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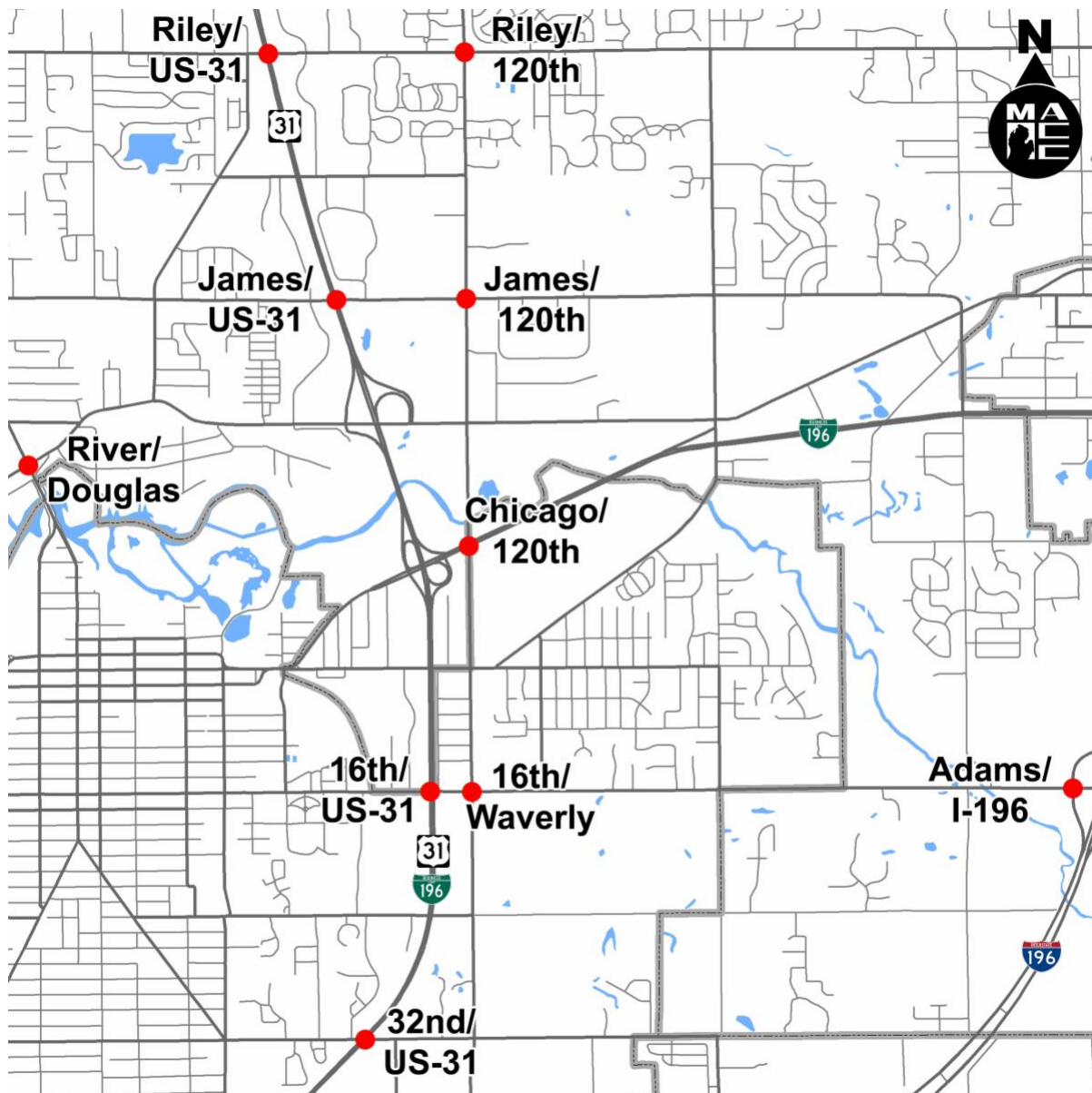
Spotlight on Mandy Cooper



In this month's Spotlight, we are featuring at-large Policy Board Member and Chair, **Mandy Cooper**. Mandy joined the MACC Policy Board and the MACC Executive Committee in 2021. She is the Vice President of Strategic

Initiatives at Lakeshore Advantage – the local nonprofit economic development organization that serves Allegan and Ottawa counties. What Mandy loves most about her work and her engagement with the MACC is the ability to positively impact her community through facilitation of public, private and nonprofit initiatives. A lifelong West Michigan resident, Mandy and her husband Joel live in the City of Zeeland where Mandy also serves as on the Planning Commission. After raising two adventurous daughters, Mandy and Joel are now officially ‘empty-nesters’ and enjoy spending their newly-found free time at their rustic cabin up north with their two active Spanish Water Dogs Kona and Murphy.

Highest Crash Rate Intersections



After sifting through all the area traffic crash data from 2012 to 2021, we have compiled a list of the **Top 10 highest crash rate intersections**. Below is a list (in order) with the number of crashes between 2012 and 2021:

1. River Avenue and Douglas Avenue - **362** Crashes
2. Riley Street and US-31 - **358** Crashes
3. 32nd Street and US-31 - **288** Crashes
4. 16th Street and US-31 - **265** Crashes
5. 16th Street and Waverly Road - **263** Crashes
6. Chicago Drive and Waverly Road - **246** Crashes
7. James Street and US-31 - **245** Crashes
8. Riley Street and 120th Avenue - **236** Crashes
9. James Street and 120th Avenue - **229** Crashes
10. Adams Street and Interstate 196 (west ramps) - **212** Crashes

When travelling through these intersections, please use a little more caution and take a few more glances before proceeding through the intersection. Together, we can make a difference and reduce the crash rates at these and other intersections.

Please Take Our Survey



We are surveying the general public on what transportation-related issues matter to them most. This will help us compose our 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. **Please take a few minutes** (*if you haven't already*) to

help us understand the priorities of area residents. The survey can be found **here**:

BL I-196 Meeting Results



On March 1, 2023, the MACC and MDOT hosted a joint public open house to discuss non-motorized crossing options and road construction improvement updates for the Interstate 196 Business Loop through the Holland/Zeeland area. This meeting took place at the Howard Miller Community Library in Zeeland. We had a great turnout of approximately 75 people over the course of two hours. WZZM 13 also showed up and interviewed our Executive Director, Jason Latham.

After the meeting, we compiled the results of the public engagement, and found that the most-discussed crossing enhancements were wanted at the following (in order):

1. 88th Avenue/Fairview Road
2. 92nd Avenue/Maple Street
3. 96th Avenue/State Street
4. 104th Avenue
5. Paw Paw Drive

We are continuing to work with our consultant, CDMSmith, as well as MDOT, to come up with the best solution(s) for crossing the Business Loop. The next step is to submit suggested existing crossing improvements to MDOT, then study where a bridge or tunnel would be most beneficial and useful to the community. Any separated-grade crossing would be subject to MDOT approval, and would be constructed with a mix of public and private funding.

Tree Seedling Sale



OTTAWA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Each Spring, the Ottawa Conservation District holds a tree seedling sale fundraiser that generates operating funds for the important work of the District. The tree sale offers a variety of native tree seedlings, and a selection of popular non-native cultivars. The tree seedlings offered are usually 12-24 inches in length, and are sold in quantity bundles of 5, 10, 25 and more. **Orders are due with payment by April 3rd.** Pickup is on Friday, April 14th at Reenders Blueberry Farm (9981 W. Olive Rd. West Olive, MI 49460) from 9 AM to 4 PM. Pickup is by appointment only. For more information, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

April 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MACC Conference Room

301 Douglas Avenue

Holland, MI 49424

POLICY BOARD:


April 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Port Sheldon Township

Port Sheldon Township Hall

16201 Port Sheldon Street

West Olive, MI 49460



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