



# LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



**Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District** Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – 03/04/2026  
Lockwood High School, Community Room | 1932 U.S. Hwy 87 E, Billings, MT 59101.

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:01 pm
  - **Board members in attendance**
    - Travis Smith, Nick Pancheau, Tim Sather, Kim Deal, Nick Zacher
    - Board member not in attendance: Pam Ask
    - Others in attendance: Mike Hayes
- **Public Comment**
  - None
- **Minutes:** January minutes motion by Sather, second by Zacher. Minutes approved.
- **TA Grant (Erin Claunch, Sanbell)**
  - Update email sent by Eric prior to meeting. See attached.
- **Old Hardin Rd sidewalk project (Travis Smith)**
  - Smith: Final project walkthrough completed on 1/29/26 from 10-11am. Puch-list notes attached. Project completed.
- **Billings MET Transit Governance and Study Committee (Travis Smith)**
  - No update this month.
- **Billings Bypass/TEDD update (Nick Pancheau)**
  - Pancheau: No TEDD meeting this month. Scope completed under budget on Phase 1. County discussing either to change grant application scope of work to extend project or start over with a new grant application.
- **Trail Count Report (Mike Hayes, Transportation Planner - handout/emailed)**
  - Hayes: To determine possible trail count locations on completed segment of Old Hardin Road
  - Smith: To determine number of available trail counters.
- **Old Business**
  - Existing Sidewalk Maintenance Report (Erin Claunch, Sanbell)
    - Update email sent by Eric prior to meeting. See attached.
    - Smith: To request updated report, bid package, and cost estimate from Sanbell
    - Smith/Pancheau: To review scope and annual budget update with Jennifer Jones (Yellowstone County)



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- MDT Dick Johnson Bridge
  - Smith/Pancheau: Request maintenance agreement from MDT/HDR
- MDT - Exposition Drive
  - Pancheau received request for letter of support from MDT (Lynn Peterson) on 1/27/26
  - Pancheau circulated via email request & support letter to board on 1/30/26
    - Smith, Ask, Deal, & Zacher responded with affirmative support
    - Smith sent final letter to MDT (Lynn Peterson) on 2/4/26
    - See attached.
  - Pancheau received request for letter of support from Kurtis Schnieber on 3/4/26
    - Board discussion around letter of support
      - Sather motion to provide letter of support. Zacher second. Motion carried.
      - Smith sent letter to MDT (Kurtis Schnieber) on 3/5/26
      - See attached.
- **New Business**
  - Board Discussion: next project phase to approach for analysis and design/construction
    - Discussion around phasing and connectivity. Specifically around MDT Johnson Lane interchange and Johnson Lane/Old Hardin Road redevelopment
    - Proposed to start next sidewalk segment of Old Hardin Road east of Johnson Land per phasing in the master plan. Proposed to start at Cole Street and work east.
      - Smith/Pancheau: perform budget analysis with Jennifer Jones (Yellowstone County) for 25/26 and 26/27 budget setting. Based on budget analysis, Sanbel to assess how far next phase segment may extend
      - Zacher motioned. Deal seconded. Motion carried.
- **Meeting adjourned:** 7:47 pm
- **Next Meeting Date(s):** Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7pm.

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# LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



March 4

Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Advisory Board Meeting Attendees - ~~January 7, 2026~~

Name	Email (If not provided previously)
1. Travis Smith	
2. Tim Sather	
3. Nick Panchaud	
4. Nick Zick	
5. Mike Hayes II	
6. Kim Deal	
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## Travis Smith

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**From:** Erin Claunch <eclaunch@sanbell.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 3:59 PM  
**To:** Travis Smith; Nick Pancheau; Tim Sather; Pam Ask; Nicholas Zacher; kimcdeal91070@gmail.com  
**Cc:** DJ Clark; Hayes, Mike; Jamie DeBree  
**Subject:** Re: LPSD March Board Meeting

All...

Unfortunately, I've had a last-second meeting conflict come up, and I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight. I apologize for the last-second notice. My reports are summarized below. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns. Thanks!

- **TA Grant Applications:** The TA Applications were approved by the Transportation Commission on Dec. 11th. The Commission also granted authority to local agencies to administer the projects at the December 11th meeting. Agreements are likely underway between Yellowstone County and MDT for project administration and initiation.
- **Existing Sidewalk Maintenance:** Sidewalk exhibits have been revised based on previous recommendations from the Board — specifically to remove project areas A, B, C, and H. These areas included the Dick Johnson Bridge, Johnson Lane intersection, and the trail in front of the school. A bid package is ready to proceed once the 2026 budget was amended to include a maintenance project, and approval from the Board is made to solicit quotes. Pam had reached out to CM+E (the contractor who previously installed the Massick sidewalk); and they are no longer in town.

### Erin Claunch PE, PTOE

Associate Principal | Director of Public Infrastructure  
d: 406-869-3320  
m: 406-671-0224



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**From:** Travis Smith <Travis@Cd-mt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2026 9:50 AM  
**To:** Nick Pancheau <Nick@Cd-mt.com>; Tim Sather <timsather556@gmail.com>; Pam Ask <pamask@hotmail.com>; Nicholas Zacher <nicholas.zacher@truenorthsteel.com>; kimcdeal91070@gmail.com <kimcdeal91070@gmail.com>

## Travis Smith

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**From:** Connie Nevarez <cnevarez@dowl.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 10:25 AM  
**To:** Dane Swartz; Dennis Ross  
**Cc:** Marissa Madsen; Doug Enderson; Logan Mclsaac; Travis Smith; Mike Ariztia; Leligdowicz, Joe; Williams, Kris  
**Subject:** Lockwood Sidewalks | Final Punchlist

Dane,

Below are the punchlist items from our walk-through last week. Please note that the last two bullets are on hold until we receive confirmation from the County on the direction we will be taking.

- Reinstall signs and signpost at Woodland & Old Hardin Rd at STA 1+13.
- Confirm all sign foundations have been installed properly with a concrete foundation per Section 02583 and standard drawing Sm\_M02583-2.
- Complete hand broadcast seeding throughout the project.
- Correct rilling between STA 4+80 and 6+08 on the south side of the sidewalk.
- Remove the board covering the manhole grate at MH-1.
- Install anchor bolts in the "No Parking" sign at STA 21+93.
- Mike (Lockwood Water & Sewer) to check water valves project wide.
- Touch up slight bank sluffing at irrigation inlet near STA 18+50.
- *Touch up grading on the north side of the sidewalk and add a gravel section; STA 18+10 – 22+92. **Waiting for the County to confirm.***
- *DOWL/County to discuss meter pit at STA 3+30. **Waiting for the County to confirm.***

Please keep me in the loop on when you intend to complete some of this work so I can check in with the field crew.

