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Please consider a round-a-bout at the intersection of Long Lake road and J Maddy, I travel thru this intersection daily, and east/west traffic constantly runs RED lights at high/low speeds, making a left turn a life risking adventure 12 months a year, thank you.	X						
Traffic signals at high speed intersections are particularly dangerous due to red-light runners and unsafe left turns, even with a protected LT light. A roundabout at Interlochen would also slow down traffic headed east toward Traverse City and mark the entry into the urban area.	X						
U.S. 31 has a very new large multi unit residential apartments and 4 unit commercial property being built just east of Interlochen and J. Maddy Parkway. This will have an HUGE impact with an increase in already heavy traffic and hundreds of additional vehicles clogging traffic. A roundabout is a given, though that's further up the road and won't be immediately outside of the development. Turning east outside of this will be nearly impossible. I have no idea how this got approved with only one road exit/entrance. Also, Nearby residential side streets are crumbling and repeatedly "patched" several times a year because this doesn't last, leaving uneven and hazardous conditions for vehicles, children riding bikes (no sidewalks), walking dogs, etc. It's a waste of time and resources while giving much frustration to residents. The community residential roads need to be repaved, but it seems like building up instead of taking care of the existing area is more important.							X
Please no roundabout at south long lake road and US-31. A modern traffic signal with flashing yellow arrow and better detection would be much preferred.	X						
There needs to be better pedestrian crossing and light at US-31/J Maddy. Many Interlochen students cross here, including my child. It is not a safe crossing. Please no round about here.							
I support a widening the road to allow a center turn lane. Traffic will flow better. Can we also add a few more posted speed signs?	X		X		X		
THANK YOU! Hope to come to the forum on 7/18 at Interlochen Public Library.							X
I feel this project will make the road less safe. By wdenining the lanes and adding a center turn lane, you will be encouraging speeding and all decreasing the safety of the road. The wider road will also make people more comfortable to being inattentive while driving and more comfortable using their phones while driving. A tighter road disiincentivizes this behavior. There is plenty of research backing up these claim. Many states outside of Michigan have tighter narrower roads that in-turn are safer and have lower speeds. I am in support of the roundabout at s. Long lake road, as the will improve the safety of the intersection.	X		X				
NO expansion and widening of roads. Don't you understand?? You complain that you don't have enough money to maintain existing ones, yet you expand roads that don't need to be. This is shameful. Rebuild the road surface as-is and prioritize pedestrian and non-motorized right-of-way. Stop building roads you (and we) can't afford!					X		X
Roundabouts are important tools in preventing traffic accidents and death. We need them on Long Lake road and Gonder road where they cross US-31...many preventable accidents have occurred in these intersections!	X	X					
I drive this road everyday and traffic is horrible and getting worse. It should have passing lanes put in or be widened to 4 lanes from Interlochen to chums corners. And most definitely no roundabouts they are terrible with heavily traveled roads. And it would be a complete mess when there is a concert in Interlochen in the summer. This road really needs passing lanes at the minimum.	X						X
These are MUCH NEEDED improvements which will make this section of US-31 far safer and more pleasant to drive. Please make these improvements a priority now!!!							X

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Great ideas! Looking forward to these improvements.							X
This is very exciting news! I live in Interlochen and drive this section of US 31 all the time. With the amount of traffic that flows through this area all year long it's dangerous to drive, turn left or even see other vehicles at any of the intersections. Thank you thank you thank you for considering this project and I hope that my tax dollars go toward fixing and upgrading this area and the traffic light/Intersections in this area.... pssss...that means turn arrows (and street lights) at the light at Interlochen corners.	X			X			
100% agree with improvements in this stretch of US-31. It will save lives! A roundabout at J.Maddy Parkway is a much needed improvement. And adding left hand turn lanes and/or right hand turn lanes at Gonder, Betsie River, Lake Ann and Reynolds road intersections is greatly needed additions as well. I've witnessed accidents and too many near misses to count at all of these intersections. Smaller roundabouts at Gonder and Lake Ann roads might be a better choice than turnlanes?	X	X					
I agree that something needs to be done about the intersection of South Long Lake Rd and J. Maddy Parkway, but one of the proposed ideas is flawed. Adding a roundabout at the intersection will increase wait times at the light and may cause more accidents. That intersection is far too busy to have a roundabout. I agree with adding the center lane all the way to Reynolds Rd in Benzie County. I know many people that have lost loved ones to this stretch of road. I also agree to adding new turning light at the intersection. People are always speeding through the light to make it before it turns red and some people are trying to get out of the middle of the intersection and those people trying to speeding through to make it through the yellow nearly miss the car turning. I would suggest lowering the speed limit in the area just before the light that way you can at least try and reduce speeding through the light. It is 45 mph when turn into J. Maddy Parkway and then it turns into 40 mph zone. You can consider it like a "school zone area". The intersection is the school and you want people to slow down around it.	X		X				
We have needed left hand turn lights for years. NO ROUNDABOUT!!!! I have lived here for 56 years (back when it used to be a blinker light) and Interlochen Corners have been an issue for many many years.	X						
I am in favor of a roundabout at interlochen corners. The intersection of Gonder Rd and US-31 by Cycle Moore would benefit from a turn lane. I use this frequently and the highway gets very busy. Making left hand turns dangerous.	X	X					
I think roundabouts at the main Interlochen corners and Gonder are great ideas and should proceed quickly. There have been far too many fatalities for us to quibble about how annoying and European they are. Gonder actually is not pressing. People consistently pass on the shoulder and tbone cars turning left. It's scary. My whole family uses Riley instead. I can no longer count the number of times I've almost been in a serious accident there. Roundabouts will slow folks down, make travel safer, and actually improve the speed at which we can get through those intersections. Less traffic backup is smart planning, as the traffic is only going to increase.	X	X					

