffic to a standstill. Sadly this has not been a overall approach but done with public opinion one road at a time. The result seems to be that the locals who live on the road want that corridor as slow as possible, as opposed to as effective as possible. I simply ask that MDOT consider the flow of traffic and safety as their primary concern.

3. Comment: I think we need the Hammond Rd bypass to alleviate the traffic issues on Division St. downtown. As you know this will also mitigate traffic problems on Airport Road.

Week of December 8, 2014
Emails:
1. I'd LOOOVE to see visual information for non-motorized persons that expresses that the safest southern crossing is at 10th street. Just in case you aren't aware, Tenth is the street that the timing of the street lights actually creates a regular gap in vehicular traffic. It took me several years to find this out after I moved here. It is non-intuitive and I risked my life countless times at 11th and 14th streets. I think the situation got worse when the crosswalk paint was added to 11th. That is the exact WRONG place to cross that division of our small town.

2. Comment: Obviously, the limitations are severe. I would support an added center lane between 14th and 8th and a traffic signal at 11th. Also, improve/repave and widen the sidewalk on the west side to accommodate bikes and walkers. Also, install set one speed limit at 14th st northbound (35 is reasonable) and install a speed camera to catch violators. Also, install signage to prohibit "engine braking" between 14th and the Parkway (except in emergencies) to cut down on truck noise). You should also consider blocking (or prohibiting right turns from Division on to certain streets to prevent "cut throughs" into the neighborhood (e.g., 5th, 6th, maybe others). At Front and Division, given the disastrous decision to locate the CVS hard by the corner, I would still consider a right turn lane on the southeast corner extending the length of the bank to at least take some of that traffic, and one on the northeast corner in front of CVS to help a bit with the overload that will only get worse as Munson expands. With regards to 8 and a half street idea, that seems to make some sense if the EPA will agree. I

would not support encouraging the use of 6th street westbound from Division since that is not (yet) a heavily travelled street in that direction (it is eastbound in the evenings), and it is the site of many accidents already with no hope if having a left turn lane.