

Letts Road Connector Study

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Would you like an additional east-west connection between Jefferson and Waldo Roads in Larkin Township?

- a. Yes – 108 (43.4%)
- b. No – 138 (55.4%)
- c. Did not answer – 3 (1.2%)

Do you avoid these roadways in Midland County due to congestion?

- a. Eastman Avenue – 122 (49.0%)
- b. Jefferson Avenue – 58 (23.3%)
- c. Joe Mann Boulevard/Joseph Drive – 52 (20.9%)
- d. Monroe Road – 14 (5.6%)
- e. Other – 15 (6.0%)
- f. None – 103 (41.4%)¹

¹ Includes those respondents who selected “other” and indicated they do not avoid any roadways due to congestion or perceive there to be a congestion issue.

“Other” comments received:

- No
- NO CONNECTION FOR LETTS, MIDLAND HAS NO TRAFFIC
- No
- There is not much congestion.
- No
- Wackerly
- None
- Joe Mann/Joseph/Diamond during soccer season! Unbearable!!
- At certain times of the day, but traffic is never BAD in Midland.
- None
- No problems encountered
- No particular build up of traffic that affects me.
- No
- Letts/Beaver Rds to Waldo
- I use these roads almost daily and never have congestion problems with the exception of rare events.
- No I don't
- No
- Roads with construction
- Not really. Midland doesn't really have traffic issues except maybe Eastman during the holidays.
- No
- No
- No, rarely traffic in Midland

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- I do NOT want this project. I live on this street and this project would mean a large increase of vehicle traffic directly near my residence. I do not currently avoid any of these listed roads due to congestion.
- There is no congestion in Midland
- None of the above. I don't think there is a traffic issue in Midland County, except when roadwork is present
- I don't avoid them.
- Congestion doesn't really seem to be a problem.
- No I have learned what times and what roads to take and not take. We do not need a new connector.
- No
- Wackerly
- NO
- No
- No
- Joe Mann Blvd, at the Meijer store, needs a back entrance on Elisenal Drive to help elevate left hand turning traffic.
- No, I don't avoid these roads.
- WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY!!! Traffic data does NOT support this project!!!
- I do not have any issues with any Midland County roadways
- Traffic congestion is not an issue in Larkin Township. City events may cause me to change my route, but it has no impact to me in Larkin Township.
- Wackerly
- I live in Pine Hollow, and often go east toward northern Bay City or south on Waldo. Going westbound on E Letts, It is often difficult and dangerous to cross or turn south on Jefferson.
- none of the above!
- No concern with traffic in the area
- I enjoy visiting my son, daughter in law and grandchildren at there home on Rolling Ridge and do not avoid any roads to get there
- No midland county roads avoided
- No
- None of the above
- NO

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What design elements would you like to see included in a proposed design of Letts Road?

- a. Wide Shoulders – 96 (38.6%)
- b. Shared Use Path or Sidewalks – 69 (27.7%)
- c. Curb and Gutter – 36 (14.5%)
- d. Lighting – 64 (25.7%)
- e. Other – 21 (8.4%)
- f. None – 102 (41.0%)¹

¹ Includes those respondents who selected “other” and indicated they are opposed to the Letts Road extension.

“Other” comments received:

- Roundabout at Waldo. Not a thru street for trucks.
- We don't want a Letts Rd extension
- A round about at Letts and Jefferson - or a 4 way stop. That will reduce congestion in that area, but a through road is definitely not needed in this area
- Round about at Letts and Jefferson, but not have Letts connect to Waldo from Jefferson. A round about at Letts and Jefferson can alleviate any congestion issues while improving safety at that intersection.
- NO CONNECTION FOR LETTS
- None. Wouldnt want the extension.
- I would like to see another proposal that actually benefits the residents.
- Do not want the road
- dedicated bike path
- Equal Letts Road in Design
- Separate bike path
- safe intersection
- We dont want the rd connection
- Round about at Letts & Waldo
- Leave it as it is
- I do not especially want the extension roadway to go ahead.
- Do not want road extension
- I'd like to see this never come to fruition.
- None, residents won't use road for recreation due to safety risk
- Roundabout
- Nothing that would affect the wildlife more than already so
- None. If anything, a bike path ONLY, which would support Larkin Township's master plan. My preference is no changes to the area.
- None
- None
- Stop light at Jefferson and Letts

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- I wouldn't want to see the proposal go thru. We had 2 high speed car accidents at the end of letts in the past 2 months and having a straight way would only continue to encourage high speed drivers thru our neighborhood where people and children active
- No extension
- None! Do not extend Letts. It is a safety and noise issue.
- I do NOT want this project. I live on this street and this project would mean a large increase of vehicle traffic directly near my residence. None of these "benefits" would outweigh the safety risks, noise concerns, and industrial (chemical) traffic.
- I do NOT want the connection of Letts. If it does go through against everyone's wishes.
- I'd like all of the above, PLUS a sloooowwww speed limit.
- DO NOT PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT.
- traffic light or 4 way stop at Letts and Jefferson
- I am opposed to this entire project
- As the Letts/Waldo intersection will be similar to the Monroe/ Waldo intersection, please consider a roundabout.
- I don't want this project.
- None, I don't care what improvements you would make as I do not want a new connector.
- Speed bumps
- All Safety Measures
- None
- Nothing or use these money to ad sidewalks on Jefferson
- Nothing
- None.
- WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY!!! Traffic data does NOT support this project!!!
- No need to invest in putting the road through so no design needed
- Would prefer non motorized access only(eg:pedestrian, bicycles)3
- If the road were to go through, then a path for bikes and or walkers would be appropriate.
- This is a waste of my tax dollars. Current roads should be maintained before adding new roadways.
- NONE!
- none of the above!
- Nothing
- Speed bumps
- None! Connection = more traffic, road noise, litter & lower property values
- No connector needed so no comment on additional design considerations
- roundabout
- None . I am totally against this proposal.
- benches
- Pavement

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What do you see as the greatest benefit to a proposed Letts Road Connection?

