

Please attend an MDOT presentation for Barton Hills residents, and staff and representatives from Ann Arbor Township reviewing the final draft recommendations of MDOT's Planning and Environmental Linkages study of the M-14 interchange at Barton Drive, Whitmore Lake Road, and Main Street.

***Thursday, August 10 from 6-8:00 pm.
Ann Arbor District Library: Traverwood Branch
3333 Traverwood Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105***

This meeting is for residents from Barton Hills and Ann Arbor Township staff and reps. At this time, MDOT would like this to be an open discussion among MDOT, Barton Hills residents, and Ann Arbor Township. Later this fall, MDOT will have broad public engagement for everyone who uses the corridor. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact BHV Trustee Carla Smith at 734-604-6275 / carlasmith48105@gmail.com. MDOT looks forward to connecting and going over the study's findings.

If you have not yet signed the BHV petition for MDOT to improve the Safety of the M-14 interchange and Retain the Eastbound Barton Drive Ramps; now's the time to do so!

With the Trustees' approval, Barton Hills Village volunteers are circulating a petition that urges MDOT to:

1. Implement MDOT's \$367,000 short-term recommendations to improve the Interchange's safety by 45% over 5 years.
2. Retain the M-14 eastbound Barton Drive entrance and exit ramps.
3. Eliminate the \$43 Million "Dual Roundabout" as a long-term interchange solution.

If you would like to sign the petition, we can either come to your home at a time convenient for you, or you can drop in to Village Hall during normal business hours. If you'd like us to bring the petition to you, just call Deputy Clerk Lacey Krecko at (734) 222-5209 or email her at bhvclerk@bartonhillsvillage.org. Any adult who cares about this issue is welcome to sign the petition. That includes residents, caregivers, landscapers, construction workers, tree trimmers...anyone who knows or uses this interchange.

Why is this petition necessary? Because, as reported in the July 21st Barton Bulletin, MDOT is preliminarily recommending the closure of the eastbound Barton Dr exit and entrance ramps to M-14. Plus, MDOT does not plan on implementing \$367,000 in improvements that MDOT estimates would decrease crashes by 44.7% across the entire interchange over 5 years. Instead of making cost-effective improvements and studying their safety improvement impacts, MDOT is planning to seek \$43 million to close both the EB and WB ramps and building a dual roundabout. If MDOT was to take these actions, there would be a very negative impact on our neighborhood, our residents' quality of life, and our local streets.

Every day, 43,000 people use this interchange; more than 10,000 (23%) of that figure use the Barton Drive ramps daily. Plus, MDOT estimates 345 crashes (44.7% of the total) could be mitigated across the interchange over 5 yrs by implementing 17 cost-effective improvements. Examples of MDOT's cost-effective safety improvement recommendations include:

- \$937 each for "Thru Traffic Stay Left" and "Stop Ahead" signs.
- \$1,239 to paint merge arrows when ramps go from 2 to 1 lane.
- \$2,894 for more chevrons to delineate curves.
- \$11,577 for a flashing 15-mph sign at the EB Barton Drive exit ramp.
- \$28,941 for lighting ramps at night.
- \$75,248 to clear trees and brush from the sides of the interchange and its ramps.

Thank You, the Barton Hills Village Board of Trustees