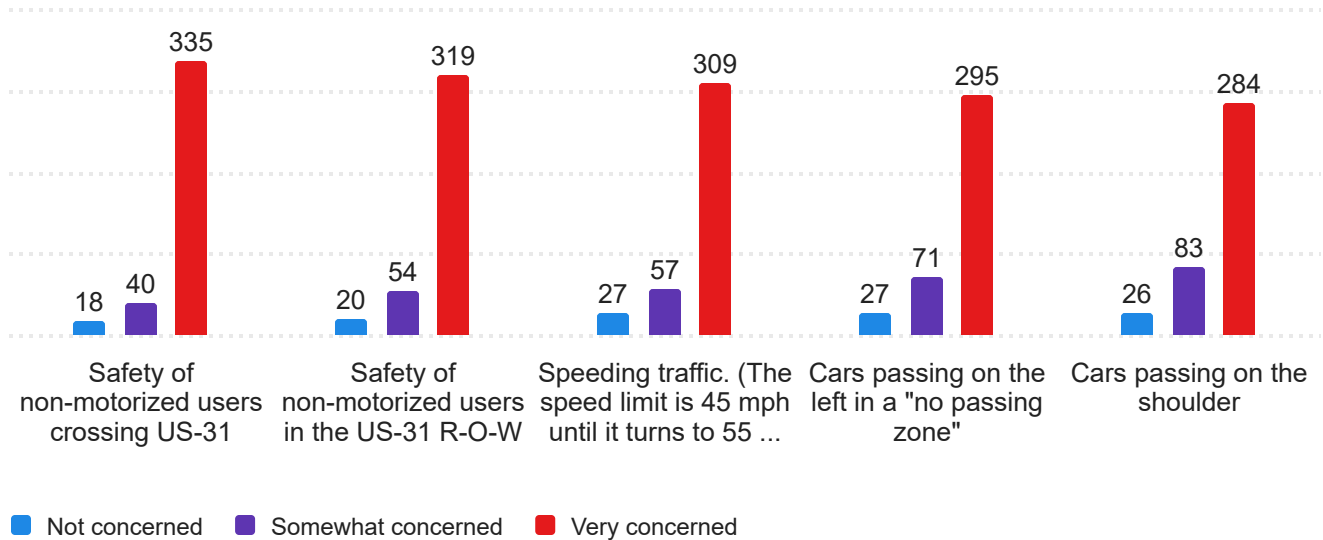


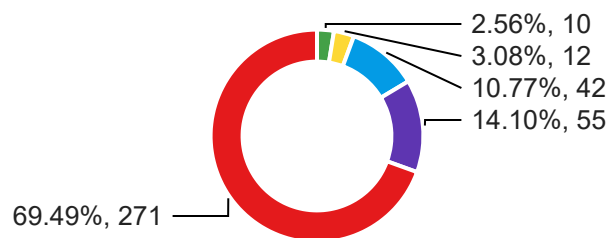
Q1 - Please rate your level of concern regarding the following in this section of US-31:

393 Responses



Q2 - How safe do you feel while walking, biking or rolling ALONG this section of US-31 in the road right-of-way?

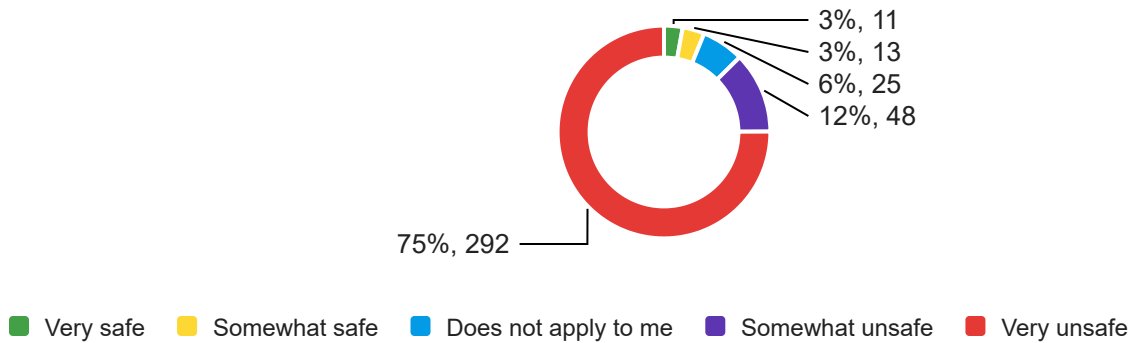
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Legend: ■ Very safe ■ Somewhat safe ■ Does not apply to me ■ Somewhat unsafe ■ Very unsafe

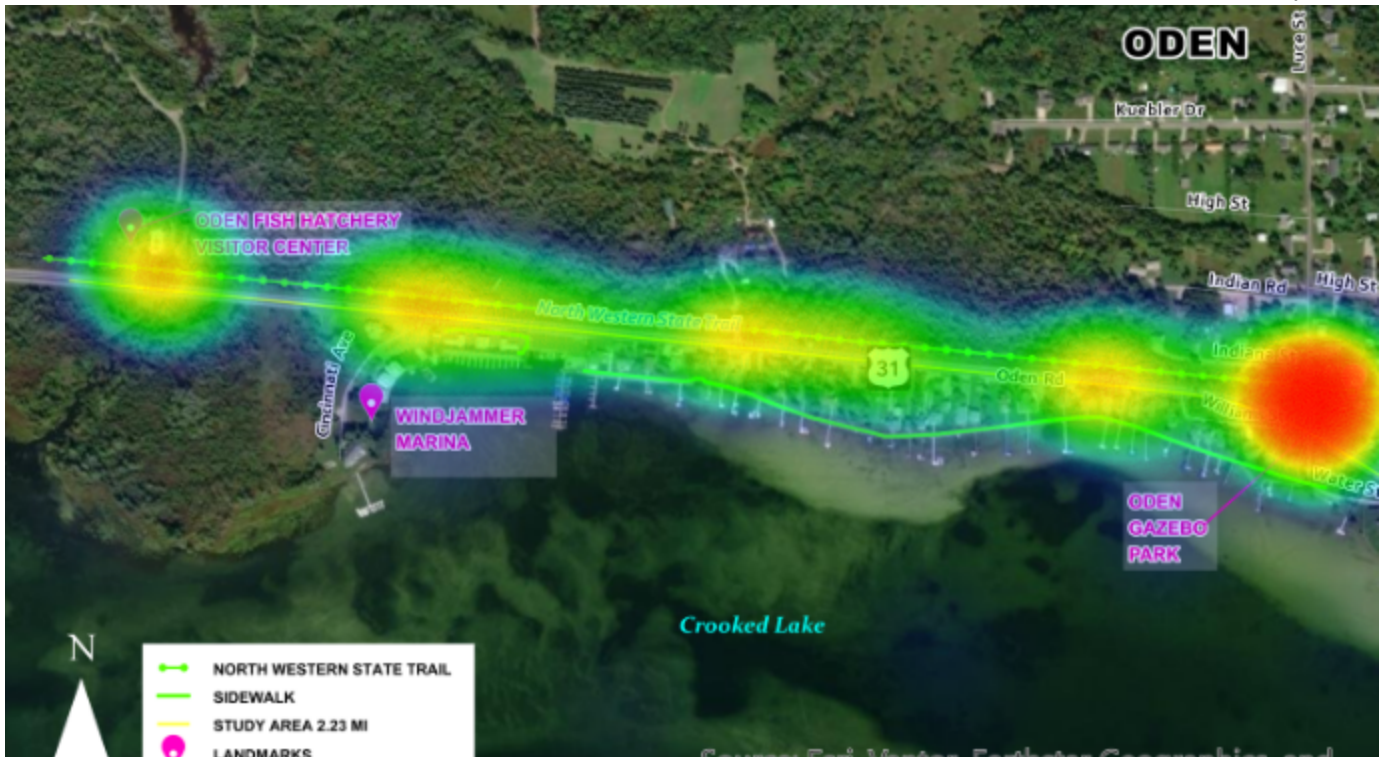
Q3 - How safe do you feel while walking, biking or rolling to CROSS this section of US-31?

389 Responses



Q4 - If you cross US-31 between the Fish Hatchery and Luce Street as a non-motorized user, please indicate WHERE YOU CROSS on the map. You may indicate no more than three locations.

