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Public Open House Scheduled To Review Alternative Designs For Division Street

City Officials to Seek Public Input on Design Alternatives for Division Street

Traverse City, Michigan - March 2010. The future design of one of the area's most visible roadways is about to get a lot clearer. Crosswalks, bike-lanes, access to the Grand Traverse Commons and reduced speeds are just a few of the issues that will be discussed under a new planning initiative for Division Street that begins next week.

On Monday, public officials, planners and engineers will work with a local steering committee to discuss and analyze several alternative designs for the highly visible roadway. The local steering committee consists of residents from the Central, Kids Creek and Slabtown neighborhoods, business owners, property owners within the Grand Traverse Commons (including Munson Medical Center, TBAISD and the Recreation Authority), and officials from TART, BATA, MDOT and other local agencies.

Following additional discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday between planners and the steering committee, a series of alternative design recommendations will be presented and displayed for comment at a public open house on Wednesday, March 17th in Room B of the Hagerty Center. The Open House begins at 5:00 p.m. and will run until 7:00 p.m.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public open house to learn more about the design alternatives and voice their opinions. The City Commission will then use the following two months to determine if the preferred design would require additional park property along portions of Division Street near 11th Street and 14th Street. If parkland is involved, City Commissioners hope to put the issue before voters on the August ballot.

The study area segment of the Division Street initiative begins at Grandview Parkway and continues just south of 14th Street (Fitzhugh Drive).

The planning initiative is being guided by the URS Corporation (a local engineering firm), in cooperation with LIAA (a local non-profit agency) and nationally renowned transportation and traffic-calming specialist Ian Lockwood.

For more information about this exciting planning initiative and next week's public open house, please contact the following people.

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