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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
SEMCOG Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan: Input gathering

Review the draft plan here.

Review the appendix here.
For immediate release: February 14, 2020; please post as appropriate
Contact: SEMCOG Information Center, 313-324-3330

SEMCOG invites public comment on the
Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, announces the 30-day public comment period for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan ensures that the region’s nonmotorized system meets the transportation, quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of its residents and visitors, as well as the economic development priorities and goals of the region and local communities. The plan builds upon SEMCOG’s 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Travel Plan for Southeast Michigan. Review the draft plan here. Review the appendix here.

The plan includes:

- **Regional Priorities** – Regional policies and recommended actions that guide implementation efforts.
- **Understanding Current Conditions** – An overview of the region’s bicycle and pedestrian system with a multi-layered analysis of regional data.
- **Local Implementation** – Technical guidance and regional examples for communities looking to enhance the bicycle and pedestrian system.
- **County Profiles** – Local planning context, data analysis, and maps for each of the region’s seven counties. (Part of appendix document.)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan contains six regional policies to continue enhancing the system and meet the needs of the region:

- **Connect and expand the network** of walking and biking infrastructure in the region to provide a safe, comfortable, and convenient experience for people of all ages and abilities.
- **Ensure equitable access** to core services and regional destinations for pedestrians and bicyclists, including connections to other transportation modes.
- **Increase safety** for pedestrians and bicyclists with systemic approaches to roadway design, traffic operations, education, and enforcement.
- **Promote healthy lifestyles and vibrant communities** with expanded options for pedestrian and bicycle mobility, recreation, and tourism.
- **Provide education** to encourage broader participation and awareness of walking and biking issues.
- **Ensure the sustainability** of the bicycle and pedestrian network with collaborative planning and adequate funding for development and maintenance.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for Southeast Michigan is the result of stakeholder engagement and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, comprised of 70 representatives from local governments, state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, research and education institutions, and other organizations and stakeholders. The task force met five times over the course of a year-long planning process. Members of the task force established the framework for this plan, deliberating on regional priorities, policies, and actions. To complement the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, other existing committees and stakeholder groups were engaged, including the Southeast Michigan Active Transportation Committee and the Southeast Michigan Trails Action Team.
How to comment

Please address written comments to SEMCOG Information Center, 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226; send faxes to 313-961-4869; call 313-324-3330, or e-mail InfoCenter@semcog.org. Watch a [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ) with additional information. Comments can be made in person at the following meetings:

- **Executive Committee, February 21, 2020, 1 p.m., SEMCOG Offices, 1001 Woodward Ave., Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226; discuss plan and approve for adoption.**
- **General Assembly, March 19, 2020, 4:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College – VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152; discuss and adopt plan.**

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION
08-14-19 WNC meeting minutes approval
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Andrew Mutch, Dave Staudt, and Julie Maday
Absent: Brent Ferrel, Supriya Joshi
Staff Present: Sri Komaragiri, Planner, Community Development;
Barb McBeth, City Planner, Community Development;
Madeleine Kopko, Planning Assistant, Community Development;
Jeff Muck, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services;
Kate Richardson, Plan Review Engineer
Rebecca Runkel, Staff Engineer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Staudt made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Maday seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Members of the audience introduced themselves and had complimented the Committee on the work that went into the Annual Non-Motorized Prioritization packet.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Discussion of 2019-2020 Annual Non-Motorized Prioritization Update

Planner Komaragiri explained the update starting with Novi’s long interest in providing an interconnected system of sidewalk and pathway networks throughout the City. Planner Komaragiri went on to mention the process on how items are prioritized by city staff.

- Member Staudt stated that there is still thirty-seven miles of networks to build and thirty-two miles that have been built over the time that the Walkable Novi Committee has been tracking the progress. The City has been making a lot of progress.
- Planner Komaragiri explained the Completed, Under Construction, or Budgeted table on page 3 of the update.
- Member Maday asked what tentative meant in the table. Planner Komaragiri explained that tentative means there is no budget assigned for the specific project yet and no action was taken on it yet.
- Member Staudt asked how much the city spends on the sidewalks and pathways each year. Staff will get the numbers as requested. Member Staudt clarified that he is looking for how much was spent in 2017, 2018, and 2019 on the sidewalk and pathway networks. Member Maday asked how much it would be to finish all the tentative networks. After discussion, that number could be roughly calculated by the numbers provided in the report. There were some questions regarding how
much the ITC trail would cost when completely finished. Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Muck mentioned it was around $6.5 to $7 million. The City is planning an event around the estimated time of being completed, which should be in September.

Member Staudt made a motion to approve the Prioritization Update. It was seconded by Member Maday and it was approved 3-0.

Planner Komaragiri pointed out the last page in the update. The memo that explained the proposed sidewalk connections to the ITC Trail that are being budgeted for in 2020 and 2021.

