

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
December 5, 2022**

Council-Manager Briefing

Pleasant Avenue & Fairfield Connects

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Adam Kraft, Tim Meyers and Gwen Brill.

Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Ben Mann, Nick Dill, Alisha Wilson, Steve Wolterman, Steve Maynard, Thomas Lakamp, Laurie Murphy, Brad Williams, Adam Sackenheim, Greg Kathman and Carol Mayhall.

Public Works Director Ben Mann and City Engineer Nick Dill presented the Pleasant Avenue and Fairfield Connects updates. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Brill led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Excused	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, moved to excuse Councilmember Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Besl, moved for Executive Session to discuss the employment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline of a public employee. Roll call vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentations

a. 2022 Parade of Lights Community Entry Winner

The Parks and Recreation Department announced the 2022 Parade of Lights Community Entry winner, BHI General Contracting.

b. Oath of Office - Fire Department

Mayor Rhodus administered the oath of office to new City of Fairfield Firefighter/Paramedics, as well as the new Fire Chief, Thomas Lakamp.

Citizen Comments

1. Robert Polson & Tammy Blevins, 6316 Ross Road

Mr. Polson and Ms. Blevins addressed Council regarding the high number of traffic accidents at the intersection of Ross Road and Woodridge Boulevard. They expressed concern regarding the safety of drivers and residents in that area. Council recognized their concerns, thanked them for coming in and requested that staff look into the issues.

Public Hearing(s)

Public Hearing - 2023 Operating Budget

Mayor Rhodus opened the public hearing at 7:25 PM. Clerk Wilson read the meeting notice. Councilmember Meyers thanked the City Manager and staff for thorough presentations regarding the 2023 Operating Budget during previous Council-Manager briefings. Mayor Rhodus closed the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2022 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Parks, Recreation and Environment

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Letter in response to Citizen Petition regarding Coyotes

Clerk Wilson read the letter that was sent on behalf of Council in response to the citizen petition submitted regarding coyotes.

Public Utilities

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 6-0.

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a Right-of-Way Encroachment License and Maintenance Agreement with Koch Foods of Cincinnati, LLC permitting installation and maintenance of physical improvements within the existing right-of-way of Commerce Center Drive and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this ordinance and pass as an emergency.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of Rossmary LLC dba Jiffy Mart, 5353 Dixie Highway, Unit F, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class C1, C2 & D6).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request, by simple motion, that **no hearing be held** on the liquor permit application in the name of Rossmary LLC dba Jiffy Mart, 5353 Dixie Highway, Unit F, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class C1, C2 & D6).

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 22-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance establishing salaries for certain exempt and salaried employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, to repeal Ordinance No. 34-22 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is jointly recommended by the City Manager's Office and Finance Director that City Council approve this Ordinance and eliminate the recently vacated position of Financial Services Manager from the Unclassified Pay Plan; reassign the substantive duties of the eliminated position to the Utility Collections Supervisor and Accounting Supervisor; reclassify the positions of Utility Collections Supervisor and Accounting Supervisor in Pay Grade 9 based on a re-point factoring of the positions due to the assignment of additional substantive duties; re-establish the unclassified position of Accountant in Pay Grade 6; and authorize the City Manager to fill the Accountant position.

ORDINANCE NO. 154-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

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AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio during the period beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 155-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

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EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 148-21 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.” - Supplemental Appropriations.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to pass appropriations to reconcile accounts. It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 156-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

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SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 148-21 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 157-22. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule.

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to cancel the December 12 meeting due to lack of agenda items. Motion carried 6-0.

