



## Peninsula Township Non-Motorized User Focus Group: Fix, Keep, Aspire

### FIX

- Lack of connectivity between Traverse City Trail Network and OMP
- Boat ramp issue with DNR, issues with the agreement and water access (East Grand Traverse Bay Boat Launch)
- Fix vehicle parking issues on Center Road (overuse in the summer months, signage, enforcement, ticketing) – East Shore Drive, Center Highway between East Shore and Bluff, Peninsula Drive
- Safe North/South facility from 8<sup>th</sup> to 80
- Traffic calming on East Shore and Peninsula
- Center and 7 Hills Road, Bower Harbor Drive, and Smokey Hallow Road intersection safety changes
- M-37 (East Shore Drive as well) spots where road is wide enough to pass and often leads to accidents (Wilson)

### KEEP

- Full Peninsula loop for cyclists
- Loop from Gray and going north
- Keep character of this area, natural beauty, mature trees (keeping in mind life cycle and ability to preserve), lookouts, viewsheds
- Character of Bluff Road and East Shore Drive
- Connectivity to schools (kids do bike to school often and fill up the bike racks!)
- Quality and quantity of park lands, very popular for residents and visitors (keep connections to those parks in mind)
- Keep in mind the importance of agriculture and the unique character it brings to the Township

### ASPIRE

- TART trail connectivity to OMP trails, find and fill the gaps (connect along Front and Peninsula up to Eastern, to the Senior Center, eventually continue along Peninsula Drive to Bryant Park and up M-37, to schools and homes in Peninsula Township)
- Improving non-motorized culture (from centering around vehicles to including cyclists)
- Protected bike opportunities along M-37, safe design, traffic calming while keeping the character
- Promote communication between MDOT, the Road Commission, the Township and other organizations involved to align budgets and project timeline (Complete Streets Policy adopted in 2014)
- Separated bike lane (landscaping between road and pathway)
- Improve and add in smaller connections (locally to parks and schools etc.)