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1	Poor visibility at select crosswalks combined with inattentive (or arrogant) drivers	Same to worse	Eliminate the mid-block crosswalk. Assure that large vehicles are not parked in the first space adjacent to the crosswalk (which blocks views of potential crossers). Repaint the crossing on the south edge of Mason (or post that it is not a crosswalk)
2	People crossing at crosswalk between Park Ave and Clinton St. Why have it? You cannot see people crossing with all the traffic and parked cars on both sides of the road. They need to walk 200' either way to cross at the other crosswalks. Also, bridge going up and down every 30 minutes is excessive. Make it only once per hour. We stop for one boat and hold up several hundred cars at times. Doesn't make sense and is a waste of energy/fuel in all those vehicles.	Traffic change to three lanes is a major improvement.	People crossing at crosswalk between Park Ave and Clinton St. Why have it? You cannot see people crossing with all the traffic and parked cars on both sides of the road. They need to walk 200' either way to cross at the other crosswalks. Also, bridge going up and down every 30 minutes is excessive. Make it only once per hour. We stop for one boat and hold up several hundred cars at times. Doesn't make sense and is a waste of energy/fuel in all those vehicles.
3	backups during busy season endangering pedestrians.	worse	more awareness of the walkway under the bridge, more signage for pedestrians to indicate the frequent danger, a better way to make drivers stop at crosswalks.
4	City planners made the US-31 the main street but its also the only N/S route nearby. Having the SB reduce to one lane especially after the draw bridge being up makes going through downtown a nightmare.	Have no idea, just drove through this summer and hated it. I can image its not a peaceful downtown with all the traffic! Tell them to move the main street to the west!	Engineering problem is easy. get rid of onroad parking. Its a poor city planning.
5	The current pedestrian crossing causes large delays in traveling through Charlevoix during the summer months.	This issue seems to have been getting worse every summer.	Remove the mid-block pedestrian crossing and only use the existing pedestrians crossing at the traffic light. I feel if you can lessen the delay on traveling through Charlevoix in the summer, the frustration level will decrease and it will be a more enjoyable traveling experience.
6	Congestion	Worse	Get rid of some of the cross walks and do and over pass bridge.
7	Too many crosswalks	Worse	Study the elimination of parking downtown and force boats to lower radio antennas so the bridge would not need to open as frequently.
8	The green light on Mason/ bridge needs to be longer. 4 cars max turn left before its red and people are still crossing where the crosswalk has been removed.	Worse	Remove the cross walk that leads to hoop skirt alley.
9	Older visitors walking into traffic and not using crosswalks	Stayed the same, nothing seems to get people in the crosswalks.	Enforcement of jaywalking - even if it's only a \$5 fine. It might sound unfriendly but it's so unsafe. I'm terrified I'll hit someone.
10	pedestrians having the right of way on the road that was made for vehicles - pedestrians need to yield to vehicular traffic. AND LESS Cross walks... I'm tired of having to stop every few fee to let someone cross. I'm not allowed on the sidewalk, so pedestrians need to respect the road for what it's for	gotten worse	have a 3 way light system... Vehicles going North and South go first, then vehicles going East and West. Then all vehicular traffic stop and let pedestrians go in any direction they want
11	jj	gotten worse	better traffic flow
12	People J walking.	Worse	Give tickets and additional enforcement.
13	Slow traffic	Gotten worse	Only allow the bridge to operate early morning or late evening
14	Eliminating the 4 lanes has increased traffic back ups. Bring back the old traffic lanes.	It has gotten worse.	Start enforcing jaywalking laws.
15	Traffic backups due to bridge being up and people not using the designated crosswalks. Too many crosswalks. Limit then to ones at traffic lights only	Much worse in recent years	Get rid of the center lane on south side. Reduce number of crosswalks. Enforce ticketing of jaywalkers
16	The inattentiveness of pedestrians possibly leading to fatalities.	Exponentially worse.	Lights to inform pedestrians when it is safe to cross the road. In a vehicle you have limited visibility and when people walk out assuming you'll see them and stop is a serious hazard and has lead to many near accidents and a few actual accidents. Crossing guards would be helpful as well.
17	The bridge is the reason for the traffic flow issue. Another issue is when the downtown portion of the highway is shut down for festivals. Move the festivals to another part of town.	Worse	The bridge should only go up once an hour, why inconvenience 100s of people for a boat or two. The bridge opening every half hour is the biggest problem with traffic flow in Charlevoix during the summer months, especially when it opens at 5:00pm when most people are getting out of work. Sometimes you will sit through 3-4 traffic lights before getting through.

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18	J walking at the eliminates cross walk. The mid block cross walk can be hard to see pedestrians. Very little room for bikers on Bridge Street.	It's improved flow at the light as long as people don't J-walk.	Eliminate parking along East Park on US31, less people will need to cross to the shops. Add a bike lane and parking where car parking used to be.
19	Pedestrians not using crosswalks and darting out into hwy	Worse	Clear crosswalks LIGHTED when pedestrian there, like Florida; police enforcement of crosswalks
20	Traffic backups as NBD US-31 traffic attempts to turn left at Antrim St. No designated left turn lane creates immense backups as traffic stacks up and cannot/won't go around.	Worse as traffic increases.	Can a designated left turn lane be developed and marked?
21	Pedestrian crossings at Antrim St., Mason St, Clinton St, and the mid-block crossings between Clinton/Park and Bridge Park Dr/bascule bridge, are great but often times hard to see pedestrians until they step out into the traffic flow! Scary stuff for any driver let alone those of us who are really looking out for them.	Worse with larger vehicles (camper vans, etc.) more commonplace.	No good answer here as parking is already at a premium, but restricting on-street parking back away from the crossing may help visibility.
22	Having someone step out in front of my car.	somewhat better because they eliminated a couple crossings.	Better visibility of the crosswalks and ticketing jay walkers.
23	Jay walkers and folks crossing US-31 on the north side of the Clinton St intersection where there is NO crossing - it's even signed!	Worse with inattentive pedestrians...	Sorry, no brilliant answer here for ya's.
24	Draw bridge! Jay walkers. US 31 is a highway not a place to crawl along to see what stores are there with no parking .	WORSE!!!	One way streets. Only cross at the lights. More lights may help.
25	The frequency of the bridge and how it backs traffic up for miles	Gotten worse	decrease bridge opening frequency and have more lights
26	Crosswalks at the bridge	Worse	Move south bridge crosswalk to Park and eliminate mid block crosswalk
27	It's fine how it is	Same	None
28	Pedestrians constantly crossing,cars taking a left off park or right lane for park but just keep going straight on 31 forcing their way in to traffic	Gotten worse	Crossing lights for pedestrian that go along with the traffic lights
29	Traffic flow	Gotten much worse...	Make Park a one way st w/b to prevent traffic from crowding back onto Bridge st. Remove all crosswalks on the south side so you dont impeded sb traffic. Install crosswalk synchronize them to allow all ped to cross at tne same time, this will allow traffic to move much effciently through town. Remove Luthers special cross wal as its difficult to see peds due to on street parking...the Downtown association will need to hire traffic reserves to control the jaywalkers...one season will be required for everyone to get used to it. The concept is call septed where you influence peoples action by design. it
30	Traffic flow	Gotten much worse	See prior response, but I forgot to change the traffic light at Clinton to change the E/B light to a include a left turnonly signL to impede the jaywalkers on the north side
31	Bridge and pedestrian non use of crosswalks	Way worse	No left turns going north on 31 in the downtown blocks. Traffic coming north is completely gridlocked when someone is trying to make a left hand turn.
32	5 crosswalks, two lights, vendors hugging the road, a raising bridge.	Worse every year. The chamber of commerce and county commissioners allowing this mess for profit is frustrating. It's the only road through town and it can take 30 minutes or longer to travel 3/4 of a mile.	No more vendors along the entire length of the road causing congestion.Remove at least two crosswalks
33	jay walking, stepping out from between cars and not using crosswalks	worse over summer months	use the crosswalks they are clearly marked and fine those who jay walks.

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34	Trying to get through with people constantly walking across the Rd	Worse	Only put crosswalk at intersection not in the middle where it's blind to see behind cars. Also trying to turn left at the light only allows 1 or 2 cars each light as people constantly have to stop for pedestrians. Make it so you can only cross during a light
35	Traffic doesn't move, pedestrians don't follow or obey the law or common courtesy.	Gotten worse	.Remove the crosswalk in the middle that isn't associated with a traffic light. Get a traffic cop there, his or her presence will reduce the number of jaywalkers and irritated drivers. It would also help matters if the bridge only went up once an hour on demand instead of every 1/2 hour.
36	As someone that drives through downtown Charlevoix only a few times a year, I am always overwhelmed by the number of intersection lights, pedestrian crossings, lane movement/changes, and other visual distractions. It is difficult to safely focus on the vehicle/traffic in front of me while also needing to accommodate the aforementioned items.	traffic seems worse, which is actually probably a good thing for pedestrian safety given the slower speeds through downtown.	Less pedestrian crossing to safely/ confidently drive through downtown.
37	Traffic flow is affected by crosswalks that don't take traffic into consideration.	Slightly better with the removal of some crosswalks	The crosswalk at Park and Bridge needs to go or at least have crosswalk light. The tourists just keep slowly walking across slowing traffic onto and off of park creating congestion at the bridge. People should also utilize the cross under the bridge more
38	Mid block crosswalk between Clinton & Park Ave	Worse	Not allow left hand turns off Park Ave unto NB Bridge St. Also close off the parking spaces nearest the mid block crosswalk on NB & SB lanes to allow for better visibility of drivers for pedestrians.
39	Too many cross walks too many crossing haphazardly	Worse	Less cross walks. Enforcement against jay walkers
40	Jay walkers. And walking while cars are moving.	It has gotten worse. People on foot do not have any respect. Pushing strollers of kids out into traffic. The pedestrian traffic at Park Ave and 31 is so dangerous.	No crossings at the mid block. Changes at Park Ave. Foot traffic needs to go under the bridge. Bridge stop lights need to go back to previous colors. Very confusing.
41	Cars parked on both sides and people not using cross walks	Worse	Not close down the street for events and route traffic into the neighborhoods, also have a traffic light at park st and Antrim st to slow traffic down
42	Pedestrians don't look and walk in front of vehicles	Worse	Limit crosswalks, enforce jaywalking, remove middle block crosswalk as you cannot see pedestrians until you are right there, control crosswalk at the right turn after the bridge, limit festivals downtown and move some to other city locations that are safer for pedestrians.
43	Traffic flow	Worse	Remove the middle of the road cross walk by the French place. Have the pedestrians on a timer to walk at a certain time like they do in the bigger cities. This may help the flow of traffic
44	In the summer it gets extremely backed up and ppl can't cross the street because the traffic is non stop	Worse	Allow another street or different lights
45	1. Park Ave should better only coming off Bridge. No left turns off Park Ave. People are always trying to sneak into eight away. 2. Turn the flashing yellow lights off at the bridge. 3. At the stoplight so many turn left on to Clinton heading North. Need better signage. 4. The mid block crosswalk is just dumb. People turning off Clinton heading North speed up to only have to slam on their brakes at the crosswalk. 5. Make it an all 4 stop red light. Let all pedestrians cross at once.	worse..People use the turn lane as a passing lane	See above answers.
46	Too many cross walks or spots people are crossing	Worse	Different ways for pedestrians to cross without impeding traffic. Also all over town turning left out of any in town businesses is a nightmare. near dangerous or takes forever. This is a bigger concern for me than downtown honesty.
47	Pedestrians do whatever they want ,Cross wherever they want	All traffic has gotten worse in Charlevoix	More control over the pedestrians, stepping out into traffic
48	Traffic flow	Worse	Bring back 4 lanes in and out of town,