- A. Monday, December 12 - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, January 9 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, January 23 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____



PLEASANT AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

COUNCIL – MANAGER BRIEFING
December 5, 2022

Pleasant Avenue Corridor Plan

1. Reigert Square Project

2. Pleasant Avenue Lane Reconfiguration

3. Pleasant Avenue Multi-use Path

4. Patterson to Wessel – Phase 1

5. Wessel to Resor – Phase 2

6. Resor to Hunter – Phase 3

FAIRFIELD FORWARD

Comprehensive Plan



Goal TC-5 Town Center Small Area

- Promote the continued revitalization of the aging commercial area within the Town Center

Policy 5.2

- Renew efforts to reduce curb cuts through permitting multiple parcel connectivity

Existing Conditions



- Multiple curb cuts
- Parking lot pavement abutting sidewalk
- No center turn lane
- Poor lane utilization



Existing Access Points (curb cuts)

- 27 existing curb cuts
 - 11 on West side
 - 15 on East side
- Glenna Drive
- No center turn lane, leads to driver confusion and potential conflict points

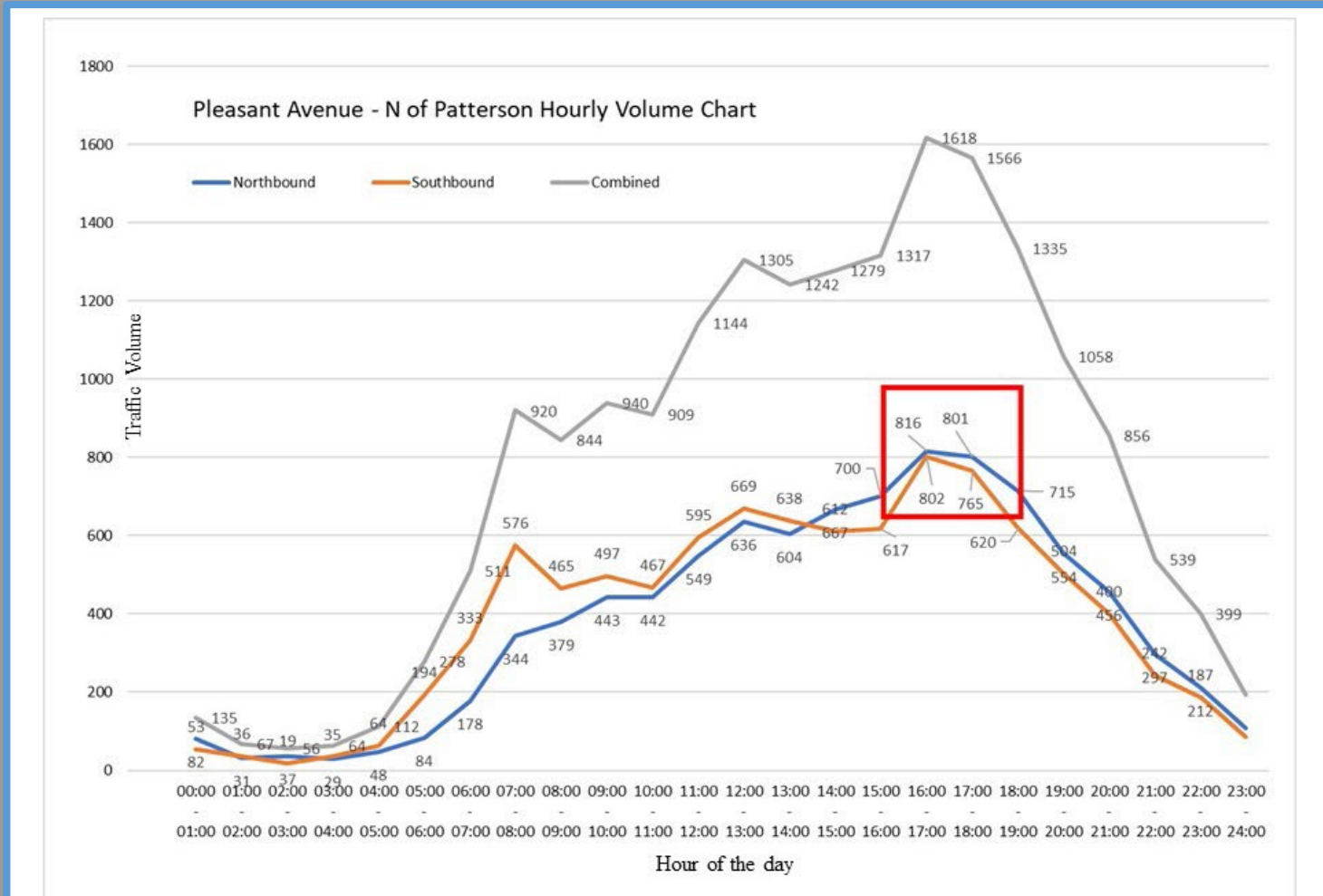


Safety Analysis

- Crash Statistics (2017-2019): 21 total / 4 injuries
 - Driveway related: 16
 - Lane drop condition: 6
 - Bicycle/pedestrian related: 2