Thanks,

**Connie Nevarez, PE**  
Assistant Construction Project Manager

### **DOWL**

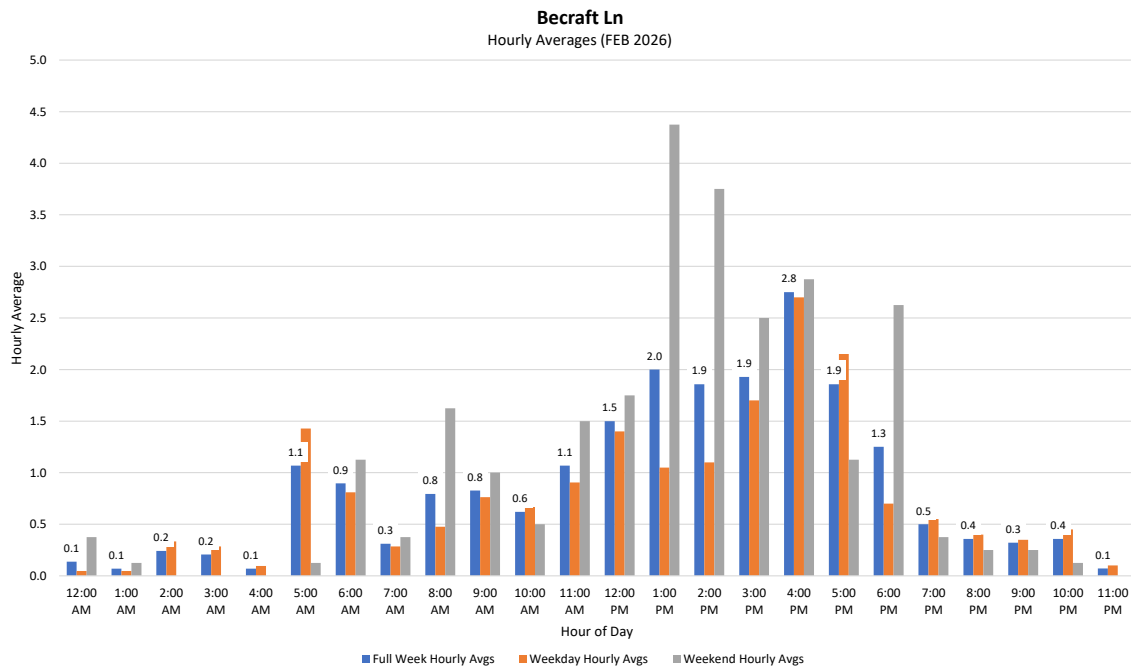
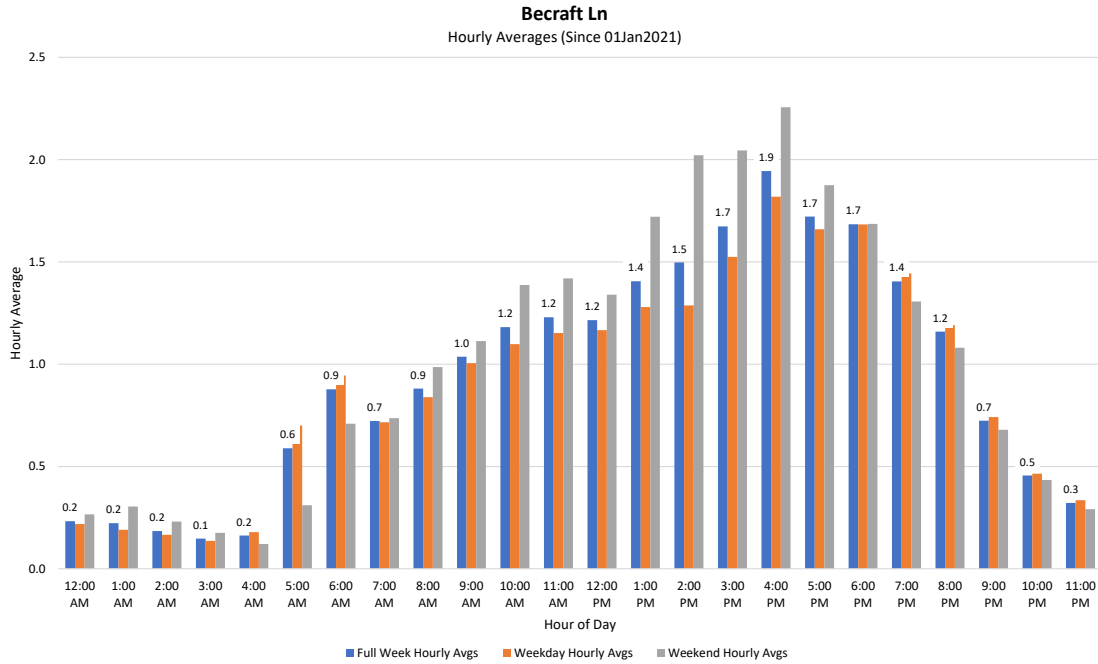
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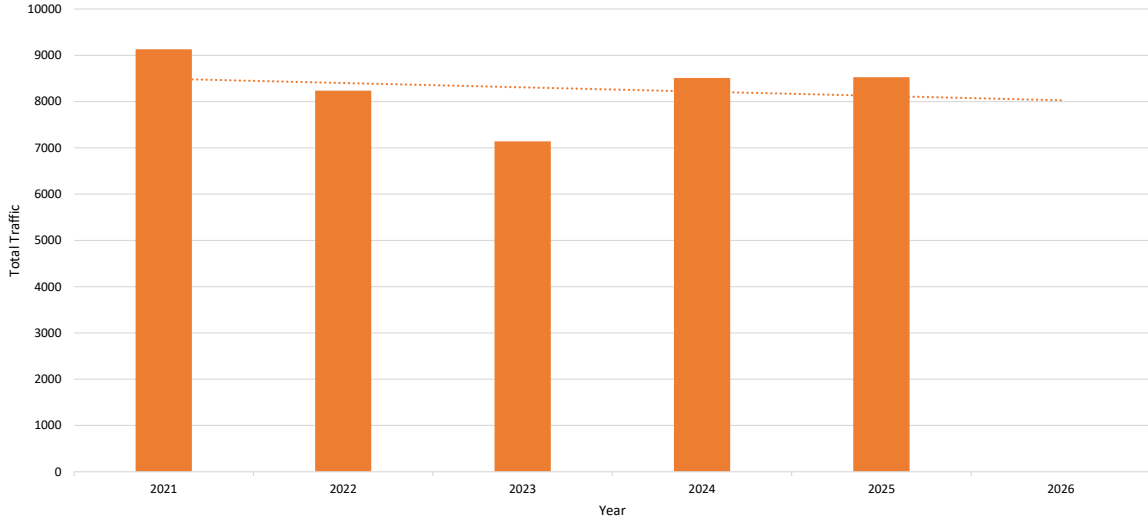
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Max	1.9	2.8

