

East Lansing Nonmotorized Plan

Public Workshop –Documentation of Public Input and Comments

June 2, 2009

List of Figures

Public Input

A Public Workshop was held on May 27, 2009 for the City of East Lansing Non-Motorized Plan. Thirty-eight people attended. During the public workshop, participants were given the opportunity to give input. Each Participant was asked to record on a worksheet, their top three desired outcomes of the Non-motorized Plan along with three specific areas of concern that this project should address. The participants were also encouraged to mark the specific areas of concern on maps.

- Desired Outcomes
- Places of Concern
- Policy, Education and Maintenance Concerns
- Map Notes

Public Input Maps

The following maps document the places of concern that were noted on the workshop maps.

- Road Crossings and Intersections
- Pathway Facilities
- Bike Facilities
- Nonmotorized Priorities

Desired Project Outcomes

Participants were asked to List their top three desired outcomes of the Non-motorized Plan based on their vision of the Future. Documented below is a list of all of the responses. The responses are listed in order of their frequency, with the most common response at the beginning.

- Easy and Safe Bike/Ped Transportation System That Connects to Key Destinations in the City (8)
- More/Improved Crosswalks, Especially Along Major Roads (7)
- More Sidewalks, Especially Along Major Roads (6)
- More Accessible Bike Racks/Parking Areas to Lock Bike (5)
- Designated Routes with Signage (5)
- Cars and Bike/Ped Coexist (5)
- Make Connection to Lansing River Trail and Other Existing Trails (5)
- Connect Surrounding Outer Communities to the Downtown (4)
- Substantial Increase in Non-car Usage (2)
- More Nonmotorized Facilities (2)
- Ability to Travel to Business, Work, and Campus Via Bicycle (2)
- Wider and Better Marked Bike Lanes (2)
- Higher Density Downtown (2)
- Well Connected Trail/Loop (2)
- Non-Motorized Transportation Available Year Round- Bike Friendly Snow Removal (2)
- A Plan for Education Bikers of All Ages on Conduct and Equipment Standards (2)
- Change the Attitudes of City Leaders and the Public toward Use of Bicycles and Transportation(2)
- More Bus Shelters
- Pathway Geared Toward Future Growth Opportunities (East Village, City Centers)
- Connect Bike Routes/Northern Tier Trail into downtown
- Realistic Commuting Options
- Increase Police/Bike Interaction through traffic law enforcement
- Non-motorized Transportation Infrastructure that Provides A Safe, Useable Alternative to Motorized Traffic
- Tram or Street Car Along Michigan Ave and Grand River
- Connected Park System
- More Aesthetic Trails
- Separate Biking and Walking Trails
- Link Neighborhoods with Education Facilities to Help Encourage Walking/Biking
- Reduce Auto Traffic in City
- Easier North-South Travel by Bike
- East Lansing Public Schools Lift Its Ban On Prohibition on K-6 Students Biking to Schools
- Increase Safety of Biking routes to Schools
- Improve Ped/Bike access to Frandor Shopping Center
- East Lansing Serves as a “Hub” for Non-Motorized Traffic in the Area
- Reduce Number of Curb Cuts in Commercial Areas
- Create a Plan that Accommodates Increased in Non-motorized Demand
- East Lansing Adopt “Complete Streets” and Implement
- Connections to the Eastwood Towne Center

Places of Concern

Participants were asked to identify three specific areas that they thought this project should address. Documented below is a list of all of the responses. The responses are listed in order of their frequency, with the most common response at the beginning.