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49	During peak season pedestrians do not follow clearly posted rules and no accountability.	Gotten worse in recent years	Im not sure if larger signs for cross walks that arent at the lights, increased and actual foot patrol of law enforcement or traffic/crossing guards
50	Traffic backups due to a large number of pedestrian downtown during the various festivals and events the city of Charlevoix has.	Gotten worse	Crosswalks at traffic lights only, jaywalking enforcement, move the event to a less congested area.
51	The crosswalk in the middle of the block by cherry republic. You can't see the people until they are already in the road. Parked cars and even cars on the road block your view. Once there was a semi stopped for the light, I was headed north and the people just walked out behind the truck right in front of me. This crosswalk is dangerous and should be removed.	Gotten worse, the people just walk right out and don't even look.	Have the bridge only go up once per hour rather than every 30 minutes. The traffic just starts to clear and the bridge goes up again. At a minimum don't have it go up between 8 and 9, 12 and 1, 5 and 6. For the before work, lunch hour and after work traffic
52	Visitors, whether walking or driving, not paying attention to traffic or designated crosswalks.	Gotten worse as more visitors arrive, and events like Venetian Festival have gone from a weekend to a week long event.	Strict speed enforcement throughout the town on US31, have flashing signs at each crosswalk, eliminate one parking space on each side of crosswalks for better driver view.
53	Difficulty seeing pedestrians when walking through parked cars to cross the street	Gotten much worse	I think traffic should be rerouted through the summer months like what is done for the Venetian and Apple festivals
54	Poor visibility at crosswalks due to vehicles blocking view	The same	Pedestrians need to be held accountable for not following signs/ jaywalking
55	Too many crosswalks	Worse	Make crosswalk where there is a traffic light. Not between traffic lights.
56	Bridge goes up too often	Stayed the same	Reduce bridge to every hour or every other hour
57	Pedestrian crossing on the south side of the bridge. (Pedestrians shouldn't be allowed to cross there unless the bridge is up)	Worse.	They should never shut the road down for festivals. Farmers market should be on state street or elsewhere downtown
58	Lack of law enforcement stopping jaywalking and the mid block pedestrian crossing between Park Avenue and Clinton	It has gotten worse.	Remove the crosswalk between Park Avenue and Clinton. Have law enforcement stopping jaywalking jaywalkers.
59	Too many crosswalks, no jaywalking enforcement. On street parking blocks visibility	worse	route through traffic off 31 and treat the three block shopping area as a secondary passage
60	Mid block crosswalks-hard to see pedestrians and some walk out without looking.	Same.	
61	The huge backups in traffic and people not following crosswalk rules which also slows traffic and is dangerous	Worse	Enforcement for pedestrian walking, no Jay walking or crossing in-between designated crossing. Time the traffic lights in sink so not stopping as every light produces more congestion. The Bridge will also cause slow downs but the last 2-3 yrs it can take 40 mins to get thru 5 blocks of Charlevoix. The weekends of festivals are terrible. No parking, people walking in the streets, no police on Bridge directing traffic or monitoring pedestrians
62	Absolutely a chaotic mess both traffic and pedestrians. 3 questions couldn't possibly address this issue. Too many mid block cross walks including near bridge.	Gotten way worse and out of control	Eliminate crosswalks both sides of bridge, no left turns off park. During summer months have ambassadors at intersections. Move farmers market to Ferry beach. Stop closing streets for festivals. Too many to list
63	The lights, cross walk and pedestrians who have no clue	It's gotten worse	Police officers directing traffic. Flashing lights signaling pedestrians are crossing and knowing to only use those areas to cross
64	Mid block crossing	It's been the same since it was added	Mid block crossing removed
65	Pedestrian not seen very well. More people are going to get hit!	Gotten worse	Get rid of crosswalk lights and Park Avenue, or get rid of a couple of parking spots on either side of the crosswalk
66	Both! Pedestrian safety and the traffic flow challenges	About the same the last 7 years	I would LOVE to see flashing lights at the pedestrian crossings on 31 in town. I believe there are at least 3 that are truly hazardous as it is really hard to see people in the crosswalks due to parked cars and traffic. These are relatively simple fixes that could save lives
67	Traffic flow is terrible in summer. Cars backed up for hours	Gotten worse.	There were to underpasses by the bridge for pedestrians. Now they added cross walks which traffic has a hard time seeing. Make the foot traffic go under the bridge. Add another stoplight on bridge street.
68	Pedestrians crossing in areas not designated for this purpose.	Gotten worse	The one lane instead of two has caused traffic congestion to increase travel time exponentially during peak times

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69	Pedestrians using crosswalks and holding up traffic flow (turning traffic waiting and stopping flow)	Worse - busier now than prior years	A pedestrian scramble at Clinton / Bridge with an independent signal phase. Stop peds from crossing during other phases.
70	The crosswalk in front of Cherry Republic.	Gotten worse	It's difficult to see people in the crosswalk with cars parked along the street. Often you can't see people until you're almost in the crosswalk. Remove the parking spot just before crossing to improve this situation.
71	The bridge now working	A little bettwr	Police directing traffic at the Clinton intersection
72	Pedestrians crossing anywhere but the designated crosswalks	Worse	Make Bridge Street one-way, with State Street being the other way (honestly, this seems like an impossible problem to solve without a raised roadway, which no one will agree to due to aesthetics).
73	Entitled jaywalkers not paying attention and just walking out in traffic especially mid block.	Gotten worse.	Better signage for pedestrians. Ticketing jaywalkers, take out the cross walk mid block closest to the bridge. When large vehicles are parked you cannot see pedestrians entering that crosswalk.
74	Someone getting killed.	People do not treat it as a street with hazards. They just stroll out in front of cars like they are in a park.	More cautionary signage that alerts out of towers that jaywalking is a serious hazard.
75	No way to avoid downtown to get to work in Petoskey, no way to avoid having a gazillion pedestrians jaywalking downtown...	Worse since all the COVID-era permanent retiree relocations	Close two blocks downtown and make it a pedestrian wonderland, then route traffic a block behind
76	Pedestrian traffic just north and just south of town where people speed up to reclaim time	Better in town, worse on edges of town	Re route through traffic to state street
77	Too many people and vehicles for our size town. Bridge up every 1/2 hour contributes to congestion. Pedestrians not looking when they mosey across the streets. Need traffic policing presence downtown. Too many festivals downtown. I deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound and it's frightful to traverse the bridge 4 times trying to get to folks in a timely manner.	I've lived here 45 years and it's increasingly miserable. There are locals who are trying to get to work or appointments or pick up kids. Terrible.	Traffic policing downtown. Longer light at Clinton turning left onto 31. Less festivals and attractions.
78	Traffic congestion	Gotten worse	Reduced crosswalk or crosswalk signs that light up. The middle crosswalk between Clinton and Park backs up traffic
79	During festivals when Bridge St is closed, turn Antrim/State St intersection into a 4 way stop, Have east bound Park Ave traffic stop at State St. Have north bound State continue on to Park Ave. Then no stop sign at Park and Bridge. This is only for the Detour when Bridge St is shut down		Only a right turn off Park Ave onto Bridge St, get rid of the mid block pedestrian crossing. No parking on Bridge Street.
80	There is no flow. People walking out in front of you all the time. People almost getting hit. Big problems with jay walking and no consequences.	Worcester's	Start giving out tickets. Time the lights better. Don't put up the bridge every 30 minutes. Have a police officer give out tickets for people stopping traffic. It's not fair to people that live and work there.
81	Pedestrians cross at way too many points in a couple block area. The traffic cannot get thru because we are yielding every 10 feet where they should not even be crossing.	I believe it is worse as the Airbnb's build	Eliminate parking on the road so pedestrians don't think they can cross where their car is, but have to walk to a crosswalk and WAIT for a light to cross.
82	Too many crosswalks	Better with the removal of one crosswalk, but still too many	Remove crosswalk north of light and south of bridge
83	Someone is going to get seriously hurt	gotten worse	remove the crosswalk at the middle of bridge street by cherry republic and the french place
84	The short light on Clinton street	Worse with more traffic	Eliminate parking spaces immediately north and south of crosswalk (4total)to VanPelt Mercado.
85	The newer crosswalk right after the light downtown.	Definitely gotten worse	Pedestrians need to pay better attention, not walk out in front of cars and be cited for j-walking. Way too many j-walkers.
86	Traffic backed up for miles on Bridge street. Too many pedestrians cross walks. Take away non light cross walks so cars don't have to stop so much. Keep traffic moving!!	Getting worse	Have pedestrians cross with the traffic lights only. Take away all other cross walks. During peek times in the summer, open the bridge on the hour only.

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87	Crosswalks	Worse	No blocking of street parking for festivals or street closure for festivals. Enforce crossing at crosswalks and reduce the number of crosswalks
88	Low visibility of pedestrians at non light crosswalk. Crosswalks should be by lights only	Far worse	Crosswalks only at the lights
89	Summer traffic crawls through town due to poor crosswalk and light system	Worse	Reduce the number of pedestrian crosswalks or put lights so pedestrians have to wait/cross in groups instead of continually crossing a few at a time while traffic holds. The mid block crosswalks are unnecessary, poorly marked with no overhead signage, blocked from vehicle view by close parking spaces and bumper to bumper traffic. This is only a summer issue.
90	Lack of pedestrian crossings between downtown and the M-66 light.	Same.	Sensor triggered traffic light. Consider pedestrian crossing light for mid-block and/or south bridge crossing.
91	Stupid Tourists J-Walking	Worse	Cops ticketing J-Walkers
92	There's an excessive amount of crosswalks on US 31.	Slightly improved when they took the crosswalk out at Clinton St. and US 31.	Reduce the number of pedestrian crosswalks on US 31.
93	Traffic flow is terrible because of random pedestrian crossings	Stayed the same	Have pedestrians crossing at traffic lights only
94	Too many pedestrian crossing spots. Particularly closest to the bridge by turn lanes.	Worsened with I increasing traffic and pedestrians	Fewer pedestrian crossing spots. At the very least, remove the crossing on the south side of the bridge.
95	People cross the hwy wherever and whenever they feel like. They will just walk right out in front of vehicles, and city pd does nothing at all about it.	Worse	Have the city pd start taking charge and do their job.
96	Traffic Flow	Gotten much much worse	Move the various summer markets to another area of the city not in the center city park area further from bridge/downtown traffic. Take out all the extraneous mid block crossings. Have pedestrians go with the lights. No jaywalking
97	Congestion and traffic diversions due to numerous festivals and events held in East Park make north/south travel on US-31 a nightmare.	Worse!!	Stop approving disruptions to a major transportation route. The city needs to find another place to hold all these events. This would improve pedestrian safety, lessen instances of aggressive driving and allow traffic to flow without the ridiculous delays that happen over and over again throughout the summer.
98	The pedestrian crossing by Cherry republic and the bridge. People walk right out and not look in all areas especially those two. Visibility is very bad there. Only handicap crossing at the bridge if they can't use the stairs to go underneath.	Gotten worse. Big trucks, horse trailers cannot stop in time by Cherry republic crossing. Nearly impossible when pedestrians don't look but walk right out in the road	Get rid of mid cross walk, handicap crossing only by bridge on the street and make people walk under the bridge. Bring back the cross walk on all side by the light downtown.
99	Traffic flow is non-existent in the summer. It takes an hour or longer to get thru our tiny town in the summer months.	It's been much, much worse since the changes	The mid-block crosswalk needs to go, and there should be a dedicated time for pedestrians to cross at the light downtown without any green lights so traffic turning onto bridge street isn't further impeded.
100	Near misses in crosswalks. Need lights when people enter	Worse	The type of crosswalks where lights flash when someone enters
101	Pedestrians jaywalking anyplace in the downtown area, especially between parked cars. It is hard to see them until they are in the roadway and they are unexpected.	This year I've seen more people jaywalking than in the last 14 years. Sometimes during one trip through town a driver will encounter this in over 3-4 spots.	Charlevoix has worked hard to provide enough crosswalks, it might be that ticketing or installing an attractive fencing along no crossing areas are the only options.
102	Pedestrians cross where it is clearly marked "this is not a crosswalk" when cars line bridge st, it is hard to see the pedestrians waiting to cross. Many assume they are seen and walk out in front of traffic. Even at slow rates of speed the fear of hitting a pedestrian keeps me from visiting the town I am a resident of. The inability to avoid traffic during summer events and festivals keeps many locals out of town entirely.	Since the removal of a couple crossing areas jaywalking has gotten far worse, tourists claim to not know about the existing crosswalks that are appropriate to use. The visibility of pedestrians is impossible behind parked cars which increases fear of hitting a jaywalking pedestrian	I would like there to be lights above crosswalks that flash when there is someone waiting to cross. Overhead lights and cross buttons would make the crosswalks far more clear. Since the removal of a couple of intersection crossing areas, jaywalking has gotten much worse because tourists don't know where it is appropriate to cross

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103	My biggest concern is that pedestrians have far too many uncontrolled opportunities to cross US-31, and those frequent stop-and-go interruptions bring traffic to a standstill. Charlevoix is a tourist town, but pedestrians shouldn't completely dictate the flow of one of the state's major north-south corridors. With the bridge already going up every 30 minutes, traffic is constantly stopped. Add in the current network of mid-block crosswalks where anyone can step out at any time, and it creates a situation where it regularly takes 45+ minutes to get through town during peak season. The system wasn't designed for this volume, and the pedestrian priority setup makes it worse.	It has absolutely gotten worse. Since the redesign that reduced US-31 from four lanes down to two with a center turn lane, traffic flow has slowed dramatically. That change removed functional capacity without solving any real problem. The added mid-block crosswalks and the lack of coordinated pedestrian signals have created a nonstop stop-and-go pattern. Drivers sit longer, the bridge backups stretch further, and jaywalking is more common because enforcement is nonexistent. The current layout slows everyone down more than anything we dealt with pre-COVID.	We need fewer mid-block crosswalks, and every remaining one should be tied directly to the main traffic signals so pedestrians cross in a controlled window—not whenever they feel like it. Continuous, individual pedestrian stops cripple the entire corridor, especially with the bridge schedule. Traffic lights and pedestrian signals need to work together instead of competing with each other. Second, the road should return to four lanes. The center-lane conversion took away capacity that the town actually needed and hasn't provided any meaningful benefit. The volume of turning traffic never justified removing two lanes, and the result has been slower movement, longer queues, and more frustration for both locals and visitors. Finally, jaywalking needs to be enforced. If we want safety and flow, pedestrians can't have a free-for-all. Charlevoix can still be walkable without bringing US-31 to a crawl all summer.
104	The amount of people crossing the road all Willy nilly	Become so much worse and more dangerous with the mid block cross walk. Also the issue of people turning left out of park ave onto bridge. They will block traffic and force their way in	Remove mid block cross walk. Increase police presence to ticket people who aren't using cross walk. Change MI law to protect drivers if pedestrians are just going to walk out into traffic as if they are the one who belong in the roadway and no one else. Make park ave a no left turn intersection or give it a light with ped crossing lights. Stop closing the state highway for every event. Applefest should not need the road closed and if the road is closed, pay someone to stand on park and bridge to control ped crossing and improve traffic flow. Massive issue
105	Too many crosswalks. Also the light at Clinton needs to be longer for turning north onto Bridge St. Noryh and south bound have like a 3 minute window while turning left from Clinton street north onto Bridge St is only 30 second! This creates backup on Clinton and Stare Street.	Worse	Less crosswalks. More light time on Clinton turning north on Bridge St
106	The closing of bridge street during peak season weekends and the congestion and disruption of business that ensues.	Worse	Please do not close bridge street during peak season
107	Takes to long through get through town. Vehicles trying to get out thought park street	Worse	Eliminate the walk way near Cherry Republic and the book store
108	The bridge adds to unaware driver's, (visitors) frustration and they are agitated, mean, verbal and gestive. They fly thru the crosswalks. The are dangerous.	This has gotten much worse. The crosswalks added after changing the lane usage and its just a mess for such a beautiful town.	Put a tunnel in and get rid of the bridge. Widen the road back to two lanes each way if possible and only let pedestrians cross at the lights.
109	Bridge schedule	Same	Bridge opening on a less frequent basis
110	Safety of pedestrians, length of traffic lines on 31	Gotten worse	Get rid of the crosswalk in the middle of downtown and only have them at the lights. There are two downtown so no need for the extra crosswalk between the lights. Have a set period where people just walk and no traffic is moving, including right on red.crosswalk. maybe signs around town reminding pedestrians to only cross at crosswalks.
111	You can't see the pedestrian that uses the mid block crosswalk during heavy traffic. I almost hit someone who stepped out in front of me from behind the vehicle that was in the opposite lane.	Worse.	Control pedestrians at Park Ave. They back up southbound traffic turning onto Park Ave.
112	Significant delays in traffic movement during peak tourist months. It can take 45 mins just get through town.	Definitely worse between visitors, traffic flow and bridge constantly going up.	Back to four lanes and lighted flashing well marked pedestrian crossings. Bridge lift delays. Local police enforcing jaywalking.

