

THUMB REGION NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN - PORT HOPE

INTRODUCTION

The counties of Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron have joined to develop a regional non-motorized transportation plan. The focus of this project is M-25 corridor and the waterfront communities and destinations. The plan is very implementation oriented looking to identify realistic projects that will effect noticable improvements to bicycling and walking conditions in the region.

This document presents the recommendations for Port Hope. A complete report of the recommendations for the entire region is available for download at: www.greenwaycollab.com/ThumbNoMo

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PORT HOPE

Port Hope is located on the east side of the region in Huron County. It has a population of 267 people, but has a noticable increase in the number of people in the summer. There are 51 seasonal housing units representing about 25% of the total housing units in the village. This translates into about 100 additional residents who spend a considerable portion of the summer in the area. In addition to the seasonal housing there is Stafford County Park which has 73 campsites, six camper cabins and a boat launch. There is also a small marina.

The downtown area is currently pedestrian friendly with existing curb extensions at crosswalks and pedestrian scale lighting. Port Hope ranks 2nd out of 92 Michigan communities with a population between 100 and 500 in the total number of people who walk (13.6%), bike (0%) and take transit (6.8%) to work. This can likely be attributed to its compact size and pedestrian friendly character. There are no existing bike lanes in the downtown area.

Bike lanes can be added to Main Street (M-25) in the near-term through lane narrowing. Neighborhood connector routes are recommended to provide an alternative route to M-25 and provide connections to local parks, schools and other destinations in the village. Wayfinding signage, traffic calming, and safe road crossings should be incorporated into the routes.