486 Responses



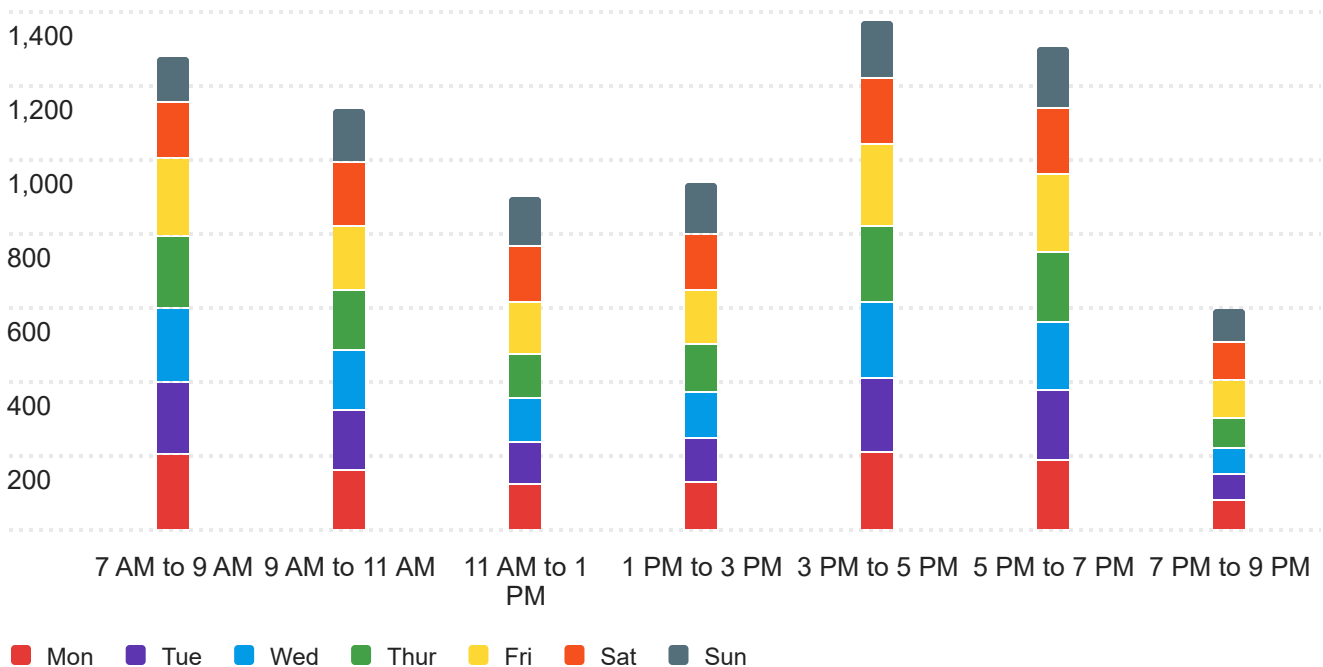
Q5 - If you cross US-31 between Luce Street and Park Ave. as a non-motorized user, please indicate WHERE YOU CROSS on the map. You may indicate no more than three locations.

437 Responses



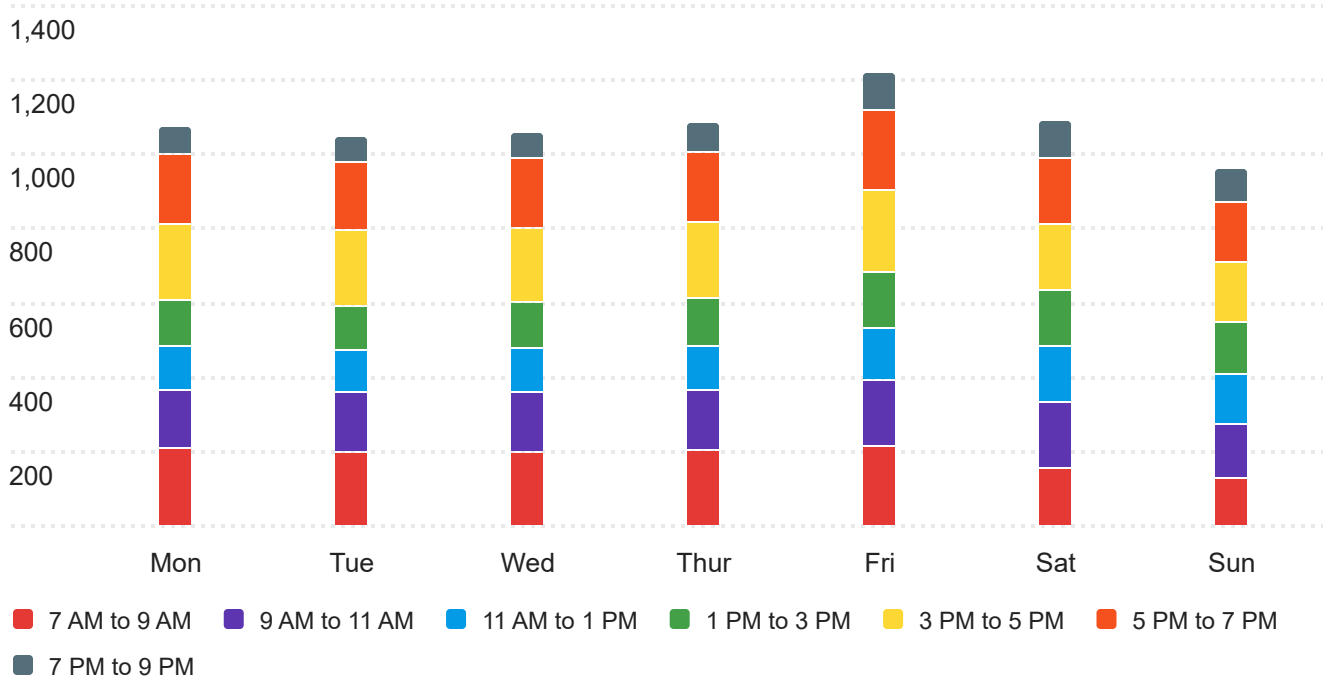
Q6 - What times are the most difficult for you to cross US-31 as a non-motorized user? (Comparison by time of day.)

309 Responses



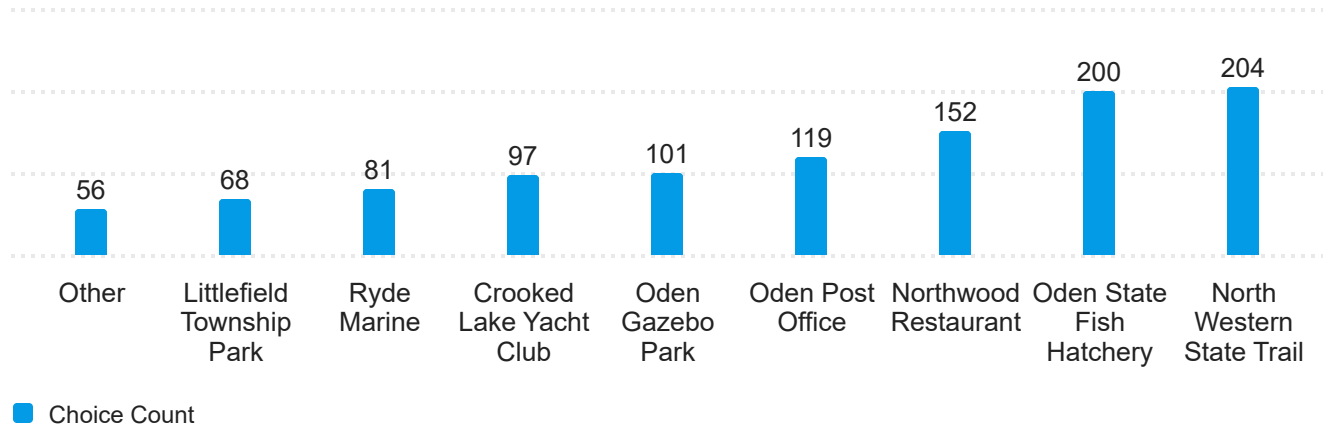
Q6 - What times are the most difficult for you to cross US-31 as a non-motorized user? (Comparison by day of the week.)

309 Responses



Q7 - Please select the destinations that you go to when crossing US-31 without a motorized vehicle.

332 Responses

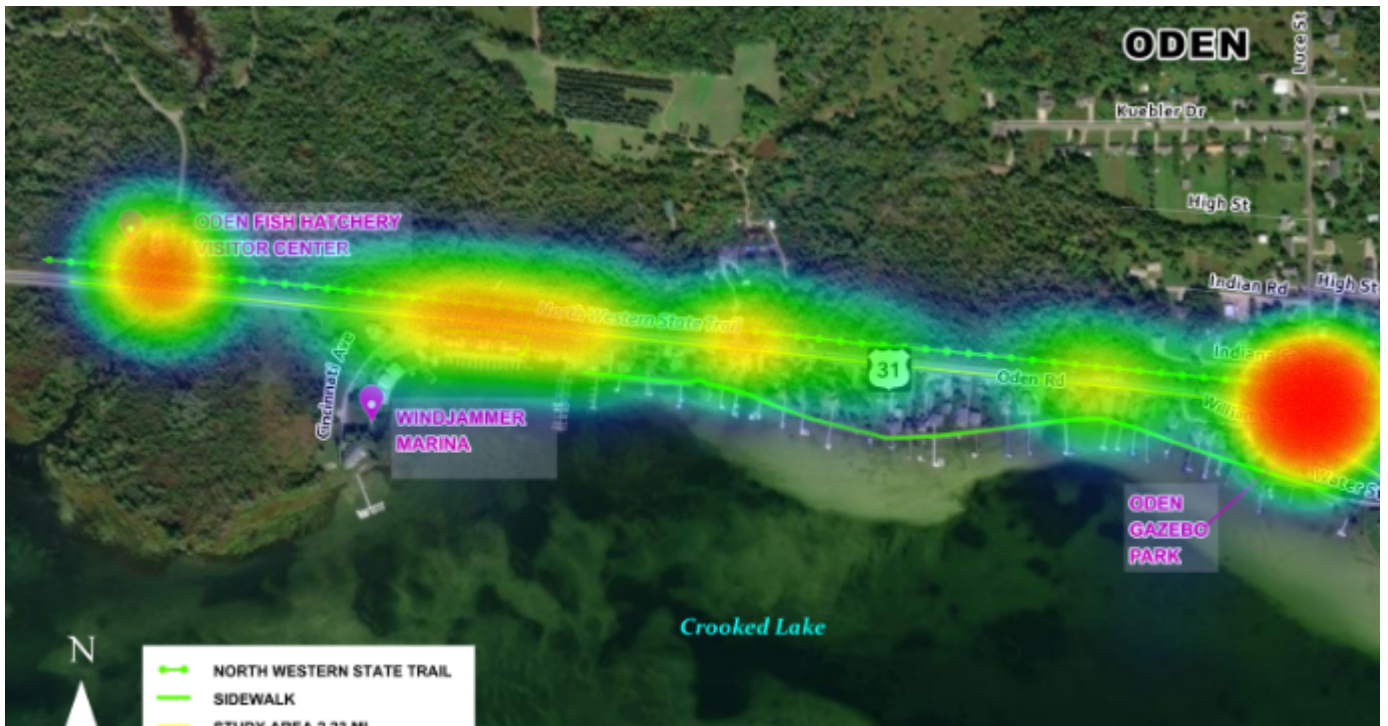


Qu. 7, "Other":