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113	Too many uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on US-31 create constant stop-and-go traffic, especially with the bridge lifting every 30 minutes. During peak season it can take 45+ minutes to get through town. The corridor wasn't designed for this volume, and the current pedestrian-priority setup makes it worse.	It has gotten worse. The shift from four lanes to two slowed traffic significantly, and added mid-block crosswalks with no signal coordination create nonstop interruptions and longer backups than before.	Reduce mid-block crosswalks and coordinate remaining ones with traffic signals. Restore US-31 to four lanes to regain needed capacity. Enforce jaywalking so pedestrian movement is safe and predictable without crippling traffic flow.
114	safety	gotten worse	less crosswalks and only crosswalks where there are electronic signals in downtown. No more parallel parking on Bridge Street. The pedestrian yield signs encourage pedestrians to walk out in front of cars. No left turns in downtown.
115	Take crosswalks out close to bridge. There is a way get across underneath. Someone's going to get hit.	Gotten worse since all the unnecessary crosswalks. I like crosswalks but not by bridge	Change a couple crosswalks. Don't close main St during big events.
116	Pedestrian crossing in the middle of the block.	Stayed the same.	Flashing lights, that the pedestrian must push, to alert traffic someone is attempting to cross. They are all over Ft Lauderdale and very effective.
117	Traffic often gets backed up past the airport on the south side, and backed up past the north side Krist gas station. For pedestrian safety, they are too hard to see within the crosswalks because of the cars parked on bridge street. Even though they've added some crosswalks, pedestrians still often jaywalk, or just run out, making drivers slam their breaks.	Gotten worse.	The bridge shouldn't go up every half hour. Reducing it to every hour would help backed up traffic. Removing a parking spot before and after each crosswalk would help with pedestrian visibility. Having police patrol bridge street and actively ticket jaywalkers might persuade pedestrians to use crosswalks.
118	The new mid block crosswalk by The French Place	Gotten worse	Take out this crosswalk - cannot see pedestrians crossing there with oncoming traffic
119	The bridge is supposed to open on the hour, and the half-hour only, unless there is an urgent need to open it for the Coast Guard. The local population plans its travel on precisely-timed openings. However, the bridge is being opened for private and commercial boats outside of regular hours. These non-emergency vessels need to wait for the scheduled openings -- including the Beaver Island Ferry -- to decrease bottlenecks aggravated by local travel mixed with commercial and tourist travel closer to the quarter hours when the bridge is not supposed to be open.	It has worsened with entitled, large sailboat owners, and commercial interests. One example being a contracted dredging company passing through daily, for months, on the quarter hour. The boat arrived consistently at the same time, which means they could have begun their commute 15 minutes sooner or later everyday to arrive at the bridge on the hour, or half-hour.	Adherence to the bridge-opening schedule.
120	Besides pedestrians not using the crosswalks, it's difficult to see those who do use the crosswalks - heavy traffic, parked cars, etc.	Gotten worse. Pedestrians don't pay attention or are too lazy to walk to a cross walk. Too many near misses.	I'm not sure but there has got to be a better way to keep people safe. Ann Arbor has flashing lights when people are in the crosswalk, would be a great addition in Cvx.
121	Traffic flow	Worse	Reroute down statstreet
122	Traffic flow	Worse	Back to 4 lanes
123	Pedestrian crossing at all areas other than the light. Directly north and south at the bridge, Van Pelt alley, Mason St, Antrim St. these are not regulated by lights, only at the whim of pedestrians.	This has gotten worse as the summer population of visitors has increased. There is NO FOOT traffic control offered by the local police.	A timed pedestrian crossing. With visible flashing lights for vehicles. A "walker helper" so to speak, like what is at Clinton St. these removal of crossing on the northside of Clinton helped with flow but Van Pelt Alley crossing stops traffic completely and is not visible. Reduce parking on both sides of this crossing as well. Bicycle traffic is also a concern. Between the heavy vehicle traffic and walking traffic, bicycles pose additional safety risk. They often take to the very crowded sidewalks, which is against a city ordinance, which is not enforced. When the road is closed for festivals the snarl at Park Ave is not safe. For Pedestrians and vehicles.
124	Pedestrians on Park Avenue/ mid town cross walk	Worsened	A pedestrian light/ tickets for jay walking
125	people not paying attention, vendors on the main street	same if not worse	set up vendors on the side streets see less congestion on the main road

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126	Pedestrians not using crosswalks; visibility	Seems worse	Police presence
127	The people crossing the road never look at the traffic. The group of people will cross the road while texting and talking and never look up at cars.	It has gotten a lot worse!	A big help would be to stop doing their events downtown where the traffic has to drive through the middle of it! Move the events outside of downtown. Change bridge times to ¼ after the hour and ¼ before the hour to miss the majority of traffic going to lunch and leaving work?
128	The bridge and the crosswalk in the middle of the road. You can't see the pedestrians until the last minute.	Definitely gotten worse.	Move the bridge. Maybe back to where it was years ago.
129	Hitting a pedestrian	Gotten much worse!	1. Do away with parallel parking. That only creates more delay and you can't see pedestrians darting out between cars. 2. Reduce the number of pedestrian crossings. 3. Get rid of the traffic signal. 4. Move the Thursday farmers market to another location.
130	Both traffic flow and pedestrian safety are a failure during the spring through fall season	This has gotten worse with the changing traffic lanes and addition of the mid block crosswalk. Visibility of pedestrians is poor, and pedestrians and motorists ignore laws. Accidents feel inevitable, friction of residents grows, and solutions have not been presented.	Remove the mid block crosswalk or add a crosswalk light and time it in accordance to the bascule bridge and adjacent intersection light. Add light indicators for motorists or walk / do not walk signs for pedestrians at all crosswalks from the north end of the bridge to Antrim street. Improve signage directing pedestrians to the under bridge walkway.
131	Jaywalkers never using crosswalks	Worse	Police to ticket jaywalkers. Nothing will change unless people are punished and not the locals
132	No pedestrians enforcement	Gotten worse	1or 2 crossings. And Enforcement!
133	Pedestrian safety... they are NOT too concerned, being in "vacation mode" and often step out into traffic without watching where they're going	Much worse... so many more pedestrians and much more traffic funnelling through the downtown area	Remove the mid-block pedestrian crosswalk near Kilwin's and ColorEear
134	Pedestrians don't follow the rules and it is often so congested that it's hard to see them darting from between cars and jaywalking locations. They are often oblivious and make for very dangerous situations.	It has gotten worse.	I'm not even sure. It honestly seemed better with 4 lanes. Removing the random crosswalk at the alley might help because it's so hard to see pedestrians darting out right there with parking all along the street.
135	Cars pulling out of side streets into heavy traffic, not waiting and "creeping" out to create their own opening	Way worse	Park Street should be a one way heading west towards the lighthouse and hospital
136	Traffic flow. It now backs up to M66.	Worse	Stop closing US 31 for functions in Charlevoix.
137	Cross walk on US31 just north of Clinton St. backs up traffic on US31 and State St going to Clinton St. resulting in blocked intersection at 31 and Clinton	Worse with increased tourists and no enforcement of using cross walks	Make it more clear with signage that pedestrians can walk under bridge to go to other side of street, no need to use or have cross walk. Use street corners for pedestrian crossing not more cross walks in middle of street that encourages jay walking
138	Location of crosswalks	Worsen over the years	Maybe remove one of the crosswalk.
139	First, we taint everyone's enjoyment of the area with our traffic. Second, a pedestrian is going to die. We make cars wait for hours but don't enforce pedestrian rules.	It's a little better after removing the northern cross walks but the mid-block and bridge cross walks are a nightmare. They still back up traffic turning onto 31 and going north and south.	Pedestrian cross walks that light so pedestrians have to wait until they are on to cross. Time them with lights so there is some logic. It would be helpful if the police would get out on foot and direct traffic when the area is overrun with cars. Just stop pedestrians so traffic can clear. They do it in cities and around college campuses at high traffic times. It would illustrate order and courtesy. You could hope it would stick.
140	Traffic could move better	Stayed the same	Less crosswalks near bridge. More crosswalks outside of downtown
141	Vehicles turning left or right off of Park Ave. onto Bridge St.	Gotten worse.	Make the first block of Park Ave. one way heading East to State St.. Eliminating left and right turns off of Park onto Bridge would reduce that bottleneck significantly.
142	The flowers boxes have lessened but not stopped way too many people from crossing the north side of the Clinton St intersection. They greatly delay vehicles making a right turn.	It is better.	I have seen other towns put up additional barriers, such as a chain blocking the way.

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143	Pedestrians jaywalking or walking at designated areas without looking to ensure traffic has stopped prior to their walking across US-31	With the amount of traffic that goes through town I believe it's gotten worse.	No left turns on Park Avenue to US31. Traffic light changes to coincide with bridge opening.
144	Poor timing of the traffic lights	seems like it's worse. MDOT needs to time the lights to keep traffic flowing	time the traffic lights properly
145	<p>Pedestrians do not look before they cross the street, there are 12 crosswalks in Downtown but folks tend not to use them especially if they parked across from where they want to go. It impedes traffic flow and increases pedestrian safety. The "yield to pedestrians" signs are also dangerous, drivers just randomly brake when they see a person on side of road, not even in the crosswalk. The newly installed crosswalk by Van Pelt Alley is TOTALLY unnecessary! Parking in the area blocks the pedestrian and driver visibility as well as impedes traffic flow for the same reasons mentioned before. That crosswalk needs to go away. The lane diet was a total disaster, traffic backs up all the way to the Ford car dealership due to the bridge and inability to around cars making turns. With that in mind, downtown should not have any street parking, and make it 4 lanes all the way through.</p>	SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE	<p>Eliminate the Van Pelt Alley crosswalk, eliminate the center turn lane, bring back 4 lanes, eliminate street parking downtown, replace "yield to pedestrians" signs with "look both ways and wait for traffic to clear before crossing the street" signs. Include that message in all the Visitor media (newsletters, social, TV commercials, ads, Hotel welcome packets, etc.) "Charlevoix is a Beautiful town, please be courteous to those who keep Charlevoix beautiful.</p>
146	People who cross the road from any point along the road. Stepping out from between parked cars.	Maybe slightly	Sorry, wish I knew. It comes down to changing human behavior which is hard todo when people think they don't have to follow the rules.
147	Visibility, can't see pedestrians between parked cars or entering the crosswalk mid-street between Clinton and Park on Bridge St.	Worse	Being able to turn left at the light on Clinton and Bridge going north makes more logical sense for people not familiar with a town (tourists). Many areas you go to a light to turn left.
148	No accidents	Improved	Bigger lighted pedestrian crossing signs that tell motorists to stop
149	<p>Can't see pedestrians until they stop into my lane. Some are pushing strollers in front which I can't see. Some run and ride bikes without stopping at crosswalks and looking. Plus they cross as 1 & 2's and don't wait for a grou to cross. This is a traffic flow and safety issue I've experienced multiple near misses on all issues listed.</p>	Gotten worse. Plus once the signs are removed in the fall pedestrians behave as if they were still there.	<p>Step 1. For safety, eliminate the first street parking spot before and after each crossing, excluding the traffic light crossing. Vehicles parked in these spots create blind spots for drivers. This is a no cost fix to start and easy to implement. Let step 1 work. Step 2, if additional safety and traffic flow, place a crossing guard at critical crosswalks (Villager Pub, Vue Wine Bar, and Tap Room). Role would be to group pedestrians for group crossing. This could be staffed with school crossing guards, city employees not fit to do their regular job, and community volunteers. Easy to implement and manage at a minor cost.</p>
150	Pedestrian safety from July 1-Sept 30	Gotten worse	Bridge street and State Street one way streets in the opposite directions. Better signage and flashing lights on crosswalks- especially the one near Hoopskirt alley.
151	Pedestrians stepping out into traffic.	Worse. Particularly with the mid block cross walk. Totally unexpected by drivers. And unnecessary	Cross walks at lights only

