



To: President Janisse and Village Trustees

From: Caroline Kennedy, Asst. Village Manager/Clerk

Date: June 13, 2019

Re: Elk Rapids-to-Acme Trail Preliminary Design Report

The following documentation includes:

- Preliminary Design from Engineering Firm Prein and Newhof – 20 pages
- Existing bike routes through the village – 3 pages
- Potential routes, pros/cons of each, public input – 6 pages

Pages 1-17 contain the detailed preliminary engineering route from Acme-to-Elk Rapids.

Pages 18-20 detail the approach to the village from the south.

The three village pages include:

- 1) The existing two bicycle routes through the village. The green line represents the Local Route. The red line represents the US 35 Bicycle Route.
- 2) A closer view of the existing routes in the village from Dexter Street north to the village limits
- 3) A closer view of the existing routes from the village to Williams Road.

Now that the west side of the US 31 has been identified as the preferred alignment from the south, the village can engage stakeholders and garner public input to determine whether to keep one or both routes through the village as-is, or to enhance those routes to best benefit the residents, visitors and business interests of the village, taking safety, recreation and economic factors into consideration.

It is the intention of the trail group to strive for a Pure Michigan Trail Town designation. Since we have both non-motorized and water trails, this should be an easy win for Elk Rapids.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For safety reasons, MDOT will not allow the trail to cross 31 except at lighted intersections within communities. Therefore, the design work of the segment between Eastport and Elk Rapids will help in determining on which side of 31 the trail will enter the village from the north.

The two pages that depict the northern village limits and Williams Road were included in the public input and stakeholder process and the detailed information is contained within the final 6 pages of the report.