

Ozaukee Interurban Trail is in great shape for its age

To Ozaukee Press:

The comment reported in last week's Ozaukee Press by a member of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council that the northern third of the trail "has experienced some pretty serious deterioration" is an overstatement. It is like a wife complaining to her husband after 10 years of marriage that his top third is deteriorating because some lines have appeared on his face or some gray hairs are visible.

Of course the trail needs maintenance; any asphalt surface does. There are some potholes and cracks (most generated during our 100-degree July) and some areas where the trail is cracking at the shoulder. There are places on the northern section where weeds have grown through the pavement. There is one 50-foot crack near mile marker 27 that opens to about 2 inches for about 10 feet. However, it is well marked and easily avoided and the pavement on either side is solid. These defects are really exceptions.

Last year, one bicycle tourist traveling to Maine from New Mexico commented to me that the trail was pure joy because it was so well maintained and easy on the seat.

I challenge anyone to find a nine continuous miles of asphalt roads in our county in better shape than the Ozaukee Interurban Trail northern section.

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The Ozaukee Interurban Trail. Photo by Ron Voight