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152	Jaywalking vacationers. But a close second is people who pop out on to the crosswalk in front of Cherry Republic. The nearest parking spaces on both sides of that crosswalk need to be removed, as they mask the presence of crossers until they are out in the road. This is amplified by so many summer vehicles being large SUVs with tinted windows. This would be an EASY FIX!	Worse. People just walk where they will. People using crosswalks don't even look at oncoming traffic. Parking spaces on either side of a crosswalk need to be removed to give drivers a better view of people with INTENT to cross.	See above for people control and parking issues. Traffic flow would be greatly improved by requiring all NON-EMERGENCY bridge openings to conform to the half hour rule. Too much commercial traffic requires the bridge to open off-cycle.
153	Slow vehicle traffic and pedestrians dodging in front of vehicles	It has gotten worse	Designated pedestrian crossing, so as not to cross whenever they want.
154	pedestrians using crosswalks without regard for traffic.	worse with the new midblock crossing	eliminate parking on both sides of midblock crossing so drivers can see pedestrians better
155	Mid block crosswalk, no visibility for drivers to see pedestrians. Parked SUV s and vans block sight lines	Worse, State wide publicity that pedestrians have the right of way has emboldened Walkers to step into traffic. Even when traveling below the speed limit No time for drivers to react, must slam on brakes	Pedestrian crosswalk lights on Park Ave at Bridge St. major issue went Southbound on Bridge trying to turn right onto ParkAve
156	Too many crosswalks. Eliminate mid block crosswalk. Can not see walkers due to parked cars.	Gotten worse every year. Traffic issues due to too many bridge openings. Need 1 way traffic or no parking on bridge street.	Get rid of mid block crosswalk. Route southbound traffic on to park ave & state st. Change bridge opening to 1 per hour except in bad weather. Decrease the number of festivals that plug up the town.
157	They should cross at corners only. Not mid street even with signs	Gotten worse and people climb over planters and cross where they should not cross now. Even though corner crossing is normal	Move us 31 to state street. Corner crossing only. One more stop light at park street
158	with such poor visibility at the crossings, drivers don't have time to yield. Pedestrians don't use the crosswalks or just step out without looking.	gotten worse	go back to having the crosswalks at the traffic light. Only in Charlevoix are you not allowed to cross at the light as we were taught a children.
159	too many crosswalks too close together	gotten worse	restore 4 lanes on Bridge St and install the blinking lights at crosswalks
160	Pedestrians do not use the crosswalks. They walk out from in-between cars and don't look. Also they do not look when they are in the crosswalks. They just start walking and expect vehicles to just be able to stop on a dime. Pedestrians believe they are entitled and expect everyone and everything to cater to them. They do no take responsibility for their own safety and when they get hurt it is everyone else's fault and problem.	It has gotten way worse over the years. The one cross walk on the north side of US 31 & Clinton St was "shut down" and flower boxes installed to discourage pedestrians from using the area to cross US 31 and they still use the area. I have been yelled at by pedestrians for not stopping for them and/or nearly hitting them. It was closed to improve traffic flow and it still is a problem.	The crosswalk that allows for pedestrians to cross US 31 between Clinton and Park streets needs to go away. It still impedes traffic flow. Crosswalk on the southern side of Clinton and US 31 needs to be enforced and the use of the "Pedestrian signals" used and adhered to. The crosswalks at Mason and US 31 need to be decreased to either the north side or south side, not both. Also there needs to be the "Pedestrian lights" installed and enforced there. No left turns at all for vehicle traffic at Clinton and Mason from US 31. Possible installation of a traffic light at Antrim and US 31.
161	No pedestrian crossing on either side of bridge	Worse	Have pedestrian cross under bridge

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162	The crosswalk midway between Clinton St. and Park St. Visibility of pedestrians is horrible because cars are allowed to park right up to the crosswalk. If the vehicles are high profile like trucks or SUV's it is impossible to see the crosswalk ends. It did not facilitate the movement of traffic when the crosswalk was taken out on the north side of the Bridge/ Clinton. intersection. The slowdown just happens midway up the block.	It got significantly worse when the crosswalk was put in mid way in the block between Clinton and Park. The population in Charlevoix in the summer is from EVERYWHERE and that contributes to the problem.	Get rid of the crosswalk midway in the block between Clinton and Park of take away 4 parking spots, two on either side of the walkway. I think taking it out is the better option. It's only a half block to the crosswalk at the light.
163	Drivers stopping for pedestrians who haven't yet entered the crosswalk and do not have the right of way. This creates an unnecessary, and illegal, impedance of traffic on a US highway.	It has gotten worse as tourism has risen.	I would like to see more strict enforcement of pedestrians waiting for safe gaps in traffic, and drivers not stopping unless they're immediately at risk of hitting a pedestrian.
164	The bridge being shut down during peak season.		
165	Too many crosswalks and especially the mid block crosswalk between Park Avenue and Clinton	It has gotten worse	Eliminate mid block crosswalk. 7 cross walks are too many in 4 blocks.
166	The amount of time it takes to get through downtown in the summer months is unacceptable. There should no longer be the rule that drivers have to give right of way to walkers. Most of the drivers are heading to work, not on vacation taking their sweet time.	100% gotten worse.	Add more lanes to the road. Taking out the additional lanes on the north side of town was the absolute worst idea possible.
167	The mid block crosswalk, it's one car one pedestrian frequently and really plugs up town especially after the bridge has been up.	Gotten worse	The midblock crosswalk removed. Possibly lights on the crosswalks south of the main light, and some enforcement for pedestrians.
168	No management of pedestrians crossing which affects traffic flow	Worse	Control of vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic with more walk/no walk signs. Coordination of traffic signals with cross walk signals. Because it is so difficult to see pedestrians walking between parked vehicles at VanPelt, current yield does not work for pedestrian safety and traffic flow. Need controlled cross walks and vehicle stops to keep pedestrians safe.
169	Poor traffic flow, resulting in extreme traffic delays. This is related to a number of factors highlighted by the consultant in 2021. It is also related to the safety of pedestrians. When the bridge is down, drivers have a limited amount of time (25 minutes, maybe) to clear the backlog of traffic attempting to get to the north side, and vice-versa, though the southern traffic doesn't seem to be as severe as the traffic going north. When traffic is able to flow over the bridge, it is stymied by jaywalking and other pedestrian traffic halting the flow. It is a bit absurd that our traffic flow is as bad as NYC during the summer months.	It has gotten worse from my perspective.	My recommendation would be to make Bridge St a One Way street going North, and State Street a One Way going south, convening at Park Street on the south side of the bridge, and joining back together at Hurlbut or Upright on the top of the hill south of downtown. This would allow for two lanes of traffic across the bridge in both directions. I would also encourage the Police department to enforce jaywalking rules to ensure pedestrians use the crosswalks, and hopefully the light at Clinton to cross. We also have a path below the bridge to cross safely and reduce vehicle/pedestrian conflict.
170	Jaywalking	Worse	Enforcement
171	Traffic back up	Worse	Use center turn lane as a flexible, timed, traffic lane. We see backups to the airport in summer!
172	The motorist not respected the pedestrians - there is a real fear that cars won't stop. The crosswalk mid-block is blocked by parked cars for pedestrians and motorists can't see pedestrians ready to walk. Real blindspot.	It has gotten worse. Please bring back the crosswalk that is currently blocked by flowers and get rid of the mid block crosswalk.	Why can't the bridge go up every hour instead of 30 minutes? Sometimes traffic is backed up to wait for one boat.

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173	The placement of some of the pedestrian crossings is hard to see if someone is standing there or just about to cross. I'm afraid someone is going to be walking out and I won't see them. The specific spot is right downtown just before the bridge	Gotten worse	To have pedestrians cross at the lights, people will also cross not on a cross walk and that is dangerous too as it's hard to see someone before they come into the road to cross and someone is going to get hit.
174	Having the bridge go up every half hour makes efficient travel through town almost impossible. It takes over 30 minutes to drive less than 5 miles sometimes in the summer. Additionally, there is only one intersection where there are crosswalk lights. We need more of those to keep pedestrians from crossing the road whenever they want. It severely impedes traffic when people cross at any time and sometimes don't look before they do.	It only gets worse as more people come to town each year and more festivals are introduced which literally shut down the highway flooding the back streets and making it hard to get through town.	After the bridge goes up there should be a length of time that the downtown light stays green going north/southbound on the highway and all side streets and pedestrians remain in place until a majority of the backed up traffic along the highway moves through town. Additionally, there should be more crosswalk lights so pedestrians can't cross streets whenever they want. It impedes the already tenuous flow of traffic.
175	Can't see pedestrians crossing at alley.	Worse.	Barricade pedestrians at Clinton.
176	Slow & dangerous. No policing of jaywalkers, etc	No. The addition of 4 crosswalks has just intensified the problem. Now people cross anywhere.	Eliminate crosswalks and ENFORCEMENT
177	Traffic backups, hitting a pedestrian, people who don't follow rules of the road, changing stop signs(messing with traffic flow	I appreciate the changes that have been made but pedestrians are worse. No thoughtfulness as far as hustling across the road, combing with other peds to shorten car wait times. And pedestrian visibility is still not good	Traffic flows north on 31, south on state street year round. Permanent stop on Antrim at State St.
178	Too many cross walks	Worse	Less cross walks and the bridge every hour instead of half hour
179	Traffic is abysmal. Pedestrians don't pay attention when crossing or take their time while traffic is waiting to look at the buildings and boats. The bridge is up too often and it takes 35-45 minutes to get through town. Too much traffic from side streets trying to avoid traffic downtown gets funneled to the same spot.	Gotten MUCH worse over recent years.	The festivals and farmer's markets should be moved the side streets to not block the highway. All pedestrian crosswalks should have a light so they can't just cross whenever they want. Take out the pedestrian crosswalk that's narrow in the middle of the block because parked cars block sight views and pedestrians almost get hit there often.
180	too many pedestrian traffic crossings, especially mid-block	Worse.	Reduce number of pedestrian crossings between Mason and the bridge.
181	The cross walk coming out of the alley in the middle of town. Sometimes cannot see people.	Worse	Traffic flow. Maybe have the stop light censored based on traffic flow. The blinking yellow lights on the bridge are silly. Go back to the green, yellow and red.
182	inability to see people waiting in the crosswalk	worse as more people come to town	lights/notification when someone wants to cross in the crosswalk
183	Pedestrian safety	It has worsened.	Not sure of a solution. Maybe more traffic signals.
184	Takes too long to get thru town due to pedestrians crossing the street. We have 6 crosswalks and they pop out between cars and jaywalking also. They disregard the light and the bridge, they stand and gawk at bridge when up then all start crossing when the cars can finally go. Grrrrr	So much worse	I really don't see how you can...move the festivals off main street.....get rid of crosswalk from alley in middle of street!
185	Idiots who don't know or care what the solid red hand means at the crosswalk, idiots who don't use one of the too many crosswalks	Worse	get rid of the Luther Lane crosswalk

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186	Inattentive pedestrians, jaywalking, slow walking. Excessive traffic backups, lack of workable alternative traffic patterns.	It is worse because of more festivals and events along with increased number of visitors.	Ban Charlevoix from approving East Park as an event venue because of interruptions to orderly traffic flow on a major north and south transportation route.
187	Having pedestrians cross at the designated crossing	Pedestrians pay less attention walk out in front of a car and increased jaywalking	Mid block pedestrian crossing on the second and third blocks going south from the bridge. Not just at the end of the blocks
188	Drivers turning left (north) off of Park Street	Gotten much worse	Make Park Street a one-way street
189	The crosswalks every few feet are scary. Here's a thought. Pedestrians walking out from behind cars is scary. I try to avoid driving downtown when it's busy. You need to get rid of the crosswalks every few feet.	It's worse. I get anxiety driving through town in fear of hitting someone.	Less cross walks. Foot traffic near bridge Cross under the bridge. It's a resort town. It will be busy. It will be congested. The bridge has to go up. The only thing that scares me are the pedestrians.
190	too many pedestrian right of way cross walks!	worse since they were installed several years ago	fewer pedestrian cross walks, especially at bridge heading north.
191	It is so hard to make a left hand turn onto M-31. Even when driving outside of the downtown area, it feels dangerous and difficult to pull out onto M-31.	Gotten worse. Traffic volume has corresponded with our increasing population volume.	We could use stronger entry points onto M-31. e.g. traffic lights, roundabouts.
192	Traffic gets really snarled. I would route traffic down state st instead of 31	Same	Limit pedestrian crossings.
193	There isn't anything preventing pedestrians from crossing whenever they want to	stayed the same	While the designated crosswalks have helped, during peak times, if the crosswalks synced to cross when the lights were red and traffic was slower/stopped I think this would help tremendously. Too often you still have to stop or drive cautiously due to the possibility of pedestrians. If timed crosswalks aren't an option, at a minimum a button should be pressed to alert oncoming traffic that someone is entering the walkway.
194	Extremely slow and unsafe traffic flow due to pedestrians jaywalking and the placement of the midblock crosswalk. Pedestrians just walk in the road without looking, expecting traffic to stop. IT IS A HIGHWAY!	Gotten much worse	Crosswalks ONLY at traffic light. Could consider additional traffic light. But traffic lights need to have timing to promote traffic flow related to bridge openings. Traffic backs up way too much. Police officer on foot to issue pedestrians tickets for infractions, I don't care if it offends the tourists. It's better than getting hit or killed by a vehicle.
195	The pedestrian crossing at van Pelt alley	Same	I would love to see a pedestrian sign light up when someone is using that crosswalk. You can't see around the parked cars so having some notification of people in the crosswalk would keep people safe and also keep drivers more confident.
196	Jaywalkers and parking spots blocking crosswalk visibility	Stayed the same	Removing the parking spots that blocking views of crosswalks, especially the one by Van Pelt
197	Too many	Much worse	Find a way for traffic and people to bypass Charlevoix
198	Pedestrians walk out in front of you. not using cross walks. It's scary.	It has gotten worse in the summer and fall. They need Police on bikes or Segways.	More Police downtown.
199	Vehicles yielding to pedestrians and being able to see them	Stayed the same	Additional traffic lights in the downtown area that are timed
200	Traffic backups due to bridge being up	Much, much worse in recent years due to more traffic and the removal of a line on the south side of US31.	Limit the bridge's lift time to maybe once an hour instead of every 1/2 hour and perhaps limit the bridges up time to 10-15 mins max.
201	The mid way crosswalk that was installed a few years ago. With parking and opposing traffic you can see when people are starting to cross	The same	Take out this crosswalk and leave the crosswalk on opposing sides of town
202	People crossing the road without looking or waiting for traffic to clear.	Worse	Less Crosswalks, and ticketing for jaywalkers.