- a. Reduced Travel and Commute Times – 73 (29.3%)
- b. Improved Access to I-75 – 62 (24.9%)
- c. Avoid Congestion on nearby roadways – 91 (36.5%)
- d. Better Community Accessibility – 58 (23.3%)
- e. Opportunities for non-motorized enhancements – 28 (11.2%)
- f. Other – 9 (3.6%)
- g. None – 122 (49.0%)¹

¹ Includes those respondents who selected “other” and indicated they see no benefit to the Letts Road extension.

“Other” comments received:

- None
- No benefits. I feel travelling via JoeMann BLVD or Monroe road are totally appropriate . Joe Mann is not not typically congested unless soccer games are occurring in the complex.
- We don't see any benefit. Just downsides
- No benefit. I am strongly opposed to this plan. Let's keep some quiet, natural areas north of town without add traffic and disruption to the country life we all moved out here to enjoy
- I don't see any benefit from a Letts Road Connection. I see greater safety concerns for the speed on Letts and access to the neighborhoods off Letts.
- NO CONNECTION FOR LETTS, THERE IS NO BENEFIT, JUST GREED
- Nothing but concerns.
- There are no benefits.
- None
- If it included widening of the road - right now in the winter it is dangerously narrow if 2 SUVs are passing each other
- not sure if improved access to I-75 is a benefit for residents on Letts
- Straight route to Bay County
- There is no benefit.
- Not in favor of the connection
- Nothing
- No benefit outweighs the disadvantages.
- I fail to see any advantages
- No real advantage
- None
- I only see the traffic AND speeding that already occurs on Letts/Beaver to increase!
- Ability to avoid stupid new roundabout at Monroe.

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- None- it's not that hard to cut over at Monroe or Diamond. I mean, traffic wasn't even heavy enough at the Monroe intersection to utilize a four-way stop. Why, WHY would you want to create an almost identical intersection to Monroe that was a safety issue
- Zero benefit, as the route has been and continues to be not needed. Monroe has low traffic. Diamond dr and Joe Mann aren't at capacity and can handle future traffic. Other traffic on
- None
- None
- None
- There are NONE. This is being done for one special interest group
- There is no benefit
- No significant benefit, only disappointments
- There are no benefits. All there is is a lowering of property values
- I do NOT want this project. I live on this street and this project would mean a large increase of vehicle traffic directly near my residence. These listed items are not benefits to me.
- there is no benefit
- The greatest benefit is to the people who own the land where said road would go because they would develop it and make a lot of money. This project is only beneficial in that way, no other.
- It will not benefit any of the residents with whom it negatively affects
- I don't see any benefit given the fact that the connector already exists on Monroe. I see a lot of cons including cost, impact to environment and fauna.
- I see no benefit.
- Doesn't seem to provide much benefit at this point in time.
- None
- None of these benefits are true as this will negatively impact residents who pay to live on the dead end road and the privacy and tranquility it provides.
- No benefit
- There is no benefit to the current residence
- one more road for detours when road work is being done
- None.
- WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY!!! Traffic data does NOT support this project!!!
- We see no benefit at all in building the Letts Road. This is of no value to our community.
- Truthfully, at this time I don't see a huge benefit to a Letts Road thoroughfare.
- I don't see any benefits as the traffic data shows this is not necessary. The existing east west roads are sufficient and the data shows they are under utilized. If travel is needed between midland and bay city US 10 should be used.
- No Benefit at all. This should not be considered!!!
- Do not want Letts Rd/ extension !!!!!!!
- Nothing
- Negatives far out weigh the positives
- This project would add no benefits and have a negative impact on the nearby neighborhood from a safety and privacy perspective

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- This would negatively impact this quiet and peaceful community that I spend time in the outdoors with my grandchildren on rolling ridge with regularly
- None
- Nothing

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What are your biggest concerns with a proposed Letts Road Connection?

- a. Environmental Impacts – 117 (47.0%)
- b. Agricultural Impacts – 80 (32.1%)
- c. Increased Speeds – 149 (59.8%)
- d. Additional Traffic – 143 (57.4%)
- e. Noise – 121 (48.6%)
- f. Impact to Neighborhood Character – 140 (56.2%)
- g. Other – 48 (22.5%)
- h. None – 58 (20.1%)¹

¹ Includes those respondents who selected “other” and indicated they have no concerns with the Letts Road extension.

