

Ganatcho Trail Extension - Vision and Considerations

Mayor McNamara and Members of Councilor;

I'm writing you to share some ideas and considerations regarding the trail extension.

The trail could and should be extended to Manning. However, it should be on the North side of the drive; it would rid the sight of gravel/dips/ruts in turn bringing that section up to a safer standard but also clean up the drive as a whole. Now, you may wonder about a shoulder and where cars would pull off for emergency vehicles Simply line a portion of the new paving with rubber speed bumps/dividers.

The solutions are at hand and we should be proactive with bringing vision and solutions to the town. Attached you will see a photo of the simple/safe solution. For reference purposes, consider old Tecumseh road and the new paving there. Same would apply here except on the North side. Cars would still be able to pull off and over these rubber barriers if they were in place. <https://trafficlogix.com/cycle-lane/>
With the amount of people biking daily on the drive this is rather logical to have in place.



Another consideration to really look at is a complete rejuvenation of this stretch of road. Sure this is a capital intense project but you would remedy the issues at hand for the next 30/40 years if done right, which in my mind would be prudent. Bury the power lines on the South side of the road, repave and shuffle the road over 3-4ft to the South. Then from there, pave the North side, putting in a buffer for the trail, between traffic and pedestrians. In turn the whole road is brought up to a modern clean standard.

Now to mitigate speedy drivers, one can narrow the lanes slightly as well. This is not a race track right? If done right, we could see a really nice multi-use stretch of road that would leave nature and trees intact while facilitating the trail extension. To me, this makes the most sense due to long term vision, it may take longer than the community wants but it makes the most sense. In the end, the most important aspect is left untouched, the trees would remain in place, some that are 150+ years old. There is no reason we should be clear cutting trees where needed for a trail, when there are so many other creative and safe solutions available.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

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