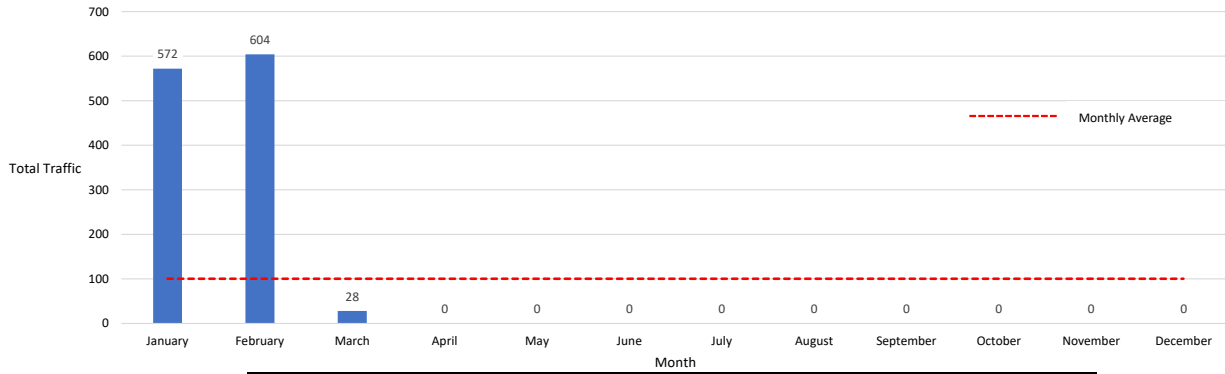
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**Becraft Ln**  
Yearly Totals (Based on ADT)



**Becraft Ln**  
Traffic Count Totals

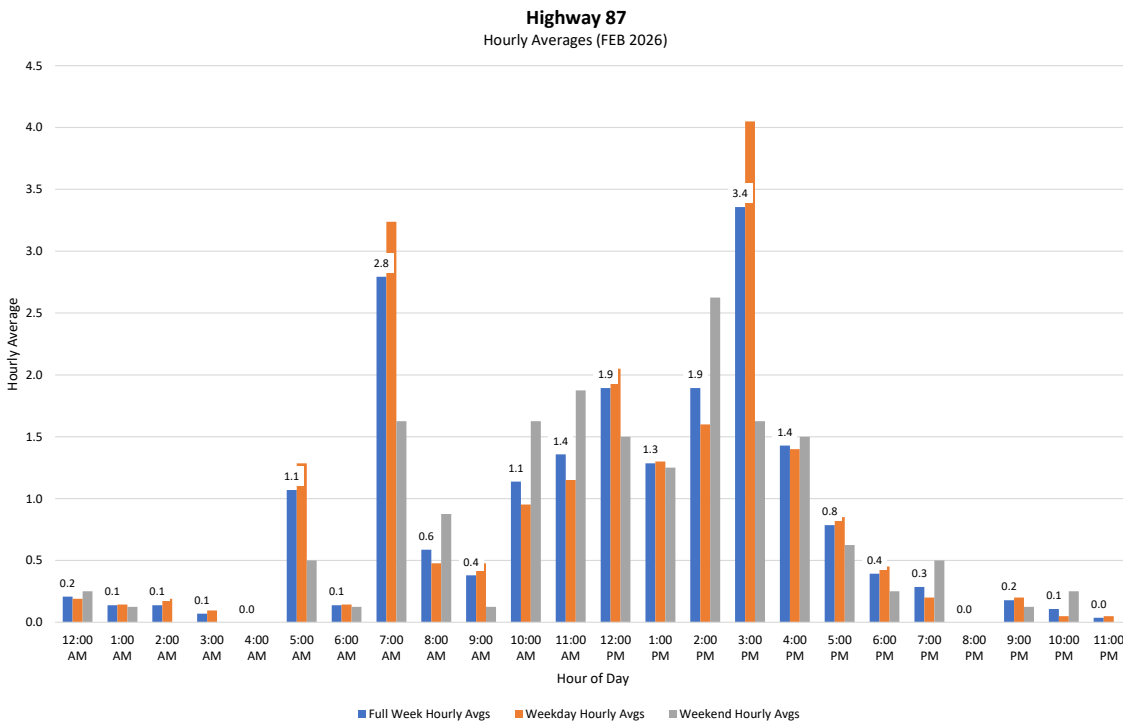
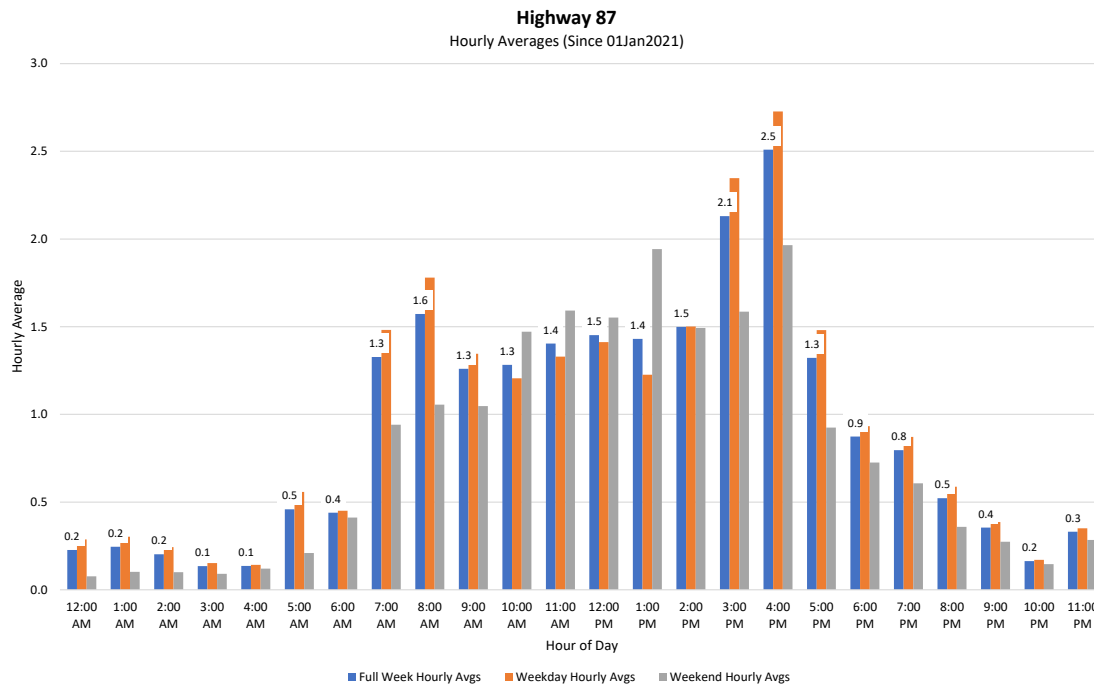


