

VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

COUNTY OF BERRIEN

STATE OF MICHIGAN

MAY 15, 2024

Resolution 2024-2

WHEREAS, it is necessary to travel Highway US-12 to gain access to the Village of Grand Beach; and

WHEREAS, construction has begun on the Marquette Greenway, a non-motorized path from Chicago to the City of New Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette Greenway enters Michigan along Grand Beach Road in New Buffalo Township before crossing the Amtrak railroad tracks in the Village of Grand Beach and running alongside US-12 through New Buffalo Township into the City of New Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Grand Beach is concerned for the safety of motorized and nonmotorized traffic while crossing the railroad tracks to access US-12 from Grand Beach Road and vice-versa; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has previously recognized the need for improved safety on US-12 and implemented a trial "road diet" in 2020 in an effort to make this stretch of US-12 safer; and

WHEREAS, New Buffalo Township has also recognized the need for improved safety along US-12 for motorized and nonmotorized travel by similar Resolution of its Township Board; and

WHEREAS, motorized traffic on US-12, a four lane highway with a 55 mph speed limit, has to come to a complete stop to turn into Grand Beach at the railroad crossing creating a dangerous interface between motorized and nonmotorized traffic; and

WHEREAS, the existing Grand Beach Road at the railroad tracks is a 31' wide roadway being reduced in width by 10' (ten feet) with a 5' bike/pedestrian path on either side of the now 21' wide roadway creating a very dangerous interface between motorized and nonmotorized traffic; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Beach Council requests the installation of a traffic signal on US-12 at the Amtrak railroad crossing for the health, safety, and welfare of everyone traversing the Amtrak railroad crossing which provides access to the Village of Grand Beach via Grand Beach Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to MDOT, our State Senator Jonathon Lindsey, Representative Joey Andrews and the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Walder, Doerr, Brandes, Bracewell, O'Halloran

Nays: N/A

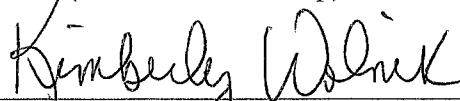
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Kimberly Wolnik, Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council for the Village of Grand Beach at a meeting held on May 15, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 (MCL 15.261 et seq.).



Kimberly Wolnik, Village Clerk