“Other” comments received:

- Use by trucks, home values decrease, safety for pedestrians that walk and ride bikes on letts
- Safety of bikers and pedestrians - many families with children
- We have found an endangered turtle at the end of Letts Rd, the Blanding turtle. There is a lot of wildlife in that undeveloped area that would be displaced
- Habitats of several species
- I have found many Blanding’s Turtles (an endangered species) off the Letts Rd cul de sac. I am VERY concerned about environmental impact in addition to the above.
- Habitat
- I DO NOT SUPPORT THE CONNECTION TO LETTS
- Sheer amount of money that would be spent when there are already AMPLE east-west routes in the location! Spend the money to enhance those roads, not build yet another one which would have to then be maintained
- endangered species
- Deer!! There are a ton of deer that cross daily between the woods and the field. Also, the trails at the end of Letts are wonderful for hiking and much enjoyed but the neighborhood. There are a lot of walkers on Letts Road as well.
- No new taxes
- We’re not excited about increase in traffic (which will happen) from Beaver Rd onto Letts past our house corner of Letts and MidBay County Line.
- intersection accidents
- Cost
- None
- More street racing than already happens.
- There is NOT a need, go use Monroe, Joe Mann or Hubbard Rd.
- Nothing

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- Adding Diamond drive destroyed the peace and privacy of 3 houses. The roundabout wrecked the home value and curb appeal. Two houses here would lose complete privacy for something completely unnecessary. The road noise would be unbearable.
- Safety! It's basically transferring the Monroe and Waldo intersection down to Letts and Waldo. It's going to create the same dangerous intersection.
- Safety and loss of existing community in which are paying for the privacy and quite atmosphere with the road the way it is. Dead end road is one of the reasons home buyers buy homes in the Pine Hollow subdivision.
- Racing, and Less people around us
- Safety
- Accidents. Lower house values. Diminishes the uniqueness to our neighborhood. Environmental impact on wildlife etc. I don't see a need to do this project nor spend tax payers money as there is no benefit
- Children safety with high speed drivers and large trucks
- danger to the children in the neighborhoods. risk of semi trucks using it
- Semi truck traffic and kids racing cars.
- My property value on Letts will decline.
- My property value (just off of Letts Road)
- Cost
- None
- Safety - current residents won't be able walk, ride bikes, exercise in a peaceful neighborhood.
- You can not bike to school. Not safe.
- NONE
- I live on E Letts Rd. The proposed connection would decrease my property value.
- WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY!!! Traffic data does NOT support this project!!!
- It is very unfortunate that this project is being considered. We all moved into these neighborhoods because of the seclusion they offered and now we are at risk of losing it.
- Adversely affects the neighborhood peace and quiet which was part of the reason for moving here
- Impact to wildlife. This extension is not needed.
- Safety of my neighborhood
- Increased speeds can be managed with speed bumps, or a posted and enforced 45 MPH speed limit.
- Not needed. There is already an extension at Monroe and Diamond Drive. Danger to children, turtles, deer, turkeys, auto accidents due to above natural environment!
- Lower residential property values
- Safety concern and loss of neighborhood privacy
- loss of seclusion and negative safety impacts
- I am concerned with my family's well-being and safety by this road being built. I often go over to my son's house to watch my grandchildren and we like to spend a lot of time outside walking pets and spending time with the wonderful Neighbor.
- The safety of my grandchildren

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- We already experience a lot of bottlenecking on Letts/Jefferson, Joe Mann/Jefferson, and Wackerly/Jefferson. I imagine we will need another stoplight to offset traffic in opening Letts. As someone who owns a home on Rolling Ridge, I worry about my kids.
- Safety - we live here... run and ride bikes, increased traffic will make that less safe.
- none
- Nothing
- None
- Saving travel time!
- No concerns

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How do you usually travel east-west in this area?

- a. Monroe Road – 90 (36.1%)
- b. Hubbard Road – 12 (4.8%)
- c. Joe Mann Boulevard/Joseph Drive – 88 (35.3%)
- d. US-10 – 39 (15.7%)
- e. Other – 12 (4.8%)
- f. None – 8 (3.2%)

“Other” comments received:

- Commerce
- Jefferson to Wheeler to Waldo
- Commerce Drive
- All of the above depending on time of day
- For eastbound if not getting on US-10, we go west on E Letts, south on Jefferson, east on Joseph/Diamond Dr to Waldo, then south on Waldo to either Bay City Road, or east on Wheeler to access Wilder Rd.
- Commerce.
- Commerce
- Varies
- Wackerly/Eastman

How do you currently access I-75?

- a. US-10 – 157 (63.1%)
- b. Letts Road/Beaver Road – 57 (22.9%)
- c. Linwood Road – 11 (4.4%)
- d. Don't Access US-10 – 14 (5.6%)
- e. Other – 5 (2.0%)
- f. None – 5 (2.0%)

“Other” comments received:

- I live about 3 miles away near Beaver Rd
- Wheeler or US-10
- Varies

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What is your preferred route into the City of Midland?

- a. Eastman Road – 60 (24.1%)
- b. Jefferson Road – 135 (54.2%)
- c. Waldo Road – 37 (14.9%)
- d. I don't go into the City of Midland – 2 (0.8%)
- e. Other – 9 (3.6%)
- f. None – 6 (2.4%)

“Other” comments received:

- Mid Bay County Line to Ashman or Patrick for downtown, Waldo to Wheeler to Saginaw for medical, Waldo to Diamond (accept during soccer season for mall area).
- Ummm, it's depends on where I'm going in the city...there are a lot of businesses on all of those roads.
- It depends on what part of the city I'm going to. Waldo to Patric for south or downtown. Waldo to Joe Mann for mall area.
- Jefferson to Wheeler to Washington
- I use both Jefferson and Eastman depending on where I am going.
- Like most, it depends on where I am going in the city. This is irrelevant.
- Varies

