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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

Please review the attached document regarding proposed trails projects that are forecasted for the next 5-6 years. These trails projects can be shifted around as you see fit. We tried to prioritize them contiguous to some of the other current city projects in the CIP.

You will notice we have revised some of the trails such as the Highway 30 North proposed trail was originally at \$250,000 total dollars has now been broken into Phase I (\$80,000) and Phase 2 (\$170,000). We have also separated this project to hold several years between the two in order to be able to adequately afford to do both projects. I have also placed names with the trails projects to better identify where they are going and a brief description along with some positives and negatives noted from P&R Board meetings.

The Park and Recreation Board and myself are looking for some direction from Council as to the direction and priority being placed on trails in the future of the City of Mount Vernon. I will be available at the Council Meeting on Feb 3rd to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Matt Siders

Trail / Project	Descrip	Positives	Negatives	Priority	Year	COST	Funding
Nature Park at 4th St	Entrance to Nature Park at 4th Street SE	beautify current entrance to park, will eventually link trail to entrance, will include a sign	Road is current dead end, no parking options	???	FY14	\$40,000	TIF
Eastside Stonebrook and MV School Property	Trail running from City-owned lot B (.18 acres) in Stonebrook south parallel with homes connecting to existing rock trail on school property	will link with current trail system, school will maintain, safe route to schools	school board will have to ok, close to backyards, will not be city-owned	???	FY15	\$50,000	LOST III
Cemetery-side of First Ave running south to Highway 30	Trail running along Cemetery to Highway 30, there are currently no sidewalks or trails for foot / bike traffic in the area	no sidewalks in area, will act as linkage for Oak Ridge res	long trail, majority will have to cross First Ave to get to it	???	FY15	\$136,000	TIF
Highway 30 and Name Plate (Phase 1 = Langes to 10th Ave SW) (Phase 2 = 10th Ave SW to NamePlate-move to FY20)	Trail and Landscaping on north side of Hwy 30 from Langes's running west to 10th Ave, then 10th Ave to Name Plate. (includes lighting, landscaping, and benches) (could be broken into two phases Phase 1 = \$80,000 Phase 2 = \$170,000	currently no sidewalks along highway 30, connectivity to existing trail system, aestically pleasing for traffic entering town, (Phase 1 more desirable)	High Cost, grade issues,	???	FY15	\$80,000 Phase 1	TIF
Sauter Park Trail Lighting	Allow lights to be installed on trail from 3rd Street NE to First Street	lighting will make area more safe, conduit already installed,	static expense to have lights on,	???	FY16	\$50,000	TIF
Springville Road (8th St) to Scooby Road	Trail running north along 8th St across tracks to Scooby Road (moved from FY 15)	Continuing existing trail system, linking with north side of town	crosses tracks, box culvert needed adding to expense	???	FY16	\$166,000	TIF
8th Street NW	New Trail added along 8th Street NW on north side	constructing trail same time road reconstruct is going on, no current sidewalks on this entire street	cost, tree removal, current residents might object	???	FY17	\$208,000	TIF
Natural Trail at Nature Park	Natural trail carved out and made with either mulch, crushed limestone, or other natural product	If underpass is approved this will connect to, connectivity to existing trail system, easily could have volunteer group maintain	annual maintenance with natural trails, if underpass not approved goes to end of Nature Park	???	FY17	\$50,000	LOST III

Highway 30 Underpass	10' x 10' box culvert improved at Nature Park/Old Ambulance site to allow foot/bike traffic underneath Hwy 30 for safe crossing	Will allow safe passage way across Highway 30. Will connect neighborhoods and golf course to City	cost, currently no easy access from streets	???	FY18	\$250,000	TIF
Trail at Davis Park	Trail running through Davis Park starting near Pool Parking lot connecting to 8th Street NW	connectivity to new trail along 8th Street NW, much needed as kids ride bikes on grass and pedestrians travel frequently this route	trail through green space, future of pool undecided	???	FY18	\$50,000	LOST III
Trail along Bryant Road	This paved trail would extend access to Bryant Park where there is no current sidewalk.	no sidewalks in area, would lead to future trail heading west connecting with proposed County Lincoln Trail	major grading, new to residents living on Bryant Road	???	FY19	\$50,000	LOST III
Trail directed towards Lincoln Trail	This paved trail would lead towards the proposed County- Lincoln Trail along County Service B road	unusable land is resurrected, extend current trail system to connect with County system	land acquisition, this is small portion and would not connect right away	???	FY19	\$50,000	LOST III
Highway 30 - North Side Phase 2 = 10th Ave SW to Nameplate	This paved trail would lead towards the proposed County- Lincoln Trail along County Service B road	currently no sidewalks along highway 30, connectivity to existing trail system, aesthetically pleasing for traffic entering town	High Cost, grade issues	???	FY20	\$170,000 Phase 2	TIF

Changed plan or moved to different year