Hourly Directional Distribution



Proposed Corridor Improvements

- Access Management Solutions
- Redesign Reigert Square Parking (Construction 2023)
- Redesign of Lane Configuration (Construction TBD)
 - Wessel to Patterson (Concept Plan Completed)
 - Hunter to Wessel (Concept Plan Proposed for 2023)
- Design of Multi-use Path
 - Wessel to Hunter (TBD)
- Funding Opportunities will affect Construction Dates

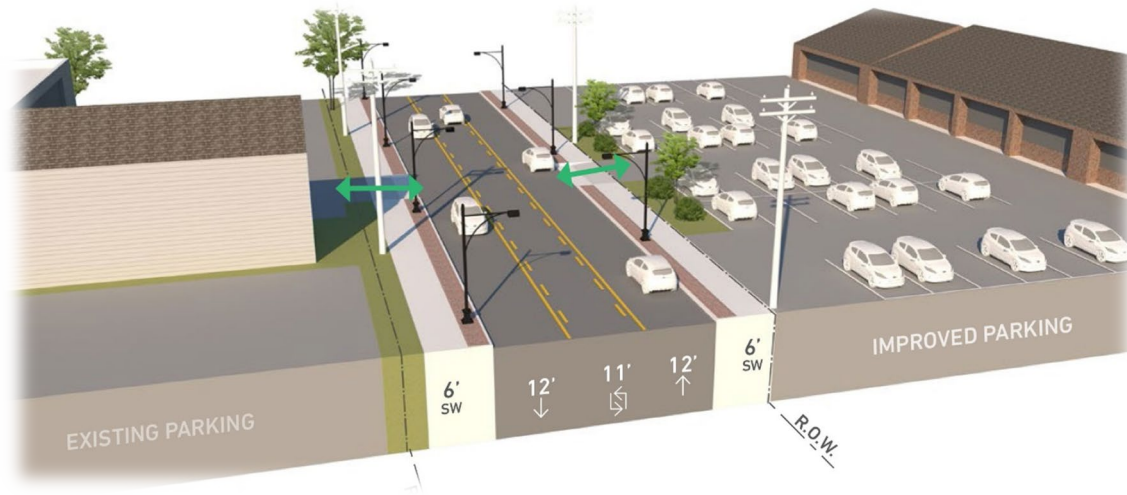
Managing Access in the Corridor

Reigert Square Parking Lot Improvements:

- Ground Signs / Landscaping
- Curb Cut Consolidation:
 - 4 (15 existing)
- Head-In Parking
 - 182 parking spaces
(20% reduction)



3 Lane Section



Opportunities

- Promotes walkability; increase safety as sidewalk is farther away from road
- Most desirable public realm for attracting future redevelopment interest
- Added streetscape elements increases character of corridor

Challenges

- Minimal increase in stacking at intersections during the PM peak time
- Still requires a merge of northbound traffic
- Perceived negatives for business owners and drivers due to reduced number of travel lanes (4 to 2)