- Grand River between Bogue and Hagadorn, Pedestrian Crossing Needed (6)
- Crossing 127 to Commercial Center/Eastwood- No Pedestrian Crossing Over Expressway (6)
- Grand River Near Frandor- Bike Lane Ends, Need Better Way to Get to Frandor/Lansing (5)
- Saginaw- Difficult to cross entire Length, No Pedestrian Crossing s or Sidewalks (4)
- Harrison- Bike Lanes Needed (4)
- State Road –Road Connects to Northern Tier Trail but has Narrow Shoulders (3)
- Northern Tier Trail- Add Connections to Neighborhoods and Campus (3)
- Michigan Ave- Bike Lanes Needed (3)
- Grand River and Hagadorn Intersection- Hard to Cross, Drivers Don't Follow "No Turn on Red"(3)
- Grand River Road- Difficult Navigating Through East Lansing on a Bike (3)
- Harrison Rd at Saginaw- Hard to Cross by Bike and Pedestrian (3)
- Coolidge- Change to 3 Lanes to Make it Easier to Ride in Street (2)
- Abbot Road between Grand River and Saginaw- Bike Lane Ends Before Saginaw and Grand River (2)
- Saginaw- Bike Lanes Needed, or better Facility for Bikes (2)
- Grand River at Coral Gables (Big CATA Stop)- Pedestrian Crossing Needed
- Tasty Twist on Grand River- Pedestrian Crossing Needed
- White Pond Across Saginaw to MEA
- Whitehills Sub to Patriarch Park- Needs Crossing Island at Saginaw St.
- Safe Link From East Lansing to Raley Road in Haslett
- Roundabout at Burcham and Park Lake
- Burcham Road East of Hagadorn- Needs Sidewalk along Park and Middle School
- Hagadorn between Grand River and Haslett Road- Crosswalks and Sidewalk Needed
- East Bound Saginaw to Haslett Road- Sidewalk adjacent to road, no separation, gravel collects
- Henry Fine Park to Coolidge- Put in Trail along Drainage Channel to Connect Coolidge Rd to Park
- Harrison Road and Northlawn- Crosswalk near school in Blind Area
- Clippert St and Michigan Ave- No way to Cross Street
- Commercial Corners (Rite Aid on Saginaw)- Entrances take Walkers far Distance from Street Corner
- Meridian Twp- Link to System on Okemos Road at End of Meridian Twp Trail
- Hagadorn at Haslett and Saginaw- Safer Crosswalk Needed
- Abbot and Saginaw- Light too Short to Cross Safely (North/South)
- Beech Street- Sidewalks are missing from Lexington to Gunson.
- Grand River and Collingwood- South Bound into Campus Bottleneck
- Coolidge Road- Fill in Missing Sidewalks for School Kids
- Lake Lansing Road between Abbot Rd and Quality Dairy- Lacking Sidewalks
- Lake Lansing around Whitehills Schools- Missing Sidewalk, Crosswalk Needed
- Harrison Rd Between Michigan and Grand River- Sidewalk Along Curb Dangerous
- Abbot Road From Northern Tier Trail to Saginaw- Dangerous on Road, Bike Lanes Needed
- Park Lane and Burcham- Crossing Hazardous for Bike and Pedestrians, Add Marked Bike Lanes

Policy, Education and Maintenance Concerns

During the workshop addition comments regarding policy, education and maintenance were recorded. Documented below is a list of these comments. The comments are listed in order of their frequency, with the most common response at the beginning.