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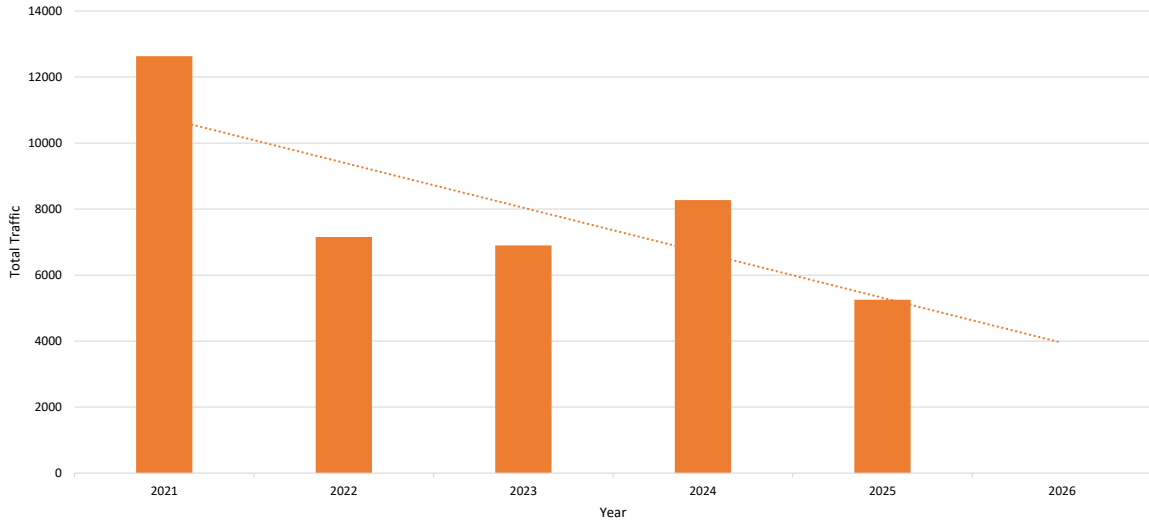
Hourly Statistics

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Median	0.8	0.4
STDV	0.7	0.9
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Max	2.5	3.4

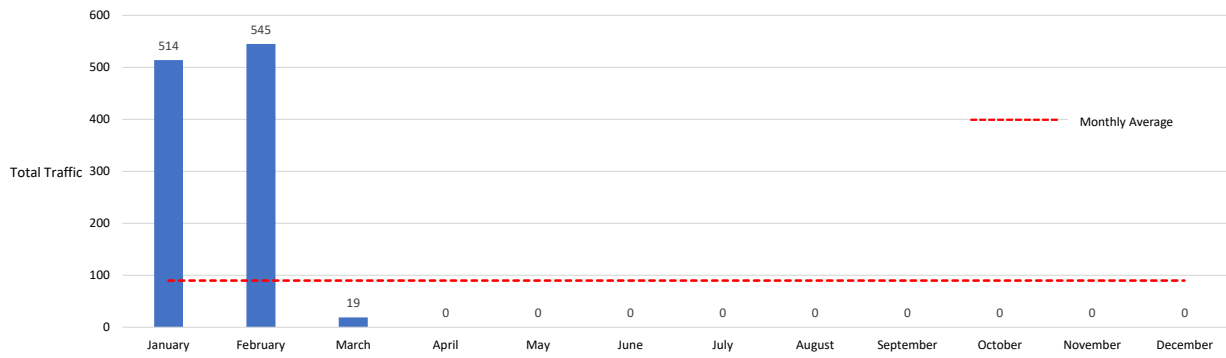
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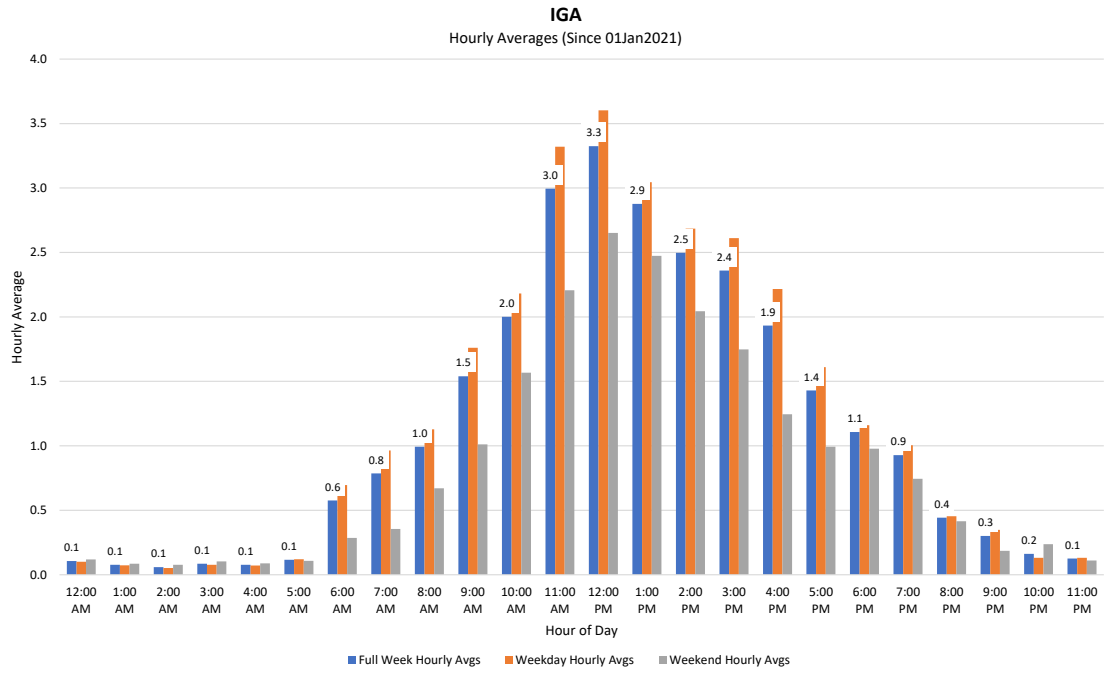
**Highway 87**  
Yearly Totals (Based on ADT)