Concept Plans

- Traffic and Lane Configuration

Discussion

Fairfield Connects

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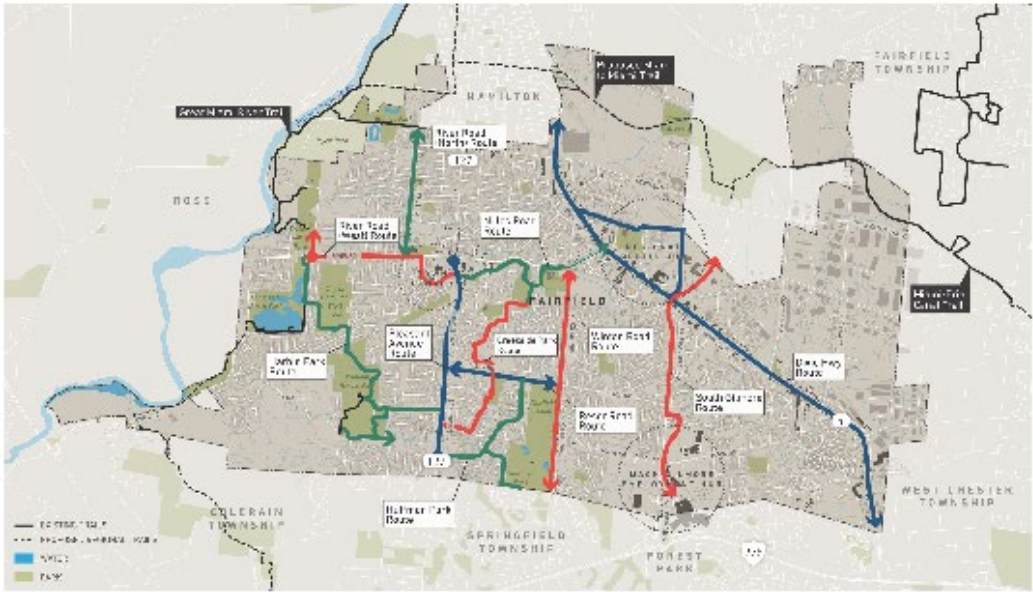
Fairfield Connects

- ▶ Active Transportation Master Plan
- ▶ Comprehensive look at bike and pedestrian network.
- ▶ Proposes pedestrian and bike access to parks, schools, and other points of interest.
- ▶ Guide to incorporating active transportation into future public and private development projects.

Survey Results

Question 4
Referencing the map, rate the overall public benefit of each connectivity option on a scale of 1 to 5. This diagram depicts various connectivity options between neighborhoods and major destinations in Fairfield.

If
for



is would you use it

Scoring Results

1. River Road (West)	3.89
2. Pleasant Avenue Route	3.84
3. Harbin Park Route	3.83
4. Dixie Highway Route	3.79
5. Nilles Road Route	3.68
6. River Road (North)	3.64
7. Resor Road Route	3.40
8. South Gilmore Route	3.33
9. Creekside Park Route	3.24
10. Huffman Park Route	3.17

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There were additional resident concerns about lack of connections in the southeastern portion of the city, which prompted the addition of a southeast route as seen in the final connectivity plan.