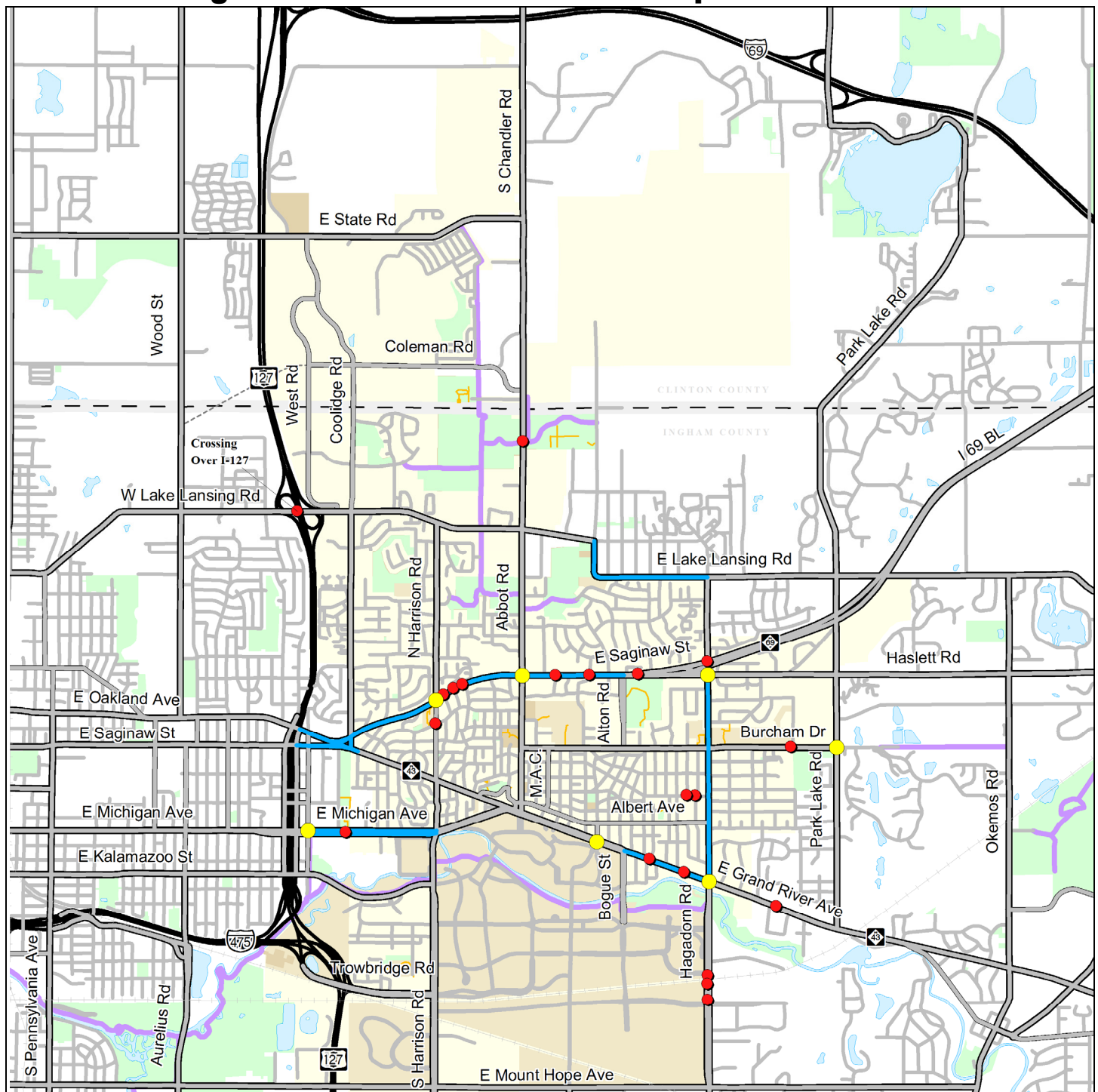
- Burcham Dr- Snow is Plowed into Bike Lanes in the Winter (2)
- Repair Signal at Marin Road and Lake Lansing Road
- Need Bike Racks at M.A.C and Albert Ave
- Need Bike Racks at Library
- Coordinate White Stripe Crossing in EL- Mimic what MSU Campus has Done
- Throughout City- Count Down Pedestrian Lights at Crossings
- Baily Neighborhood- Snow Removal Not Reinforced- Walks Unwalkable
- Throughout City- Loose Gravel in Bike Lanes
- Coolidge Road North- No Apparent Zoning for Restaurants so that Workers can Walk to Lunch
- Education and Signage needed on Hagadorn Road to Notify Motorist of Pedestrians

Map Notes

During the workshop participants were encouraged to note additional areas of concern on the workshop maps. Documented below is a list of these additional comments.

