

Sent: April 7, 2021 4:56 PM

Subject: Extend the trail

***I ask that this letter be forwarded to Mayor McNamara & our council & further request that my letter be read at the meeting April 8th I am writing with respect to Extending the trail. I am a resident of Tecumseh residing at Brighton Road. I have been complaining about not having a walking/bike trail connecting Tecumseh to the Ganatcho trail. Riding on the road is not safe, cars racing past you, honking their horns, verbally cursing at bikers & not distancing when passing bikers. At times you feel you are inches away from the cars. I feel that the people objecting on Riverside Drive are only concerned about the town taking property away from them. The property was never theirs to begin with & the town property belongs to all of us-the tax payers! I bike on Old Tecumseh Road on the Lakeshore path & there are 100's of driveways & I feel very safe. I also bike in Florida & there are many bike paths that cross business entrances, personal driveways & roads that are beyond busy & it works! For those on Riverside Drive using the excuse that it won't be safe, I say hogwash! I believe as a driver when backing up or driving forward, if you are approaching a sidewalk or a path it is your responsibility to look both ways & not advance until there is no traffic be it a pedestrian or a bike. I don't believe that law has changed! I strongly urge our council to move forward with this project without delay. Let our community move forward as many communities have, with connecting trails.

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