- Parking on the north side of the street from their residence (6)
- North Western State Trail (5)
- Downtown Alanson (2)
- Littlefield Twp. Park beach, south of Rose St. (2)
- Under the Willows Plant Nursery (2)
- Lake St. (2)
- Road end in Ponshewaing
- Petoskey Brewing
- Petoskey State Park
- Spring Lake Park
- Luce St.
- Blumke Rd.
- Tri-Lakes Appliance Repair
- Private residence

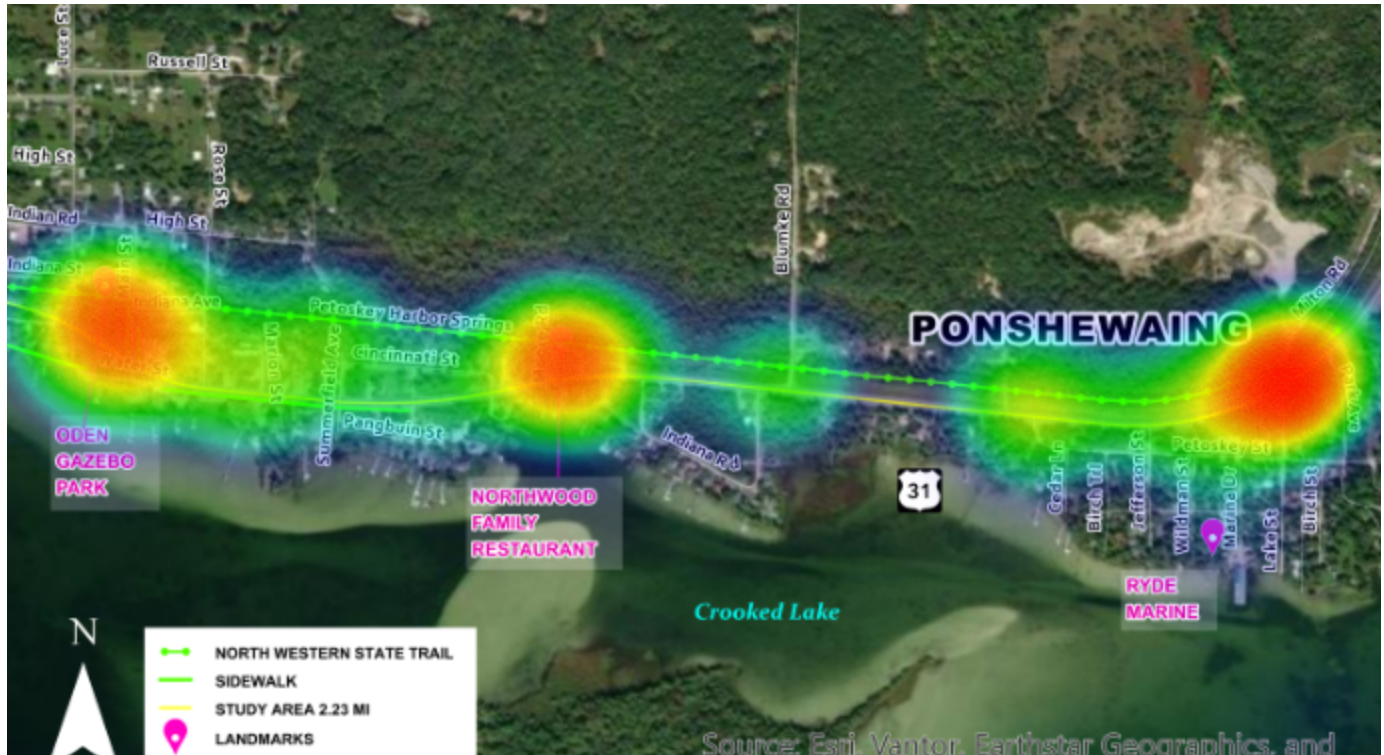
Q8 - Please indicate on the map WHERE YOU WOULD USE a designated non-motorized user crossing on US-31 between the Fish Hatchery and Luce St. You may indicate no more than three locations.

515 Responses



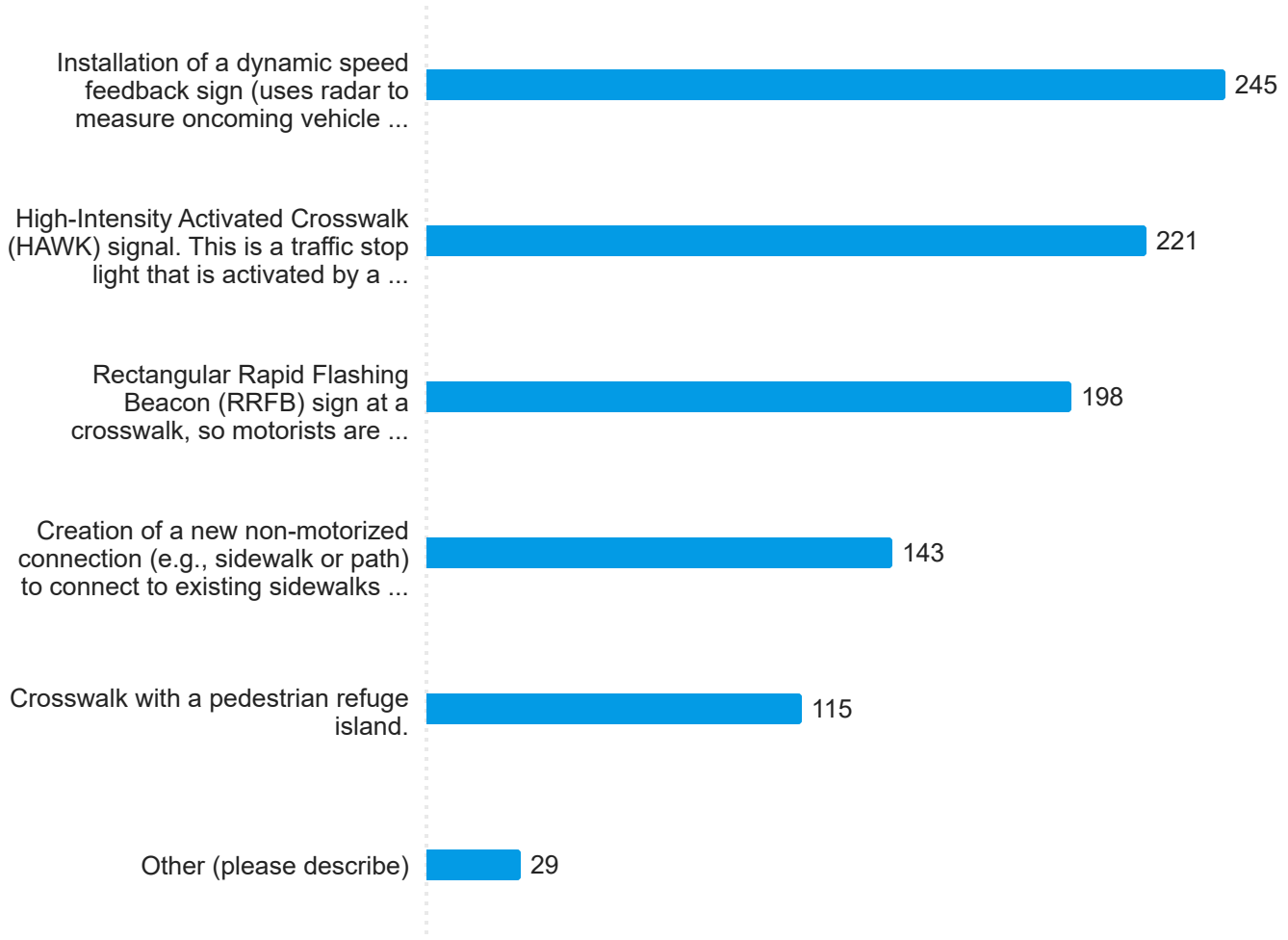
Q9 - Please indicate on the map WHERE YOU WOULD USE a designated non-motorized user crossing on US-31 between Luce Street and Park Ave. You may indicate no more than three locations.

493 Responses



Q10 - What types of improvements would you like to see implemented in this section of US-31? Select as many as you like.