- Harrison Road South of Michigan- Bike ride opposite Direction of Traffic on Sidewalk, Conflicting with Vehicles
- Connection Needed Between Trowbridge Road and Frandor
- Remove Parking on One side of Road in Baily Neighborhood to create Bike Lane/Bike Boulevard to link to Northern Tier Trail.
- Harrison Road South of Michigan- Place Shared use Arrow on Road for Bikes
- Hill on Coolidge Near School Causes Safety Issues at the Crosswalk
- Crosswalk across Saginaw between Patriarche Park and Whitehills Neighborhood
- Make Hagadorn South of Haslet better for on road bicycling
- Connect Gap in Northern Tier Trail Along Abbot Road
- Create Bike Boulevard From Northern Tier Trail down to Campus and Downtown along Hitchingpost Rd, Gunson Street, Baily Street, and Butterfield Dr
- Connect East End Point of Northern Tier Trail by creating a North/South facility along Towar Ave and through Albert White Park
- Complete Sidewalks along Coleman Road
- Continue Northern Tier Trail From Abbot Road Park over to Coolidge Road by creating a Bike Lane along Abbey Road
- Create Bike Passage on to Ardson Road where it Dead ends right before the Intersection of Grand River and Harrison
- Reduced Number of Lanes on Alton Road to Allow for Bike Facility
- Extend Northern Tier Trail West along Blanchette Dr over to Coolidge
- Possible Traffic Circle at Harrison and Lake Lansing Road
- Possible Traffic Circle at Harrison and Burcham
- Chandler Road Paved Shoulders are too narrow to Bike down
- Hybrid Pedestrian Signal Needed Across Saginaw St at Old Hickory Ln
- Bike Lanes Needed on Albert between Abbot and Collingwood
- Snyder Road Missing Sidewalks between Gunson and Virginia
- Crosswalks and Sidewalks needed on Beech St for Students going to the Montessori School
- Add Bike Lanes to Haslett Road to Lake Lansing
- Add Crosswalk on Hagadorn connecting MSU Campus to Hannah Plaza

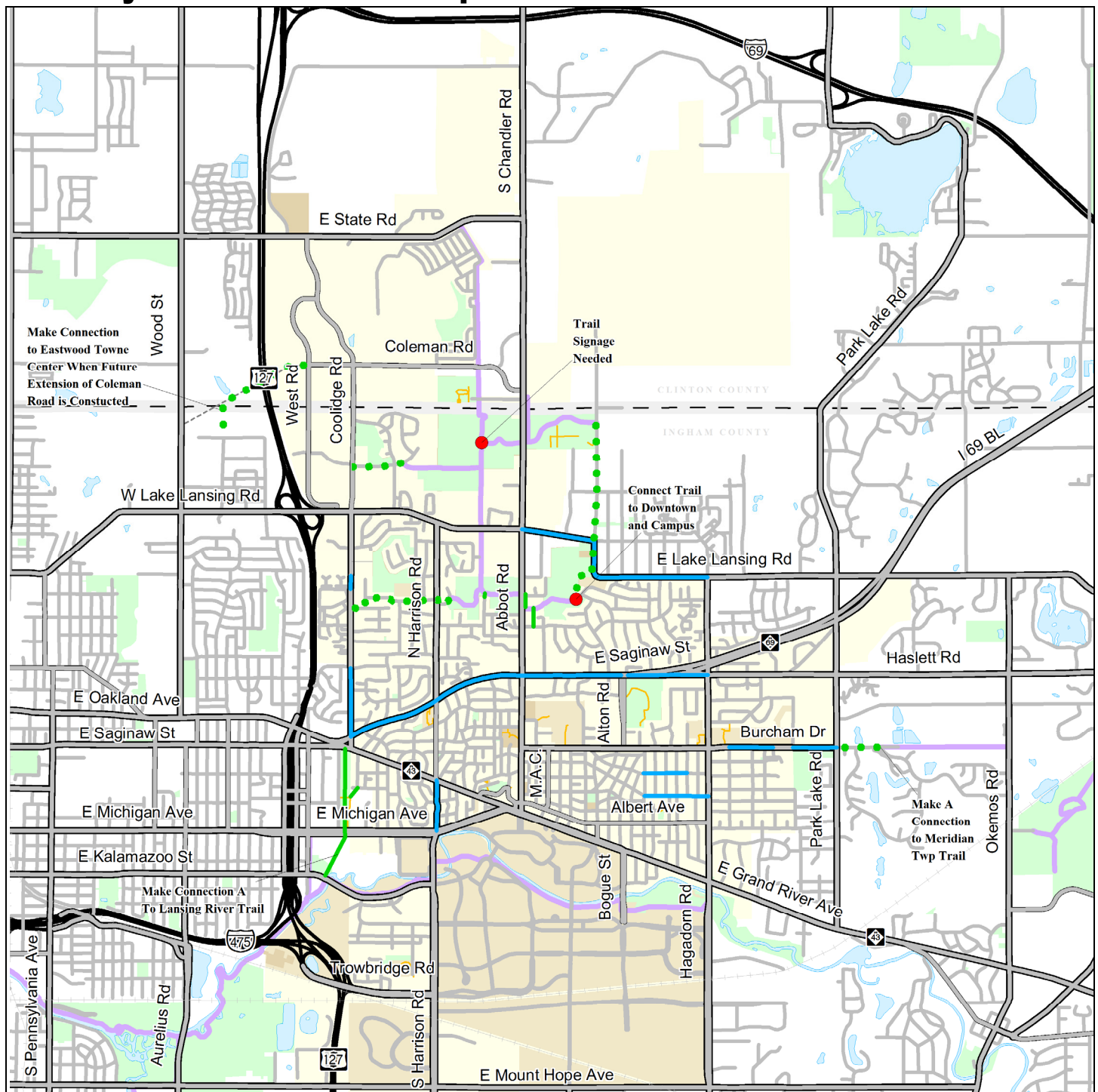
Road Crossings and Intersections – Public Input



