City of Novi Non-motorized Plan - Overview Map

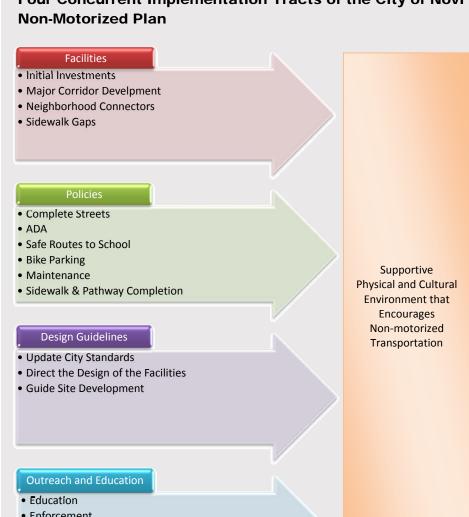
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Novi is poised to become a great city for walking and bicycling. There have been significant improvements to the physical environment in recent history and there are many additional opportunities at hand. The non-motorized plan lays out a systematic way to improve the physical environment and provides recommendations on the policies and programs that promote and support non-motorized transportation.

The Non-Motorized Master Plan is comprised of four concurrent implementation tracts that when employed in concert will establish a physical and cultural environment that supports and encourages safe, comfortable and convenient ways for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel throughout the city and into the surrounding communities. The following chart outlines the four implementation tracts in the plan. Each sub-element may move forward independently as resources allow.

It is anticipated that the environmental changes will result in a greater number of individuals choosing walking and bicycling as their preferred mode of transportation for many local trips. These choices will lead to healthier lifestyles, improved air and water quality, and a more energy efficient and sustainable transportation system.

Four Concurrent Implementation Tracts of the City of Novi



REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS

The existing I-275 Metro Trail and under development M-5 Metro Trail run up the eastern border of the city. When completed, this will provide a key link between the extensive regional trail system to the that generally runs north-south between Wixom Road and Beck Road has the potential to link residents to key regional parks.



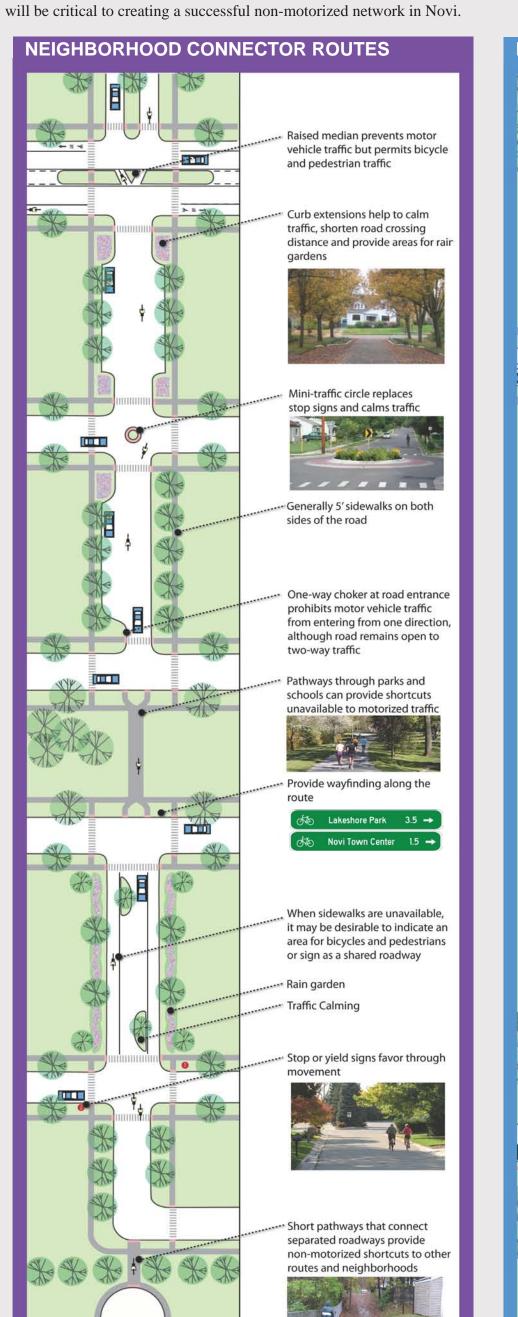
south and the proposed cross state trail to the north. The ITC corridor between Maybury State Park and just east of Lyone Oaks County Park

