

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
STATE HIGHWAY AND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS



**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION OF A  
U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE (OCTOBER 24, 2012)**

Member State Submitting Application: Michigan

USBR No. 35

Date: 8/29/2016

**This is an application for (please check):**

- Establishment of a new U.S. Bicycle Route or segment
- Realignment of an existing U.S. Bicycle Route
- Deletion of a U.S. Bicycle Route or segment

Route Connects: Existing U.S. Bicycle Route 35  
(Butternut Dr a County Road)

and Existing U.S. Bicycle Route 35  
(N River Ave a County Road)

(e.g., State Border, International Border, Existing US Bicycle Route, etc.)

The following state or states are involved: Michigan

**Map and Route Log**

**Attachment A: Map** (PDF the map in color and attach to this form)

**Attachment B: Route Log**

Use the following form (or similarly formatted spreadsheet file labeled "Attachment B" and submitted with your application) for turn-by-turn details of the U.S. Bicycle Route you are proposing for designation.


Starting Point of Route or Realignment	Miles traveled on this facility	Turn location and road name/ designation	General Direction of Travel
Butternut Dr		Turn right to Lakeshore Ave	South
Lakeshore Ave	6.7 miles	Turn left onto Lakewood Blvd (County Rd)	East
Lakewood Blvd	3.5 miles	Turn right onto Division Ave (County Rd)	South
Division Ave	1.1 miles	Turn left onto N Shore Dr (County Rd)	Northeast
N Shore Dr (becomes Howard Ave)	1.6 miles	Turn right onto N River Ave (County Rd)	South
<b>Terminus:</b> Howard Ave at N River Ave	<b>Total Mileage:</b> 12.9 miles		

**By signing below, the applicant attests to the following statements:**

The state affirms that this application complies with the current *Purpose and Policy in Establishment and Extending United States Bicycle Routes*.

The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or significantly alter any U.S. Bicycle Route, including markers and/or maps, without the authorization, consent, or approval of the *Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials*, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

The state affirms concurrence from all regional and local agencies that have ownership or operational authority over any part of the proposed routing of the U.S. Bicycle Route within this state.

Michigan		9-1-16
<hr/> Member State	<hr/> Signature of State DOT Chief Executive Officer or other authorized official	<hr/> Date

*(A letter from your Member State Chief Executive Officer with a signature is sufficient for the completion of this application, if the agency chooses not to include the signature on this form.)*

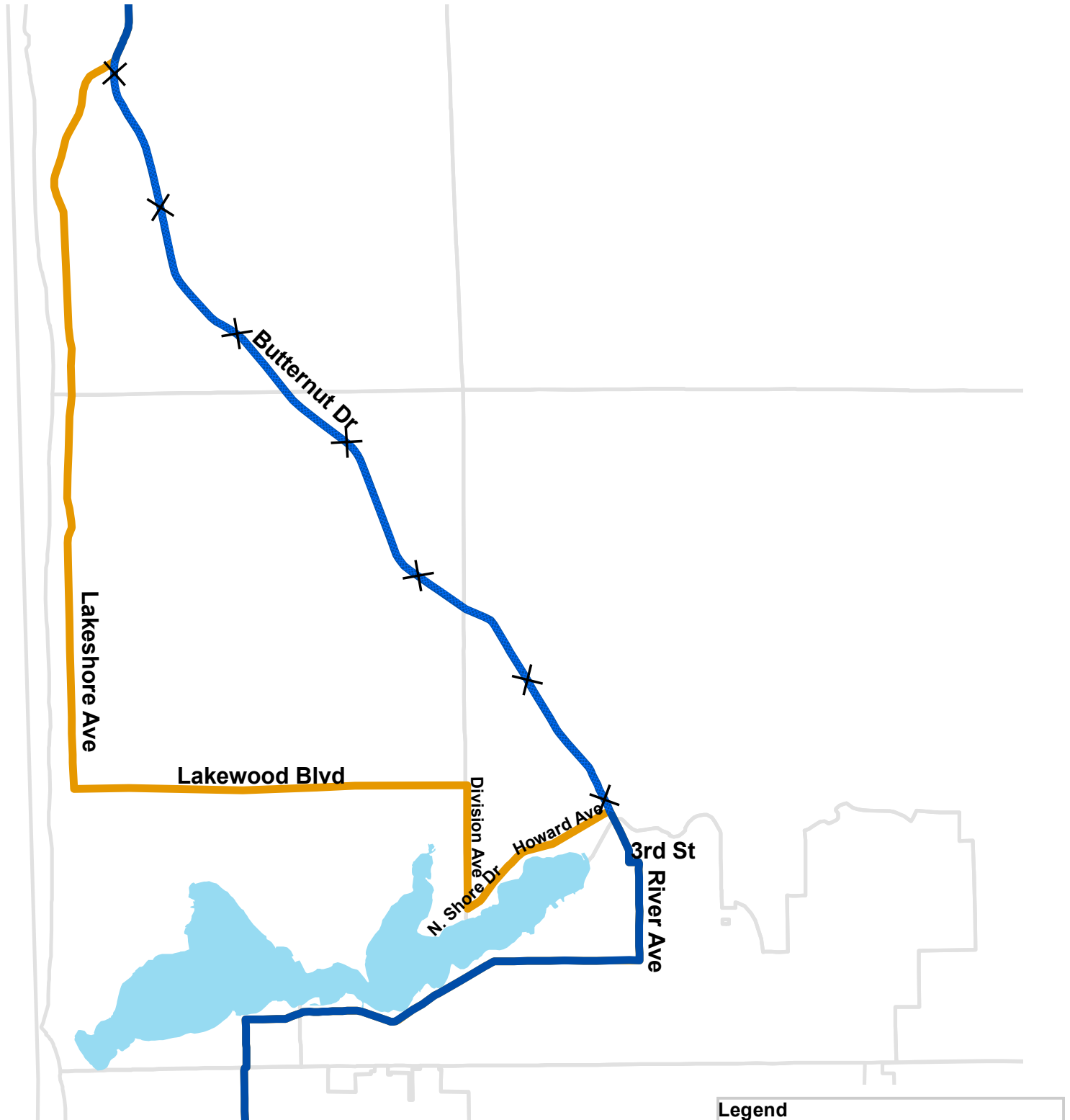
**Member State contact person:**

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# Attachment A: Map

# US Bicycle Route 35 - Detail

## Original and Adjusted Routes in Holland Area



**Legend**

-  Segment Removed
-  US Bicycle Route 35
-  US Bicycle Route 35 - Adjusted

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

# Ottawa County Road Commission

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July 18, 2016

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Re: USBR 35 Route Amendment  
Ottawa County, Michigan

Mr. DeBruyn,

This letter is to request the elimination of an existing segment designation and propose a new segment designation for the USBR 35 Route within Ottawa County, Michigan.

The Ottawa County Road Commission is proposing to eliminate approximately 8.3 miles of the unsigned segment designation of USBR 35 from Butternut Drive at Lakeshore Avenue in Port Sheldon Township south to River Avenue at Howard Street in Holland Township.

Posted speeds of road segment (s):	<b>Butternut Drive 35 to 55 mph</b> <b>River Avenue 35 mph</b>
Typical cross section(s):	<b>Butternut Drive 4 lanes (48 ft.) and 2 lanes with 2 ft. shoulder (28 ft.)</b> <b>River Avenue 4 lanes plus turn lane (60 ft.)</b>

The following is the proposed new segment (realignment) designation of USBR 35 from Lakeshore Avenue at Butternut Drive in Port Sheldon Township, south to Lakewood Boulevard in Park Township, east to Division Avenue to Holland Township, south to Howard Avenue in Holland Township, and east to River Avenue in Holland Township.

Proposed miles for realignment:	<b>Lakeshore Avenue 6.8 miles</b> <b>Lakewood Boulevard 3.5 miles</b> <b>Division Avenue 1.1 miles</b> <b>Howard Avenue 1.6 miles</b>
Posted speeds of road segment (s):	<b>Lakeshore Avenue 45-55 mph</b> <b>Lakewood Boulevard 45 mph</b> <b>Division Avenue 45 and 40 mph</b> <b>Howard Avenue 35 mph</b>

Typical cross section(s):

**Lakeshore Avenue 2 lanes with 4 ft.  
shoulders (32 ft.) and 2 lanes (24 ft.)**  
**Lakewood Blvd. 2 lanes with 4 ft. shoulders,  
(32 ft.)**  
**Division Ave. 2 lanes (24 ft.)**  
**Howard Ave. 2 lanes, (24 ft.)**

The proposed replacement of the existing designated segment of USBR 35 in Ottawa County, Michigan will provide a much more bike friendly route than the high traffic volumes that exist on the designated segment. In addition to lower traffic volumes, the proposed route provides existing and planned paved shoulders, points of interest including Lake Michigan, and is part of the regional route for bicyclists.

Attached is a map of the proposed elimination and realignment of the USBR 35 segment in Ottawa County, Michigan. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Brett A. Laughlin, P.E.  
Managing Director  
Ottawa County Road Commission

## RESOLUTION

Commissioner Gajewski, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor along the western shore of the lower peninsula of Michigan connecting Sault Ste. Marie to be developed as United States Bicycle Route 35 (USBR 35), and

WHEREAS, a coalition of planning organizations, the League of Michigan Bicyclists, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other stakeholders, worked with AASHTO for a specific route to be designated as USBR 35, and

WHEREAS, the designated route for USBR 35 comes through Ottawa County and provides a benefit to our residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, the stakeholders who worked with AASHTO to designate the route for USBR 35 through Ottawa County proposes a change in the route, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa County Road Commission hereby expresses its approval and support for the proposed route change of USBR 35, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially changed by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Road Commission will not be responsible for any costs associated to the proposed or existing route for USBR 35 which includes but is not limited to; signage, construction improvements, maintenance, federal or state program requirements, etc.

The motion was supported by Commissioner Grifhorst, and carried by the following votes:

Yeas: Gajewski, Grifhorst, Bird

Nays:

Absent: Elhart, Miedema

Dated: November 12, 2015

I, Michael C. Mikita, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa at a meeting held on the 12th day of November, 2015.

Witness my hand this 12th day of November, 2015.

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Michael C. Mikita, Clerk