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203	Too many crosswalk options for pedestrians	Much worse	Pedestrians should only cross at intersections. The blocks are short enough that traffic cannot stop every 10 feet for another crosswalk. It is very unsafe and inefficient for drivers, leading to poor driving and high risk. Crossing at intersections supports both traffic flow and pedestrian safety. It would be safer to have longer stop light breaks than it is to have individual pedestrian crossings that give the timing to individuals who never walk in a group and sometimes will cycle an entire stoplight with their crossing in numbers
204	The Bridge	Worse	Long term solution for the bridge
205	2 areas: despite the elimination people still cross at the north side of the stoplight and the mid block cross walk at van pelt alley is not safe	Worse	Better more obvious way to stop people from crossing on the north side at the light. Eliminate the mid block crosswalk.
206	Cannot adequately see pedestrians with parked cars on street.	Seems somewhat worse with more and larger commercial traffic. Also bikes, ebikes and scooters have added to congestion with some using roadways and some using sidewalks without following all appropriate traffic laws.	More available parking off of US 31 that doesn't negatively impact residential property owners. Perhaps limiting parking on US 31 during busy tourist season to improve pedestrian visibility. Consistent enforcement of pedestrian crosswalks rules for both vehicles including cars, bikes, ebikes, scooters and pedestrians. Parking in general is problematic with houses especially rentals not being required to provide adequate or in some cases any on-site parking spaces. Property owners should be required to have minimal adequate parking.
207	Too many pedestrian crosswalks coupled with jaywalking.	Each year gets worse	Eliminate on street parking between the bridge and Antrim street.
208	One lane makes backups wat too long so locals hit backroads and drive too fast	Worse	Sidewalk mid block is dangerous Traffic turning has to quickly stop and it's difficult to see No crossing at light on one side is not adhered to by pedestrians
209	Safety and downtown becoming UNACCESSABLE for locals	Worse. Much worse since covid, and more people are up here full time	Short of putting another bridge by coast guard station, start Ticketing for jaywalkers!!!! And police it!! Also the Bridge should not open as often as it does. Boaters can totally plan ahead for less bridge openings
210	People not using crosswalk and walking into the street to cross w/out looking. Also when turning rt onto Park Ave from bridge, peds think they dont have to wait to cross and just walk out into the street not caring about vehicles Turning. Need a sign there.	Worse. It was sooooooo much better with 2 lanes on Bridge St./Charlevoix Ave. In 45 mph zone they drive 20mph. Its ridiculous!!	Have a couple walking police and issue citations when they jay walk, dont adhere to crosswalk when crossing and walking out from parked vehicles. Put up sign that states if they do not use crosswalk they will be citations.
211			Back to 4 lanes, more police giving tickets. I thought legally because its a federal hey we legally dont have to stop. Its a courtesy. I totally understand why we have it i do stop but if they r not in a crosswalk I wont
212	I have lived here for 6 years. People drive too fast through town, they are impatient and aggressive which concerns us.	Traffic and visitors just don't pay attention. There are more people this year, a record for us.	At Harwood coffee and crosswalk across to expensive art store a huge concern. The sings to not cross with arrows there are very confusing plus the planters do not good to deter people crossing at this place. I have told people it's dangerous and I get bad, nasty comments. They cross anyway into traffic and right in front of huge trucks, I trucks and cars not looking or aware. We had a women hit and died here right in town 5 years ago. The small signs telling drivers to stop are not foweowed and most drivers plow through in front of people crossing. I'm not sure what you can do about this? Frankly, we will be moving next spring because town is too crowded in season and most places shut down in winter except a few stores and bars. We liked it the first year but avoid it now like we were told when moving here. Somebody will get killed by traffic in town like it happened and it will occur sometime in the future.
213	people crossing wherever they want, even crossing against the light, trying to turn left off Park Ave to US 31	gotten worse	light at Park Ave
214	How long in takes to get from the Soth side of town to the north during peak summer	Gotten worse	Overhead walkway for pedestrians across Bridge st

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215	Too many crosswalks with low visibility. Means crosswalks slow the flow of traffic because of stopping and starting for pedestrians which creates a serious bottleneck, especially with the bridge going up and down. Impossible to see pedestrians crossing on Bridge St before you're right on top of them which is a serious safety risk.	Much worse, especially in summer when there are tourist crowds.	Limit crosswalks and give the remaining ones lights to actually stop traffic periodically instead of constantly and improve safety and traffic flow. Rerouting pedestrians under the bridge to cross would make a lot of sense and improve safety too.
216	Too much congestion. People crossing the street in mid block delaying traffic	Gotten worse	Make one way traffic through town. 32 north bound and turn and use next street going south through town
217	Cross walk between Clinton Street and and Park Ave	gotten worse	shutdown the cross walk between Clinton St and Park Ave AND eliminate parking on US31
218	Mostly concerned with pedestrian safety without unnecessarily inhibiting traffic flow..	Some improvement over the years.	Improve visibility at midblock crossing.
219	Traffic does not move because the bridge goes up every 1/2 hour. The boaters can wait. We are not all on vacation!	Gotten worse	The cross walk by cherry republic needs to go
220	Pedestrians not using crosswalks	Much worse	Start issuing tickets for jaywalking
221	Bridge opens too often.	... gotten worse due to sheer volume.	Recreational boat traffic should be restricted to once an hour, on the 1/2 hour, to greatly reduce congestion during rush hours. Eliminate crosswalk on the south side of the bridge, directing pedestrians to use the tunnel just below it. Eliminate the crosswalk in the middle of the block between Clinton and Park Streets. Visibility there is terrible.
222	Volume of commercial traffic through downtown Charlevoix (heavy trucks, logging trucks with double trailers, Semi's etc.	gotten worse	a bypass route for trucks over a certain weight.
223	Inattentive walkers	Worse	No left turn at the bottom of the hill from the south
224	Traffic reduced to two lanes. Bring back rhe four lanes.	Worse since four lanes were reduced to two lanes.	(1) Go back to four lanes. (2) remove mid block pedestrian crossing (3) add pedestrian crossing signs that are overhead, not on the ground. There are too many close calls because drivers are not aware of the crosswalks until they are on top of them.
225	My biggest concern is the combination of frustrated drivers after sitting in traffic, combined with entitled pedestrians who have very little respect for automobile traffic.	I would say it has gotten worse, not due to traffic patterns or pedestrian control, but due to the increase of people having less respect for others in general.	In my opinion, having controlled crosswalks throughout downtown along with jaywalking enforcement would increase safety and traffic flow.
226	Walkers	Worse	Fines for walkers that do not use cross walk
227	Pedestrian entitlement- disregard for common courtesy	Traffic flow is better but pedestrian disregard of common courtesy is worse	Bridge raise for recreational traffic on the hour not half-hour
228	The intersection of Park Ave and Bridge Street does not have a traffic light and vehicles cannot leave Park Ave. to Bridge Street without serious safety issues. Jay walking by pedestrians, primarily tourists.	It has gotten worse due to the increase in tourism.	Put a light in at Park Ave and Bridge. More patrols are needed to control the Jay walkers.
229	Reckless pedestrians crossing without looking	far worse	No more pedestrian crossings - add traffick llights and ticket jay walkers
230	People not using crosswalks	Worse	I would like to see Park Ave be a one way so cars are not turning left out of there.
231	Crosswalks and feelings over no space for vehicles to pass through without anxiety	Slightly worse	Is a pedestrian tunnel under bridge st an option at all?
232	Traffic does not flow. Too many things are not in sync to manage the flow. Coupled with people crossing at in appropriate and difficult to see places rather than corners. Last there needs to be a stop light at Park and Bridge streets.	Worse since the road was narrowed and the pedestrian crossing changed	Go back to the way it was before the mid street crossings and add a stop light then sync them together and get cars moving.
233	Make Bridge street from Hurlbut to Bridge in the summer pedestrian only. Reroute like during Venetian on state street.	Traffic flow is worse and people not caring about traffic is worse	Keep people in one place and cars in another.

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234	That someone will be hit by a car.	Worse	Better pedestrian signage. Ticket j-walkers, police presence.
235	MDOT not implementing a plan that actually has real impactful changes for better safety and efficiency.	Worse	All way pedestrian crossing at the same time through out town
236	The flashing yellow light at the bridge, some people stop thinking it will turn red. Also the pedestrian crossing that holds up traffic.	Gotten worse	Less pedestrian crossings. Also less bridge openings. Maybe once an hour instead of every half hour.
237	Cars cannot turn from a side street onto Bridge street in the summer	Yes worse	Additional traffic lights that give side streets a break to turn in backed up bridge traffic
238	Jaywalkinh	Gotten worse	Pedestrian crossing at corners only at traffic lights and a police office giving jaywalking tickets
239	Traffic delays	Worse	Make four lane or no downtown parking
240	The long back ups and pedestrians darting out into traffic without giving thought to the danger in that behavior.	Definitely gotten worse in recent years. The one lane of traffic with a mid block crossing and the bridge lifts is a nightmare. Too many people in anarrow area.	1. Have the bridge lifts every 60 minutes or more often only in an emergency. Return the crosswalk to the corner traffic light and close the mid block crosswalk. Block that with planters. Have a police officer direct traffic and ticket the jaywalkers . Drivers have so many details to be aware of while driving downtown Charlevoix that it is a risky area. The jaywalkers make it more dangerous. The volume is ridiculous! Charlevoix is truly a victim of the "Pure Michigan" tourist mantra. The city and merchants need to pay for traffic officers and safety patrols to control some of the mayhem.
241	Crosswalks and traffic disruption, in conjunction with traffic stoppages due to the bridge and traffic lights..	About the same	Install crosswalk lights, which are timed to coincide with bridge opening and traffic lights. Nothing is more frustrating than, when traffic finally starts moving, people use the crosswalk. It wouldn't hurt to make them wait a minute or two to cross, as they do at a stoplight crosswalk.
242	Not exactly downtown Charlevoix but, at the north end of town the speed limit is 55 mph in a business district	About the same.	Lower the speed limit to 45 mph until clear of all businesses, which have grown on the north side
243	The slow rate of traffic progress through town and pedestrian safety	either stayed the same or increased	1. Eliminate existing pedestrian cross walks and add two additional traffic lights synchronized with the existing traffic light for pedestrians to cross. 2. Change bridge opening schedule from every half hour to every hour except for commercial boat traffic.
244	The bridge.	It's gotten worse.	The bridge should open only on the hour. It stays up for 15 minutes and then opens again 15 minutes later. Plus, pedestrian crossing is a joke. People feel that they can walk as slow as they want to because they are in the crosswalk.
245	traffic flow	gotten worse	Delays due to bascule bridge frustrate drivers. Traveling north have been backed up passed the Charlevoix Airport entrance during summer peak time June thru August.
246	Tourists not using cross walks or paying attention to surroundings. Left turn at Park street onto Bridge street is dangerous.	It improved with removing the north Bridge Street cross walk at Clinton and placement of cement, flower barriers. But still is a problem at the other crosswalks. They just don't pay attention.	During Venetian, art shows, etc. there simply MUST be Police presence on foot, walking up and down Bridge Street, nicely directing pedestrians. The most importantly, when Bridge Street is closed off there needs to be a traffic officer getting vehicles through town and managing pedestrians so their safe crossing also allows for a fair balance with through traffic. I have seen lights at pedestrian crossing in other cities. They can't cross until they have a green light.
247	Awkward interface between multiple modes of transportation during congested season	Actions taken have helped but increased numbers have counterbalanced changes	For northbound traffic, provide a longer time period for left turn from eastbound Clinton & route through northbound traffic in on State Street
248	Pedestrians suddenly entering crosswalks or jaywalking and delays with bridge lifts	Pedestrians problems have increased and bridge delays have increased	An increase on the ground law enforcement presence not just an officer riding around in a car. Charlevoix has parking enforcement but no police directing traffic at the light downtown when it's busy or directing pedestrians. Pedestrians suddenly walking into crosswalks without looking is dangerous. They have the right of way but should look to see if vehicles are too close to just step out. The speed limit is only 25mph
249	Traffic too fast. Lower speed is good. Going to one lane in and out of town has been successful	Much better since the crosswalk was blocked by Hardwood Hold and the Myseum	Slower traffic speed... If it gets worse, I'm for bumps but I know most people will complain.
250	Takes too long to get through town	Worse	Raise the speed limit
251	Middle of the block crosswalk, very dangerous. Long traffic lines due to bridge and overcrowding downtown.	It gets worse every year. Too many festivals and special events. Give us some normal weekends.	Remove center of block crosswalk. Make bridge st one way north and park and state one way south. Try to decrease the number of tourists downtown in summer.