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- I do not support this project.
 - Concern with truck usage to the mall.
 - Meetings should not be during working hours to allow more participation.
 - What is zoning for woods on connector now and in future?
 - Not sure why current roads don't suffice; data does not support.
 - If this is related to I-75 access at waldo, I do not support that project either.
 - Spend money on improving roads we have already not new roads.
 - Survey should be open longer because no one knows this survey is available.
 - Please do another mailing with this survey link. I attended open house sept 12.
- We moved to Pine Hollow area for convenience of being close to town and schools but still have the ""country"" feel. We enjoy the lower levels of traffic. I feel extending the Letts road will lead to heavy traffic flow and increased speeding. Many people walk that road and there is heavy wildlife activity in the area leading to increased risk of accidents. I would not like to see trees/land developed for additional housing.
 - I feel the intersection at Jefferson and Letts is at increased risk for accidents as people come down Commerce all the time to avoid Joe Mann BLVD. Also, so many drivers in Midland are unable to follow basic driving rules to properly navigate the intersection.
 - NO TO EXTENSION OF LETTS!!!
- This potential study came as a surprise when I received the notice of today's open house 4 days beforehand. I have no idea who is pushing this study or why. A special interest group within the county or Larkin Twp? I am willing to listen to background information and data supporting the need, but currently see no reason for this project. Info from the open house didn't change that. If there is a compelling reason to proceed with the study, present that case, including background info and supporting data to the community. Do so with more than 4 days notice at a time when more community members can attend. For many years, Letts has almost exclusively served the residential neighborhoods to the north and limited agriculture. The concept of developing a thoroughfare to I 75 creates a host of potential concerns, including increased traffic, speed, noise, safety of pedestrians /bikes, security and cost. Once again, with access east via Monroe, Joe Mann and US10, why is it needed at all?
- We can't see any benefit. Lived on Monroe for 20 years and it was a racetrack. We have enjoyed living just west of Rolling Ridge - knowing the traffic is all from our neighbors. We know our Letts neighbors because we feel safe walking the neighborhood.
- I don't see a benefit for the Letts Rd connection. It disrupts the wildlife, it devalues the beautiful homes that were built in a quiet, quaint subdivision, it creates unsafe spaces for the children in the area that are used to the slow, quiet country life, it drives down the value of the Pine Hollow subdivision homes that are highly sought after. It would be a detriment to this area.
- We love our peaceful neighborhood! DO NOT EXTEND LETTS!!!

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- Add a roundabout at Letts and Jefferson. Add a full freeway enter change at Waldo and US 10 and add roundabouts on Eastman in front of the mall area. Slow things down (safer), while keeping things moving in the area. Connecting Letts to Waldo from Jefferson will make Letts more dangerous with speeds, jeopardize the quality of living in the country subdivision off Letts, and negatively impact property values on Letts, which will negatively impact property values of the homes in the Pine Hollow and Rolling Ridge subdivisions. Not to mention the Blanding's Turtle (endangered species) is a resident in the woods at the end of Letts rd, so the environmental impact concerns me. Lastly, we moved to the Pine Hollow subdivision to escape traffic and the fast pace life of Midland. We like it quiet out here with limited access. We feel safe.
- It would be a shame to connect Letts. I do not and will not support connecting Letts.
- There must be a better use for funds such as maintenance on existing roads in desperate need of repair instead of creating a new road with increased maintenance costs. This project would cost taxpayers a ton of money regardless of it is locally or federally funded. A waste of taxpayer money should be a crime.
- This area is home to numerous wildlife including the Blanding's Turtle which is under concern in Michigan along with other environmental concerns. There is no benefit to the taxpayers in the region to have a road go through Letts at this point. The money could be put to use some other fashion.
- This survey was horribly prepared and clearly biased/one-sided in the questioning and available answers provided. There seems to be a strange interest in developing a residential area which already has AMPLE additional east-west routes. Why are there no other studies being done for other roads similar to Letts? Wildlife and an already Dow owned property would need to be studied. We are not allowed City Water yet, we'd need to expand access to our established neighborhood? Makes no sense. Safety issues with power station(s) locations/possible moves needed are a concern as well.
- We live in Pine Hollow subdivision and we are highly against the Letts rd connection. We moved to this area of town because it is quiet and Letts rd is a dead end hence low traffic area. We feel the connection is VERY unnecessary.
- It seems like the reason for this through road is to alleviate traffic on Joe Mann or Monroe. However people are only going to prefer this route if it has a faster speed limit or similar to their other options.
 - If the idea is to develop the surrounding undeveloped land into residential wouldn't the speed limit be more appropriate to be at the same or less than Joe Mann. Then at this point what is the cost benefit?
 - We purposely moved to Larkin and this house to have a quiet neighborhood and enjoy being outside, riding bikes, walking, etc. Adding a through road, especially one with similar speeds to Joe Mann or Monroe would eliminate this. When do you see folks walking down either of those roads?
 - I take Joe Mann daily and have never had to wait more than 1 light outside of soccer tournament weekends or a rare occasion. The cost to build this road, harvest trees, etc also seems like it would be high and I disagree that these roads have a traffic issue nor that this would resolve it.

