

**Blue Star Trail Feasibility Study – Maple Street south to Main Street
Description of West and East Side Options – December 26, 2019**

West Side

Under this option, the existing island at Main Street / Washington Street and Blue Star Highway crossing would be removed to allow the trail and sidewalk to be merged. The existing sidewalk between Main Street and the bridge would be widened by narrowing the lanes and shoulders. The existing 7-foot sidewalk on the bridge would be widened to 14 feet by reducing the lane and shoulder widths. Between the bridge and Lake Street, the trail would transition from partially within the existing roadway to behind the existing tree line, continuing to widen the existing sidewalk. A new crosswalk would be installed across Lake Street, installing a traffic signal at Lake Street & Blue Star Highway. The northwest curb would be relocated to provide space for the trail between the road and the palette sign, leaving space for a landscape area around the sign. Between Lake Street and Maple Street, the trail would transition from partially within the existing roadway to outside the existing roadway using a combination of retaining wall and ditch enclosure. A crosswalk would be constructed across Maple Street to connect to the future portion of the trail between Maple Street and Old Allegan Road. The estimated cost for this option is \$1.2M.

East Side

Under this option, the existing Blue Star Highway crossing at Main Street would be enhanced. The trail would transition from behind the existing curb at Main Street to a widened sidewalk on the bridge, using slope grading, retaining wall, guardrail relocation and fencing where required. The existing 5-foot sidewalk on the bridge would be widened to 14 feet by reducing the lane and shoulder widths. Between the bridge and Lake Street, the trail would transition back behind the existing curb to allow the existing lane layout to be preserved. This would require significant retaining wall construction, and the guardrail would be relocated. At Lake Street, a crosswalk would be constructed to allow northbound trail users access to downtown Saugatuck. The existing stop-controlled intersection would remain. Between Lake Street and Bridge Street, retaining wall would be used to transition the trail from behind the curb to partially within the existing roadway. At Maple Street, a crosswalk would be installed to connect to the future portion of the trail between Maple Street and Old Allegan Road. A traffic signal or enhanced crossing would be provided at Old Allegan Road to connect to the existing trail. The estimated cost for this option (Main Street to Maple Street only) is \$1.9M. This cost does not include potential private utility relocation costs, which could be significant.