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WALKABLE NOVI COMMITTEE
August 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Novi Civic Center Conference Room A
45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375
(248) 347-0475

Members: David Baratta, Brian Bartlett, Linda Blair, David Greco, Elizabeth Iszler, Andrew Mutch, Mark Pehrson, Paul Policicchio and David Staudt
Staff Support: Mark Spencer, Planner, Community Development
Nancy Cowan, Superintendent, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

- 1) **Roll Call**
- 2) **Approval of Agenda**
- 3) **Audience Participation**
- 4) **Communications**
- 5) **Non-Motorized Master Plan** discussion with consultant
- 6) **Staff Report**
 - a) Complete Streets Resolution
- 7) **Adjourn**

Future Walkable Novi Committee meetings – September 8, October 14, November 18 and December 9.

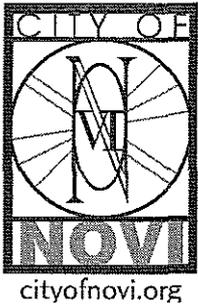
Non-Motorized Master Plan Workshops

Project Visioning Workshop

Wednesday, September 29, from 7:00 to 8:45 PM in Full Meeting Room at Novi Public Library

Preliminary Plan Workshop

Tuesday, October 26, from 7:00 to 8:45 PM in the Full Meeting Room at the Novi Public Library



MEDIA RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Connecting the community with pathways – a priority in Novi

Three pathway segments slated for construction this summer including one long-awaited connection along Ten Mile Road; Public Information Gathering Meetings to be held this fall

NOVI, Mich., August 11, 2010 – Encouraging healthy, active lifestyles through pathway connectivity is a focus for the City of Novi. A three-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 planned public pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The existing Novi public path inventory includes 75 miles of sidewalks and pathways adjacent to major roads. Even though Novi remains a young community and there is more to build, the existing and proposed facilities are planned to provide seamless walking and bicycling access in parallel with nearly all the main vehicular routes through the City.

The City of Novi has an active sidewalk and pathway installation program. Six sidewalk and pathway segments were completed in 2007-2008, eight segments in 2008-2009 and six segments in 2009-2010. The work equates to seven important pedestrian and bicycle route connections between homes and schools, four connections to retail areas, and a total of nine connections to and from the Novi neighborhoods.

To prioritize the construction of proposed sidewalk and pathway segments, the planned sidewalk and pathway segments are assigned points and ranked in the City's Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis and Process plan (available for review on cityofnovi.org). The plan recognizes the importance of providing bicycle path and sidewalk connectivity to destination points such as:

- Schools, Novi Public Library, and places of worship;
- Retail centers, local shops and restaurants;
- Parks, natural areas, Novi Ice Arena; and
- Regional trail systems and path systems of neighboring communities.

Through this system, the top 20 segments are highlighted for consideration each year to the City Council, Planning Commission and City Administration for possible funding in the budget and Capital Improvement Plan cycles.

Included in the plan, three pathway and sidewalk segments are currently under construction for 2010 completion:

- A sidewalk on the east side of Willowbrook Drive, south of Ten Mile Road that will provide passage to and from Village Oaks Elementary School;

- A mid-block pedestrian crossing of Ten Mile Road at Nilan Drive to link the neighborhoods on both sides of Ten Mile Road; and
- A sidewalk on the north side of Ten Mile Road, between Hampton Hill Road and Myrtle Court to link the adjacent neighborhoods with businesses near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation recently completed paving a new section of the first one mile segment of the M-5 Metro Bike Path between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads. The proposed six-mile long M-5 Metro Bike Path will provide a trail connection between the I-275 Metro Bike Path's terminus at Bridge Street and Meadowbrook Road and the proposed regional Airline Trail in Commerce Township that is planned to connect to the West Bloomfield Trail and points east all the way to Lake St. Clair and the Huron Valley Trail and points west to Kensington Metro Park, Island Lake State Park and the City of South Lyon.

For 2011, the following four projects from the plan are scheduled to be constructed in Novi:

- A sidewalk on the north side of Ten Mile Road between Myrtle Court and Catherine Drive which will complete a sidewalk connection from Haggerty to Novi Road. This important segment will link the neighborhoods along the entire eastern half of Ten Mile Road to Novi High School, the City Library and the Civic Center;
- A mostly federally funded pathway along the north side of Nine Mile Road between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Roads that will connect the neighborhoods along this route to commercial areas, Novi High School, the City Library and the Civic Center;
- A sidewalk along the south side of Thirteen Mile Road near Old Novi Road and just west of Martin Drive which will provide a sidewalk connection to the Landings park area for the neighborhoods south of Thirteen Mile Road in this area; and
- Numerous new sidewalks and pathways along Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road that will be constructed as part of the Novi Road widening project. These segments will link the southeastern portion of the city with the Main Street and Town Center areas.