**Highway 87**  
Traffic Count Totals



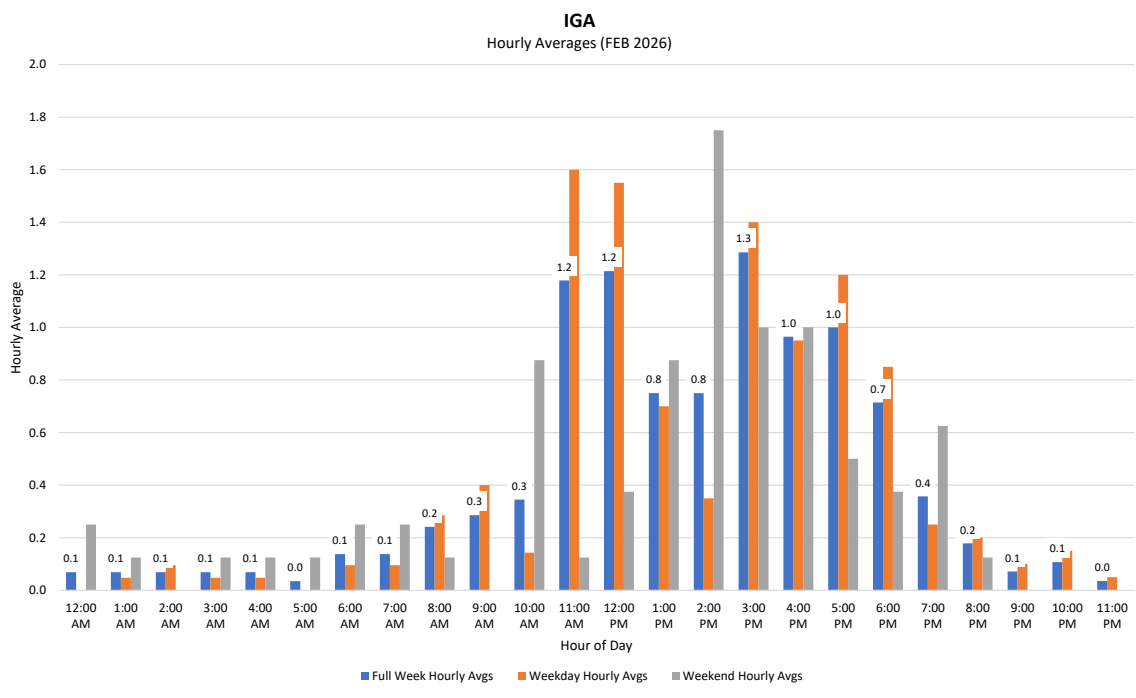
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			Wk. Day Avg	Wk. End Avg	Min			
HIGHWAY 87	1,078	18	15	7	0	24-Jan	42	89.83



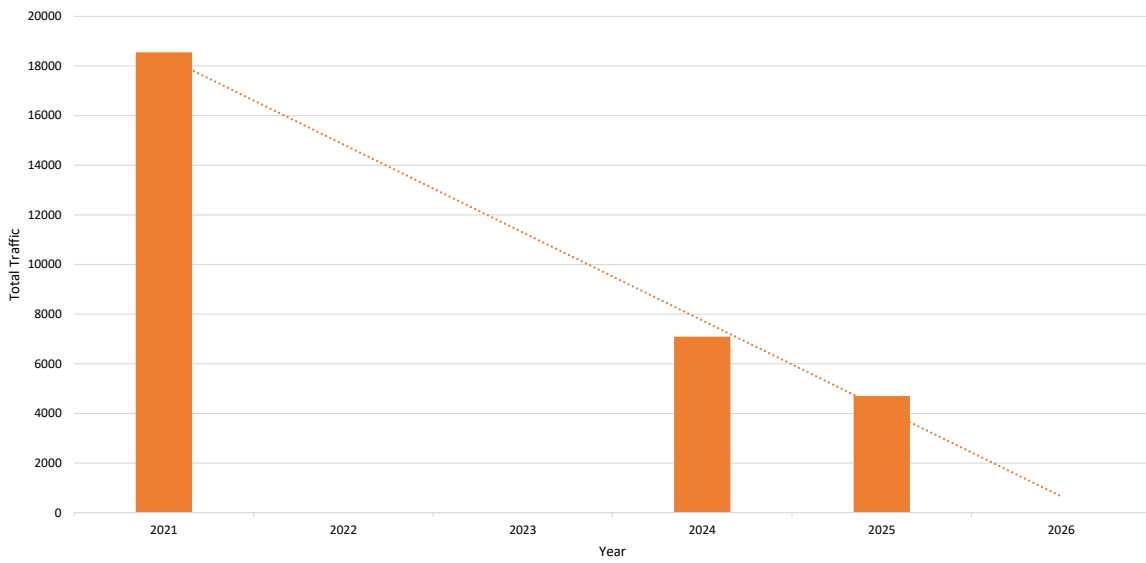
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Median	0.9	0.2
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Max	3.3	1.3

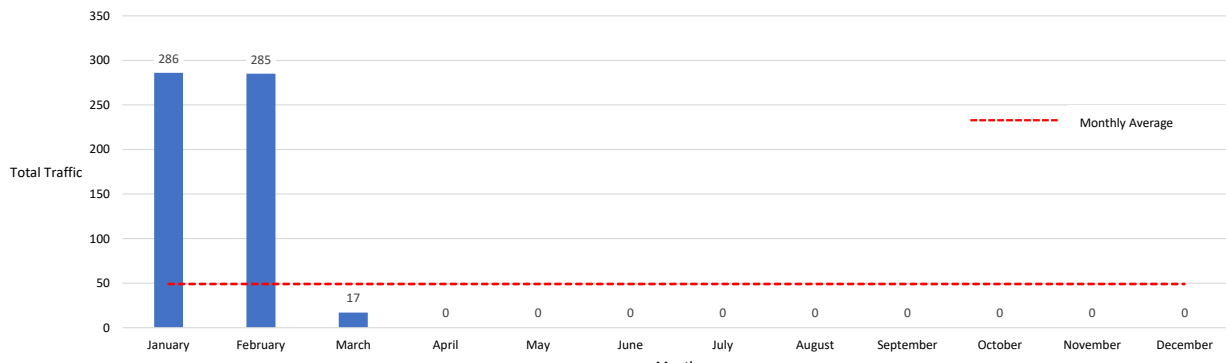
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**IGA**  
Yearly Totals (Based on ADT)