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- Would like to have a freeway on/off ramp at Waldo and US 10. This would help the traffic on 10 considerably. This project doesn't make sense at all. Monroe and Diamond Drive provide the traffic east and west for the area. There is no way that this road project would be a benefit to the cost. Data on this project is inaccurate based on when the traffic study has been done with the construction on US 10 diverting traffic flow north of US 10. Bad data in is equal to poor results.
- This would help orderly growth and improve our current transportation flow.
- I live on East Lett's road between Harvest Circle and Rolling Ridge. My wife and I chose to invest in this community and built a house here 5 years specifically due to the quiet nature of this area being a dead-end road. We are raising a young family with two very active boys, 8 years and 10 months old respectively.
 - First and foremost, this proposed expansion will 100% negatively affect the safety of my family. I would never consider walking or riding bikes with my family down Monroe, Jefferson or any other major through road in Midland.
 - I personally presented to the Larkin Board to propose a reduced speed limit on Lett's road 3 years ago. The Board, including Maria Sandow was unanimously in favor but ultimately was rejected by the state police due to a lack of recorded accidents. Very sad indeed. Is a fatality needed to justify change in this community?
 - For the safety of my family and community, I'm passionately against the expansion of East Letts road to Waldo.
- I think it would be beneficial to also put a roundabout in Waldo/Letts and Jefferson/Letts to allow traffic to be slower so there's not high rates of speed.
- There has been no proven benefit to destroying this beautiful neighborhood with a high speed road running thru it as well as destroying the hiking area at the end. The traffic/road study 10-year forecast didn't show and congestion anywhere that gave a cost benefit for doing it, let alone the down side in terms of destroying the neighborhood, woods and increasing danger to drivers going through such a high deer traffic area as well. The number of deer related accidents will likely increase significantly!
- Excellent idea. This has been needed for many years to relieve the congestion of Eastman Rd.
- Would like more details on traffic flow elements such as turn lanes, stop signs, speed limits, roundabouts, etc. Interested in cost of project and future maintenance - is this all on county road millage or will we be double assessed through county and township? We live in my childhood home on E. Letts. I would have loved this access growing up...amazed how much more there is to consider as an adult. Not opposed, but really don't want negatives to get worse. Appreciate having the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.
- Additional Comments:
 - 1. Who wants this Letts Rd Extension?
 - 2. Who is going to pay for the extension?
 - 3. Who is making money if this goes through?
 - 4. Who will stop it from being a drag strip?

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- Best move to make a direct route to Bay County
- We really dont see any benefits. There will be increased traffic- especially semi-truck traffic. No stops! Our quiet Pine Hollow Subdivision will be no more! Walking on Letts will be impossible!
- This is an expensive unnecessary project. Use the money to benefit other roads.
- Concerned about add'l through traffic onto commerce rd which is already too busy with excess speeding.
- I personally think this is a horrible idea. People already speed down this road. What do you think will happen when it's longer? The intersection of Jefferson and Letts is already difficult to turn left or go straight during school pick up/drop off, Christmas time with the mall traffic, Mother's Day Weekend with all the soccer traffic and anytime there's construction on Eastman.
- This is a no-brainer. Should have been done decades ago. Start tomorrow!
- I am concerned about the loss of habitat for wildlife and about wildlife being struck by automobiles.
- Costs not only financial which would be massive to the taxpayer, but also environmental etc are way too great for this project to even be considered. This study and the project are a disservice to the residents of Larkin Township as well as Midland County.
- Reach out if you don't understand my concerns. The traffic is horrible on Beaver/Letts and will be worse if you put the connector in!
- Monroe has become such a busy road being it is one of the few roads north of city of midland that run east and west. We live on Monroe so would love to see another road added in order to lighten up some of the traffic on Monroe. It has become a race track. Looking forward to this hopefully becoming a reality.
- I believe extending Letts road would be an issue as traffic flow is already heavy on Letts. Few people know how to navigate the intersection at Jefferson and Letts/Commerce, and people /wildlife are constantly on/in the roadways. Letts is nice as a dead-end.
- Letts Road is just fine the way it is. Please stop trying to push this through for someone to build a subdivision.
- Would love this as an additional route over to Jefferson from Waldo. The left turn on to Monroe from Waldo with the new roundabout is quite scary now if someone is coming southbound.

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- I can't believe this idea is even being entertained. A roundabout had to be installed at Monroe due to "safety issues" and now you want to create an almost identical situation a mile south? No road is needed here. Stop destroying people's peace & privacy. Stop ruining property value. Stop endangering people in their own yards for whatever incentive you all are receiving. This is insane. People live in the county for privacy and peace and you know what? We asked about this when we bought this place and when we chose to put a new home here. "Oh, you'll never see that in your lifetime." What in the world is going on here? I am terrified for my children's safety if this plan moves forward. For myself as I now have no privacy & have to come up with money to fence & barricade part of an acre lot. This is ridiculous! Feel free to reach out by email or phone because I have no problems discussing my concerns. Compromising safety is not the right answer where traffic congestion does not exist.
- If this will increase my taxes, I'm against this connector.
- Utilize roundabout so we do not have the same type of safety issues that the Monroe intersection previously had.
 - How much traffic would this add to Waldo?
- Would be useful to use Letts between Jefferson & Waldo!
- Need street light on Jefferson Letts
- There are species of turtles - Blandings in the proposed area that are under special concern in Michigan and are considered threatened in other states. There are wetlands areas that need to be truly protected in the area. They're multiple other routes in and out of Waldo - Eastman and the Jefferson corridor that commuters can take to avoid any upticks of traffic, this is not a critical connection. Let's put things in perspective and realize this is not true traffic like other cities. Being stopped by a light two times before proceeding is considered traffic in Midland. I would rather see funds put towards bike routes - extensions of shoulders, improvements to road conditions- materials or improvements to take yard waste bins - similar to the City of Midland. The funds could be used to improve the greater Larkin County in a more beneficial way to support the greater population other than an unnecessary extension through a highly intensive nature area. Please do consider other options!
- We would not like a road through because the noise is enough and I feel like it won't take much to go just to Monroe then Waldo, it also keeps the neighborhood quiet.
- This survey is written poorly. These are leading questions, and the answers are leading answers. This is highly disappointing if you are truly looking for honest feedback. Based on the time scheduled for the first meeting, it does not appear that you are looking for honest feedback, and instead trying to push this through without adequate public comment.
 - No one has articulated what problem we are trying to solve here. Why destroy a beautiful area and desired neighborhood when there isn't a necessary reason?
 - I am completely against the Letts Road extension and neighbors have already looked into legal action if the extension is recommended.
- This is ridiculous. Stop trying to find new projects that cost more money and have no necessary reason!