349 Responses

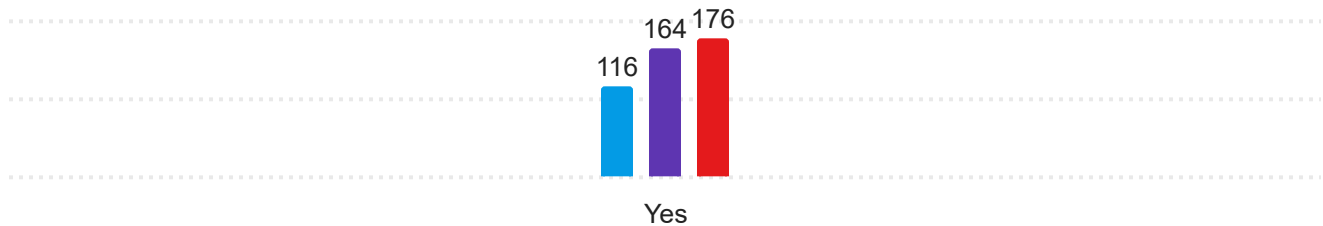


Q10_5_TEXT - Other (please describe)

- Lower the speed limit, particularly through the "S" curve (8)
- No changes needed (6)
- Pedestrian overhead bridge (4)
- All of the above (2)
- Anything that helps
- Some type of a bridge to crossover the ditch to the bike path
- Blinking caution lights indicating that pedestrians may be crossing in the miles to come.
- Caution signs warning drivers approaching "S" curve
- Narrow US-31 on the S-curve to slow traffic and add crash barriers.
- Stop light at Luce St.
- Dangerous intersection sign at Luce St.
- Illuminate the intersection of 31 and Lake St.
- A turn lane into Ponshe, or even a break in the double yellow lines, would help drivers know that Petoskey St is there.
- Make speed limit uniform – 45 mph.
- Entire section of US 31 from the Fish Hatchery through Park Ave should be double yellow no passing zone.
- 100% no passing zone between Oden and Conway.
- Add speed bumps.

Q11 - There are three designated areas outlined on the map. Please click on an area if you would like to see a new non-motorized connection created there.

364 Responses

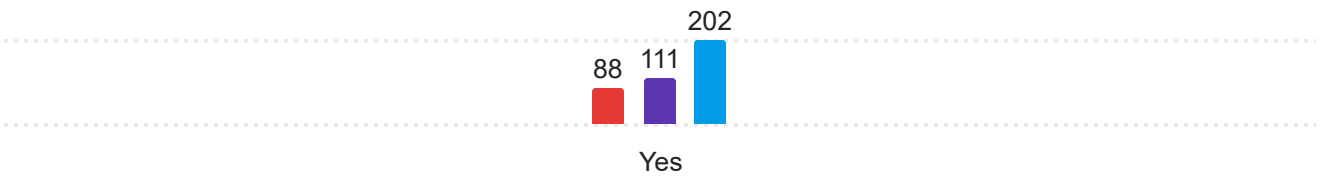


- Connection between the NWST at the Fish Hatchery and the sidewalk in front of Windjammer Marina
- Connection between sidewalks at the Yacht Club
- Connection along Luce Street



Q12 - There are three designated areas outlined on the map. Please click on an a...

362 Responses

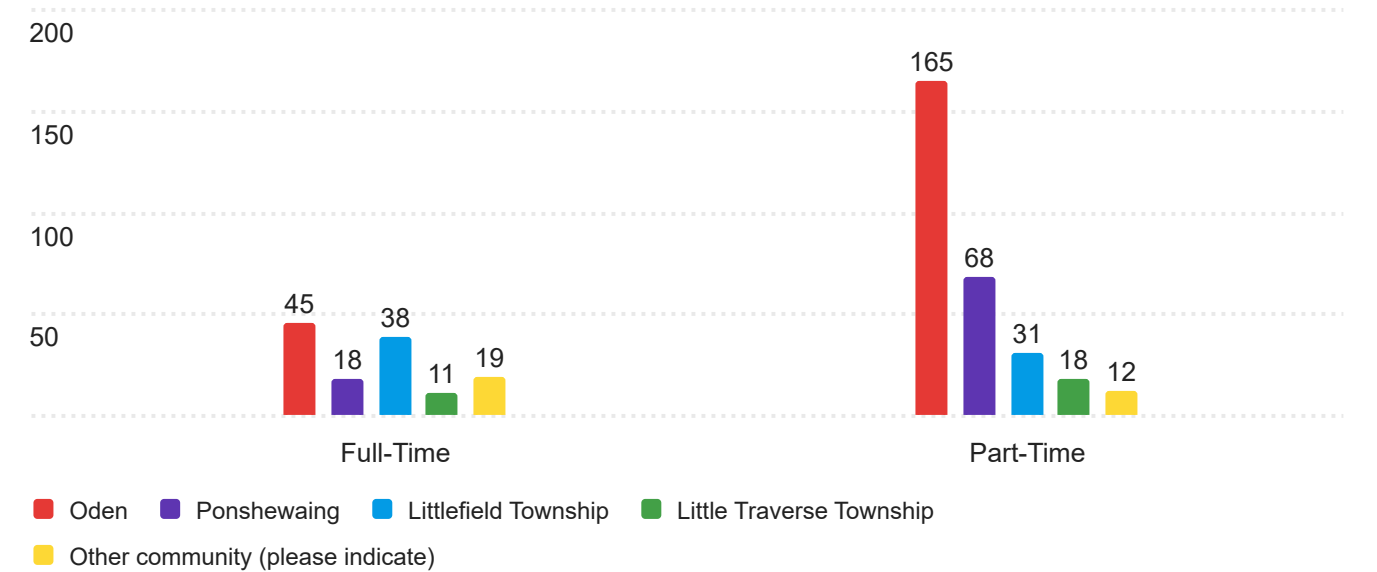


- Marion St. connection to NWST
- Connecting sidewalks along Water Street
- New sidewalk connection south of US-31



Q13 - Please indicate your location of residence.

339 Responses



Q13_5_TEXT - Other community (please indicate)

Petoskey (11)	Colorado (2)	Brutus
Springvale Township (6)	Maple River Township	Pickerel Lake
Conway (4)	Bear Creek Township	Crooked Lake
Village of Alanson (4)	Resort Township	Oden
Pleasantview Township (3)	West Traverse Township	Graham Road Petoskey
Emmet County (3)	Pon-she-wa-ing. Note hyphens. They are part of the legal spelling.	Emmet County EMS
Tourist in Oden (2)		Upper Peninsula
Harbor Springs (2)		Tuscarora Township

It's so dangerous, maybe some police presence and the radar signs would help

Yes. Please do not allow large semi trucks in the corridor. Install at least 2 crosswalks with lights to stop traffic. Please reduce speed to 35 mph.

Something definitely has to be done soon. We are all a nervous wreck when trying to back out of parking area, pull and parking area and walk across the street at any time. It kind of takes the fun out of being in Michigan

Much of this problem is due to U.S. 31 being squeezed into the area between Crooked Lake and the former railway line at a time when automobiles were few and much slower in speed with no consideration to the potential of present day numbers and speeds.

I've grown up coming to this part of Michigan for the better part of 38 years. The safety of the roads and crossing them have become very dangerous with increased tourism and heavy traffic. Huge trucks drive this road regularly to access other towns. There have been deaths and numerous accidents and close calls along this stretch of road. Most of the residents along this stretch have their own stories and eye witness accounts of the dangers of this stretch of road. In addition to the improvements that I have noted in the previous questions, I believe the speed limit needs to be decreased by 10 MPH throughout this stretch to increase visibility and improve braking abilities when pedestrians are present. The entire stretch should be a no passing zone with double yellow lines down the center. Another addition that would be very beneficial is to add signs that read "No Passing on the Shoulder" as well.

Amount of traffic, truck traffic

This stretch of roadway has seen injuries and deaths. Surprised no law suits filed against agencies and committees refusing to address and fix these problems.

The speed is the problem and people passing me when I'm going the speed limit. Particularly Around Luce street. And the frequent crossings between the section of wind jammer and Northwoods.

A crosswalks with stop lights should be added. The large tractor trailer trucks should be eliminated and rerouted to Powers Rd as they are extremely close to residences and dangerous . The speed limit should be reduced to 35 mph in the corridor

In regards to the pedestrian fatality that happened at the curve on US31 and Luce St. a few years ago, my suggestion would be to implement more lighting and a lower speed limit in that section. It is heavily populated near US31 in Oden and a lot of people utilize the park on the lake. Especially when someone is turning into the park. I know of many accidents that have happened there with people that I know. I commute to work through U31 from Alanson to part Graham road in early morning hours at 4:30 and 3:00 in the afternoon and a lot of people speed through there.

Currently the speed limit in Ponshevaing is 55. It should be reduced to 45. The current speed limit in Oden should be reduced from 45 to 35. This is a dangerous stretch of road. We need a safe way to cross the highway. Thank you for doing this survey.

The entire US 31 from the fish hatchery to Ponshevaing should be a no passing zone with double yellow. Also the speed limit needs to be reduced by 10mph throughout this stretch of highway.

I feel slowing traffic is better than stopping traffic. Rush hours are so busy the back up of stopped vehicles through Conway and Alanson would get worse. Sidewalks and well marked (yellow flashers) on cross walks would be a huge improvement.

