



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 1
October 26, 2009**

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution of support for the City of Wixom’s MDOT Transportation Enhancement Air-Line Trail Grant Application.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development ^{Burke} – Planning

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Charter Township of Commerce, the City of Walled Lake and the City of Wixom have formally created the “The Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom Trailway Management Council” to acquire part of a rail corridor in those communities in order to construct an 5.45 mile stretch of non-motorized trailway. This section of the rail corridor is north of the City of Novi and runs from approximately Haggerty Road on the east, into the City of Wixom on the west. This section of rail corridor is considered a missing link in the Oakland County cross-county trails plan (see attached excerpt from the plan). The section of rail line under consideration is operated by the Michigan Air-Line Railway Co., part of Railmark Inc., which operates The Star Clipper Dinner Train and other rail entertainment attractions based in Walled Lake.

The Air-Line Trail would link the Huron Valley and West Bloomfield Trails. Novi will be linked to this trail by the proposed MDOT M-5 trail; the first link of this connection is planned to be constructed by MDOT in 2010, extending between 13 and 14 Mile Roads.

The City of Wixom is applying for a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Transportation Enhancement grant to partially fund the purchase of the 5.4 mile right-of-way. This grant application is in addition to the Trailway Management Council’s application for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant to fund the right-of-way purchase. After recommendation by the City of Novi’s Walkable Novi Committee, the City of Novi City Council passed a resolution supporting the Trailway Management Council’s MNRTF grant application on July 20, 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of a resolution of support for the City of Wixom’s MDOT Transportation Enhancement Air-Line Trail Grant Application.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Burke				
Council Member Crawford				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				



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Resolution of Support of the City of Wixom's Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant Application

At a meeting of the City Council for the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan held on the _____, day of October, 2009 at the City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

CITY COUNCIL

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David B. Landry

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Bob Gatt

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WHEREAS, the proposed 5.4 mile Michigan Airline Trail is a link in the State of Michigan's first proposed cross-state multi-use route, starting with the Kal Haven Trail in South Haven and ending with the Bay-to-Bridge Trail in Port Huron; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition will contribute significantly to meeting the goals of the Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan, Oakland County Trails Master Plan goals and "Connecting Michigan" the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance statewide trailways vision and action plan; and

WHEREAS, this trail will serve as a unique regional asset for a variety of purposes including: a place for a family friendly hike, bike or jog, serve as a non-motorized transportation corridor, and providing a permanently preserve green space along its route; and

WHEREAS, this trail will provide a safe route for pedestrians, bicyclists, roller bladers, cross country skiers, etc to traverse these communities with minimal interference from automotive traffic; and

WHEREAS, this trail will provide health benefits, economically-friendly family recreational opportunities and low cost, hands on learning opportunities for our school systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novi's Walkable Novi Committee has reviewed the proposed trail and recommends City of Novi support of the trail, and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Novi, supports the City of Wixom's Airline Trail Michigan Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement Grant application to acquire 5.4 miles of Michigan Airline Railway right-of-way because the trail will improve the quality of life of people in the region.

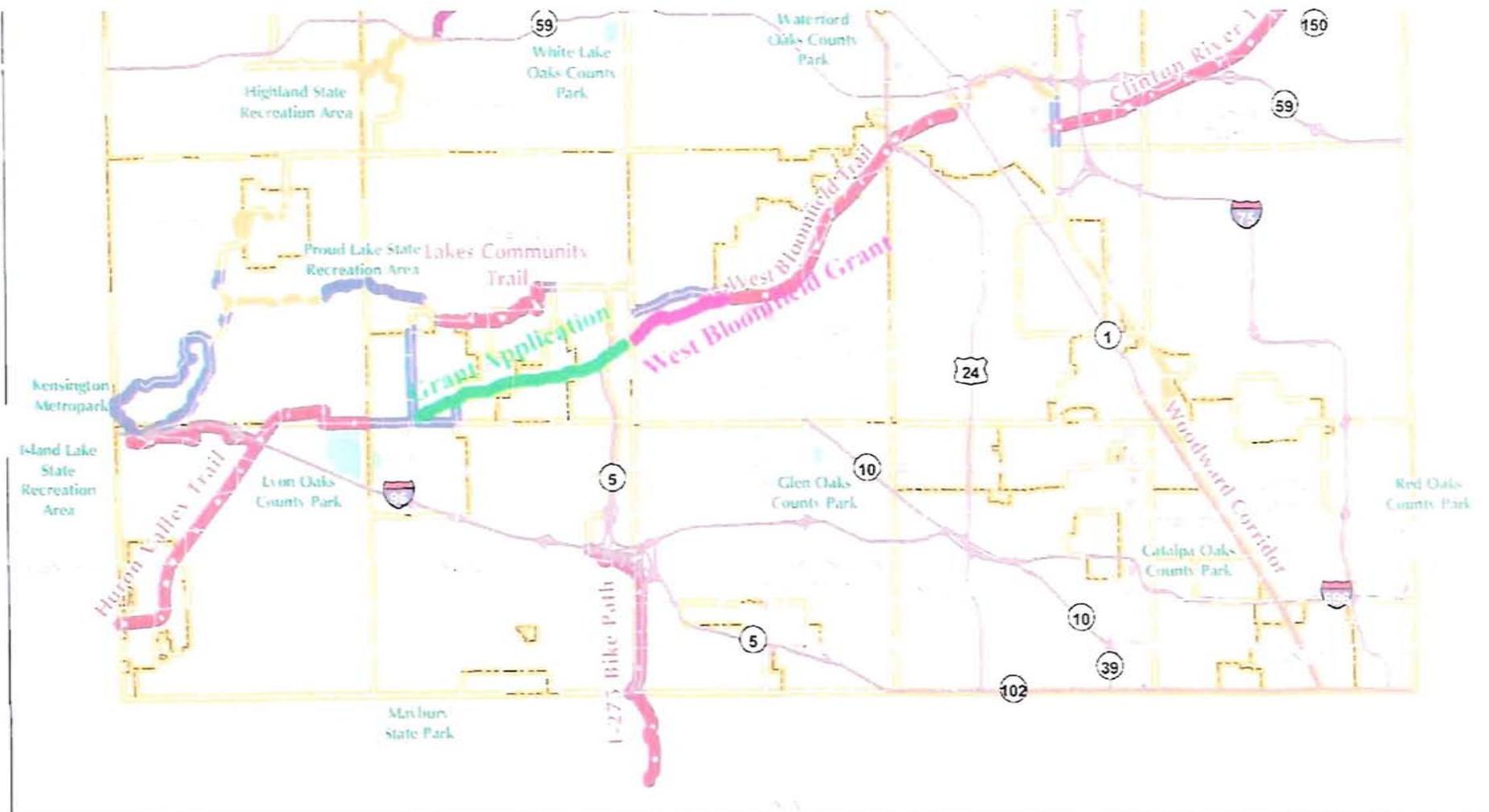
CERTIFICATION

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held the _____ day of October, 2009.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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Map Source: Oakland County GIS, 2008

- Trail
- County Trail Concept***
- Complete
- Design/Development
- Under Consideration
- Under Review

- Municipal Boundary
- County Parks
- HCMA Recreation Land
- State Recreation Land

*The county pathways system is comprised of a vision to link pathways and greenways throughout Oakland County and Southeastern Michigan. The county concept envisions a hierarchy of pathways consisting of primary and secondary

June 2008



Sources
 Roads: Oakland County GIS, 2008
 Trail Network: Oakland County GIS, 2008
 Recreation Lands: Oakland County GIS, 2008



AKLAND COUNTY TRAILS MASTER PLAN