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252	Bridge and closing of main highway for events	Worse	Stop closing a major Michigan highway aka LIFELINE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH for these events. Get rid of bridge. Not sure why a state highway can have so many cross walks in a small area. Traffic gets too backed up with the bridge and people driving get impatient and angry. Very unsafe all around
253	Too many crosswalks severely impact traffic flow.	Improved in some ways, gotten worse in others.	Less crosswalks. Have police write tickets for those pedestrians crossing incorrectly.
254			Traffic flow can't really be changed unless there's an improvement plan to bypass through traffic during peak tourist season; particularly commercial vehicles not bound for downtown. Make designated pedestrian crossing points more well defined for pedestrians as well as drivers.
255	Tourist season and bridge opening peaks and delays. Although such openings do slow traffic for pedestrians. Certainly should not consider anything that would speed traffic through downtown.	It's about the same in the summer tourist season; particularly commercial vehicles of the allure.	Guide and encourage pedestrians to go to and cross under the river on its walkways passing beneath it
256	Due to bridge opening every 30 minutes traffic is already backed up. Pedestrian crossing at every block is causing further delays for drivers, especially northbound traffic.	The turning lane was a great addition!	There should be more emphasis on the crosswalk that is under the bridge. Of course handicapped or people with children in strollers wouldn't be able to use them but if more people used them it would help traffic flow and safety
257	Poor visibility mid -block and near misses	Gotten worse	Close Bridge St on weekends with access only at lights
258	Jaywalking pedestrians jumping out, no crosswalk, no warning. The risk of accidents involving them or a driver being hit from behind for slamming on the brakes...it's scary	Gotten worse. Ever since the tourist bounceback after covid	Prioritize 31 traffic--longer thoroughfare green lights. Also clearly mark no jaywalking signs with note of consequences. But that's also unrealistic, as it wouldn't be enforced
259	Crosswalks that are difficult to see and pedestrians who don't watch traffic	Gotten worse as we get more visitors	Add a crossing light at the Van Pelt Alley crosswalk, or eliminate it.
260	Having yield for pedestrians on the corner of every block downtown... with heavy summer car traffic and heavy pedestrian foot traffic creates short tempers trying to just get through town and the bridge going up only adds to long delays	It has gotten worse - with heavy traffic and increased tourism - the current roads coming into our area where not built to sustain the increase in vehicles driving on the outdated road system	REMOVE the mid block crosswalk - parked cars/trucks block to view for people driving for pedestrians crossing - it's only a matter of time until someone gets hit
261	The crossing US-31 on Dixon Ave. is dangerous for pedestrians. The park overlooking Lake Michigan at the end of West Dixon is very popular and Dixon is a common pedestrian crossing. At Dixon US-31 is four lanes and the curve on US-31 north of Dixon limits visibility of south bound traffic.	It has gotten worse with the opening the Earl Hotel and increased pedestrians traffic on Dixon.	Adding a cross-walk at Dixon.
262	Those on e-bikes and one wheel bikes that travel quickly but are hardly visible.	Gotten worse as the road rules do not apply these devices.	No e-bikes or devices alike in downtown areas. The ability to quickly accelerate while not being seen is the issue.
263	Too too many mid block crosswalks, stopping traffic. Difficult to watch for every person stepping out.	Worse	Pedestrians should only cross at traffic lights.

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264	Pedestrians crossing the street midblock at crosswalks. As a driver and pedestrian who has used those crosswalks, I feel unsafe. The combination of parked cars, driver distraction and jaywalkers, I strongly believe the crosswalks especially those mid block, need an over head sign that spans the street indicating the crosswalk below. A driver unfamiliar with those unusual mid block crosswalks may miss seeing them and the crosswalk lines are obscured under snow in the winter. I have been in communities that have attractive arches over crossways that stand out for drivers and pedestrians to see.	I think it is more dangerous for pedestrians especially with the new mid block crosswalks. They are unusual, unexpected and not easily seen by drivers. I look for pedestrians at corners but not in the middle of a city block!!	Add an attractive CROSSWALK labeled arch over every crosswalk and have it span fully across the street..
265	Excessive traffic backups, jaywalking and inattentive pedestrians.	Deteriorating the last few years.	I think the problem can't be solved by MDOT, it requires action by Charlevoix city government. More police involvement in traffic flow and enforcement of pedestrians using only the crosswalks would help. Better yet, they should find an alternative to East Park for events.
266	Traffic back ups cause frustration, impatience and poor behavior by drivers.	The backup has gotten worse since the installation of the left turn lane	Direct drivers to alternate routes, especially for non-through traffic. Promote the use of State Street, May Street or Ferry as a bypass to parking lots,
267	I generally am a big fan of road diets but the one on Bridge Street causes significant delays around bridge openings, particularly driving northbound, causing backups that stretch well up the hill and then some. I am also concerned for pedestrian safety crossing the street, probably more often from motorists not paying attention to pedestrians crossing at crosswalks and not yielding to their right of way.	The backups are a more recent concern since the implementation of the road diet.	I would like to see pedestrian crossing lights that are activated by the pedestrian at the crosswalks to alert drivers to the presence, and right of way, of the pedestrian.
268	Poor visibility at the crosswalk by Van Pelt Alley.	Stayed the same	The crosswalk should be removed. A pedestrian will get hit eventually and it slows traffic.
269	pedestrian safety	gotten worse	remove crosswalks on border of bridge;north and south
270	The bridge. It would be better to only raise the bridge ever hour. Boats can wait traffic can't. Maybe just allow the beaver island ferry as priority as an exception.	It has gotten very much worse!	As I stated above. Plus signs for pedestrians to wait and not walk into traffic because of the pedestrian signs. Eliminate the cross walk in the middle of 31 in between the block. Only have corner crossings.
271	People crossing in wrong locations.	Worse	No parking a long streets.
272	Bridge traffic. Have the bridge only go up on the hour.	It's worse	Take out the middle crosswalk on bridge thru the alley and have folks cross streets at corners.
273	Crossing signals are urgently needed. The police watch as people jay walk and do nothing as traffic just piles up.	It's getting worse. There have been far too many close calls. Stop letting cars park on Bridge Street downtown. Visibility is hazardous at each intersection.	Maybe a Pedestrian Bridge, but at least some light-up cross/don't cross signs.
274	Lack of enforcement. So many people just crossing outside of crosswalks because they face zero consequences.	Worse	More parking so there aren't so many people circling around looking for a spot, more enforcement of crosswalks
275	Parking in downtown from Belvedere Avenue to the bridge.	Gotten worse.	Allow parking only on one side of the street
276	Poor visibility of pedestrians in the cross walks. Very bad visibility in the block between Clinton and Park.	Gotten worse. Large SUVs and trucks park right up to the cross walk making it impossible to see pedestrians entering the cross walks	Have safety lights that pedestrians activate when they enter the cross walk to alert drivers that pedestrians are entering the cross walk.

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277	People crossing wherever and whenever they want, holding up traffic as long as they want; bridge up every half hour for 20 minutes and down for a short time and back up again	Worse	Bridge only on the hour, limited to short up time; pedestrians crossing at lights or under the road on either side of bridge only, no middle of street crossing or crossing at park st
278	Too many crosswalks, pedestrians crossing outside of the many crosswalks and not enough monitoring of downtown	Gotten worse, from what I see	I feel like atleast a couple of the crosswalks can be taken out, it's ok to walk a block in order to cross. I really feel like if the pathway that goes under the bridge was better marked and more appealing to use that it would be used to cut down on the road crossings there.
279	Traffic doesn't flow. In the summer months, it takes way too long to get through town.	Stayed the same	More cross walks with signals so traffic is more controlled and can move at a decent speed.
280	The bridge, sometimes its up for 8 to 12 minutes. The Mid-block cross walk. Jaywalking.	The traffic has gotten by far worse. For those of us who live and work here it is an absolute nightmare from May until October.	Take out mid-block cross walk. City police write tickets for Jaywalking. No turning left off Park Ave. The bridge goes up on the hour.
281	Pedestrians just walk across the crosswalks without looking, not realizing it is a highway.	It has gotten worse.	Remove all cross walks that aren't at a traffic light.
282	Pedestrians dart out into traffic and are not paying attention. Yes, they are crossing near the signs but they still need to keep an eye on traffic and not just step in front of you.	It has gotten much worse and peaks with the various festivals.	Leave the bridge alone! Sorry, but that one is a tradition. Traffic backs up but the boat traffic needs to be managed too.
283	Parking There should be NO PARKING from Memorial day to Labor day on Bridge st.	gotten worse due to people not knowing how to parallel park.	NO PARKING on Bridge St from memorial day to Labor day. There is plenty on side streets. also, no left turns on Park at all. They can go to the light. It causes a lot of problems in the summer.
284	Jay walking causing traffic stoppage. Jay walking north side of light. Crosswalk at Park Ave. Flashing yellow lights on bridge.	These have gotten much worse. Pedestrians walking without looking.	Shut the yellow lights off on the bridge. Barriers installed at north side of light. Remove mid block crosswalk. Police present to maintain order
285	Cars stopping on a state highway. The law states you as a driver are not to stop for pedestrians on a state highway. Bridge St. is US 31	Gotten worse. With the signs in the road for Pedestrians gives the thought they have the right of way. NOT ON A STATE HIGHWAY. THIS IS A LAW	Crosswalk are the problem. Remove them and make this the current three lanes either side of downtown.
286	Jaywalking inattentive pedestrians	gotten worse over the years	Ticketing of pedestrians; no mid block cross walks
287	The nonsensical crosswalk that was installed in the middle of the block	WORSE	Move the crosswalk BACK TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT and stop encouraging pedestrians to cross in a deadly, no visibility, poorly placed crosswalk that's just a few feet away
288	Not having visibility when people are trying to walk across the road. Also j-walkers, start giving tickets.	Gotten worse	Remove the cross walk that's new right past the light and put back in the cross walk at the light. Stops traffic too much and you can never see when people are trying to cross because of parking. Too hazardous. Also give tickets to j-walkers.
289	My biggest concern is hitting someone who either darts out in front of me, or is at that middle crosswalk that you can't see until they get right out there.	Gotten worse (although slight improvement with cutting down on crosswalk by the light.	Not opening the bridge so often. Can't we just make it on the hour? I live in the city of Charlevoix, few blocks from downtown, south of bridge. Work in Petoskey. I love our beautiful town, but the traffic back-up is just too much. My coworkers say they avoid Charlevoix at all costs. Other than that, not sure what can be done. We almost hit a girl when we had the 4 lanes. You just can't see into that other lane, so I was glad when we went to 2 lanes.
290	Traffic backups and unsafe crossings/ jaywalking	Much worse	Eliminate the Mercado alley crossing. You cannot see pedestrians. No left turn off park street. When traffic is backed up people will wave vehicles out and it creates a hazard as the cross over the turn lane and further back up traffic. And put a simple no jaywalking sign at the Clinton crosswalk that was removed. People still think it is a crosswalk. And then enforce it. The no left turn coming off park is a biggie though
291	The crosswalk in the middle of the block is awful. You can't see pedestrians stepping out into traffic. There needs to be a flashing sign or something.	Worse	Flashing lights or flags that people carry across when they walk. Is there anything that can be lit up in the road?
292	Drivers not yielding to pedestrians	Gotten worse	more safety protocols for pedestrians
293	Long traffic back ups in the summer especially during weekends and festivals	Depends, seems to worsen	Remove left turn off park onto 31 and increase length of current left turn light, enforce jaywalking laws, remove one crosswalk on Antrim street, encourage use of under bridge "crosswalk", pedestrian tunnel/bridge