Dropping the speed would be most helpful. Crosswalks that warn traffic to stop for a pedestrian or bicycle crossing would also be great, especially in the summer months when the motorized and non-motorized usage is much higher. I avoid crossing this road after almost getting hit by a pickup while crossing with my 3 children years ago. The traffic and speed has only increased, especially in the summer.

Having grown up in the area, traffic has definitely increased over the years. There is a huge increase in commuter traffic.

I drive 31 frequently but have never walked it. I've not witnessed any issues.

I think that the most important thing to do is just to get the speed that the drivers go needs to go down for the safety of all living on that street. I think its awesome what your doing and can't wait for this to be implemented.

We know multiple people that have been killed and have relatives who have been killed on this road by attempting to cross, and see many other issues that could be aided with crosswalks and lower, radar enforced speed limits. Very frequently when someone in a car is attempting to turn along the oden row of cottages, another inpatient and speeding driver behind them uses the shoulder to illegally go around them, creating even greater risk to pedestrians crossing the road. We also enjoy going to the fish hatchery quite often, and having some sort of way to at least slow down or stop drivers on the road to give us a moment to cross would not only make our lives better, but anyone who would like to access the state trail across the road would have much safer access to it. And also i'd like to add a side not about the surveying that was done to count the number of people crossing, It was done so late in the season that most of the people on our strip of cottages have left by now, so there weren't nearly as many people attempting to cross the road as there could have been. Also between 3-5 pm is basically rush hour traffic along our strip, and most people (including us) choose not to cross at this time later in the day because it is so unsafe.

Parking and leaving our summer home is dangerous, because many drivers seem to completely ignore the speed limit or try to pass. We have to be very careful when we have guests and need to use the lot across the road.

On August 5th, 2024 at 7:20 AM in the morning, my niece, Alyson Johnson was killed while jogging on HWYn31 near Luce street. Alyson was 48, married, with one son about to enter his freshman year in college. Aly was a very experienced marathon runner, heath coach and trainer. I am sure that she took the proper precautions when choosing her running paths. The vehicle that hit her was a hit-run accident and was estimated to going approximately 60 MPH. The driver was later apprehended and is currently serving time in prison. God Bless him..and ALY! In talking to the locals that live nearby, this stretch of road is very dangerous and needs more walking/running/biking room on both sides along with speed control measures and crosswalks. Something needs done! Please don't let 2-4 more people get killed before deciding that something needs done. School starts soon and children will again be using that stretch to and from home. Thanks you.

restriction of highway traffic in this area and encouragement of ill advised crossing in such a congested area is a poor idea that will likely do little to increase non motorized safety and likely increase motorized incidents in the only major, class A, continuous north/south thoroughfare in the county.

Indiana Point: This area is populated by mostly retirees over 60. The bikeway is across US 31, but very few people use it because it is too dangerous to cross US 31. These people need to exercise. There is a deep ditch next to the bikeway across US 31, so old people trying to use the bikeway have to 1) cross US-31 and 2) walk on the shoulder along US 31 to Blumke Rd to access the bikeway. My grandkids like to ride their bikes on the bikeway but rarely use it because of the danger getting to the bikeway. Also note: If a crosswalk of some sort is added please put it on at the east end of Indiana Point. The west end by the Northwood restaurant is on the curve. Cars come flying around the curve, accelerating as they are leaving Oden. There is no safe way to get across US 31 at the west entrance to Indiana Point.

Traffic is horrible on 31 thru Ponshewaing. Huge dump trucks and heavy commercial trucks going way over speed limit ! Cars fly by coming around the curve.

Please make our road safer!

If Bay View is 35mph and Alanson is 25 mph why can't the stretch in Oden be 25-35 mph? We have many more homes along the road than those towns have.

As a senior citizen it is just too dangerous to try to get across 31. Cars fly by going way over the speed limit! I am no longer able to go with my grandchildren on the bike trail which was one of our favorite activities! Sorry to say I discourage them going too because IT IS NOT SAFE!

Traffic flies through this all day long.

In the 30 years living in the village of Ponshewaing, we have enjoyed walking, and riding bikes ... but also watching so many enjoy their walks and bike riding !! We've seen too many accidents here in the corner of Lake and 31, and Park ave and 31 which has always concerned us greatly. It's a dangerous stretch where cars are turning into Ponshewaing and cars pass on the side and many times I'm afraid to turn into Ponshewaing myself because of speeding cars, and it feels unsafe to say the least. To watch our neighbors cross over who have lived here and vacationed here for a very long time and the summer, fall and winter walks has been a joy to see, to enjoy our beautiful community.

But We are in desperate need of a safe crossing so we can continue for years to come this wonderful place we live.

We are contractors and reduced speed would be very helpful so that we are not endangering employees and contractors. The amount of people passing on the shoulder is scary.

Investing in the care and protection of human beings can be costly and requires vision, strength, and honor. However, the result is a meaningful increase in those rich qualities throughout the community.

As a member of this community I am asking for immediate safety improvements along US-31 in Oden. The current conditions put pedestrians and cyclists at serious risk. A cyclist was hit and injured last month and a woman was killed last year on this road. Despite these incidents, there is no designated crossing connecting the sidewalk near the Crooked Lake Yacht Club with the North Western State Trail. The need for marked crossing, warning lights, lower speeds and stronger enforcement couldn't be clearer. Please act before another family is affected by a preventable tragedy.

Flashing signs in the pavement

35 mph from N Conway Rd to east of Ponsewaing

Our kids work in Ponsheawaing and we worry about their safety crossing 31 and turning left onto 31 with the heavy traffic and fast speeds

How many deaths must occur until action is taken? Too many people have lost their lives trying to cross this road. This road has become increasingly more dangerous over the years. People drive way too fast and something has to be done to protect the pedestrians.

I would like you to know that we have a lot of kids, and that the highway is always a source of stress. It's very fast and very hard to see especially on the curves. Please help!

Please clean up the path that lead to the north western Trail. They are overrun with weeds and mud and some Dan don't have any boarding at all.

We live on US 31 next to windjammers Marina on crooked Lake. We are full-time residence and we love to access the bike path, but it is very dangerous to cross 31 because of the heavy traffic and the speeds they travel, most vehicles are driving well above 45 mph. Another issue is there is not a good way to cross over the ditch to the bike path. When my children visit with our grandchildren, they are very reluctant to try to cross over to the bike path because of the ditch being muddy and the heavy traffic. I believe a pedestrian crosswalk with a stop light and a wooden bridge to cross the ditch to the biking path would be an incredible improvement and a great safety feature for residence in this area.

I feel that there may be lawsuits against my community or MDOT if there is no action to reduce the speed or find safe ways to cross the road

People DO NOT OBEY speed limits or pedestrians along this busy stretch of road. There even could be speed bumps along the way. People need to slow down

Nope

Nope I think it's all good!!

We need safety!

We have to make it safe to cross the road. The curve at Ponsheawaing is terrifying. So much danger to people and drivers alike.

Too many have lost their lives or been injured in this area. People drive way too fast through Oden and Ponsheawang.

Crossing often takes a very long time due to the amount of traffic on this road.

Nobody should cross the road at the Curve by Luce Street and Rose Street

I just want people to USE THE BIKE PATH instead of the highway for walking/biking

As a retired police officer I would recommend a traffic signal which could be activated by citizens - a push button. Also a flashing warning re: speed!

Oden is a beautiful place to live, raise a family, and enjoy the outdoors. Sadly, over the years, our community has experienced far too many accidents and heartbreaking fatalities involving people simply trying to cross the street. No one should have to risk their life to complete everyday tasks like walking to the post office.

The safety of our residents should be a top priority. We have a responsibility to protect the people who call Oden home, as well as the visitors who come to enjoy our community. Taking action to improve pedestrian safety is not just about traffic—it's about preventing future tragedies and ensuring that everyone can walk through our town safely.

We cannot change the past, but we can make changes today that will save lives tomorrow. Keeping our community safe is not just an option—it is our obligation.

I've vacationed here for 15 years. I love going to the walking trail and showing my children the fish hatchery. But what terrifies me the most is pushing my kids stroller across the highway. People are speeding past without regard for pedestrians or bikers or people that live here. It is too fast. The speed needs to be reduced at Oden to 35mph and 45mph at Ponshewaing for families to continue to utilize these amazing features. In order to grab driver's attention, there needs to be lights telling them to stop when pedestrians use the crosswalk.

I've grown up in Oden most of my life and the road has always been a concern of mine. The traffic moves too fast considering how many of us utilize the bike trail, fish hatchery, and Northwoods. I would really hope we could incorporate safe traffic control methods that would allow for safe crossing of US 31 for pedestrians. I would most prefer that we reduce the speed limit from 45 to 35 in Oden, and from 55 to 45 in Ponshewaing.

This is a very serious safety concern! Please act accordingly

Thank you for striving to make everyone safer!

This stretch of road has been dangerous for a long time especially in summer months. There are numerous accidents in this congested area and it's very dangerous to cross as a pedestrian or biker, deaths have occurred. The speed should be reduced by at least 10 mph. The road must be crossed to get to attractive facilities on the other side. Currently, there is no safe way to do this. For example, 6 of us had to cross as a family (on bikes) to get to the Fish Hatchery. We waited 5 minutes for the traffic to clear completely. It was not easy and we didn't even have younger children along this time.

