

**Recommendation  
City of Novi  
Non-Motorized Master Plan**

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Public Hearing to present findings and receive comments on the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council for consideration to adopt the plan. The Planning Commission is asked to approve a motion recommending the City Council adopt the proposed Non-Motorized Master Plan.

**Required Action**

Approve a motion recommending City Council adopt the proposed City of Novi Non-Motorized Master Plan with or without recommended revisions.

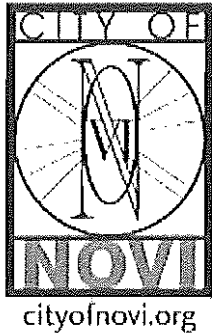
February 9, 2011

**Motions**

**Proposed Master Plan Amendments**

Motion to **recommend** City Council adopt the proposed Non-Motorized Master Plan subject to the following recommended revisions (if any) ...

**Planning Introduction Memo  
Non-Motorized Master Plan**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** PLANNING COMMISSION  
**THROUGH:** BARBARA MCBETH DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
**FROM:** MARK SPENCER, AICP, PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** NON-MOTORIZED MASTER PLAN UPDATE  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 4, 2011

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Encouraging healthy, active lifestyles through pathway and sidewalk connectivity is a focus for the City of Novi. A four-time Promoting Active Communities Gold Award winner from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, the City of Novi has over 225 miles of existing and 90 miles of planned public pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

To further these efforts, the City of Novi City Council contracted the Greenway Collaborative in July 2010 to produce a comprehensive, Non-Motorized Master (Transportation) Plan that will expand upon the current Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Analysis and Process plan and make recommendations for in-road facilities, sidewalks, trails, road crossings, design standards, priority considerations, funding, and non-motorized routes. The Federal Energy Efficiency Block Grant funded plan will include an expanded implementation strategy to help the City of Novi to continue its efforts to provide a safe, convenient and enjoyable environment for bicyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorized users while demonstrating the potential energy savings new facilities could provide.

Work on the Non-Motorized Master Plan is now near completion. Drafts of the Plan were reviewed by staff and the Walkable Novi Committee. At the Committee's February 3, 2011 meeting, the members recommended the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation for City Council to adopt the Plan. The consultant has reviewed all staff and Committee comments and addressed the comments in the Plan.

The Plan makes recommendations on non-motorized improvements (routes, sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes and road crossings), policies, design guidelines, maintenance guidelines, outreach and education.

The Plan proposes five sets of improvement tasks. The first task, "initial investments" includes projects that should be done immediately because they complete critical gaps and address safety concerns. These projects include the top 20 segments from the City's Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis and Process, several additional sidewalk and pathway segments, several crossings and several short connecting pathways located outside of the right-of-way.

The other four tasks are designated as parallel tasks with priorities listed within each set. The "major corridor" task includes systematic projects that are capital intensive and are of a regional and/or cross community/county significance. The "neighborhood connectors" and "sidewalk gaps" tasks include projects of a local significance that may or may not be capital intensive and may have some near-term and mid-term solutions. The "construction integration" task includes projects that will probably not be done on their own, but will be integrated as part of a larger construction

project. Some of the improvements include relatively modest changes such as road conversions and signage and others may take longer based on opportunities and available funding. Each task may take multiple years to implement. The speed of the implementation depends on the amount of money the City dedicates to the implementation along with the success of obtaining outside funding. These tasks were determined based on public input, existing conditions, the existing sidewalk and pathway prioritization plan, regional trail plans, geographic distribution and desire to create key cross-community connections.

The Planning Commission is asked to review the draft Non-Motorized Master Plan, receive additional comments at a public hearing scheduled for February 9, 2011 and make a recommendation for adoption to City Council.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the matter.