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- Have you ever seen all the people riding bikes on Letts? A large portion being kids and teenagers. This was my only way to get anywhere before I could drive.
 - The road would be completely unsafe if you put in the extension. Let us have our neighborhood remain a safe place for us!
- Please advise as to who is asking for this and how it provides any real benefit to the homeowners on Letts and the adjoining neighborhoods. We are not growing as a community and this is a horrible idea from a safety and property value perspective.
- Although this would be a nice shortcut, the cons far outweigh the pros. I feel there would be many accidents on Waldo and E Letts. Also much more traffic on E Letts. I DO NOT want to pay for it at all in any way!
- I think this would be a great addition! The traffic I experience on El Rancho would definitely not be as heavy (or FAST!!) and driving to the other end of Midland would be exponentially easier taking Waldo as opposed to Eastman or Washington.
- I see no benefit for this project. Joe Mann's blvd is not busy at all no matter what time of day it is. I don't see a need. I think this is a waste of tax payers money and would destroy the beauty that makes this area unique. This would encourage high speed drivers and increased accidents. It would cause house values to decrease. It would put our children at risk as well as any other active adult at risk of injury from high speed drivers. The environs mental impact would be devastating. I would be highly disappointed if this decision goes thru. I can't believe anyone would feel this is necessary and would spend the money to do it. It's ludicrous. The money should be spent on other needs of the community and not be wasted.
- This connection would significantly impact the neighborhoods in this region and the safety of our children and families with increased traffic both on Letts and through our neighborhood, and increased speeding vehicles.
- I believe it would be a waste of money to connect Letts. I would rather see more roundabouts put in or more sidewalks on current roads.
- There is no need for the Letts connection and would only create a dangerous situation for the many residents in this area with the increased traffic (to include large trucks) at what is likely to be high speeds. There are numerous people and animals (deer & turkey) that regularly walk along and on Letts rd off Jefferson. By opening a connector, there would inevitably be a steady stream of traffic putting people and animals at constant risk. I really do not see the need for a connector here and have never heard any resident of Midland complain about not having East-west connectors. This seems a great waste of time, money and resources that could be better utilized elsewhere in the city and county.

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- As a resident in the Pine Hollow Subdivision, I am against this project and do not see a need for it. I have many questions that were not able to be answered at the open house on 9/12/23. Including...what traffic controls will be placed at the intersection of Jefferson and Letts? What is the projected traffic increase for Letts? What will the speed limit on Letts be? Are there weight restrictions? What will happen to the protected wildlife, including the Blandings Turtle that has been found there?
 - I was told that the projected time frame is from 2029-2036. Is that true? Seven to thirteen years from now??
 - There also needs to be a night time open house as many, many of the residents work during the day.
- I am extremely concerned with speeds. People regularly walk with families on Letts. We have asked for reduced speed signs and those requests have repeatedly been ignored. Letts Road is dangerous for pedestrians, and officials don't understand this is a neighborhood with children, pets, bicycles, and a lot of foot traffic. The extension will only add to these concerns.
 - Also, part of the reason we moved to our location is because our road was part of the Midland Urban Growth Area. With the idea of slowing urban growth, it seems the Letts Rd project is only going to assist in the growth of Midland. Not to mention, some of the land along the extension is owned by developers, so how long before we have new neighborhoods being built to increase the congestion the extension is supposed to relieve? And how long before we will be annexed into the city?
- I don't see any benefit to people in this neighborhood as far as "better" access to east west travel. The proposed road would add more noise and higher invents of speeding on Letts and endanger walkers and wildlife.
 - Perhaps the township would like the access so new home builds may add tax revenue but I do not feel this is worth the cost in money or in how it would change the character of the neighborhood.
- This would be a poor use of resources. Monroe and diamond/Joe Mann are both perfect ways to access points. This is unnecessary and would have vast implications and would result in a devaluation of morel court and pine hallow estates. The reason people buy and pay the prices in these neighborhoods is because of the low traffic. Take that away and the property values drop and as does The tax base
- I can't express enough that I do NOT want this project. I live on this street and this project would mean a large increase of vehicle traffic directly near my residence, among other issues. I would not have moved into my current house if it was adjacent to a major through road. This would be horrible for my local community.
- this is an awful idea and use of resources.
- I am very opposed to the extension of Letts. It is a huge expense that is just not needed. There is plenty of access going east/west on the existing roads. It will make the area less safe for kids and pedestrians due to the increased traffic.

