

“Your Bay, Your Say”

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--the planning continues--

Last summer the University of Michigan and Michigan State University students presented their design plans for the bayfront, downtown and the connection between the two. It was all part of the City's "Your Bay, Your Say" planning effort for the waterfront and downtown. The work will continue **Thursday, January 25 at 7 p.m.** at the **Great Lakes Campus Hagerty Center.**

Some of the students' suggestions were to widen and add more light to the underpass at Cass Street and Grandview Parkway; to extend the parkway boulevard and create "refuge islands" in the middle of the road; and add a buffer area along the boulevard with trees and public art installations to help slow traffic. They also recommended the elimination of some parking along the river, expand the farmers market, weave parks and landscaping throughout the downtown, and revitalize the area around Hall and Garland streets with shops and housing.

Patrick Doher of JJR, the City of Traverse City's waterfront consultant, says, "The student's work provided a valuable basis that can now be developed into real projects. However, it is "Your Bay and Your Say." We need the residents of our region to help guide us through the design process for recommended projects that meet the vision of the community." The work will continue the evening of January 25, as the design plans are further developed to improve the connection between the bay and the downtown of Traverse City.

For more information regarding this meeting and the "Your Bay, Your Say" planning project, contact Russ Soyering, Planning Director for the City of Traverse City at 922-4778.