



**Paint Creek Trailways Commission**

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Re: Invitation to Accessibility Workshop for Renovation Design of Bridge 31.7 on the Paint Creek Trail

Dear Individual or Advocate,

The Paint Creek Trailways Commission and the engineering firm, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW), are presenting an Accessibility Workshop to receive public comments and input from individuals with disabilities and disability/accessibility advocates on a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the Renovation of Paint Creek Trail Bridge 31.7 in the city of Rochester. The project site is located on the Paint Creek Trail between Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and Ludlow Avenue. The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments and suggestions regarding accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

The Accessibility Workshop will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, Michigan, 48306. Project engineers will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions regarding the design as it pertains to accessibility.

The current bridge, featured below, has significant structural issues and needs to be replaced. It is a former timber railroad bridge that was built in the early 1920s:



The renovation design follows the standards of universal design, allowing access for all and increasing the width and weight capacity of the bridge to allow safe passage for emergency and maintenance vehicles as well as all users. The renovation includes replacing Bridge 31.7 with a single span pre-

fabricated seventy-foot long steel truss bridge, similar to Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 (pictured below) in Oakland Township.



We look forward to your participation and input. Plans for the new bridge design can be found on the Paint Creek Trail website at <https://paintcreektrail.org/wordpress/projects/mnrta-grant-application-tf23-0002/> and at the Paint Creek Trail office at the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the workshop at [manager@paintcreektrail.org](mailto:manager@paintcreektrail.org) or 248-651-9260 so that we may plan accordingly. Additionally, if you are planning to attend the meeting and require any special assistance, please notify the Paint Creek Trail Manager at 248-651-9260 as soon as possible.

If you are unable to attend the workshop but would still like to provide feedback on the project, please submit your comments by email to [manager@paintcreektrail.org](mailto:manager@paintcreektrail.org) or by mail to "Paint Creek Trail 2023 MNRTF Grant Accessibility Workshop," 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306 by Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Sincerely,

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