

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

EXTRACT COPY

The following is an extract copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Allegan County, held in the office in Allegan on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

"It was moved by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Kleinheksel that the following resolution be adopted by the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) regarding the renovation of Lakeshore Drive from 121st Avenue to 124th Avenue in Ganges Township.

WHEREAS the condition of the above-mentioned segment of Lakeshore Drive is in very poor condition and has been visually inspected by the ACRC Board, and;

WHEREAS the ACRC has been investigating options for upgrading the road over the last several years to accommodate all users, the potential for increased development, and improving operational efficiency and;

WHEREAS the ACRC recognizes the concerns of the area residents regarding the history and environmental issues along the Lake Michigan shoreline and;

WHEREAS the ACRC has notified all adjacent property owners of the proposed project, held a public hearing and received many comments and;

WHEREAS the ACRC relies heavily on state and national standards for road design including the AASHTO and MDOT Guidelines for Geometrics which are generally based on traffic volumes and design speeds and;

WHEREAS the recommended width for Lakeshore Drive based on said standards is a total of 28' (including travelled lanes and shoulders) with a clear zone of 10-14' depending on the foreslope and;

WHEREAS Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951 requires all road agencies to expend a minimum of 1% of Michigan Transportation Fund revenues on non-motorized uses and;

WHEREAS there are two public parks accessing the Lake Michigan shoreline which generate substantial non-motorized traffic and;

WHEREAS Lakeshore Drive is part of U.S. Bicycle Route 35 which is a national network of regionally and nationally significant bicycling routes spanning multiple states and;

WHEREAS paved shoulders provide an ideal surface for non-motorized traffic, are proven to reduce lane departure crashes and minimize deterioration of the pavement edge caused by vehicular traffic, and;

WHEREAS there are locations along Lakeshore Drive that have drainage issues due to increased residential development that result in standing water on the roadway during heavy rains and;

WHEREAS the right of way width is 66' throughout the project limits and said right of way was dedicated for road purposes for the use of the public and;

WHEREAS the standard method of construction on a primary road for a project of this scope under the jurisdiction of the ACRC involves clearing the entire right of way and widening to a total road width of 34';

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the ACRC has determined the design necessary to provide for enhanced safety, functionality and surface drainage for all users of the road including motorized and non-motorized usage and following recommended design guidelines consists of 10' wide driving lanes and 4' paved shoulders with a 10' clear zone with some additional vegetation removal required as needed to construct the cross section.

ROLL CALL VOTE AYES: Commissioners Kleinheksel and Brown

NAYS: Commissioner Rybicki

MOTION CARRIED"

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract copy of the Resolution taken from the minutes of the Board of County Road Commissioners regular meeting of February 24, 2021.

Craig Alwood - Clerk