## MEMORANDUM



TO: WALKABLE NOVI COMMITTEE VIA E-MAIL

FROM: MARK SPENCER, AICP, PLANNER

**SUBJECT: 2009 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LEADER'S BREAKFAST** 

SIDEWALKS, PATHWAYS AND TRAIL SURVEY

**DATE:** JANUARY 28, 2009

At the request of Walkable Novi Committee Member Andrew Mutch, the Community Development Department solicited responses to a short survey regarding sidewalks, pathways and trails from the leaders of homeowners associations who attended the City's 2009 Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Uglow, the staff coordinator for the event, estimated that a little over 200 leaders and residents attended the event. About 30 surveys were handed out and 12 were returned. Due to the small sample (6% of attendees) the results of the survey may not reflect the opinions of the majority of attendees and should be used with caution.

The following is a brief recap of the survey results (attached). The 12 responders indicated that they agree or strongly agree that they actively walk, run, hike, bike, skate and/or roller blade in the City of Novi and all but one person, who was neutral on the matter, agreed or strongly agreed that it is important that the proposed Signature Park include sidewalk, pathway and trail connections to destinations throughout the City. The survey asked the participants to rank a list of four destinations that could be linked by sidewalks, pathways or trails to the proposed Signature Park. They also could add destinations if they desired. The participants ranked the destinations in this order: schools, Civic Center Campus, Lakeshore Park, ITC Community Sports Park and the I-275 trail.

The survey also asked the participant to list the top three sidewalk and pathway segments that they wanted to see the City build. After assigning points to each pick based on the respondents' ranking, points were totaled and each segment was ranked. Three people listed the segment along Ten Mile Road between Beck and Wixom Roads to make this segment rank number one. Two people listed all segments along Ten Mile Road which received a rank of two. Two people listed each of the two segments that tied for rank three: Beck Road from Grand River Avenue to

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Ten Mile Road and Ten Mile from Wixom to Napier Roads. Five segments, each listed once, tied for rank five. This group included three additional segments along Ten Mile Road, one segment along Eleven Mile road and a segment from E. Lebost to the Village Oaks School.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to contact me.

CC: Venture Team #3

Clay Pearson, City Manager

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## 2009 Homeowners Association Leader's Breakfast Sidewalk, Pathways and Trails Survey

The City of Novi contains over 250 miles of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This includes about 3.5 miles of bike lanes, over 32 miles of pathways, and over 50 miles of sidewalks adjacent to public arterial and collector roads. It also contains over 175 miles of built or permitted sidewalks along local public and private roads. The City continues to set aside resources to build sidewalks and pathways that provide service and value to the residents of the City. In 2006, the City adopted a Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis and Process to identify needed sidewalk and pathway segments throughout the City. Since its adoption, over 3 miles of pathways and sidewalks were constructed with City funds.

| Survey Statements Place an "X" in the box that most fits your opinion of the statement.   | Strongly<br>Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree |
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| I actively walk, run, hike, bike, skate and/or roller blade in the City.  |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| It is important that the proposed Signature Park (located at Beck and Eleven Mile Roads) include sidewalk, pathway and trail connections to destinations throughout the City.   |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| Ranking Survey  |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| Please rank the following destinations that could be linked by sidewalks, pathways or trails to the proposed Signature Park (located at Beck and Eleven Mile Roads) in order of importance with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest priority: | 1                 | 2     | 3       | 4        | 5                    |
| schools.  |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| Civic Center Campus.  |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| ITC Community Sports Park.  |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| Lakeshore Park.   |                   |       |         |          |                      |
| other (please list).  |                   |       |         |          |                      |

| Please list the top | p three sidewalk | , pathway or tra | il segments that | you would like | the City to build. |
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Comments: