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Season Greetings Paul.

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that the Trikats endorse and support the region-wide Bike Route System as represented in Map 7 of the recently adopted Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, Non-motorized transportation plan. The Trikats believe that this Bike Route System will definitely help in enhancing bicycling as a mode of transportation and recreational use in the Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties. We also firmly believe that this system is a great model for similar bike routes throughout the State.

As anything, it has to be user-friendly to cyclists of all generations and abilities. We believe that a uniform signage system be adopted across the jurisdictions. We believe this will ensure any bicyclists who is travel through the jurisdictions will see all the same signs and then will be able to follow the Bike Route System without the need to refer to any other map or use electronic devices(which we all know our phones don't work in some areas that we bike). We, the Trikats, support the recommendations of the Kalamazoo Region Bike Route Committee on the use of the M1-8a plus any other additional direction, distance and/or destination signs.

We appreciate everything you and the committee has done!

Happy Holidays,



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