The Committee discussed possible roadwork being done on 10 Mile Road in 2020 by the Oakland County Road Commission, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook. Member Staudt wanted to know if they would be installing the sidewalks, as well as working on the road, and Engineer Runkel stated that different options are currently being discussed with ROCC. It had been observed that bicyclists never seem to use the sidewalks and bike in the road in this area. An audience member mentioned he bikes along that road and it is unsafe. Committee members indicated bike lanes should be worked into the plan when the roads get updated next year.

b. 07-11-19 Walkable Novi Committee Meeting Minutes
Member Maday made a motion to approve the Minutes. It was seconded by Member Staudt and it was approved 3-0.

c. Non-Motorized Plan Update
Following discussion, Member Staudt made a motion to staff to change the scope of the RFP to better reflect the Committee’s needs. It was seconded by Maday and approved 3-0.

STAFF UPDATES

1. Planning Update

a. Chase Farms Parks and Trails
Member Staudt asked what the City’s responsibility for this trail is.
- An easement showing the location of the trail and appears to allow the public to use the pathway. The document was read to say that it is the city’s job to maintain it. It was noted that the trail is not on any park inventories. Chair Mutch explained the history of the development, Chase Farms, and the trail that runs through the development. A comment was made about what happens when trees fall onto the trail and whose responsibility is it to clean up. Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Muck said he would get the Forestry Department to take a look at it and start maintaining the trail. It was also suggested to update the signs for the trail. Member Maday said that it is a great trail and the whole city should know about it and have access to it.

b. Engineering Update

a. Active Non-Motorized Project Portfolio for Engineering Division
Plan Review Engineer Richardson talked about the four proposed sidewalk segments connecting to the ITC Trail planned for 20/21. Plan Review Engineer Richardson also stated that the Engineering Department is looking for the prioritization of segments for the next three years.
- Member Staudt mentioned the Bosco Property and how that is something City Staff should start thinking about. Member Staudt said the use of the fields could be enhanced if added segments to the ITC Trail were provided.
• Comments were also made about looking at the top twenty list to see which pathways could be used as potential projects to start for the engineer's three year budget plan.

Anticipated improvements to 12 Mile Road were discussed, and whether there are plans to install sidewalks on both sides of the road.

• Member Staudt commented that if there are no plans for sidewalks, the city at least needs the option to pay to install sidewalks along that road.

Member Maday mentioned that concerns from residents should be prioritized and be brought up to the top of list of projects to start.

• Member Maday said that residents who contact City Staff directly or come to meetings to express concerns should be prioritized first.

3. **Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Update**

   Director Muck provided an update on the ITC Trail. Staff is anticipating the project to be wrapped and completed by Labor Day. The City is also planning a community event to celebrate the trail at the end of September.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A resident wanted to make sure he supports and make connections at the Echo Valley neighborhood.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

**ADJOURN**

Member Maday made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Staudt seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.
STAFF UPDATES
Engineering Update
Active Non-Motorized Project Portfolio for Engineering Division
This memo provides an update on sidewalk design and construction planned for fiscal year 2020-21 and future projects.

**Sidewalk Projects Currently in Design**

- **2019 Pathways and ADA Improvements**
  - Project delayed by easement acquisitions, one easement pending lawsuit
  - Construction summer 2020
  - Budgeted in previous fiscal year
- **Segment 51 - 10 Mile Rd, north side, Dinser Dr to Woodham Rd**
  - Project currently in design by Spalding DeDecker
  - Construction in summer 2020
  - Estimated cost: $416,208
- **Segment 159 - 10 Mile Rd, north side, Oak Pointe Church**
  - To be constructed with water main project, summer 2020
  - Estimated cost: $76,779
- **Novi Rd/I-96 Non-Motorized Crossing**
  - Part of MDOT bridge project, construction in summer 2020.
  - Includes connections to existing sidewalks, pedestrian crossing signals, and pedestrian bridge lighting
  - Estimated City share: $352,988
- **Safe Routes to School**
  - $1.2M grant awarded to City and Novi Community School District, December 2019
  - OHM Advisors designing infrastructure portion of grant, construction in 2021
  - Includes ADA improvements, crosswalks, connecting pathways and sidewalk at six campuses.
  - Estimated City share: $117,640

**Future Projects**

- **ITC Trail Connectors, Wildlife Woods to ITC and Bosco Fields to ITC** - Pending TAP grant
- **RCOC 10 Mile Rd Project, Haggerty Rd to Meadowbrook Rd** - Advance construct 2022
- **RCOC 12 Mile Rd Widening, Beck Rd to Dixon Rd**
- **Beck Rd Widening**
COMMUNICATIONS
Pedestrian Sidewalk East of Old Orchard on Grand River
January 14, 2020

Dear Sri,

It was very nice meeting you. Pictures have been submitted of Grand River East of Old Orchard, between Brateman Medical Center, 40015 Grand River and the Jewelry Center 39955 Grand River, where the pedestrian sidewalk is missing. This stretch of land encompasses, two plots of land, the Scuba Shop and a vacant lot, about 100 feet, a small section.