Legend:

- Challenging Road Crossings Locations
- Challenging Intersections
- Difficulty Crossing Entire Stretch of Road
- Existing Trail

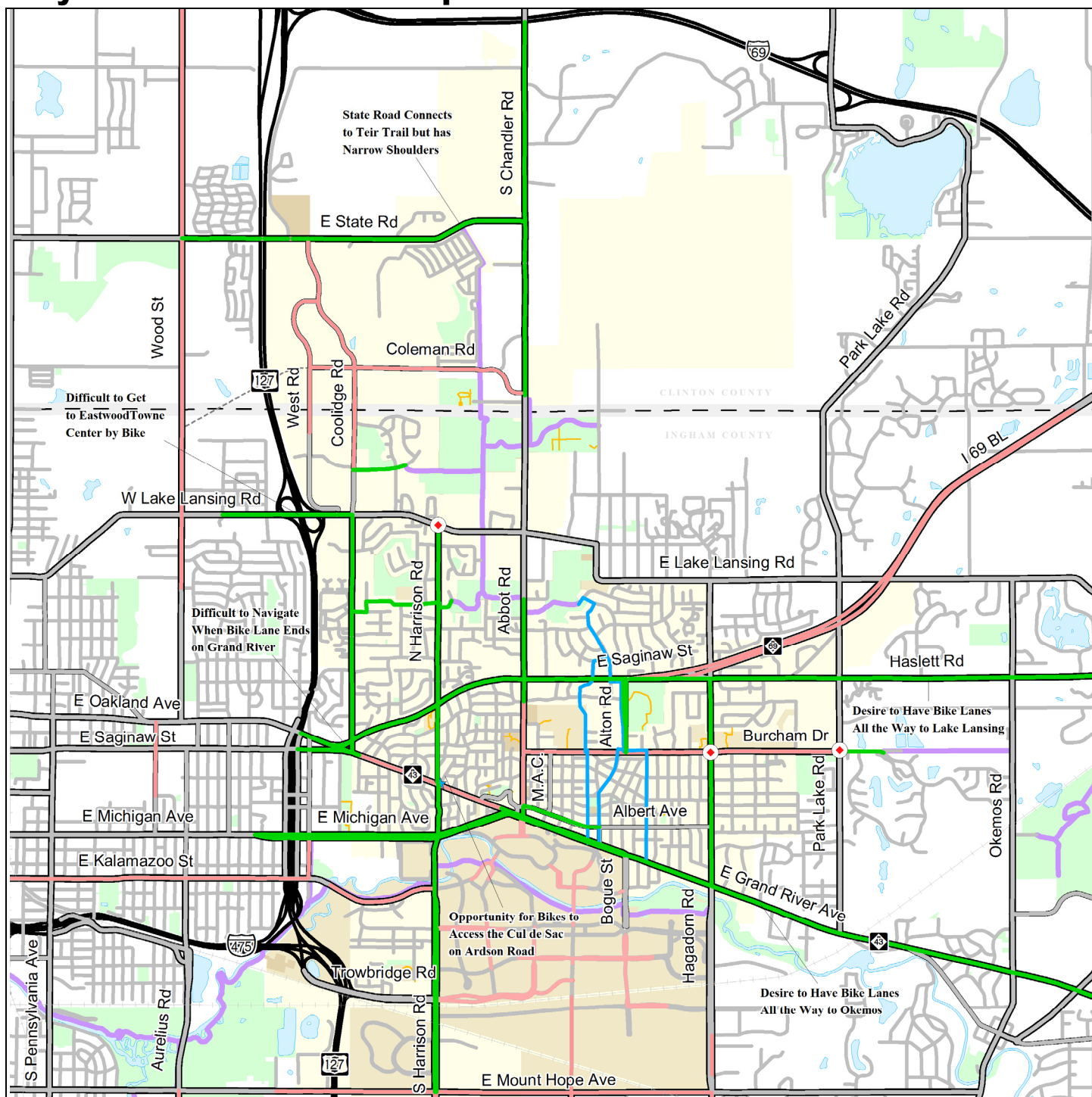
Pathway Facilities – Public Input



Legend:

- Points of Interest
- Noted Off-Road Trail Extensions
- ... Noted On-Road and/or Off-Road Trail Extensions
- Noted Sidewalk Improvements and Extensions
- Existing Trail