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<p>I live in Interlochen (over 20 years) and drive thru the Interlochen Corners intersection many times a day. A roundabout would be preferred there but putting a left turn signal would help in the meantime. It's too dangerous and I believe a roundabout would save lives. That young girl that died a couple years ago would still be alive if at the very least people could see the through traffic coming from South Long Lake w the trees growing right up to the intersection from that private property. My daughter will be 16 next year and driving I highly applaud the roundabout idea!</p>	X			X			
<p>No round about wanted! Please use traffic lights at intersections instead...cheaper too.</p>	X						
<p>I think modernized traffic lights with a dedicated turn arrow would be the best, easiest, least expensive way to solve traffic issues at the US-31/South Long Lake intersection. Anything requiring more construction would cause an insane traffic delay in the area until completion, while severely reducing the ability of the businesses at that intersection to provide parking and services to customers. New light patterns would be the cleanest way to increase driver and pedestrian safety.</p>	X				X	X	
<p>I'm in support of roundabouts for US-31. Please also seriously consider the inclusion of space for bicyclists and pedestrians to safely cross US-31 at the South Long Lake and J Maddy intersection. Not sure if this needs to be considered for the roundabouts further down.</p>	X				X		
<p>Please include passing lane, limited sight distances cause people to pass on double yellow.</p>				X			
<p>An important aspect of this project in my opinion would be to realign the US-31/E. Duck Lake Road intersection. Currently, the intersection is at an odd angle, making for an awkward turn to/from either road. The intersection should be realigned to bring E. Duck Lake Road to a 90-degree angle at US-31, similarly to how MDOT realigned the nearby Sawyer Road intersection in 2020.</p> <p>I too believe that a blinking light could be applicable at the US-31/Lake Ann Road/Bendon Road intersection in Inland Township. This intersection is used regularly by travelers from the Lake Ann and Bendon areas, and I often hear complaints about careless east-west traffic on US-31 in this area.</p> <p>Also, I'm not sure how far west the continuous left turn lane is supposed to go, but it certainly should go as far west as at least Gonder Road in Green Lake Township. If that is the case, additional left turn lanes would be greatly welcomed at the US-31 intersections with Reynolds and Lake Ann/Bendon Roads.</p>					X		X
<p>Wonderful American Elm tree that survived 1950's Dutch elm disease is just East of Sullivan rd on the North side. It has been my visual pal since 1960, can your clever engineers PLEASE save it?</p>							X
<p>Do not put in a roundabout. Instead, a traffic signal modernization with the addition of left-turn arrows would solve the problem and take into account Arts Center concert traffic as well as peak traffic patterns. There is too much traffic during concerts to make a roundabout safe. A roundabout would make it difficult for large vehicles especially construction vehicles. I drive the intersection daily. I have also witnessed the confusion and congestion with the roundabouts on M-37, M-72 and Keystone Road.</p>	X						

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Adding a roundabout to J Maddy/US-31 would be a disaster, the only way to exit the businesses around that intersection now is to wait for traffic to stop. With a circle, traffic would never stop. Upgraded signals and turn lanes would be vastly preferable if any changes are made at all. We also need a traffic signal (or even a circle) at the Lake Ann Rd/Bendon Rd/31 intersection which is always busy and dangerous for those entering from either side road. Lake Ann is a growing community and traffic in/from that area will only increase in the coming years.	X					X	
My comments include - roundabouts are much safer in problem intersections - especially Interlochen Corners. I use Lake Ann and Reynolds Roads alot living there and they are dangerous intersections, so if roundabouts are possible, do that. If not please install traffic lights; there are far too many accidents and almost accidents that I have witnessed because drivers take way more chances with traffic patterns (i.e. trying to go around illegally with stopped traffic or pulling out in front of traffic to determine the speed of oncoming cars).	^						
a) Turn signals at Interlochen corners							
b) Light and turn signal at Lake Ann/Bendio Rds— Turn lanes are literally used as passing lanes - all the time. I know, I live on Cinder Rd off Bendon Rd passed everyday while cars wait on both south and north sides of US-31 to turn into or cross US-31.	X						
Roundabouts are the best answer. But most people don't know how to use them and cause a traffic problem.	X						
I travel US-31 on a daily basis to and from work, as well as throughout my work day running a construction company just off US-31 by Chums Corners. I agree with the ideas of widening paved shoulders and adding dedicated left turn lanes at intersections. I believe a roundabout in Interlochen would be beneficial. Traffic in the morning and evening commutes would be quicker without having to stop at that intersection. South long lake and J Maddy are far less traveled during these times. I would also add the idea of putting in passing lanes along 31. Between Reynolds road and lake ann road would be a good location.	X						
If left turn arrows are not GUARANTEED at Interlochen corner, then roundabout is the way to go	X						
Please go with the traffic signal modernization with an addition left turn arrows !! I live on Tonawanda Lk Rd and we all have a hard time making a left turn out of Tonawanda .						X	

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