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Subject: Great effort on some great trails!!

Hi Mr. Stathakis,

I hope all is well, I wanted to thank you for your concern and effort you put into make our community a safe place for pedestrians and bicyclists. The safe crossings at Dequinder and the one just announced on 24 Mile road are great additions to our townships wonderful trail system. Trying to rally the troops on the Utica connector trail at river bends must have a big project as well. I still can't believe that Conrail is making us put in a tunnel under that dead old rail road bed when the tracks are completely unusable and actually go nowhere anymore.

Back in 2009 my 2 children and I came in to see you about the new M-53 pedestrian bridges that were installed, we live on the East side of the township at 22 mile and Schoenherr so as you can imagine these were very exciting to us. The reason for our visit back then was to bring to your attention the danger that the 22 mile road bridge was posing on anyone trying to use it. The Bridge has dead end sidewalks on either side of it, so anyone wanting to use the bridge has to cross 22 mile road where there is no safe place to cross. At the time you mentioned that you would see if the sidewalks could be completed along the north side of 22 mile or at least 2 safe crossings like the 24 mile road one could be installed. It's been since 2009 that we spoke and the situation remains unchanged and very unsafe for all of us. The situation is especially dangerous because you really can't see vehicle traffic coming from far enough away due to effect the road bridge has on visibility.

At the end of the day my kids and I want to ride our bikes from our house to the wonderful new trails at River Bends and we cannot safely do it. We have to cross 22 mile 3 times at none conventional crossings to get from Schoenherr to the park. Ideally the township would be a much better place to recreate if the sidewalk went all the way down the north side of 22 mile road, linking the east side of the township to River Bends park.

I don't know who else has the ability to address the township safety concern besides yourself but if there is someone can you please let me know who they are? I really appreciate your help and concern over this.

The M-53 Pedestrian Bridge on 22 Mile (highlighted in Yellow) is on the North Side of 22 mile road, the areas circled in Red have no side walk at all on the North side, The Bridge essentially has dead end sidewalks on both sides! This has been this way for more than 8 Years now.