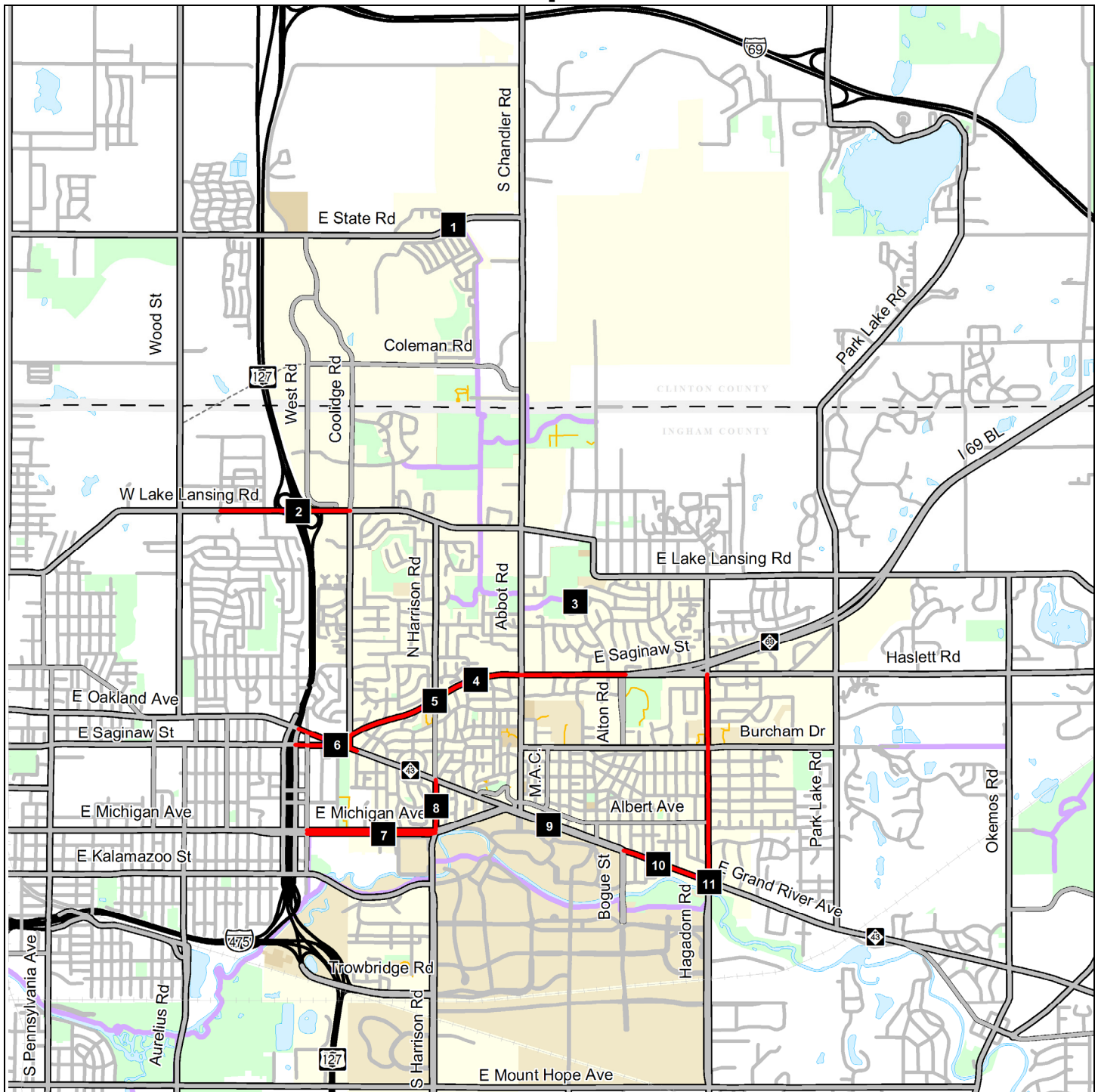
Bicycle Facilities – Public Input



Legend:

- Noted Roundabouts
- Noted Bike Lane Expansion or Improvement
- Noted Bicycle Routes or Boulevard
- Existing Bike Lanes/Paved Shoulders
- Existing Trail

Non-motorized Priorities – Public Input



Legend:

- Areas of High Priority
- Noted Challenging Corridor
- Existing Trail

1. State Road Connects to Northern Tier Trail but has Narrow Paved Shoulders that are Difficult to Bike on.
2. Desire for Pedestrian and Bike Access Across I-127 to the Eastwood Towne Center.
3. Desire to Connect the Northern Tier Trail with the Downtown and Campus.
4. No Easy Place to Cross Along Saginaw St.; Sidewalks and Bike Lanes are Desired.
5. Difficult Intersection to Cross for Bicyclist and Pedestrians.
6. Difficult Intersection for Bicyclist and Pedestrians to Access Frandor Shopping Center.
7. Michigan Ave is Difficult to Cross and there is a Desire for Bike Lanes.
8. The Sidewalks Along Harrison Road are too Close to the Curb and Very Narrow, Making it Difficult to Traverse. There is also a Desire for Bike Lanes along this Road.
9. Grand River Ave is Difficult to Navigate through Downtown East Lansing. There is a Desire For Bike Lanes.
10. Grand River Ave between Bogue St. and Hagadorn Rd. Presents Difficulties for both Pedestrians. and Bicyclist. There is a Desire for Wider Sidewalks, Additional Crosswalks, and Bike Lanes.
11. Difficult Intersection for Pedestrians and Bikers. Drivers Violate the "No Turn on Red" Signal.