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- There is amazing wildlife that could be negatively impacted by more traffic on Letts- Owls, foxes, hawks, turkeys, deer, blue birds, cranes, geese, etc,etc.
 - I don't see any point of doing the extension without Waldo road access to US 10, and that Waldo Road access should come first.
- I would very much like a west bound exit ramp from US-10 onto Waldo.
- This would disrupt not only the community but also the wildlife! So awful!
- Please do not do this. It's a main reason we all live back here. Lack of traffic.
- I have grandchildren who live on Letts Rd. The cars go too fast there now, a through road would only be worse.
- There is predominantly single family residential being developed on the portion of Letts just east of Jefferson. The proposed extension of Letts will likely bring high speed through traffic into the area. Not good for families. There are plenty of ways to get to Midland. Spend the money elsewhere.
- This is completely unnecessary. I am a retired military spouse and have lived all over the United States and abroad. One of the reasons we moved to Midland a year ago is because there is no traffic! We chose Larkin Township and live on Rolling Ridge Dr because we were seeking peace and quiet. Please leave Letts a quiet dead end.
- The development of this road is a horrible idea, with negative impact on those who will have to put up with increase in traffic. There is not a large enough traffic volume to even remotely justify the expense that will no doubt be passed on to property owners.
- I think there are much better uses for the money.
 - Dividing the forest with a connector would have significant impact on wildlife.
 - With the already existing connector on Monroe I truly don't see the need for this additional one on Letts.
- Regarding the question on access to I-75, I use Letts/Beaver and US-10 about equally.
 - As this road will probably not be serving an area with a high NMT demand, I am not sure that the opportunities for NMT enhancement will mean much. However, if the property on the sides of Letts is developed into housing, then the NMT opportunities would be meaningful. The problem is then how does that connect. Jefferson is not a good NMT route. Improvements in NMT to the mall would be useful.
 - As Monroe/Waldo was converted to a roundabout, consider a roundabout at Letts/Waldo.
- As a resident of Pine Hollow we are opposed to Letts road connecting. We purchased property here to ensure our kids have a safe, quiet place to play. We open the windows at night to listen to the wildlife. A road would change all of this and create an unnecessary thoroughfare through this quiet neighborhood. Please consider the voice of the people most impacted in this decision - the Pine Hollow Residents. Thank you.
- I see no benefit to this connection. This road will decrease property values & safety. There have to be more beneficial road projects where our tax dollars can be put to better use rather than putting in this connection. No local residents want or need this.

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- Seems like a Letts/Waldo interchange would have similar issues to the recently upgraded Monroe/Waldo interchange.
 - Monroe and Joseph/Diamond seem to be adequate east/west roads without adding additional connector at Letts.
 - Letts east of Jefferson currently has significant deer population. One ran into the side of my daughter's car this spring and produced significant damage to the vehicle. With all the wooded area along the proposed connector, this new section would likely have more issues than the current section east of Jefferson.
- I live at 3879 E Letts and strongly oppose this proposed corridor from the north side of Midland to Beaver road and access to I 75. We already have speed issues and traffic concerns we could not get previously addressed like reducing the speed.
- I live in the subdivisions off of Letts east of Jefferson, and I moved there in part because of the seclusion. I would prefer to have slightly more traffic than to lose the quiet of the area. Many children ride and play in that area, and I hate the idea of Letts now becoming a high-speed, high-traffic area.
- This Letts Road extension is not needed, not wanted, and is a waste of public spending. If the City of Midland wants it, let them pay for it. I am not influenced by this extension being a part of the City of Midland Master Plan. I am very concerned that there is an assumption of need here. In living here for 30 years, I have never once heard anyone ask for the Letts Road extension. I see this Letts Road extension becoming nothing but a drag strip. There are many more projects that are more worthy of completion than the Letts Road extension. Paving Bombay Road would be a better use of funds.
- I addressed the extension 15 years ago (with the Larkin Planner) and was told ""It is not in our 5-year plan"". My thoughts were to relieve the traffic on Eastman thru Jefferson to Letts!!
- Would love to have an exit ramp before Eastman Road on Waldo to ease congestion on Eastman.
- Not safe or too busy for walking or riding anything.
- The connected road would cause many problems. For instance, many people would no longer be able to walk or ride their bikes down that road because it would be very dangerous. Also, it would not be as peaceful as it is now and it would disrupt most of the animals. There will be more traffic and it would take longer to get in and out of the neighborhood. To add on to that, if there is more traffic it could cause more accidents. Although, not only people could get in accidents, but if the road becomes busier, and people are going faster, the animals in our neighborhood (turkeys, deer, etc.) are at a higher risk of getting injured or worse. These are just some of the bad things that are caused by the connecting road and I think it is a very bad idea.
- I'm concerned about the families and wildlife that always had peace and quiet at dead end road. Can you try and make it a nice country setting for all to enjoy instead of another road slicing thru peaceful woods.
 - Please find a way in design and landscaping to reduce noise and prevent deer crossings.
 - Also worried about another Waldo Road intersection.

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- Ask Bay county when they plan on fixing Beaver rd!
- I do not want this proposed connection.
- From a traffic flow standpoint, this extension would only benefit a very small percentage of vehicular traffic in the area - your traffic data makes this very clear. Makes us wonder who is behind this idea, and what their motivation is... maybe we should hire an investigator?
- Please hear our voice as the community members that will be negatively impacted by and see no benefit in moving this project forward. We do not want this road!
- This is not appropriate and a waste of our taxpayers dollars by the Township. I am against ANY extension to the road.
- The other East/west roads are not at capacity and the value vs what would be spent is not there in addition to the negative impact to the neighborhood.
- Better east west access if there are any issues on Monroe or Diamond drive.
- This adds very little value to the community and would negatively impact protected wildlife and several neighborhoods. If you want to improve traffic flow in the area build a roundabout at the corner of Jefferson and Letts.
- Again, this roadway extension is not necessary and the traffic data proves it. This is a waste of my tax dollars. Before adding roads the existing roads should be better maintained. If you want to build something new an east bound on ramp and west bound exit ramp should be added at Waldo Road and US10.
- This is so unnecessary. I do not agree with proposal to extend Letts and increase traffic due mainly for a benefit to the Bay City residents. The neighborhood does not support and will cause a safety risk which is why we located where we are —TO AVOID.

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- Please do not build the Letts road connector. I live by Letts on the Jefferson side, and I find great value to be added by not having it connected all the way through. Families can use Letts for recreational activities without worry. Building the connector will threaten the safety of this area because of increased speeds, decreased attention, and less personal responsibility for actions taken on this road by people who do not live in those connected neighborhoods. Children are able to ride bikes, walk dogs, and drive golf carts freely without concern for their own safety. Not having a connection to Waldo keeps our children safe and allows them to act like kids. Increased traffic because of this proposal will pose a danger to our families.
 - I never experience traffic on my way to or from my house to Waldo. I am uninterested with creating additional traffic flow options since I don't think traffic is a viable reason to build. Please do not continue with this project.
 - CRITICAL - Shouldn't traffic data be collected at the intersection of E Letts and Jefferson, including wait times? And also at the Diamond Drive - Waldo intersection. I don't see red circles at these two intersections?
 - Would someone contact me via a phone call or email to answer this question?
 - DIDN'T ANSWER VERY FIRST QUESTION: I see both advantages and disadvantages of the proposed E Letts extension. I'd like to see the study results and cost before stating whether I favor or disfavor the project. Given where I live, it would provide a personal benefit to reduce travel times. BUT, I am concerned about impact on traffic at the E Letts and Jefferson intersection.
- Who is pushing this change?? No one in the neighborhood wants this! There are other areas in Midland that desperately need change, ex. the intersection at Wackerly and Jefferson!! This seems like it is being considered for someone's individual gain rather than for the good of the public!
- The current houses on Letts Road east of Jefferson are designed to be on a small city street and it would not be fair to those houses now to have a through road with high traffic after the fact.
 - Letts road in this same section is far too narrow to accommodate any new traffic and would need to be widened significantly if this project goes forward. As it is in the winter it is almost too narrow for two SUVs to pass on icy sections. Widening the existing sections of Letts (east of Jefferson) needs to be added to the budget and scope of any project extending Letts eastward.
 - There are many horrible roads in Midland County. My biggest issue with this project is that traffic patterns will not change much and we will spend money on a road that isn't needed versus fixing our existing roads. Since moving to Midland I've had to have the bearings fixed on a newer car for the first time in my life because of the bumpy roads (commerce for example). Let's get all our roads up to date first.
- Please find an alternative.

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- If the road goes through, I would like to see speed bumps, speed limit signs and more safety measures on Letts Rd. The wildlife will definitely be affected, which would be sad.
 - Thank you for taking our input into consideration.
- A Letts Road connector is very necessary.
- First Open House/Feedback Session was VERY POORLY PLANNED!
 - very short notice, 3:00PM - 5:00PM hrs. excluded working residents.
 - - no formal presentation to educate residents about the extension: why, how, when, cost, tax increases, list of current property owners who benefit financially (follow the money?)
 - - what development is expected on the extension?
 - - what is the projected increase in traffic flow?
 - - current residential properties on Letts and the adjacent neighborhoods will be devalued!
 - - I consider Letts to be an extension of my current residential driveway; quiet w/very little speeding and minimal litter, unlike Diamond Dr with significant litter that further devalues residential property."
- Please understand how much of a significant concern this is for our neighborhood. The politicians pushing this and their own agendas do not care about their constituents enough to realize how negative this will be for our community if it goes through.
- please hear us out. our neighborhood is adamantly opposed to this connector being built. We moved here for the safety, seclusion and privacy that the neighborhood offered. That will all be wiped out by this project. Additionally this is a concern from an environmental concern. There have been dozens of sightings of the endangered blanding's turtle in the wetlands where the proposed road would go through. We have geocached photos to prove it. There is also an endangered plant there as well. Our township and county need to prioritize people and planet over profit. let's protect what little we have left to pass on for generations to come.
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback, It is very clear to me as a visitor to the neighborhood where I have both family and friends that this road is not wanted and would change the character of the area in a negative manner. As someone who has lived in the area for over 75 years and as a former township board member in another local community, I just can't connect the dots on why local government officials see value for their most valuable resource... their constituents.
- Please find a better method of our taxpayer dollars than ruining a neighborhood of higher tax paying constituents. My family moved into this neighborhood to be closer to me in Linwood and still have privacy and seclusion .

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- Don't see a need to add another road needed to access Waldo, a roundabout was just added to Monroe and Waldo.
 - Additional on/off ramp at Waldo/us10 and paving dirt road on Bombay would add more value to more people than extending a back road to provide direct access to an interstate 25 miles away.
- I'd rather see improvements with sidewalks and lighting. We already have a lot of trees dying near/ behind our lots. I worry what additional construction will do to our environment.
- Don't feel this would help matters.
- I see no benefit to extending Letts. There are alternate routes available that are other inconvenient. There are other road issues involving injury that should be addressed prior to convenience.