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294	Crosswalks between lights	Gotten worse	Crosswalks at lights only or pedestrians yield to traffic if not at signal. Police presence writing jay walking tickets. It should not take 30 minutes in the summer to navigate Charlevoix downtown area in the summer because every couple cars have to stop for crosswalk traffic. This could easily be fixed by adding crosswalk lights to the crosswalks between lights. I went to Europe last summer and the one thing our tour guide stated about exploring busy areas was abide by the crosswalk lights. You will get a ticket if you do not. It was opposite of here. On highways pedestrians yielded to traffic until the crosswalk light signaled green. It made so several pedestrians crossed at once. It was enforced by police presence in downtown area. Our group of 4 all commented how it would be so nice if Charlevoix was this way. Right now Charlevoix is a free for all with pedestrians crossing in the summer months.
295	Mid block crossings should be removed. They are dangerous. Bridge schedule should be changed. Between the every 30 minutes, and service vessels getting to go whenever they want, the bridge is open way too much and many times I have waited for two or even three bridge cycles to get across.	Worse, adding the mid block crossings created a log jam and you can't see pedestrians step out when traffic is backed up by the bridge. Make pedestrians cross at the blocks.	The priority for downtown Charlevoix should be the smooth vehicle traffic on 31. It is currently so overly-balanced to pedestrians that it adds nearly 1 hour, sometimes more, to my daily commute during the summer. This is unacceptable and needs to change.
296	Cross walks in random spots and jaywalkers	Gotten much worse during high season (summer). Too many entitled visitors	Remove the bump out crosswalk (Van Pelt alley), remove the crosswalk at Mason, be aggressive ticketing jaywalkers, put in street embedded lighted crosswalks for the ones that remain.
297	Safety due heavy traffic	Worse	Bypass
298	Car / pedestrian interaction	Worse	In Virginia Beach, VA, the stop light turns red for all traffic. Pedestrians can then cross in any direction. Then the light goes back to directing vehicle traffic. Repeat.
299	cross walks	worse	traffic enforcement officer /traffic director
300	Pedestrian safety is at risk, particularly on Bridge Street (US31), due to the crosswalk into Van Pelt Alley.	Worse	The crosswalk mentioned above should be eliminated - or at least, there should be flashing lights that can be activated when pedestrians are crossing.
301	Cross walk in middle of Bridge Street. Parked cars block view of persons entering walk.	Worse	Enforce use of cross walks.
302	Traffic backups	Similar	Potentially schedule the lift bridge for certain times so people would know when to avoid backups.
303	That it does not flow!	Worse	Northbound traffic US31. Southbound traffic, State street. Seasonal. Similar to Grand Haven
304	Pedestrians just walking out into traffic like they can cross anywhere at anytime.	This has gotten worse over the years to the point that I just try to avoid Charlevoix in the summer.	Reduce the mid-block crossings and do not require drivers to yield. Allow traffic to flow with less random interruptions and allot organized crossing times for pedestrians. When they feel that the driver has to yield to them it creates sense of entitlement in some and they feel that they can cross anywhere and at anytime. The same situation occurs in downtown Boyne City.
305	Too many crosswalks, and pedestrians just walking without regard for traffic	Worse, especially in summer and market Thursday	Better signage, remove parking spots next to crosswalks to improve visibility of pedestrians
306	Pedestrian walkway volumes and bridge induced traffic congestion	Gotten worse in recent years	The sidewalks need to be widened and improved development of retail and infrastructure on secondary streets. The bridge is the bridge... its part of it all...
307	Crosswalk in the middle of he block...pedestrians walk out and drivers cant see them due to parked cars and trucks.	Worse.. crosswalks should have traffic lightse	Crosswalks should have traffic lights
308	All the things listed in the key comments sent along with this questionnaire	Gotten worse. Locals continue to get more and more frustrated with the situation year after year, and are growing less tolerant so they either don't stop at crosswalks, or aggressively move through them. New visitors to town aren't aware of the "rules" and still continue to walk out between parked cars	Crossing guards at crosswalks to collect pedestrians into groups and let them all cross at the same time . In other words, eliminate the current "law" that requires drivers to stop anytime pedestrians enter a crosswalk. Sometimes two or three will cross, and the traffic blows afterwards, and then two more people come within minutes to try to cross again. Creates a lot of stop and go and frustration
309	2 hours+ to go 3 miles in the summer	Gotten worse	Ditch the turn lane and return to 4 lanes

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310	Generally during the summer if everyone is careful and exercises a degree of patience, congestion is not a big issue. Northbound only	TyYrStayed the same during closures try limiting access t	Major issues occur when 31 is closed to traffic. There is no easy solution due to the limited bypass options but two suggestions would be to limit the number of occasions when it is done and maybe allow a one lane access northbound. Also limit any closure to weekends.
311	The lack of traffic even flowing and pedestrians crossing every which way	Worse. We don't even visit Charlevoix anymore because it's gotten so bad, between the bridge backups and tourism its horrible to visit.	Less pedestrian crossing, whether it be a ped bridge or one large intersection where pedestrians must wait longer to cross so the cars can keep moving more freely
312	Bridge Delays Jaywalkers Car Cutters	Worse	Not so many bridge operations. More traffic lights
313	Back up traffic, especially during the summer season. We've waited 45 to one hour to get through Charlevoix and there aren't a lot of alternatives.	Gotten much worse over the years. This past year was the worst Ive witnessed	better traffic flow, pedestrian flow. Better bridge system, maybe higher bridge that taller boats can go under. Timed lights and maybe parking off of 31 so that the street is clearer
314	Pedestrians not using the crosswalks is very dangerous. There appears to be no common sense.	It definitely has gotten worse over the last 5 years	Flashing signs indicating that someone is in the crosswalks.
315	Jay walkers crossing at any location. Pedestrians stepping into the crosswalk with no regard for traffic.	Gotten worse.	Education and enforcement of the jay walkers.
316	Jaywalkers on Bridge Street in generaland the traffic light.	Gotten worse	I would like to see the traffic light pattern modified so that there's a time when the traffic east and West goes with no pedestrians , a time when there's traffic north and southbound goes with no pedestrians and then there's traffic time when the traffic can go diagonally as well as a across the street.
317	Too many crosswalks	Worse	Eliminate mid block crossing at van pelt alley
318	People use the bridge tunnels !!!		
319	Traffic delays dues to pedestrian crossings and boat traffic	Much worse	Eliminate the mid-block crosswalk, maybe eliminate an additional crosswalk, make a maximum time for the bridge to be open per hour (boats have x amount of time per opening), find alternate locations for large events, eliminate ALL stop signs for detoured traffic
320	Narrow lanes with parked cars on both sides. Unsafe for drivers, pedestrians and people getting in or out of parked cars	Gotten worse, mostly because of increased traffic; it was never good.	The bridge is annoying, but I don't see how to change it. Eliminating curbside parking would probably be the best change.
321	The midway that is by the French Place, cars block pedestrians crossing, but we need the parking downtown. Put it back at the stop light.	Worse, saw near misses of pedestrians almost being hit.	Put the crossing at stop lights where they push a button. Put better lights that show crossing at bridge.
322	Traffic backups due to the bridge	Worse.	Increase light cohesiveness, timing with bridge to allow more threwhput for us31. This would discourage the cars from sneaking the backway and turning left while heading northbound which can save time for them but backs everyone else up. I rarely see Jay walkers however pedestrians legally crossing can significantly delay vehicle traffic. A tunnel to the harbor park area? I'm reluctant to say lighted signals for pedestrians to allow for them to group and cars to group and improve threwhput.
323	Is an easy flow of traffic.if the bridge is open forva boat or there is festival traffic is literally dead stop. A normal 10 minute drive through town turns into a 45 minute or longer when a festival is happening causing short tempers & people being reckless	Worse	Setting up an alternate route to help keep traffic get through the town easily during festivals & eventd
324	Extensive traffic back-up during summer months	Stayed the same	Green lights should last longer on Bridge Street with shortened time periods for pedestrians to cross Bridge Street
325	People walking into crosswalk or just into the street in front of oncoming traffic	Worse	Fewer crosswalks or lighted crosswalks where pedestrians have to wait to be allowed to cross at one time; one-way traffic north on Bridge with southbound routed to State St, eliminate mid-block crossing, no left turns on to Bridge St from Park St
326	The pediatrician crosswalk near the alley very dangerous	Worse	Return it back to the way it was years ago
327	Poor visibility at mid-block crossing.	Gotten better, slightly.	More police enforcement of jaywalking.

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328	Uncontrolled crosswalks cause traffic congestion through Charlevoix. It can regularly take more than 30 minutes to get through town.	Gotten worse.	Install pedestrian crosswalk lights at all crosswalks with programming to maximize vehicle flow. Relocate community events away from this main thoroughfare.
329	It seems pedestrians are aimlessly endangering themselves by NOT using designated crossings. Secondly, because they cross so randomly traffic becomes very heavily stop and go.	I think taking out the cross walk on Clinton Northside was the best improvement for cars turning off of Clinton. In theory the mid block crossings are a good idea, but it really hard to see pedestrians when cars are parked so I think the safety aspect is worse.	Over head flashing lights when pedestrians want to cross.
330	The backup created on north bound Bridge Street when the bridge is open, caused by the elimination of one lane of travel. Is it possible to have one south bound, a center turn, and 2 north bound up to the previous merge?	Far worse. Previously not an issue.	Possibly the addition of a stop light at Antrim or Park Ave. Make State and Antrim a 4 way stop.
331	The crosswalk added at Van Pelt alley some years back has made traffic worse from both a traffic flow and pedestrian safety point of view. The stop-and-go traffic, lack of lighting indicating it is being used, lack of control over when it is being used, and poor proximity (too close) to the light at Bridge St and Clinton St directly affect traffic flow; the traffic flow issues then in turn result in pedestrian safety issues with frustrated drivers becoming aggressive and not stopping, pedestrians not looking before stepping out, and it also encourages people to cross Bridge St at unmarked locations (which also affects traffic flow).	Gotten worse	Remove the crosswalk at Van Pelt alley; increase the amount of off-street parking available near downtown (a parking garage behind Central Drug or at Hurlbut and State)
332	very poor visibility for drivers at mid-block crossing. Large bins at the west side of the crossing have added to the problem	worse	alter parking spaces on west side of bridge street to improve northbound driver sightline.
333	Eastbound cars on Park Ave at the intersection with Bridge (US 31) should not be allowed to turn north. This disrupts traffic.	worse with addition traffic	Right turn only for eastbound cars on Park Ave at the intersection with Bridge Street.
334	Bridge goes up too often. Congests everything.	Same	Have the bridge go up less frequently. My God all of 31 comes to a standstill so boats can go through on the half hour? Please. I avoid Charlevoix in the summer for this reason. There are fewer boats than cars, can they not go through on the hour?
335	Pedestrians crossing Bridge St/US 31 at Clinton St even though it is clearly marked as not a crosswalk with a planter barrier. Talking to violators does not help.	It has gotten worse.	Have plainclothes police officers ticket offenders.
336	Vehicles turning left from Clinton St onto Bridge St/US 31 often have to wait for pedestrians crossing on the North side of the intersection even though it is clearly marked as not a crosswalk.	This situation has gotten worse.	Consider making this intersection a pedestrian scramble to allow folk to cross any direction simultaneously.

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337	"Poor visibility at mid-block crossing" HUGE anxiety approaching the crossing between Clinton Street and Park Avenue on Bridge Street. Pedestrians just "pop out" at the busiest section of all in Charlevoix, between the stop light and the bridge. They seem privileged to jump out in front of cars with no regard to the flow of traffic. Pedestrians always have the right of way and they take advantage of that in Charlevoix. That's why traffic will back up past Bell's Bay road now.	Always worsening. Pedestrians get bolder and less concerned.	Restrict pedestrians to lighted intersections. Only cross when the light says ok. US 31 is a major trunk. Pedestrians have too much "right of way" within a very short section. You try driving through town at 3:30 pm on any Friday in July. You'll be shaking your fist and cussing at the people darting out in front of you.
338	Pedestrians are idiots. Everyone knows that.	Worse. WAY worse. I assume you already know if you are posing this question.	Only let pedestrians cross US31 at the crossing signal downtown.
339	Inattentive pedestrians walking out into flowing vehicle traffic without regard	Seems worse, but has been an issue for years.	Fewer US 31 crosswalks. Green arrow left turn signal for vehicles at Clinton into N US 31
340	The dangerous mid block crosswalk. Unseen pedestrians darting out into traffic.	It has gotten much worse since the bridge street re-do.	Route southbound traffic on park and state streets. One way Bridge street north until golf course.
341	Drivers drive too fast and don't pay attention to pedestrians. Crosswalk are in poor and unsafe locations. Crosswalk need lights for drivers to yield.	Gotten worse	Yield lights to notify drivers of pedestrians. Drivers driving slower. Crosswalk in safe and visible locations. A crosswalk on the north side of the bridge.
342	Go back to four lanes!	It's been awful since the four lanes were taken away	Go back to a four lane highway
343	Takes way too long to get through town. Too many crossing have to stop repeatedly going through town!!	Gotten worse!!	Limited crosswalks, ticket jaywalking, have more festival activities at different locations. Don't close down town to drivers during these events. Have police direct traffic for better flow, Need safety officers watching the crosswalks and giving out tickets to visitors who don't follow the directions.
344	people cross the road outside of crosswalks. When people are using crosswalks, drivers may not see them or realize they're coming. Drivers are frustrated with slow traffic and get impatient.	about the same.	uniformed officers in the street maintaining safety.
345	Way too long to drive thru town (due to excessive pedestrian crossings)	Worse. Except at Clinton & Bridge when pedestrians obey the newer discipline and with its added pedestrian only timing.	Reduce and enforce the total number of pedestrian crossings available. The one at the east side of the bridge is dangerous with cars coming southbound and down the hill with two lanes of traffic is always dangerous and has restricted visibility. The one at the mid block point also has poor visibility and isn't that far from the better crossing at the light just a few hundred feet away. Eliminate the one parking space closest to the NW corner of Bridge & Park, and at Bridge & Antrim, as these are limited visibility locations especially when bigger vehicles are (poorly) parked here. Provide active traffic officers to help control both vehicle and pedestrian traffic during times of high usage (Venetian, etc.) of isn't needed
346	Pedestrians not crossing at cross walks	Eliminating the cross walk on the north side of Bridge at Clinton has helped	Eliminate the mid block crossing between Bridge and Park
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348	How can you keep the traffic moving?	Same	Please eliminate the crosswalk by the breakfast french restaurant. People can walk to the lights. It's hard to see when people walk out of that location. Plus it really holds the traffic up when people are crossing over there. Appreciate you asking our thoughts.
349	During the summer season due to the bridge going up, traffic can back up all the way to M 66 and beyond. Then the bridge goes down in traffic. Finally starts to move in a pedestrian can walk across the crosswalk and stop all the traffic again.	Worse	There should be walk and don't walk lights at the crosswalks, which would be tied into the traffic light. During the off-season, these lights can be turned off.