100%

Goals of the Plan

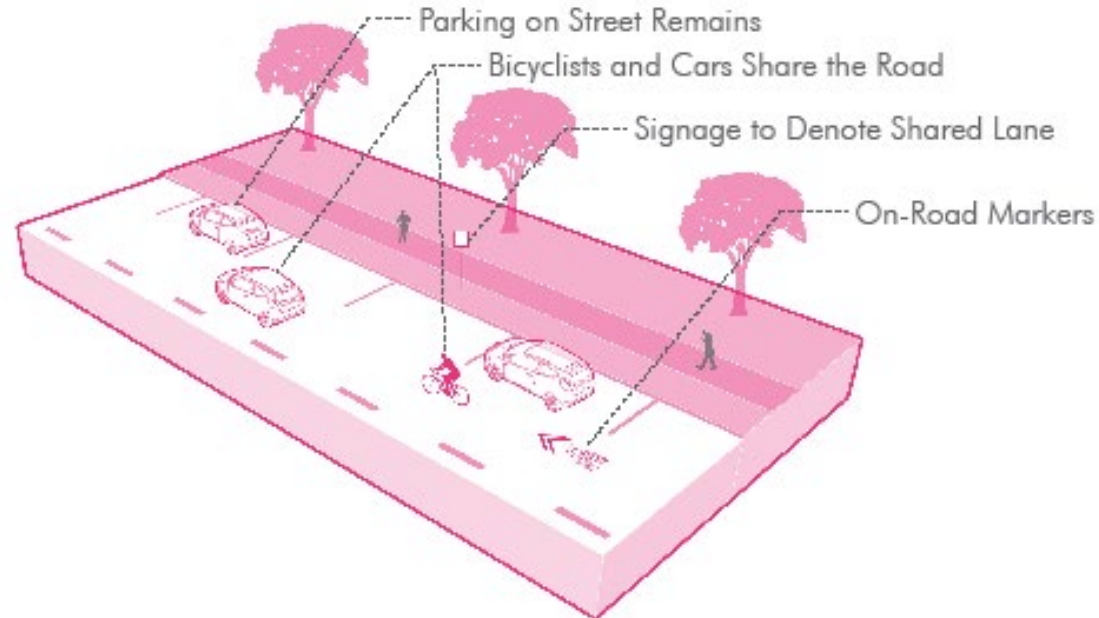


CONNECT TO MAJOR
IMPROVE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES
DESTINATIONS

Facility Types

SHARED ROAD

- Gives equal priority to bike riders and motorists
- Does not remove parking or travel lanes
- Applied to streets with low traffic volumes and low speeds
- Traffic calming measure
- Designated routes identified with on-road markers and signage
- Keeps on street parking, where it exists already



Best Practices:

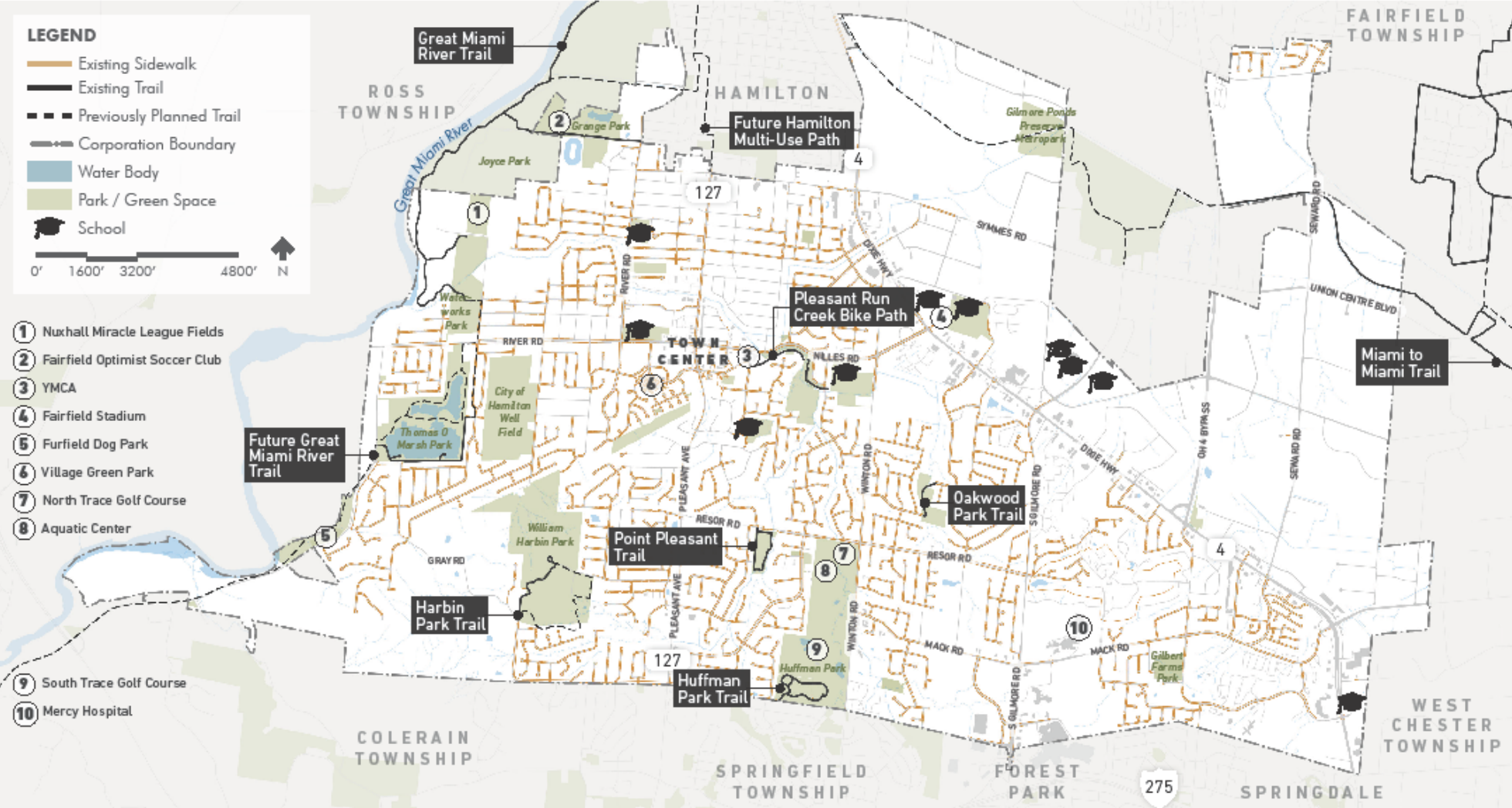


On road markings need to be clear.