**IGA**  
Traffic Count Totals

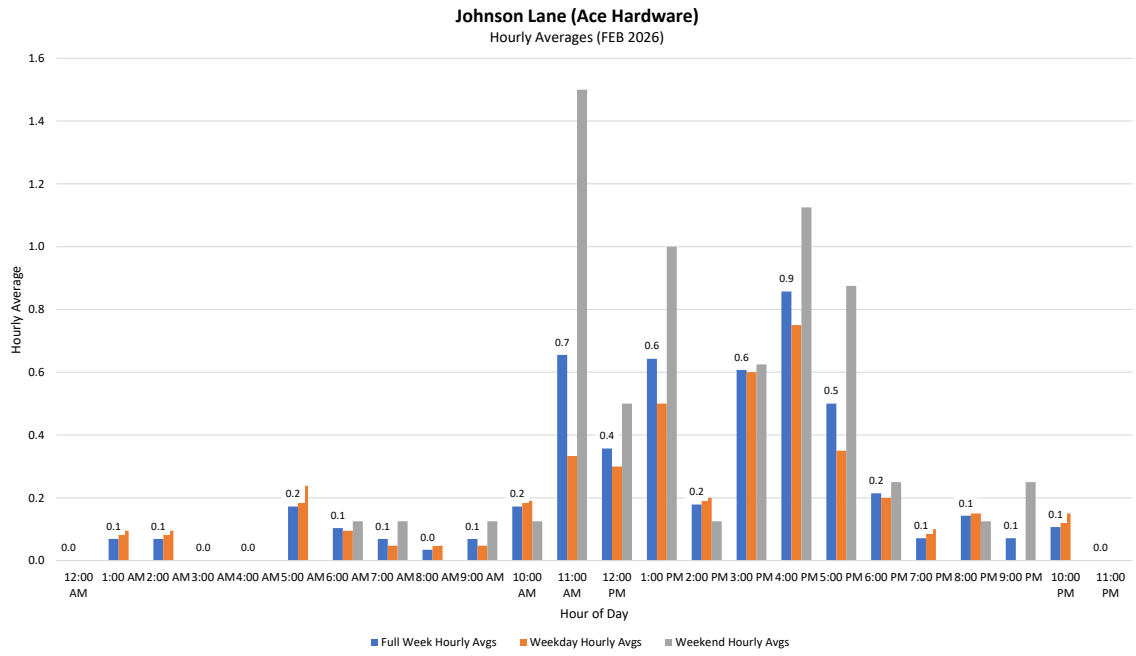
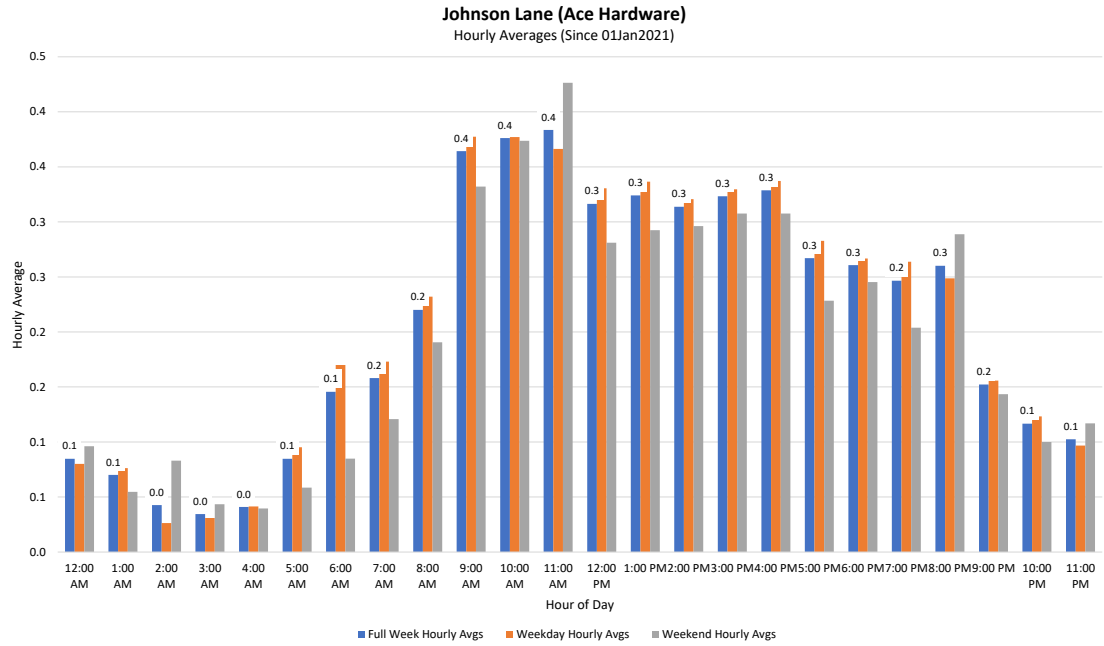


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			Wk. Day Avg	Wk. End Avg	Min			
IGA	588	10	9	4	1	25-Jan	24	49.00

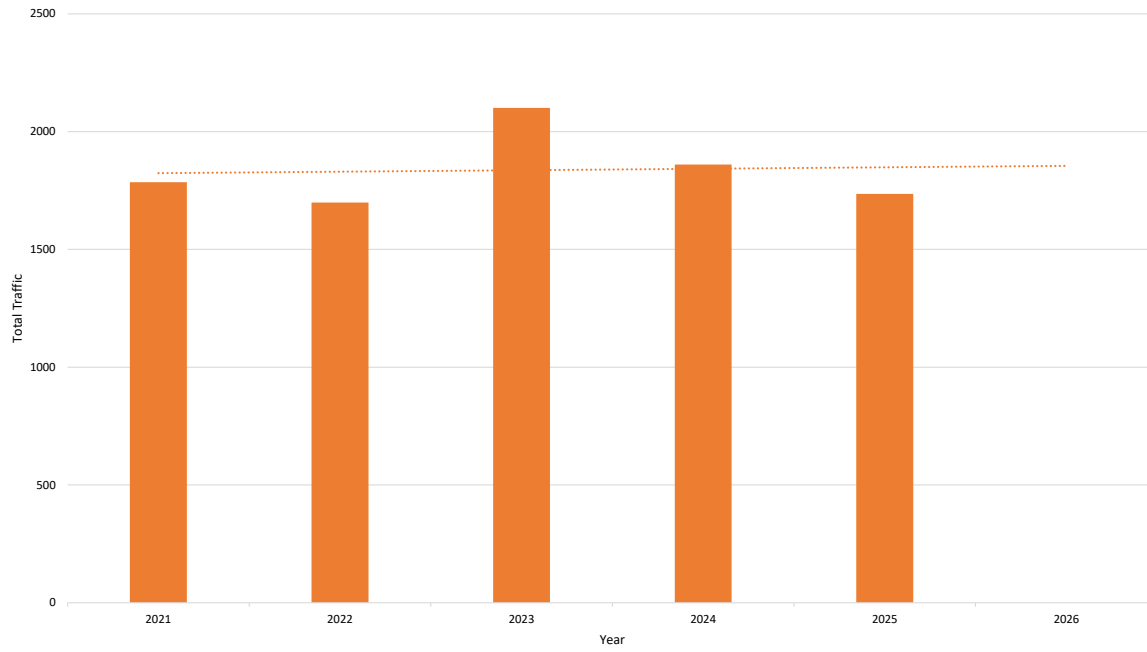
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	Total	Month
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STDV	0.1	0.2
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Max	0.4	0.9