This has been a dangerous area for a long time. There are numerous crashes due to excessive speed in a congested area. The speed limit in the area needs to be reduced by at least 10 mph and safe crosswalks for pedestrians need to be constructed.

This is an extremely dangerous section of road. The speed limit should be dropped by at least 15 mph. There are so many accidents along this stretch of US 31 that could be prevented with lower speed limits and well marked cross walks. A woman was killed trying to cross 31 two years ago. She was not the first and won't be the last. Shame on MDOT for not addressing this. MDOT employs safety experts and engineers who need to stop saying that this can't be fixed. This seems to be MDOT's "go to" position. As engineers, we are trained and paid to find solutions to problems. Get busy MDOT.

All vehicles travel way too fast especially around corners of High St and Luce St. and the stretch between the two is a faster speed. Some type of monitoring needs to be done on regular basis. Speed limit definitely needs to be 25 Mph through the studied area. To pull out on US 31 from any side street is taking a chance a speeding driver isn't coming around the corner!

The number one way to slow traffic down would be better police presence. I drive that stretch of road two or three times a day and I rarely see any law-enforcement.

We HAVE to park across 31 from our house. It is EXTREMELY dangerous for all of us, ages small child to Sr adult. Traffic moves way too fast and is so heavy that I have waited over 5 minutes just to cross the street. We basically have to wait for the traffic lights in Conway and Alanson to align for a break to get across the street, to say nothing of all the semi trucks, logging trucks, work trucks, etc

I think a major issue is that West of Alanson the speed limit goes up to 55 at all. The cars are moving the fastest around the bend with limited visibility has caused resulted in a death in the early 90s.

For 35 I have been riding bikes across 31 from Lake St first to Milton Rd and now to the trail. I think crossing 31 has only become more dangerous with more traffic and larger vehicles.

I believe there should be some lights and/or signage before 31's bend into Ponshevaing warning of a cross walk to give drivers more time to slow.

31 is treated the same going east and west out of Alanson. I think it's a huge mistake. It is truly rural east towards Brutus, while it becomes dense residential only ½ mile after Alanson. I imagine with nightly often abrupt and dangerous traffic jams caused by the Dairy Queen line spilling onto 31, they could be interested in participating.

Our family loves to hike and ride bikes on the Northwestern State trail. To do that we have to cross US 31. This is very dangerous as we have elderly and very young family members and the traffic is heavy!!

Traffic has become overbearing and the speeds make it impossible to cross the road to get to the Northwestern State trail especially with small children.

Would like to see speed reduction in this area Memorial Day thru Labor Day

My sister, Alyson Johnson, was killed by a truck while jogging along this road two years ago. One death (that I know of) on this stretch is one too many. Please do everything you possible to not make it two (or more) deaths. Thank you.

The current proposal appear to focus on the corridor from Oden to the fish hatchery, as well as the area within Ponshevaing. However, it does not appear to address the needs of residents living on Indiana Point or along U.S. 31 between Indiana Point and Petoskey Street.

To ensure safe and equitable pedestrian access, consideration should be given to installing a sidewalk or boardwalk connecting these neighborhoods to the proposed crosswalks. Providing this connection would allow residents to safely reach the crossings and improve overall accessibility within the community.

We lost one of our neighbors years ago crossing to go to the post office who was hit by a car. The speed limit here needs to be reduced and enforced. I have owned my home in Oden since 1968 and reside there from May - Oct which is the busier time of the year up there and the past 5 yrs have seen a HUGE increase in traffic on 31. Happy to see this is being looked into and hope it can get passed.

Please make this happen

Latest of many US-31 Corridor accidents with deaths/injuries occurred on 7/17/26.

Vehicle hit 13 yo on bike. Many compound fractures. Spleen, eye, brain damage.

Wildfire smoke prevented air-lift. Spleen removed at hospital half-way to GR.

Child remains hospitalized in GR as of 7/31/26.

This is a dangerous area in the summer. People fly by going 70 mph.

More law enforcement of the existing speed limit.

Slower speed limit

Add more police presence

Aly was my niece and I miss her terribly. She left behind a husband and one son. She's so would have loved to have seen her son go to university. 500 people came to her funeral. She was so loved by her community. Her death made a significant impact on everyone who loved her.

On August 5, 2024, at about 7:30 am, our daughter, Alyson D. Johnson, age 48 at the time was killed by a hit and run driver (later captured and sentenced to 19 years) in the back while she was attempting to cross US 31 near the intersection with Luce Road. We were vacationing with our family and staying in a home on the south side of US 31. Alyson and her husband Chad, who are both very experienced runners, had been on an early morning run on the North Western State Trail and were finishing up their run. Chad was a little ahead of Alyson or he would have been killed also. Both had been on the trail and then came south on Luce Road to head west on the side of US 31 for about 25 yards to cross to where we were staying. Alyson was struck in the back by a Dodge pickup truck trying to pass illegally on the right side of the road and speeding because he was late for work. Just imagine in your mind what went through my mind, my wife's, our son and daughter-in-law, and grandson when Chad runs into the house and is screaming that Alyson is now with God-we all saw her lying in the ditch covered in a white sheet! Alyson leaves behind a 20-year-old son that she was going to help move into the dorm at Colorado State University as a freshman when we returned from the vacation in Michigan-he is now starting his junior year (without his mother), a husband of 20 years, a younger brother, her mother and father, nieces and aunts, and a least 750 people that attended her funeral. Her impact on many, many people is still felt today as an outstanding person award at the annual state convention for dental hygiene will be given this fall annually in her name. I would say that not much thought was given when US 31 was built. For a US highway to be placed no more than 20-30' feet from homes that were in place before the highway was paved is a tragedy. To have a very nice running, walking trail just north of US 31 and then make people try to cross with cars going 40-60 mph is ridiculous and very dangerous! Please consider this proposal very seriously and work with MDOT to place these crosswalks or more individuals will die.

Thank You--Bill/Jeris Pilcher (father and mother of Alyson Johnson)

It is very dangerous and scary to try to pull into our residence. We have to pull up to the side, wait for traffic, and quickly back in. It's just as dangerous when pulling out. Everytime we try to cross the road on foot or bike, we are really concerned for our safety and our children's safety. The cars and the large trucks barrel so fast down the road

no parking on north side of 31 from fish hatchery to Luce, expand row of hwy to bike trail. signage / physical barriers to passing on the right side for all of study area (this is already illegal but done all the time

The speed limit in the corridor should a maximum of 35 mph.

These safety problems have been more numerous and severe since the state was persuaded to raise the speed limit from 35 to 45 mph. Shame on the state of Michigan. The Oden curves were designed for 35mph not 45mph. This dangerous change should be reversed.

Rumble strips are often effective at alerting drivers to immediate hazards such as driving out of lane. ESP on the RIGHT edge in a pedestrian hazard zone.

As a part time resident for over 20 years, I'd like to see this part of the highway become a safer place for all to travel and enjoy this wonderful place. It's become so dangerous as it's become more popular to visit and we need to take action to prevent any more deaths or accidents from happening. Thank you.

Let's make it safer to cross the road. I think cars go to fast through here, we need to make a change.

We should encourage people to use the bike trail instead of the right of way. More infrastructure results in more costs, use what we already invested in.

I do not see any reason for non-motorized people walking,or riding bikes or any other non-motorized travel on the highway shoulder or right of way when there is a bicycle and walking trail within a couple hundred feet of the highway.

This study is much needed to improve the safety of this corridor. Additionally lowering the motorized speeds would immensely help reduce accidents along this populated stretch.

I own a business in Alanson and often see people almost get hit crossing 31. It's an accident waiting to happen.

Runners, walkers, and cyclists shouldn't be on the US-31 shoulders - that's what the rail trail is for.

I'd love to see this road become LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY. How many motor vehicle caused deaths are we going to allow on this road before the state, city, and county decides to do something about it? All non-local traffic needs to be rerouted away from these homes and the people that live in them. For the drivers safety AND the residences safety. Living in a community that does not value the lives of their residences is extremely disappointing. Not changing this road condones these horrible accidents. I am incredibly supportive of this initiative and am excited to see the changes that will take place to protect our citizens. Please make changes before more terrible accidents happen and we lose more innocent lives than the already 5 lost lives.

These roads are incredibly unsafe and the highway should be re-routed completely.

At least 4 people have died crossing this road since I've been coming here. I've had several close calls myself. I am in full support of the OPSC's safety proposal. Thank you for taking this seriously.

I am in full support of the OPSC proposals. Thank you to the committee for their dedication to making this stretch of road safer!

This is a dangerous stretch of US 31 and has only gotten worse since the speed limit was last changed 7-1-77. The speed, volume and nature of traffic has increased since then without significant safety improvements. The North Western State Trail was added, the Oden Fish Hatchery greatly improved, and businesses and parks were added in Oden without significant safety improvements on US 31. There is no safe way to cross US 31 currently. Accidents and close calls occur regularly on this stretch. Speeding is a huge problem. The speed limit needs to be reduced to 35 mph through Oden and 45 mph through Ponshevaing. Speeding was recognized as the #1 safety issue by Oden residents in the February 2012 Corridor Study, and Luce Street (where Aly Johnson was hit and killed) was identified in the Corridor Study as a dangerous intersection. Significant safety improvements are warranted and long overdue.