Currently this section of land is number 86, on the list for a pedestrian sidewalk. Grand River speed limit is 45 mph, 2 lanes each way, with a turn lane in the middle. The speed of traffic creates a vacuum pulling you into the street. I have seen children riding their bikes to the Mobile Gas Station on the corner of Haggerty and Grand River, close to the road due to no sidewalk and am concerned for their safety.

This section of land is used by Old Orchard, Applegate I, Applegate II, Novi Place all condos, and homes east of Old Orchard. Any help in expediting this section of land from number 86 to number 1 for a pedestrian sidewalk would be greatly appreciated, in keeping our Community Safe and Healthy.

Thank you,

Carol M. MacDonell
24236 Bashian Dr.
Novi, MI 48375

P.S. The sidewalk on Karim is wonderful.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
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COMMUNICATIONS
Sidewalk connection from Park place south to ITC park
Komaragiri, Sri

From: McBeth, Barb
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Komaragiri, Sri
Subject: FW: Sidewalk and Path connection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Please include with the communication for the next Walkable Novi Committee meeting.

-----Original Message-----
From: cheryl m. Moore  Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:50 PM
To: McBeth, Barb
Subject: Sidewalk and Path connection

Good Morning Beth,

My family has recently been able to take advantage of the paths and walkways throughout Novi. We have really enjoyed our time on the paths.

We live in Park Place Subdivision off of Napier and 9 Mile. There is a subdivision just south of us called Park Place South and then south of that is ITC Park.

We love the other paths around our neighborhood but it would be great if the sidewalks in front of our subdivision and Park Place South would be connected and extended to ITC Park.

With the updated 10 Mile round about and all the additional building in the area the traffic has increased a great deal along Napier. The extension of the sidewalk would be very beneficial and safer for everyone.

Thank you for your time
Cheryl

Sent from my iPhone
Cheryl M. Moore
248-974-0555
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COMMUNICATIONS
Echo Valley HOA meeting update
Hi Sri,
Thanks for the quick follow-up. The issue of dogs on the trail is much more serious than even stated by residents. The issue of people not picking up after their pets is awful. On recent hikes on the trail, we found dog droppings right on the pavement in many places. Here's the thing about signage: If you put a large sign regarding an issue at the mile entry points to the trail, then walkers on the trail can say to someone, "Hey, didn't you see the sign at Ten mile that says, "No Motor Vehicles Allowed?" That is helpful, and that sign is already at Ten Mile. But on my last Bike ride about a week ago, there still wasn't a large "No Motor Vehicles Allowed" sign at Nine Mile Road so there is no notice to reinforce there. I called the police on the 4x4 drivers last fall because they were really flooring it out and narrowly missed regular bikers. I strongly recommend "Pick up after your pet" signs at each end of the 2000 foot boardwalk. It is awful to have to watch where you step instead of enjoying the view of the woods because of irresponsible pet owners. Signs don't cost very much.
Thanks again for all your help!
John

On Friday, January 10, 2020, 1:54:49 PM EST, Komaragiri, Sri <skomaragiri@cityofnovi.org> wrote:

Hi John,

I spoke with Jeff Muck, our Parks director about the three items that relate to Parks.

1. We discussed the blind curve one of the residents raised a concern. Jeff noted that one of the following can be done:
   a. We can trim the shrubbery as suggested, or
   b. Install a sign reminding bikers to slow down due to the curve

2. We also discussed the concern about the unleashed dogs. Installing reminders at intermittent locations may not be feasible for various reasons. However, we are open to installing a reminder when the path gets too close to people's backyards like in your case. We will keep that in mind for our next maintenance upgrades. Please keep in mind that any changes or installation within ITC Corridor would require ITC’s approval.

You can always call the Novi PD non-emergency line if you have any concerns with trespassing anytime.

I spoke with Rebecca about the proximity of future sidewalk to your proposed hardscape improvements. She will consider that as part of the ROW review for the sign permit.
I will reach out to the DPW regarding two items that were discussed at the meeting. I will keep you posted on these items.

1. Construction costs/grant amount for ITC Trail construction

2. Contact for RCOC in response to one of the resident’s concern about raised pavement. He noted that when RCOC repaved Ten Mile Road, the access slope to his driveway was compromised.

3. One of the residents also raised a concern about the lack of turning radii at Woodham and Ten Mile Road intersection. Please see image below. If there is anything you want to add here to provide clarification, please do.

Thank you, Sri

Sri Ravali Komaragiri | Senior Planner
City of Novi | 45175 Ten Mile Road | Novi, MI 48375 USA
o: 248.347.0475 | d: 248.735.5607
Hi Sri,

Thank you for your great talk with us on Tuesday Night. You gave our residents a strong feeling that you heard our concerns and would do your best to address them for us. I will look forward to your future communications.

Stacey Rose’s email address is:

Thank you again,

John

On Thursday, January 9, 2020, 11:02:53 AM EST, Komaragiri, Sri <skomaragiri@cityofnovi.org> wrote:

Hi John,

I wanted to follow-up and let you know that I had to refocus on some deadlines, but I have the questions in my list. I will send something early next week. I thought I had Stacey’s email address. Would you please share?

Thank you, Sri