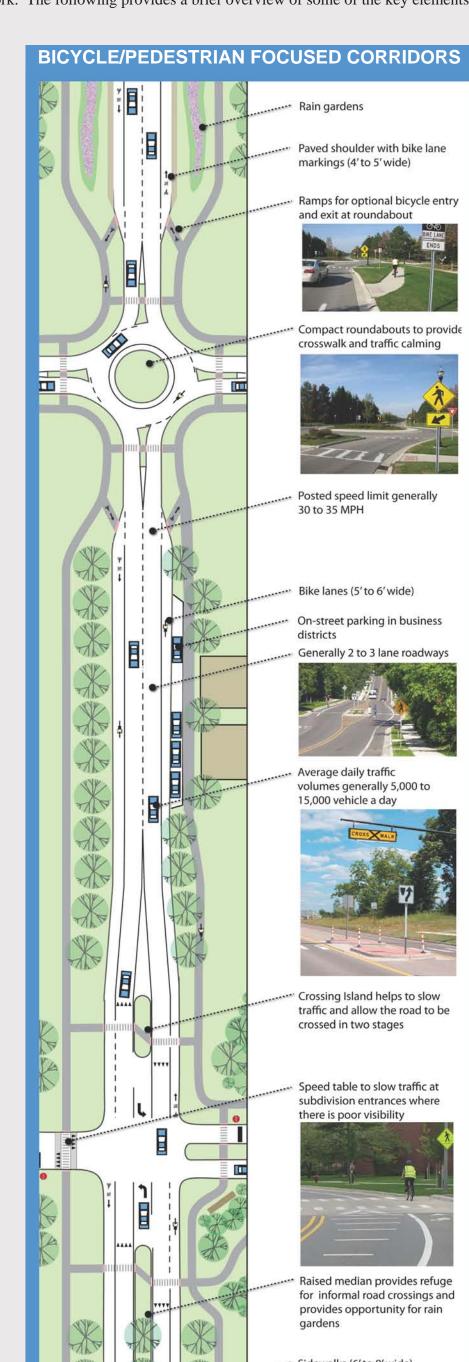


NON-MOTORIZED NETWORK

Encouragement

There is no such thing as a typical pedestrian or bicyclist. A single person's preferences for a walking or bicycle route may vary based on the type of trip, traffic, hills, weather and numerous other factors. This is why there needs to be a spectrum of non-motorized facilities available that gives the user the choice to choose the route that they feel most comfortable with. Off-road trails, neighborhood connector routes, sidewalks, roadside pathways and bike lanes are some of the most common facilities that make up the network. The following provides a brief overview of some of the key elements that





Neighborhood Connector Routes are a relatively new concept that have a lot of potential in the City of Novi. Neighborhood Connector routes are primarily located on low speed, low traffic volume, local roads and connecting pathways. They link neighborhoods to parks, schools and commercial centers. Signs provide wayfinding by noting direction and distance to key destinations. Elements such as traffic calming, public art, rain gardens and historic features can be added to enhance routes. The local roads in the City of Novi provide great opportunities for neighborhood connector routes, especially for people who prefer to avoid major arterial or collector roads. By incorporating pathways through schools, parks and between neighborhoods a tighter network of non-motorized links is produced, making it easier for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel through the city.

NON-MOTORIZED NETWORK MAP

The large map displays an overview of the recommended non-motorized network plan for the City of Novi. The recommended routes of this plan were heavily influenced by the public input that was gathered during two workshops and an online survey. Major Corridor Development routes are of high priority and are highlighted in lime green. These routes include major regional, city and countywide connections across the city that provide a backbone to the non-motorized system.