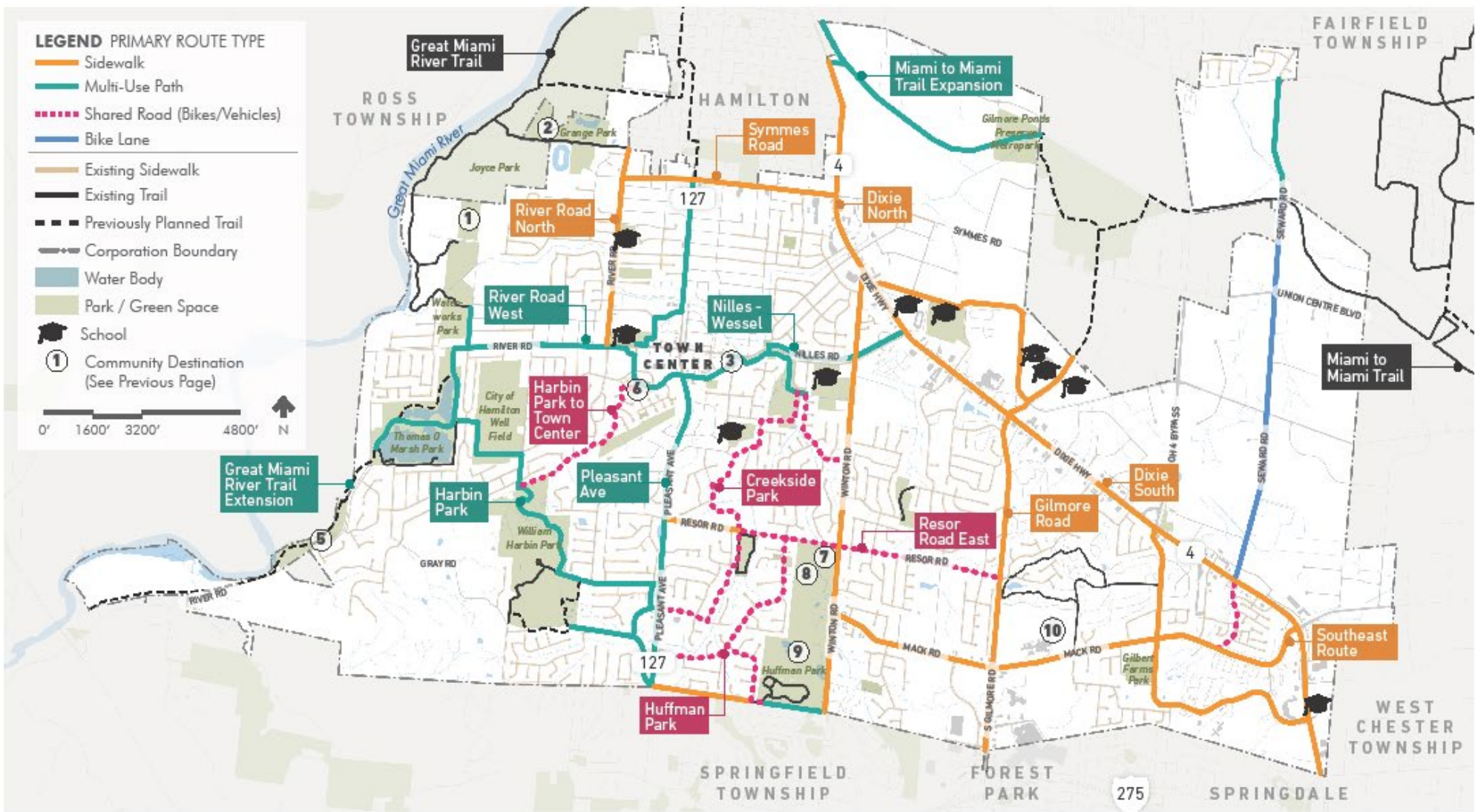


Low volume streets make this ideal for families.

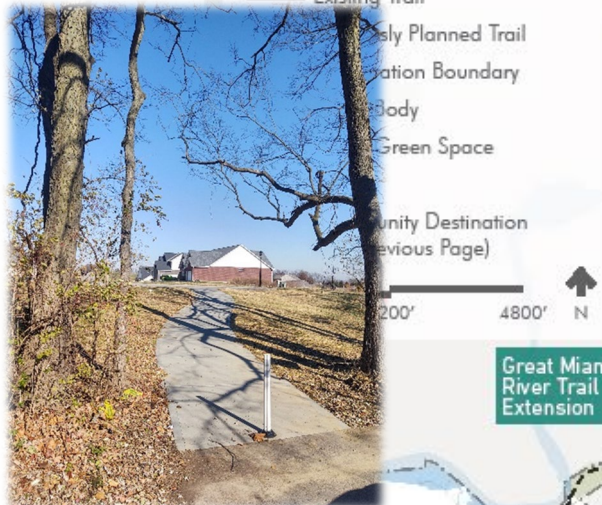
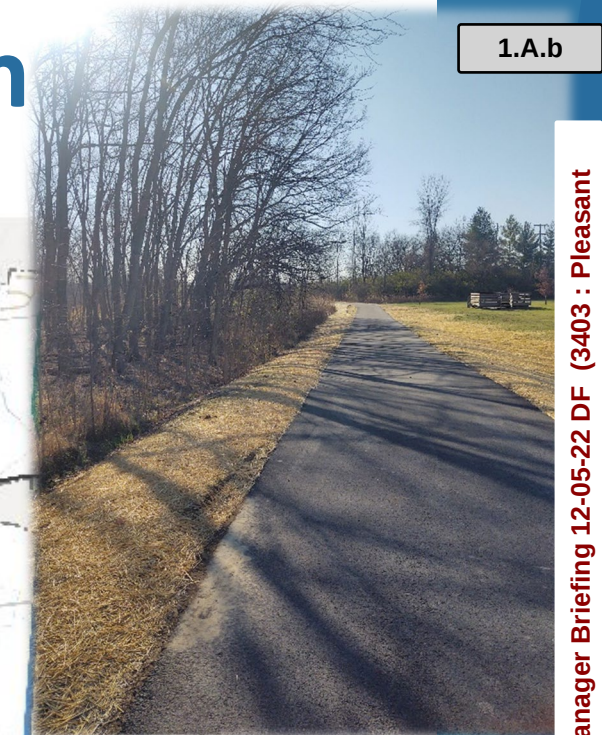
Existing Connectivity Network



