

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2024

TO: Michelle Heit, Supervisor, New Buffalo Township

Darwin Watson, City Manager, City of New Buffalo

FROM: Eric Engel, Staff Engineer

RE: New Buffalo Township Marquette Greenway Trail Project Update- **Week of May 20, 2024**

Project Overview

This project implements the first phase of the Marquette Greenway Trail in Michigan. The project encompasses a City of New Buffalo trailhead with parking, picnic area and bike repair station at Smith and Mechanic Streets and a 10-foot-wide paved path along US-12 from Willard Street to the railroad crossing at Grand Beach Road. The project was awarded to Kalin Construction.

Marquette Greenway Trail Project

This week, Martin J Concrete Inc poured the remaining 250 ft of new sidewalk on W Mechanic Street from the detention pond to the Marquette Greenway trailhead parking lot located at the N Smith Street and W Mechanic Street intersection. This completes new sidewalk and the 10-foot-wide non-motorized trail section within New Buffalo city limits.

The separated 10-foot-wide non-motorized trail along US-12 ends at N Willard Street. Pedestrians can use the sidewalk to the trailhead and cyclists will follow sharrow markings to the trailhead on N Willard Street and W Mechanic Street. Please see Figure 1.



Figure 1. Completed Marquette Greenway Trail- Week of May 20, 2024

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Kalin construction completed fire hydrant relocations and completed excavation; north of the boardwalk location along US-12, where a retaining wall will be constructed. The contractor used excavated material from sanitary force main work to help support the subgrade layer of the retaining wall. The retaining wall is required to stabilize a portion of the 10-foot-wide trailway.

AEP completed power switchovers this week and is scheduled to relocate power poles along US-12 from N Monroe Street through the Grand Beach railroad crossing in the coming weeks.

Anlaan Corporation began constructing the retaining wall Friday, May 24, 2024. Anlaan Corporation is scheduled to complete construction of the retaining wall and begin construction on the boardwalk **the week of May 27th**.



Construction of the Sub-grade Layer in Preparation for the Retaining Wall



Curing Compound Sprayed on New 10 Foot Wide Non-motorized Trail

Next week, Kalin construction will resume excavation and site grading of the aggregate base layer along US-12 for the non-motorized trailway. Additionally, Martin J Concrete Inc is scheduled to complete pouring driveways and sidewalk ramps within the city limits.

A double-lane closure is in place on US-12 for traffic control. This closure is scheduled to remain until the completion of the boardwalk, part of the non-motorized path along US-12.

If you have any project questions or would like to be added to the email list for project updates, please contact Eric Engel of the project team at eengel@abonmarche.com or (269) 281-6602.