Speed limit needs to be enforced, especially with tractor/trailers and speed limit reduced

No car passing should be allowed in this area. Lower speed limit also.

The speed limit is too fast and needs to be lowered. It's hard to cross the street or pull your car out most of the time.

I've been biking around Oden all my life and when they made the trail made me feel safe but the past few years. I've noticed no one takes any notice to the bike crossing signs and there's no good indicating signs for bikers to cross by the Fish Hatchery and other locations. Plus every time I'm up here for the summer I've never seen any police help monitor these high speed traffic areas where people need to cross to get home safely.

Need a crosswalk that goes to the overflow parking across from the houses.

I walk my dog every day in this area to get to the trail, visit friends and neighbors and get to Ryde Marina where my kids work. I also worry about the speed in Ponshevaing since my kids have to turn left onto 31 to get home after work each day during rush hour traffic.

I believe at a minimum if the speed of the cars and trucks is reduced to 35 mph would save lives and injury. Plus, no heavy weight trucks. They are always speeding.

I am completely for implementing these crosswalks and lower speed limits. I fear there will be more casualties in the future, especially a child's life. I am grateful that there are people who are trying to make this highway safer. Living in the Oden area, it's hard for me to enjoy the bike path when trying to cross such a dangerous highway.

I fully believe US 31 needs safer crossings and lower speed limits for non-motorized users. Too many lives have already been lost on this highway and this needs to be prevented. I'm very happy to see initiatives being taken to make this highway safer.

I love the biking/walking trail and use it everyday that I'm here. I just wish it wasn't so dangerous to cross the road. Cars drive too fast and pass on the gravel side. It's very hard to get in and out of our driveway.

Lower speed limit and no passing zone would also help

This is very good to bring attention to safety concerns in our area.
Thank you

Thank you to the OPSC for working with Networks Northwest to help make this area safer for us!

It feels like I'm playing frogger when trying to cross to run on the trail. Also when bringing my 4 kids across on bikes or scooters it can be terrifying, so much so that it limits when we choose to cross (ie not during rush hour or weekender traffic heading up north & back).

Often we are trying to cross the highway with 10+ children on bikes/scooters to access the trail. Usually on hikes to the hatchery or eastward on the trail. The speed of vehicles is regularly over 65mph and sometimes we use our own vehicles to stop traffic to allow for safer crossing. The paved trail is beautiful and we love to use it, but it seems very dangerous to cross the highway as is.

31 roadside signage should discourage non-motorized use of shoulder and encourage use of walking/bike path just north of roadway.

It's very unsafe, especially for children and older people- the cars go too fast.

I cross the highway frequently with my young children and it always feels dangerous and scary. I'd love to see improvements in the safety of pedestrian crossings in this area.

Needs lighted crossings! A stop light even!

Leave it alone. Proposing crosswalks increases danger to me as a pedestrian. Can't trust people driving and looking at their phones.

Even though I live in Petoskey, I frequently drive through the Oden corridor and find it a difficult drive because of the curves, speeding, and other factors. I would not even attempt to walk or bike along the route.

MDOT needs to consider pedestrians along and crossing in ALL projects. They just redid this and did not consider pedestrians. Lack of crossings and connections in Alanson is also pathetic.

I think traffic circles are also a viable alternative to slow down traffic, without impeding the flow of traffic.

Enforce speed limit and cell phone use.

The bike path crossing at North Conway Road is unsafe.

property owners and businesses along the Northwestern State bike trail are hostile to users and the increased installation of stop signs for walkers/cyclists are causing more issues than helping

We primarily use the trail. for years prior to the trail we road along the edge of the highway. Probably wouldn't do that regularly nowadays, but occasionally we zip along parts in order to get to the lakeside. Very dangerous in a world with texting drivers.

There was not an option for a crossing from Rose St to the park across 31, but that would be our choice if there was.

I have four young boys all under the age of 11. Our biggest fear for them when we are in Oden is crossing the highway. The highway is so busy and traffic is so fast and we have heard stories of pedestrians being struck and killed and we are fearful for our children crossing the street.

Please help with crossing the highway for parking behind our cottage

We park across US-31 and must cross the highway behind our cottage. That's where we need help.

Crossing the highway to/from parking is my biggest issue

Biggest problem is crossing the busy highway to access parking

Your designated crosswalk area options are incomplete. Main trouble points are where pedestrians cross to parking on the North side of US 31

I visit friends in Ponschewang regularly. It is always so scary pulling out of there to head back to Petoskey. If nothing else at least a reduced speed between Oden and Alanson.

Our home sits right against the highway and we have to park across the street. Crossing the highway, especially with our young kids, has become a terror. We would be so grateful to see any and as many as possible safety improvements to this stretch of highway!

It is particularly dangerous with the curve coming into Ponschewaing from Alanson

At least reduce the speed limit to 45 or less from Graham Road to Alanson.

Light at Lake Street entrance to Ponschewaing

The speed limit should be reduced in Oden, lots of people in the summer and it's a blind corner in the middle

A over street light at the intersection of Lake and 31 would greatly increase safety at very little expense.

Could not navigate crossing locations on this survey, but a cross walk at oden park, or near northwoods restaurant or down by the marina would be helpful. Any area that would give easier access to bike trail. Thank you!

This survey is being conducted by a very select few people that, more than likely, do not live here full time. This issue is small and only affects a few people that want to walk from their lake house, that they knowingly purchased on a highway, to a bike path.

It's a highway; don't impede traffic, no need to reduce speed limit or impede traffic. Don't cross when traffic is coming, a pedestrian crossing an interstate highway in a neighborhood should know when it is safe to cross. Cars turning onto the 31 have to wait just as long as pedestrians do before they cross.

Please reduce speed limit from 55 to 45

This section of US 31 has been a site of many accidents and a number of injuries and fatalities over the years. It is well past time to address the problem and implement solutions!

Having an alternative path to cross is very important to the Economy success of the Oden Alanson community

Some safety measures need to be taken before more people are killed.

I think that another option could be requiring trucks use an alternate route to bypass this area. There are other roads built for trucks that are not as populated as this area. The trucks travel over the speed limit and are a safety hazard to both motor vehicles and pedestrians.

Lower the speed limit in this section of US-31

I would really like to see the speed limit reduced. It is 45 MPH by our house and I estimate that the average speed traveled by cars is 60 mph. We have owned our house for over 35 year and the amount of traffic has drastically increased and so has the speed cars and trucks drive. The number of accidents that have happened in the last few years is a direct result of both of these. I truly don't understand why nothing has been done yet. Please reduce the speed limit and put in cross walks before another life is unnecessarily lost.

The trucks are another huge hazard! They drive way over the speed limit and often out of control. This is a residential area with a high density of houses that is also used by pedestrians and cyclists. Please install the appropriate crosswalks and reduce the speed limits!!

We have several young children that enjoy going to the fish hatchery and the bike trail. It is quite dangerous trying to cross US 31 with them.

No passing zone between Hatchery and Conway Commons

Slowing traffic down and safety of those crossing is imperative.

A big concern are the cars passing on the right hand side illegally. The speed limit also needs to be lowered and enforced!!

Us31 should be moved away from the cottages in Oden to allow for parking behind cottages and not across the street, requiring people to cross highway to get to their cars.

In my 52 years as a summer resident in Oden, there have been far too many deaths and accidents as well as near misses. The road should be moved away from this residential area or traffic should be slowed significantly.

Seasonal speed limit of 35 mph from mid May through mid September.

MUCH HEAVIER LAW ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT OR BETTER YET LOWER SPEED LIMIT TO 35 PMH BETWEEN PONSHEWAIGN AND CONWAY MI

Once again, a bridged walkway would be the safest way to solve this problem. If your are truly concerned about safety than the cost of the project should not be an issue. The on the road crossings are not the safest way to go. A bridge walkway would not impede traffic or cause rear end collisons. The State of Michigan built an overpass for hikers and bikers just north of Grayling, MI which cost many times more that a bridged walkway such as the one on US-31 in Petoskey by Stanford's Restaurant.

It is the inability to see clearly in the curve between Northwoods and Luce street that concerns me most.

I live at 8951 lake street . People are constantly honked at for turning on Lake coming from Alanson , now I don't know if they don't put signal on in time or people are too fast behind them , time of day doesn't seem to matter . I know people shouldnt pass on right shoulder but that'll never stop . I will say this I can think of at least 2 times where a semi both times couldn't slow down and swerved on right and if they didn't do that I'm positive we wouldn't be here they made a choice either rear end us or sling rocks on us and almost side swipe us . I've seen it happen to other people pulling in here . I try to turn at park or down at other end at Petoskey street and I never walk grandkids anymore with bikes over to path , last time we almost lost a little guy , so not sure of solution but glad my neighbor is on it and mentioned this thanks

ANY improvement is welcome. The summer traffic in Oden is terrifying.

Traffic continues to get worse each year. We now have to turn right and go down to the Post office & drive around to Luce St to then turn right there to go to town for anything. Ive been here for more than 60years and have never had to do that before the last few years. Its scary how fast the cars are traveling as well. My Granddaughter was in a severe accident just trying to turn out of our driveway. It totaled her car, and shoved her into our neighbors garage. Very scary!!

always been an issue - over 60 yrs

Honestly we do not cross 31 under any circumstance because of the traffic. We drive to the fish hatchery and walk or bike from there because of the accident we had at our driveway. We would love to be able to cross safely and utilize the walk/bike trail w/out driving. I used to also walk to the post office but do not do that anymore either because of the traffic.