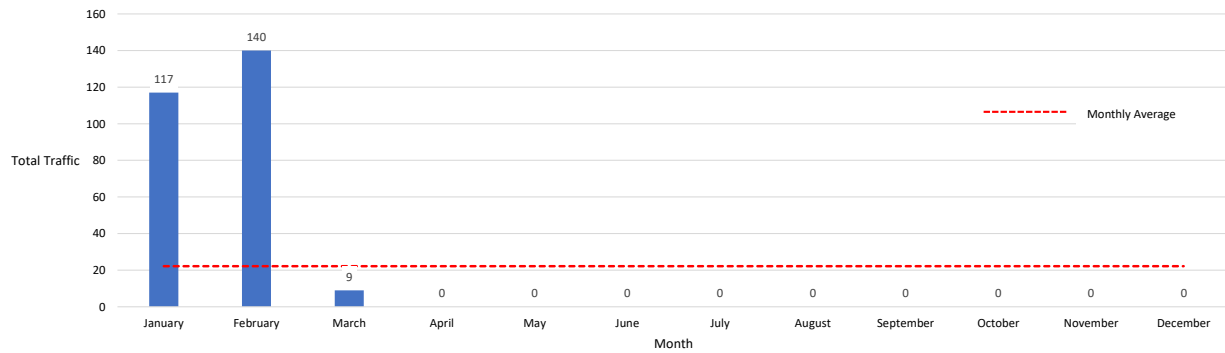
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**Johnson Lane (Ace Hardware)**  
Yearly Totals (Based on ADT)

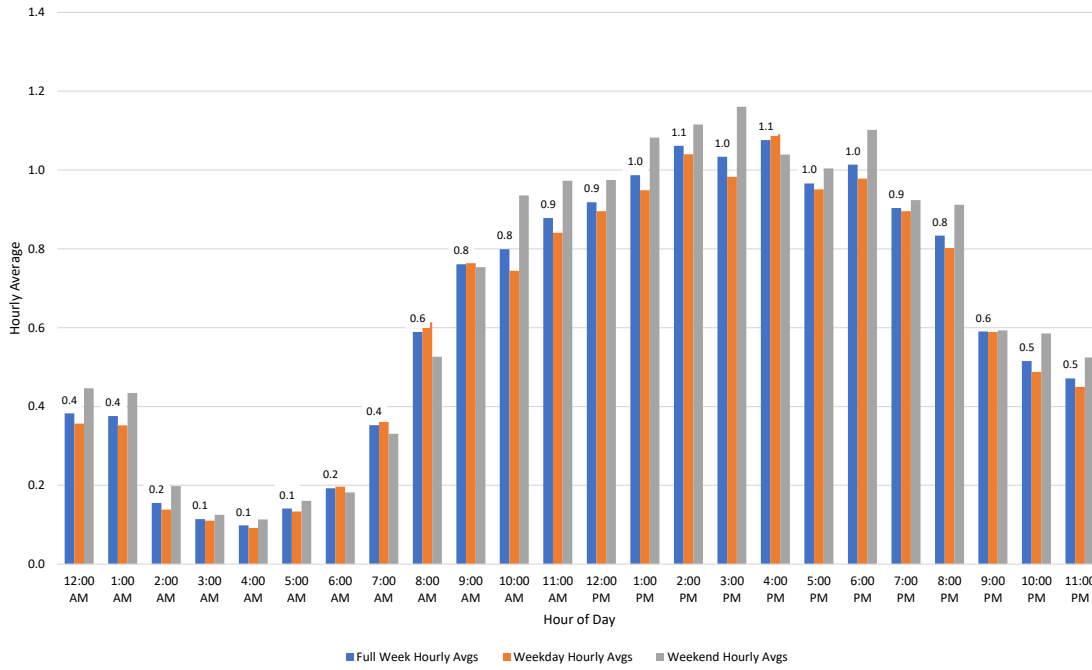


**Johnson Lane (Ace Hardware)**  
Traffic Count Totals



Site Name	Total Count	Average	Wk. Day Avg	Wk. End Avg	Min	Date w/ Min Total	Max	Monthly Avg
Johnson Lane (Ace Hardware)	266	4	4	1	0	23-Jan	13	22.17

