

Re: APS request

From Alyssa Walburg <[REDACTED]>
Date Mon 1/5/2026 9:34 AM
To Andy Rienstra <arienstra@georgetown-mi.gov>; Chris Lamer <clamer@oaisd.org>

Hi Andy,

I am writing to request that the township make small modifications to the current crosswalk at Port Sheldon St. and 28th St. Specifically, modifications including; replacing the current pedestrian push buttons with audible buttons, as well as installing audible pedestrian beacons/speakers in order to provide an audible message for travelers who are visually impaired.

The Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD) is currently renovating the former Rite Aid site on that corner. Beginning in August 2026, the facility will serve more than 70 young adult students with disabilities. A key component of our program is helping these students build independence and learn to thrive in their community—including visiting and working at local businesses.

Given the heavy traffic at this intersection, improving pedestrian safety and accessibility is essential. Upgrading the crosswalk with *Audible Push Buttons* and speakers would significantly enhance safety and independence for all pedestrians, especially individuals who are blind or have low vision.

This improvement would benefit not only our students but the broader community as well. For many residents in the Hudsonville/Jenison area who are unable to drive and have limited access to public transportation, walking is their primary means of travel. Ensuring safe, accessible routes is critical to maintaining equitable access to community resources and opportunities.

OAISD has secured funding to contribute 50% of the total cost, with an estimated \$15,455.28 project cost. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further with you and your committee and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and support in making our community safer and more accessible for everyone.

Thank you,
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