Staff has had ongoing discussions with the representatives of Medilodge, the convalescent facility proposed for the north side of Eleven Mile Road between Beck and Wixom Roads, just east of the ITC corridor. The applicant continues to work through a number of details of the project, and anticipates bringing the PRO Agreement to the City Council for final approval in upcoming months.

As a part of the public benefit associated with the rezoning of the land, the applicant has offered to construct a public trail through a portion of the Medilodge property, and within the adjacent ITC corridor (see attached sketch of trail location). This proposed pathway was a part of the discussion at a City Council meeting last March. The proposed location avoids impact to natural features and would connect to existing and planned public pathways in the area. Initial discussions with Providence Park indicate support for a potential future pathway across the adjacent Providence Park property connecting the path on the Medilodge property with the paths along Beck Road.

To facilitate the proposed public trail improvements within the ITC corridor, staff has made contact with representatives of ITC to determine ITC’s standards and approval process for trails within its corridor. Since the proposed trail would be open to the public, staff believes that it is appropriate for the City to be the applicant. The Application for Trail License on ITC property is attached for reference. Application items are currently being assembled by Medilodge representatives, as well as Planning and Engineering staff.

One item that is required with the application is documented evidence that all municipalities and entities involved in the proposed trail officially support the application for license. For that purpose, staff will request that the City Council consider a suggested resolution in support of the proposed trail in January. The sample resolution is attached.
APPLICATION FOR TRAIL LICENSE ON ITC Transmission PROPERTY

Applicant Name: Rob Hayes, PE, Director of Public Services/City Engineer

Applicant Municipality/Organization: City of Novi

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Novi, MI 48375

Lead Contact: Lindon Ivezaj, Engineer

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Please provide a brief description of the length and purpose of the proposed pedestrian trail: Proposed trail is approximately 1000 feet long in the north/south direction and approximately 250 feet long in the east/west direction within the ITC corridor, extending north from Eleven Mile Road, between Wixom Road and Beck Road in Section 17 of the City of Novi. The proposed trail would be used for recreational and non-motorized transportation purposes. It would connect with other existing and proposed trails and sidewalks in the area and is considered the first phase of the planned Regional Trail Route on the west side of Novi.

Please complete or provide the following information with your signed application:

1. Provide a map showing the location of the entire proposed trail including locations adjacent to ITC property.

2. Provide six (6) survey or engineering drawings showing the proposed trail on ITC property and showing dimensions from all structures including towers, poles, guy wires and anchors, etc. Please include Section, Town and Range numbers.
3. Provide a physical description of the proposed trail, including proposed width and proposed type of construction (for example, asphalt, gravel, sand, etc), and include any unusual or unique conditions on the property, (drains and/or bridges, for example).

4. Provide a statement indicating whether additional property rights are required from other landowners in the area and, if so, whether you have or have not acquired these rights. If these rights have not been acquired, please include a timeline for acquisition of outstanding rights.

5. Provide documented evidence that all municipalities or entities involved in the proposed trail officially support this application for license.

6. Provide a projected plan showing detailed information regarding maintenance requirements for the proposed trail. Please include maintenance schedule and anticipated expenditures.

7. Provide information regarding restrictions or other constraints that need to be considered when reviewing this application (i.e. wetland permits, funding deadlines, etc.)

8. Remit a non-refundable administrative fee of $600 per trail mile.

By submitting this Application, Applicant acknowledges that Applicant understands and agrees:

1. ITC may refuse to grant the license due to conflict with existing and/or future facility requirements or any other reason or may grant the license subject to any conditions, restrictions, or reservations it deems necessary or desirable.

2. If a license is granted, ITC will require an annual fee of $600, the first installment of which will be payable before the executed license is delivered to the licensee.

Signature

Rob Hayes, PE
Print Name

City Engineer/Director of DPS
Title

December 14, 2010
Date
WHEREAS, the enhancement of a regional trail system has been identified as a goal of the Novi City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the regional trail proposed within the ITC corridor north of 11 Mile Road is the first phase in a master planned regional pathway that would connect ITC Community Sports Park to Beck Road and Providence Hospital and eventually north to Lakeshore Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed development of the adjacent site presents an opportunity for the construction of the initial phase of a regional pathway system at minimal cost to the City of Novi; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed regional trail would provide safe non-motorized transportation for bicyclists and pedestrians within the City of Novi; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed regional trail would provide health benefits and economically-friendly family recreational opportunities to improve Novi's quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Novi City Council hereby support the ITC Trail License Application for the proposed construction of a pathway within ITC property as the initial phase of a larger regional trail system.

CERTIFICATION

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a Regular meeting held this ___th day of __________, 2011.

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Maryanne Cornelius
City Clerk