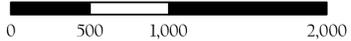


LEGEND

- LOS 1: Grade Separated, Concrete Trail
- - - LOS 3: Widened Sidewalk, Shared-Use Road
- LOS 4: Standard Sidewalks, Shared-Use Road
- ■ ■ LOS 5: Widened Shoulder, Shared-Use Road
- Existing/In Progress Routes
- Discretion of School District
- ▨ Joint City and School Property
- Mount Vernon City Parks
- Mount Vernon Community School District
- Cornell College

- 1: Future North Connector
- 2: Davis/Cornell Connector
- 3: Davis/Elliott Connector
- 4: Davis/Memorial Connector
- 5: Bryant/Cornell Connector
- 6: Cornell/Memorial Connector
- 7: Memorial/Underhill Connector
- 8: Memorial/MVCSD Connector
- 9: Cornell/MVCSD ES Branch
- 9.1: Cornell/MVCSD Elem. Sch. Branch
- 9.2: Cornell/MVCSD HS/MS Branch
- 10: Underhill/Nature Park Connector
- 11.1: MVCSD/Nature Park, North Branch
- 11.2: MVCSD/Nature Park, South Branch
- 12: MVCSD Connector Trail
- 13: MVCSD/South (Lot 32) Connector
- 14: Future West Connector
- 15: Nature Park/South End Connector
- 16: Future South Connector



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Comprehensive Trails Plan

This plan contains updates and amendments to the trails planning that the community undertook with the development of the "Mount Vernon Parks and Schools Safe Connection Routes Plan" completed in 2007. This map specifically updates Map 4: Long-Range Level of Service Recommendations of that trails plan.

Significant updates include:

1. Citing Palisades Road as a less than desirable pedestrian crossing due to limited sight distance.
2. Identifying 4th Street South as a primary pedestrian route, due to recent acquisition of additional Nature Park land at the east end of the corridor and great intersection sight distance at Highway 1.
3. Refined west side connector route to coincide with latest development plans for Stonebrook neighborhood.
4. Plan considers forthcoming roundabout improvements and resulting improved pedestrian access at the intersection of Highway 1 and 30.
5. Plan includes accommodations for access to south of Highway 30 bypass and linkages to regional trails and Palisades-Kepler State Park.
6. Plan identifies more strategically planned crossings of Highway 1.

The trails plan identifies four preferred Highway 1 crossing locations between Palisades Road and Cass Street North. Three of the crossings are located where Highway 1 traffic is not required to stop (i.e. 4th Street South, 3rd Street North & 7th Street North) and the fourth preferred intersection is suggested to occur at 1st Street where traffic lights exist. These crossing locations are logically spaced and were selected because topography and sight distance are not an issue. Few locations will require minor limbing up of trees; however is not a significant issue.

Other than these aforementioned updates, the "Mount Vernon Parks and Schools Safe Connection Routes Plan" should still be considered the guiding document for the community's trail development. Much research and community input was put forth with that process and simply was not feasible to start that process over within the Visioning Program timeframe.

Mount Vernon Comprehensive Trails Plan

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