My family and I have had the privilege of being summer residents in Oden on beautiful Crooked Lake since the late 1970s. I have been vacationing at our cottage when residents or visitors have been hit and killed and witnessed or heard multiple accidents (specifically at Luce St) with the first fatal accident i remember when I was a young child in the 1980's. The speeds have since drastically increased and the road has continually become much unsafer as drivers are distracted, drive faster and have to contend with more traffic in the corridor. With the addition of a trail that is designed for safe recreation, the missing crosswalks along with limited to no enforcement make the area a death trap. Please help our families make this area safer so we can continue to enjoy it for years to come and not have to see grieving families trying to understand how these tragic incidents occur.

Trim hedges on soutside especially west of Luce..poor visibiliy!! No parking signs needed on south side US 31 near Luce and Main

Consider speed reduction through this corridor from Memorial Day to Labor Day with digitized signage.

Please lower speed AND offer safe ways to cross the very busy highway 31. Many people (old and young) LOVE to use the bike path!!

It is hard to safely cross and use the bike path with having more than one small child to help cross, while cars travel at high speed in both directions.

I have spent summers in Oden since 1990. In that time I have witnessed or known of at least one major accident a year including one that took out my fence. The former owner of my cottage was killed walking to the Post Office, a trip that used to be a daily walk but that now I drive to as I fear crossing the road on foot or bicycle. I would love to take advantage of the "Rails to Trails " pathway but I am hesitant to try to cross the road to get there with my bike. It simply is too dangerous to cross US 31 in Oden. Since we are not able to get the speed limit lowered, then other safety measures need to be put in place to protect the residents and visitors to the area.

I don't see this area a problem with bikes as there is a bike path that I use

I am concerned that, even if we have a light at Luce street, that people coming from the direction of Petoskey, will not see the light/crosswalk early enough because of the curve in the road. A sign warning of pedestrian crossing/a light would be crucial.

Would like to see multiple radar boxes all along the way from Conway to Ponsheawaing

We owned a property next to the Yacht Club. Traffic is a HUGE problem here and speeds are far too fast considering the residential nature of the area. In the summer months there is a significant increase to visitors and residents that are close to the highway due to the nature of the area as a vacation destination. The risk significantly increases as many properties are older and setbacks are very close to the highway Which requires pedestrians to be closer to the roadway than normal. Traffic speeds in this area are FAR too high especially considering the volume. Anything that decreases speeds would be a significant improvement. It is shocking to see the number of accidents and even deaths in this very small portion of roadway. I have to assume it is one of the most dangerous roadways in the entire country when you consider the relatively small number of pedestrians there are and how many people have been killed and the volume of accidents.

The area by the old Fort is on a curve in the road and would really benefit from street lights illuminating the intersection at 31 and lake street. Many young kids from Ponsheawaing want to cross there to use the bike trail.

We use the bike path almost everyday we are at our home in Oden. A crosswalk would make it much safer for all of us to cross 31.

please consider illuminating the intersection of 31 and lake street (the fort).

The bike path is a safe location. The people being injured are not where they are supposed to be unfortunately.

Reduce speed to 45 to alanson

It is very scary being on this road due to the speeds that cars and, especially, trucks go on the road through the housing area. I was there when the lady was killed, and I am always afraid to cross or pull out on the road.

US 32 is just too dangerous due to non-uniform speed limits.

This road is so incredibly dangerous there NEEDS to be a slower residential speed limit AND a cross walk!

Immediate action is needed to make this section of US-31 in Oden safer for pedestrians and cyclists. A bicyclist was struck here today, and a woman was killed on this road last year. These are not isolated incidents or hypothetical concerns. Vehicles speed through Oden every day, while people trying to reach the North Western State Trail from the sidewalk near the Crooked Lake Yacht Club have no safe way to cross.

A marked crossing, better signage, flashing signals, and traffic-calming measures are urgently needed before another person is seriously injured or killed. The danger is already clear, and waiting for another tragedy before taking action is unacceptable.

I believe a crosswalk at the south or west end of Ponshewaing would be safer than on the curve at lake st.

Action needs to be taken soon before more accidents or fatalities happen. The walking/biking path was a great addition to the area. It shouldn't be dangerous to get to it.

This work needs to be extended to Conway.

Thank you for any improvement to an extremely dangerous area for walkers, cyclists and drivers entering or exiting the highway.

I'm VERY interested in creating a safer way for bikers to cross 31 and access the wheel way from Ponshewaing. Lots of kids and families are in danger doing so now. At minimum, some kind of lighting or illumination at Lake St and 31 is needed.

We are part time now but intend to retire here. We already spend May-August here plus a week in October and two weeks in January. Except in the winter, I walk from Ponshe to the Fish Hatchery and back nearly every day. I think reducing the speed to 45 mph through the entire corridor would be helpful.

I am very concerned having young children in this area as a few years ago I was there when Aly Johnson was hit by a car. It was very traumatic for our family, not to mention the Johnson family. For years it's been known that it's been dangerous and with the traffic increasing, it has become more difficult to cross.

Scariest part of my bike ride is crossing US 31 especially when I have my young grandchildren.

We use the bike path almost daily. Need a safe place to cross over!

Lower the speed limit. Cars and trucks are speeding way over the speed limit. Install speed limit Monitors

US 31 traffic is significantly disrupted by the traffic signal at Pickerel Lake rd and US 31. This raises the amount of dwell time for vehicles in the corridor making it very difficult for pedestrians to cross. This is compounded by pedestrians not using the tax payer funded corridors built for them. Fix signaling at Pickerel lake and West Conway to maintain traffic flow and take steps to encourage pedestrian use of the designated non-motorized path and the problem will be better.

I walk almost everyday and feel very unsafe crossing from Ponshewaing across 31 to the path

Sign showing 45mph zone ahead at both ends of Oden and lengthen 45mph area.

Note: cars that show speed limits in their readouts show 55 well into the 45mph zone.

We, family and friends of all ages, use the trail daily. Crossing Highway 31 from Ponshewaing whether on foot or bike is extremely treacherous. Last summer, my friend and I were crossing at a moment that looked safe, when a truck came barreling around the bend and almost hit us. The trucker got so angry that he had to slow down from his 55mph speed. The Northwestern State Trail is an asset to all of us. Assuring that we can access it safely is of utmost importance.

I visit often Ponshewaing and love to visit the bike trail often. But always feel very concern while trying to cross the street since cars and trucks are flying at high rate of speed. Timing crossing the street is critical and need to make a high dash in order not to get hit by a car. I would never allow any children to cross at all.

On occasions of crossing to the bike trail, a considerable number of vehicles (exceeding the speed limit) zoomed around the curve making it nearly impossible to venture across and was terrifying.

Address Traffic speeds for large trucks

My grandchildren like to ride their bikes on the pathway from 4546 Oden Rd to the fish hatchery but their is no safe place for them to cross the highwsy

Speed limit of 55 from powers road to conway road

The road on the S. curve has been deliberately significantly widened, encouraging fast travel through this Blindspot. The extra width is used to unsafely and illegally pass on the right on the southbound lane. This widening of the road is an invitation to drive fast through a very dangerous blind area. The road should be narrowed through the S. curve and there should be guard rails put up on at least the northbound side of the road which is south of the road. We've had motorcycles and cars crash into garages and hedges for years here and a number of people have died narrow this section and put up guard rails.

It is so dangerous pulling out of Ponshewaing onto US 31 all times of the day. Cars are going over 65 mph (10 miles over the speed limit) and with the curves right there many times when we pull out there is car right on our tail and passing us on a double yellow line. Very scary! Of course it is so dangerous crossing over on foot or by bike to get to the bike trail there which I use almost daily.

Speed limit should be 45 the whole way.

A light over the intersection of 31 and lake st (the fort intersection). Not a stoplight, but a light illuminating the intersection. At night this is nearly impossible to see.

I think 45 mph is too fast on 31 through Oden.

As I age Im worried I can't get across the highway fast enough before approaching traffic

Number of accidents and speeding and number of driveways and streets make this stretch very dangerous

Please consider a crossing at Rose Street rather than Marion. It is paved, offers direct access to the bike trail and Oden, and is co-located with the roadside park where people frequently try to cross.

https://mdot.public.ms2soft.com/tcds/tsearch.asp?loc=Mdot&mod=tcds&local_id=24-0005 This MDOT report shows data that the traffic is much higher in the summer months

<https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mitrp/tamcDashboards/reports/traffic?area=24-Emmet&year=2024>

This shows a disproportionately high volume of travelers on State truck lines compared to the actual size of the truck lines, of which this is. Although the amount of traffic on these trucklines has grown substantially. In 2024, 49% of all miles traveled in Emmet County were traveled on state trucklines, despite them making up only 8% of all available roads in the county.

The LAST time there was a speed change in Oden was in 1977

2022 fatality 2023 fatality 2024 fatality According to MDOT's crash site that is an exceptionally high number of fatalities.

The curves in the road, high speed limits through Oden and lack of shoulder make crossing the highway to get to the bike trail dangerous. Let's make it safer!

Please slow down the traffic on 31 from fish hatchery to Alanson city limits. It will save lives, make things safer. It will literally cost a motorist 25 to 30 seconds of travel time if you do the calculations.