Continuing these efforts, the City of Novi is creating a comprehensive, non-motorized transportation plan that will expand upon the current Prioritization Process plan and make recommendations for in road facilities, crossings, design standards and other service to the community standards. The Federal grand-funded plan will result in an expanded implementation strategy to help the City of Novi continue developing a safe, convenient and enjoyable environment for bicyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorized users. Initiated in July, the project is anticipated to be complete by year's end. The community is invited and encouraged to participate in the creation of the plan through a web based survey which will be available this fall on cityofnovi.org and two workshops:

Project Visioning Workshop – Wednesday, September 29, 7 p.m., Novi Public Library

During this workshop, participants will express their hopes and concerns and identify areas in the community where different types of non-motorized elements would fit.

Preliminary Plan Workshop – Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m., Novi Public Library

During this workshop participants will prioritize and evaluate the Draft Non-motorized Network Plan.

For more information on pathway connectivity in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

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Spencer, Mark

From: Pearson, Clay
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Andrew Mutch; Spencer, Mark
Cc: McBeth, Barb; Boulard, Charles; Walsh, Sheryl; Blough, Christopher; Hayes, Rob
Subject: RE: Oakland Township TIGER grant
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Congrats and thanks to Mark and the committee. Clay

Clay Pearson

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From: Andrew Mutch [mailto:andrewimutch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Spencer, Mark
Cc: McBeth, Barb; Boulard, Charles; Pearson, Clay
Subject: Oakland Township TIGER grant

Mark,

As you know from the documents distributed to the OTAC mailing list, Oakland Township is applying for a TIGER II grant for a pathway connection to the Paint Creek Trail. As part of her presentation, Mindy Milos-Dale made a point of crediting Novi for the idea of the Pathway Prioritization process. Mindy indicated that they tailored our scoring system for their community and used that to develop their list of prioritized pathways. Mindy shared their map and indicated that the process helped them select the pathway to seek the grant funding to complete. Oakland Township also has a dedicated pathway millage that they are using to provide the local matching funds for the grant. I wanted to share with you the recognition that other communities are seeing the benefit of the process we developed in Novi and the scoring system you created to help guide that process.

Andrew

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A "COMPLETE STREETS"
POLICY FOR THE CITY OF NOVI,
AUGUST 9, 2010

City of Novi
County of Oakland, Michigan

Minutes of a regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall in said City on August 9, 2010, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Mayor Landry, Mayor Pro Tem Gatt, Council Members Crawford, Fischer, Margolis, Mutch and Staudt

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Mayor Pro Tem Gatt and supported by Council Member Margolis.

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan, design, construct, re-construct, operate, and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and freight in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, development of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure offers long-term cost savings and opportunities to create safe and convenient non-motorized travel; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles; and

WHEREAS, increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, bicycling and using public transportation) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equity, and more livable communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novi's proposed "Master Plan for Land Use" amendments include goals, objectives and implementation strategies to promote non-motorized transportation in the City of Novi; and

WHEREAS, the City of Novi has contracted for the completion of a "Non-Motorized Master Plan" that will include "Complete Streets" design standards and identify near-term and long-term improvements to further a "Complete Streets" policy, and

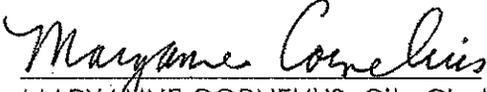
WHEREAS, "Complete Streets" principles have been and continue to be adopted nation-wide at state, county, MPO, and city levels in the interest of proactive planning and adherence to federal regulation that guide transportation planning organizations to promote multi-modal transportation options and accessibility for all users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Novi City Council hereby declares its support of "Complete Streets" policies and further directs City staff to develop a set of proposed standards and ordinances to implement "Complete Streets" policies and practices in the City of Novi to make the City more accommodating to walkers and bicyclists.

AYES: (7) Mayor Landry, Mayor Pro Tem Gatt, Council Members Crawford, Fischer, Margolis, Mutch and Staudt

NAYES: (0) None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


MARYANNE CORNELIUS, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I 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 9th day of August, 2010.


MARYANNE CORNELIUS, City Clerk