**Old Hardin Rd**  
Hourly Averages (Since 01Jan2021)

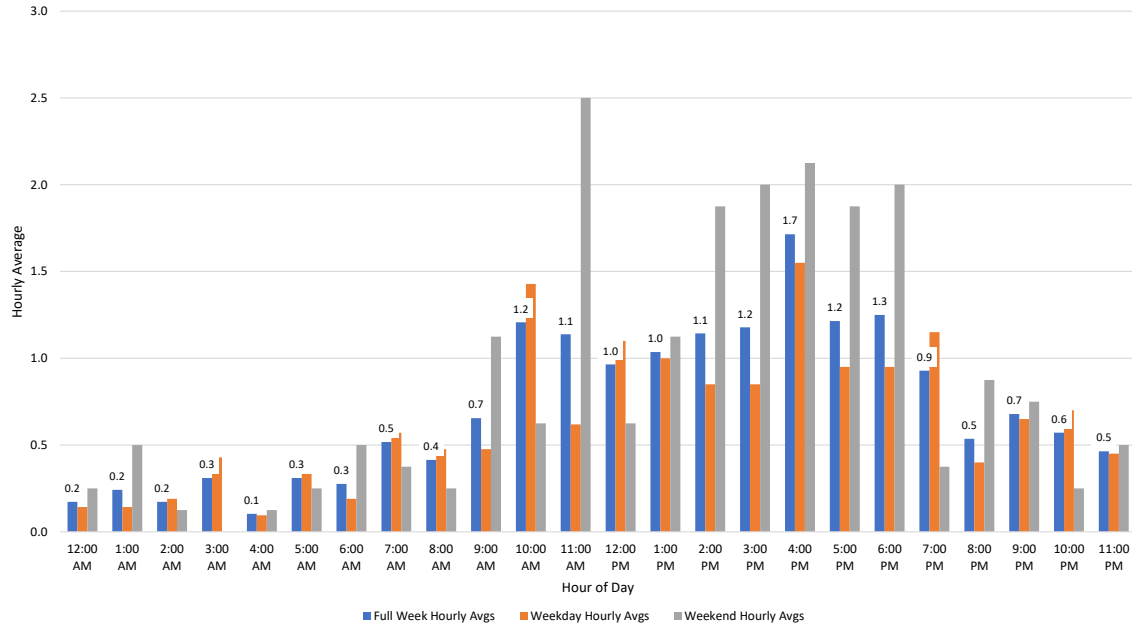


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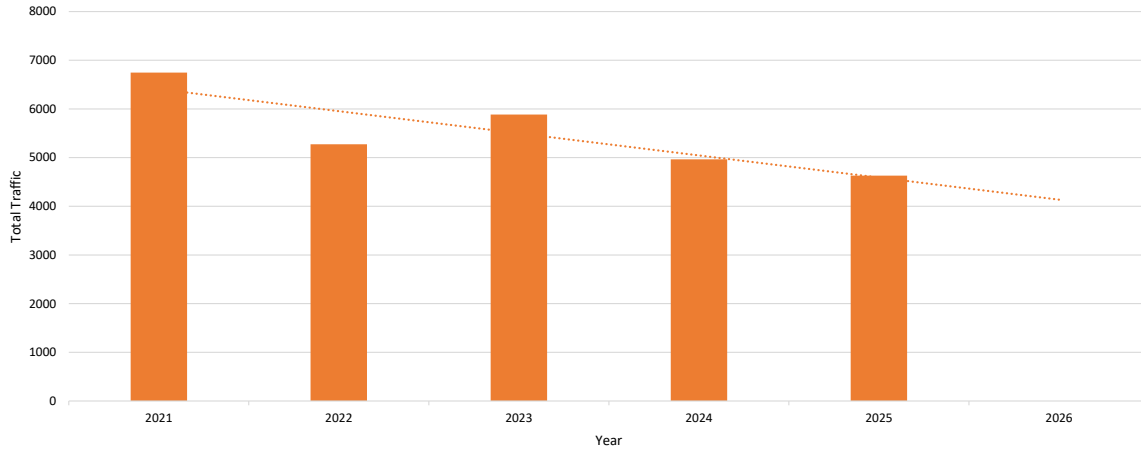
	Total	Month
Average	0.6	0.7
Median	0.7	0.6
STDV	0.3	0.4
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Max	1.1	1.7

**Field Notes**

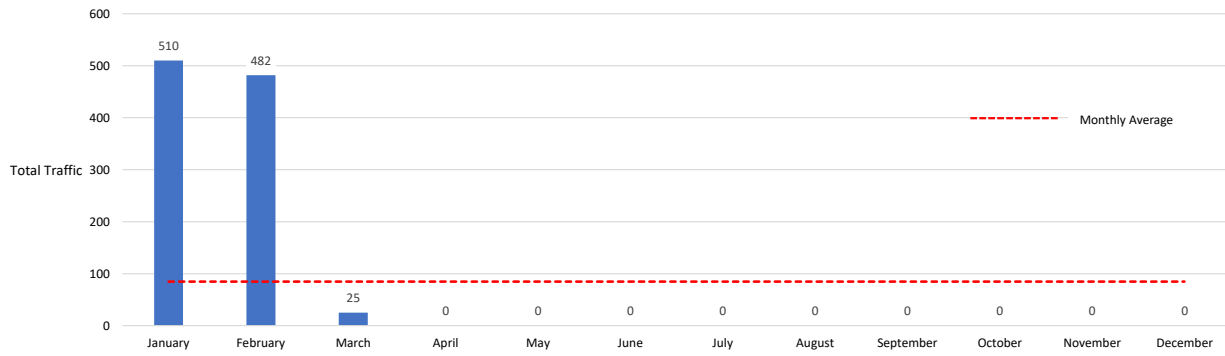
**Old Hardin Rd**  
Hourly Averages (FEB 2026)



**Old Hardin Rd**  
Yearly Totals (Based on ADT)



**Old Hardin Rd**  
Traffic Count Totals



Site Name	Total Count	Average	Month			Date w/ Min Total	Max	Monthly Avg
			Wk. Day Avg	Wk. End Avg	Min			
OLD HARDIN RD	1,017	17	16	6	6	29-Jan	37	84.75



# LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



January 30, 2026

Honorable Sean Duffy  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: FY2026 BUILD Grant: Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the **Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District**, please consider this letter as written confirmation of our support of the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for its **Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North Project** (Project). Located in the City of Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana, the Project will enhance safety, improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, vehicle capacity, freight movement, and stormwater drainage through the following improvements:

**Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North Intersection:** Direct westbound right-turn lane on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North (US Route 87) through a signalized lane and into a new receiving lane on Main Street, extend southbound lane queue storage on Main Street, improve left-turning radii for trucks, remove eastbound right-turn slip lane on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to bring motorists through a traffic signal, upgrade traffic signals to align with new design, and modify or add raised medians.

**Additional Improvements:** Improve intersection design at Main Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, add or reconstruct sidewalks and buffers along Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, and improve stormwater drainage system to eliminate ponding water in roadways.

In alignment with BUILD program requirements, the Project includes the following benefits:

- Protects motorists and non-motorists from safety risks through improved roadway and intersection design and the construction of wider sidewalks and buffer zones.
- Improves infrastructure sustainability to extreme storms by replacing existing stormwater drainage system with a new system intended to decrease stormwater ponding and flood duration.
- Improves the quality of life by tying sidewalks and buffers into the existing non-motorized routes.
- Improves mobility and community connectivity with the addition of extra travel lanes, increasing lane queue storage, and adding/upgrading sidewalks and buffer areas.
- Improves the area's economy by improving Project roads in a designated area of blight (East Billings Urban Renewal District), improving freight mobility, and creating good-paying jobs.
- Contributes to the state of good repair by modernizing existing infrastructure and reducing maintenance burdens.
- Engages residents and community-based organizations to ensure all stakeholders are meaningfully integrated throughout the lifecycle of the Project.
- Employs innovative project delivery by transitioning to Autodesk Civil 3D, a software that allows engineers to see designs in 3D rather than the traditional 2D.

On behalf of the community and the traveling public of Montana, I thank you for your consideration of this important project and look forward to its timely completion.

Sincerely,

Travis Smith, President  
**Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District**



# LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



March 5, 2026

Representative Troy Downing

United States House of Representatives

1529 Longworth HOB

Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: CPF Funding: Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1st Avenue North Project

Dear Representative Downing,

On behalf of the Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District, please consider this letter as written confirmation of our support of the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding (CPF) funding request for Exposition Drive (Main Street) and 1st Avenue North Project (Project).

Located in the City of Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana, the goal of the Project is to enhance safety, increase vehicle capacity, freight movement, improve street lighting, improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and stormwater drainage. Two main components of the Project include:

- *Reduced congestion at Main Street and 1st Avenue North Intersection:* Direct westbound right-turn lane on 1st Avenue North (US Route 87) through a signalized lane and into a new receiving lane on Main Street, extend southbound lane queue storage on Main Street, improve left-turning radii for trucks, remove eastbound right-turn slip lane on 1st Avenue North to bring motorists through a traffic signal, upgrade traffic signals to align with new design, and modify or add raised medians.
- *Community improvements throughout Project:* The Project will add or reconstruct sidewalks and buffers along Main Street and 1st Avenue North and improve stormwater drainage system to eliminate ponding water in roadways.

On behalf of the community and the traveling public of Montana, I thank you for your consideration of this important project and look forward to its swift completion.

Sincerely,

Travis Smith

President, Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District