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350	Drivers come from other states that don't have crosswalks that allow a pedestrian to walk across whenever they feel like it	Worse	Walk and don't walk lights at crosswalks tied into the traffic stop light
351	Jay walking	Improved- but people still dart out from between parked cars and cross at Clinton on north side.	Ticket jaywalkers or warn them and keep Clinton/ Bridge St intersection clear for car traffic
352	Safety for pedestrians and drivers. Pedestrians are often putting themselves and drivers at risk because of pedestrians not looking both ways when crossing and not using crosswalks.	It got better when there was a walking public safety officer visible on the streets where pedestrians could see them.	I would like to see more signage for pedestrians pointing them in the directions of the nearest crosswalk. Also signage at the traffic light downtown where the north crosswalk was taken out, a sign stating that there's no pedestrian crossing. People are still stopping traffic by crossing at this spot.
353	Unregulated crosswalks on Bridge Street.	WAY worse. Idiots just walk out in front of moving vehicles without regard to oncoming traffic. You'll see these people, knowing they have the right-of-way, feeling entitled to step out into a major highway without regard to a major trunk line of transportation.	ONE crosswalk on Bridge Street downtown, at the light, on the south side of the intersection of Clinton. It is not too far to walk to the regulated crosswalk from ANYWHERE downtown. I believe the greater good for most people would be to limit crossing Bridge Street at the light! I am a Charlevoix native. I've got three sets of great-grandparents buried here. I go downtown all the time. I love the "Fudgies". They bring tons of money to town, but, I think they feel overly entitled to run rampant through cross walks. They fail to realize that during peak times they are blocking traffic, having a ripple effect that makes motorists back up beyond Bell's Bay road. Hundreds of motorists could be massively delayed by maybe a dozen pedestrians.
354	speed limit reduction	more people more needs	Lower speed limit, and make it clear who have right of way - pedestrians or cars
355	Jaywalking and inattentive pedestrians	gotten worse	Additional signage for crosswalks, lighted/flashing signs indicating the crosswalk location
356	Lack of support for traffic flow. Lack of responsibility of pedestrians to LOOK before they step foot in the street	worse, especially since the "lane diet" was implemented	stop doing downtown events where the traffic has to drive through the middle of it. bring back 4 lanes. have traffic be north bound thru town and south bound on state street
357	As a local, navigating Charlevoix during tourist season costs me hours of valuable time. But my conscience compels me to list "personal injury and death" as the number one concern. I've seen too many close calls due to inattentive pedestrians or distracted drivers.	It's gotten worse. For example, bump outs seem to invite pedestrians to just amble on out into traffic. From a driver's perspective, there's not enough indication (signage, flashing lights) to warn them of pedestrians.	1) More prominent signage (at eye-level height for pedestrians and possibly overhead for drivers). 2) Signage before and after the downtown area to stress slowing down (maybe with flashers at very busy times?). 3) During high density events (Venetian, Apple Fest) station traffic monitors (police?) at key intersections to coordinate traffic flow and intervene in road rage incidents.
358	That I'm going to hit someone or be rear ended because pedestrian just walk out into the street and you can see them or they think they can just walk out anywhere.	Got worse.	No middle of the block cross walk. The middle lane at park street removed or a light there. The light changing back to a regular light at the bridge not just a blinking yellow light. Longer left turn light on Clinton. It doesn't sense cars long enough because they are coming off state street. Need to make signage to walk under the bridge more prominent. Make people cross under the bridge.
359	Leaving the county airport	Worse!	A light at Charlevoix airport accessi
360	Increase speed and congestion at intersection of Charlevoix Airport/Marion Center Road/ and US 31.	Increased traffic, distracted drivers, more big rig trucks, and speed	We need a traffic light at the intersection of the Charlevoix Airport, Marion Center Road where the high schoolers access US 31/Bridge Street

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361	Poor visibility at mid-block crossing	It has improved somewhat, but not enough.	<p>To improve visibility for southbound traffic, the parking space at the northwest corner of the crosswalk needs to be eliminated. To improve visibility for northbound traffic, the parking space at the southeast corner of the crosswalk needs to be eliminated. These 2 parking spaces, in particular, obstruct a motorist's view of pedestrians starting out into the crosswalk. By the time the motorist sees the pedestrians, it is difficult to come to a complete stop quickly enough. Motorists need this added visibility, so they have more reaction time to stop. Also, motorists need to be reminded NOT to block the mid-block crosswalk when they're waiting at the traffic light (southbound traffic) or for the bridge to open (northbound traffic). Similarly, to improve visibility for southbound traffic at the crosswalk on Bridge St. at Antrim St., the parking space on the west side of Bridge St., closest to the crosswalk needs to be eliminated. When a vehicle is parked in this space, it blocks the southbound motorist's ability to see eastbound pedestrians starting out in the crosswalk. Also, when a motorist is waiting to turn either right or left from a cross street onto Bridge St. downtown, the parallel parked vehicles on Bridge St. closest to the side street block the driver's view of oncoming traffic. The driver cannot see oncoming traffic without inching forward, which blocks the crosswalk. This is especially an issue in the summer. Eliminating some of the parallel parking along Bridge St. downtown would go a long way toward improving pedestrian safety and traffic flow. Also, adding a little more time to the green light for traffic turning left from Clinton St. onto northbound Bridge St. would help improve traffic flow significantly. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input! Kiersten Stark, Charlevoix County Planning Director, starkk2@charlevoixcounty.org.</p>
362	Exiting the Charlevoix airport is difficult due to heavy and high speed traffic.	Gotten worse	Please put in a traffic light at this location.
363	<p>I am concerned with the difficulty I often incur trying to turn left from the Charlevoix Airport onto US-131 northbound. There is quite a bit of continuous traffic traveling on US131 with few breaks to safely turn left. Also, traffic from Marion Center Road across from the airport also exits onto US-131 causing further delays.</p>	The traffic situation is worse-even without seasonal visitors using the highway.	I believe a traffic light at the Charlevoix Airport road would alleviate the problem.
364	Traffic is fine. Karen's dont need more traffic lights	Same	The only change needed is kicking beaver island boat co out of town. I say this as a full time beaver islander
365	Pedestrians not using crosswalks, visibility at crosswalk, in middle of block, speed of drivers going over the bridge and pedestrians using those crosswalks. Intersection at Marion Center is dangerous as well. There should be a signal especially at school times	Gotten worse	Police presence and ticketing for pedestrians. Signal at Marion Center. Red light activation at the bridge crosswalks for pedestrians
366	Safety when trying to turn left out of the airport	Worse. More traffic on 31	Consider a round about or traffic light at the airport
367	Marion Center Rd. and US 31 near the Airport.	<p>Much worse, the intersection is quite dangerous with the increased traffic as well as the airport and the proximity to the traffic light at the junction of M-66</p>	A traffic light at the intersection of Marrion Center Rd and US 31
368	Crosswalks	Same	Get rid of the crosswalk between park avenue and clinton Street.
369	Too much traffic coming from 3 directions at the airport and us 31. Very unsafe to make a left turn going out of the airport	More traffic, more dangerous	Please put a stoplight coming out of the Charlevoix airport and us 31
370	A stoplight is needed at the airport. It's hard to pull out of the airport to turn left.	Gotten worse	A new bridge. The bascule bridge breaks down more than one would like.

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371	Imagine a big shopping mall with a major national highway running right down the middle of it. That perfectly describes downtown Charlevoix. Conflict is inevitable. The bridge is an unavoidable bottleneck ensuring perpetuation of the problem.	It's always been this way, but I think that there are more people coming here these days compounding the situation. I also think that the average pedestrian feels more entitled to their right of way and is more distracted by devices.	The mid-block crossing between Clinton and Park is a disaster. There is too much going on there, especially during peak times. There should only be four crossings downtown. One at Antrim, one at Mason, one at Clinton, and one at the bridge. Besides removing the mid-block crossing, there should be only one at Mason, not two.
372	That someone will be injured, more accidents will occur.	I think downtown Charlevoix has improved somewhat but the area around the airport has not.	Traffic signal is needed at airport entrance. Moving BIBCO should be considered.
373	Bridge going up ever 30 mins	same	I have been a 6 month resident for 24 years. I know water ways has top billing at far as bridge control. I think that from 6/25-8/15 The bridge should open once an hour instead of every 30 minutes...Many times the stops traffic for 10-12 mins to let 3-4 boats thru while backing up 40-60 cars or more. I would also recommend they move the bridge times to the qrt hour having less effect on most people going to work on the hour, going to appoints, etc...I think this would help considerably...hope this imput is taken seriously. Thank you
374	People walking into traffic randomly to cross the road	Worse	Light crosswalk sign that are properly timed with the main traffic light. Crossing pedestrians would be not so random and flow with timed traffic movements.
375	Traffic and speed at Airport	Worse	Time for a traffic light
376	Cars going way too fast	Worse. More traffic and more speed	Traffic light at the intersection of US 31 and charlevoix airport.airport
377	Obviously, it all comes down to the drawbridge & the bottleneck traffic problems it causes at certain times of the day. That, along with the RIDICULOUS pedestrian crosswalks scattered throughout the town, mostly on the main drag near the BIBCO office are a MAJOR concern. I live on Beaver Island year around & will ABSOLUTELY NOT come to the mainland during the May-September time frame!ut	Definitely gotten WORSE!	Charlevoix SHOULD NOT cater/kowtow to the downtown, Main Street merchants/shopkeepers so much. Yes, I realize that Charlevoix is a "one-horse" town, so-to-speak[that "horse being TOURISM] but it's quite obvious that the BIBCO SHOULD have been re-located to either the area down near Irish Boat Shop OR somewhere out by the cement plant AT LEAST a decade ago!. Also, while were at it, the town needs to re-think blocking off the streets for the Carnival and/around the time of Venetian Festival. plan"
378	Entrance and exit off 31/ Bridge street and the airport entrance	Too busy	Traffic light or yellow caution
379	Unmanageable summer traffic, often made worse by the frequent summer events.	Gotten worse, much worse.	An alternative route for the people "passing through" to and from Petoskey. Better traffic management during summer events.
380	Congestion and distracted or inattentive pedestrians	Worse	Alternate route or bypass for travelers headed north of Charlevoix to alleviate some congestion in the downtown area.
381	The traffic on 31 which makes exiting from Charlevoix airport dangerous, especially with icy roads in winter.	Gotten worse	Street light at airport
382	Congestion during festivals	Worse	Traffic light at Charlevoix Airport, relocate farmer's market to a road with less traffic
383	All of the above but also put a traffic light at the airport exit	It is much worse especially during the many festivals and farmers markets, concerts exc.	Move the festivals off main st
384	The busy intersection where the airport pulls out on to 31. Often there are cars at the stop sign across the road with 31 coming from the right and left it's a horrible spot.	It has gotten busier. During the school year it's also particularly dangerous with young drivers leaving or arriving at school.	Traffic light
385	Pedestrians crossing in the middle of the block (not using designated crosswalks).	Traffic and pedestrian issues have gotten worse mainly due to volume, disregard for the law and general lack of courtesy.	Install a traffic signal at the intersection of Airport Drive\Marion Center Rd\US 31
386	Speed	Worsened	From airports to downtown - slow down!

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387	Car routing seems worse since the turning lane went in! There is also a lot of traffic coming out of the local airport and there is always a struggle to get out of that street.	Seem to be getting worse.	Possibly a roundabout at the airport entrance or maybe there and at the 66/31 intersection.
388	delete mid block cross walk	gotten worse	eliminate parking on bridge st. make bridge st. three lanes.
389	Pedestrians come from between parked cars making it difficult, if not impossible to see them, especially children and baby strollers.	It's gotten worse. Giving pedestrians the 'right of way' makes some of them think they don't have to look before crossing. Also, there seems to be more people and more traffic.	Only allow pedestrians to cross at intersections (not between) and please use a light for pedestrian crossing. If it's not their turn, they can wait. Many of them are here on vacation, locals trying to get to work and appointments are not. It would help if authorities would enforce pedestrian laws and not allow them to do what they want just because they bring income to the businesses.
390	Bridge goes up too frequently	Same	Bridge go up less frequently
391	Traffic back up	Gotten worse	Issuing tickets to people who do not cross in crosswalks
392	Too many crosswalks	gotten worse	Limit the number of crosswalks
393	The midway cross walk in front of Cherry Republic is not safe. The Park Ave crosswalk is also a major safety slash bottle neck	All have gotten worse with people just walking out and not waiting because of those signs placed saying they have the right of way. The portable signs	Park Ave, Mason st, and Antrim St need to be one way from Bridge St to Antrim St. By reducing turns on Bridge St will make cross walks safer and traffic flow north and south less impeded.
394	People ignoring the rules ie crossing anywhere, traffic not giving way to pedestrians in crosswalks	It has improved.	Possibly make State bc Street one way
395	Too many crosswalks. Middle of street crosswalk very dangerous due to low visibility. Too much traffic back up due to bridge in summer months.	It has gotten MUCH worse in recent years. Too many festivals that plug up the town.	Eliminate mid block crosswalk, Cut down on number of festivals. Route southbound traffic on park and state streets in summer and have 2 lanes northbound on bridge street. Limit bridge openings to 1 per hour and eliminate noon opening. Change Venetian festival back to 3 days and eliminate most other festivals and mass gatherings.
396	Exiting from airport onto US131 north (left turn) is difficult due to fast moving traffic on 131.	Gotten worse as 131 traffic has increased.	Traffic light at airport.
397	On US-31, the area just south of Park Street is very dangerous on the northbound side of the road. This section of the road busy with pedestrians moving about, cars parking (and entering traffic), and delivery trucks stopping. Drivers also have to observe a crosswalk and navigate a sharp curve in the curve in the road in this area.	It has gotten worse, with more pedestrians, cars, and delivery trucks in this section of the road.	Removing the street parking (and truck standing) in the area just south of the curve would remove some of the problems in this section of US-31 (south of the bridge).