Comprehensive Connectivity Plan



Connectivity Plan

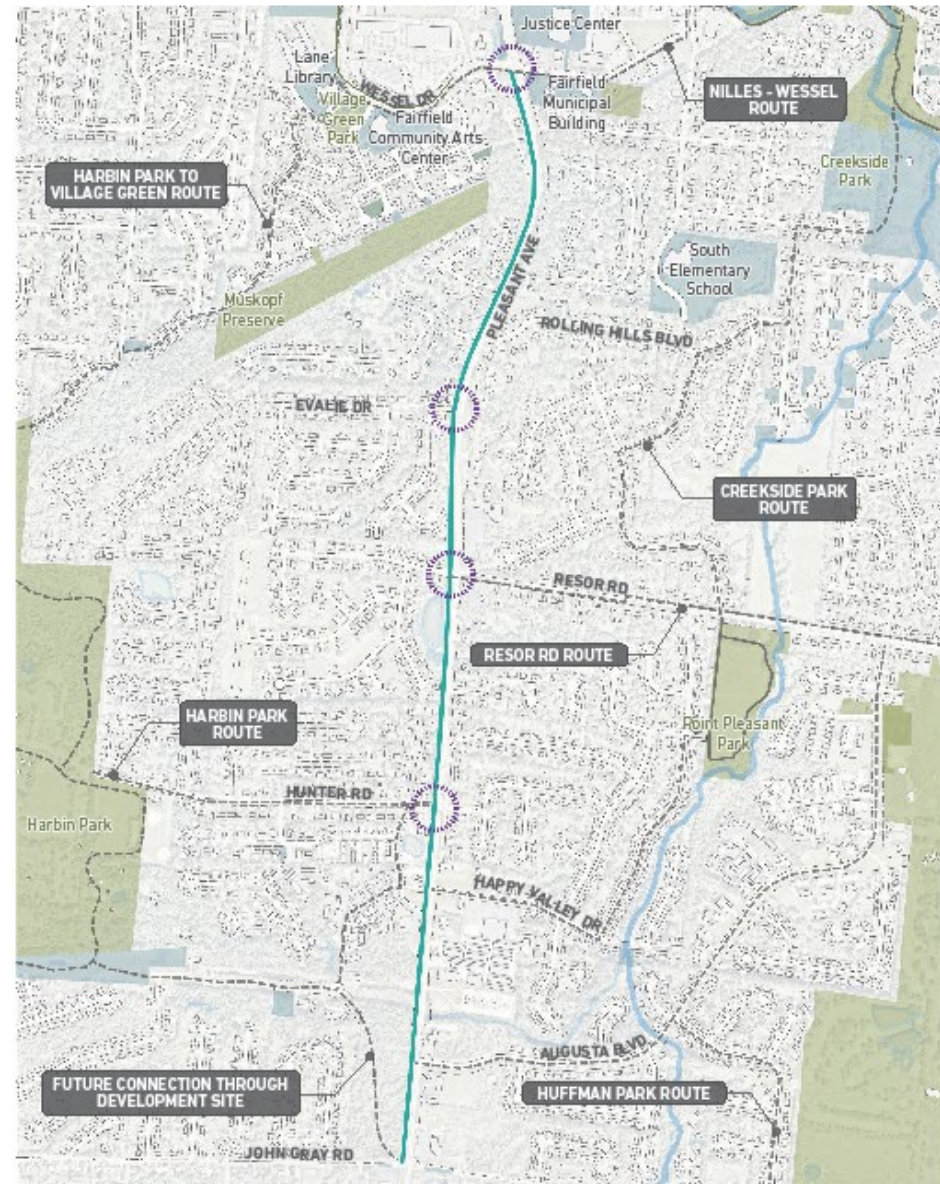


- Existing Sidewalk
 - Existing Trail
 - Newly Planned Trail
 - Station Boundary
 - Body
 - Green Space
 - Community Destination (see previous page)
- 200' 4800' N



Major Routes

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PLEASANT AVE SOUTH

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

- This route has topographical challenges, dense vegetation, and right-of-way limitations.
- This is a primary north-south connection within the city that interconnects many neighborhoods, parks, and the Town Center.
- Upon full build-out, this route will play a key interconnecting role between multiple other routes.
- It will be necessary to coordinate with the developer of the property on the northwest corner of John Gray Road and Pleasant Avenue to determine the exact route. Ideally this would include a direct connection to Harbin Park.

LEGEND

- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Other Major Route
- Signalized Crossing
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

- This route focuses on the Great Miami River Trail (GMRT) as it aligns through the City of Fairfield.
- This highlights the part of the larger GMRT that the City of Fairfield will be spearheading through implementation.
- This will be a multi-use path to keep consistency with the majority of the regional GMRT.
- The Groh Lane segment may be built as part of GMRT or as part of River Road West. For the purposes of this plan, it is included with GMRT funding.
- Exact route layout at the southern end to be coordinated with Hamilton County and GCWW.

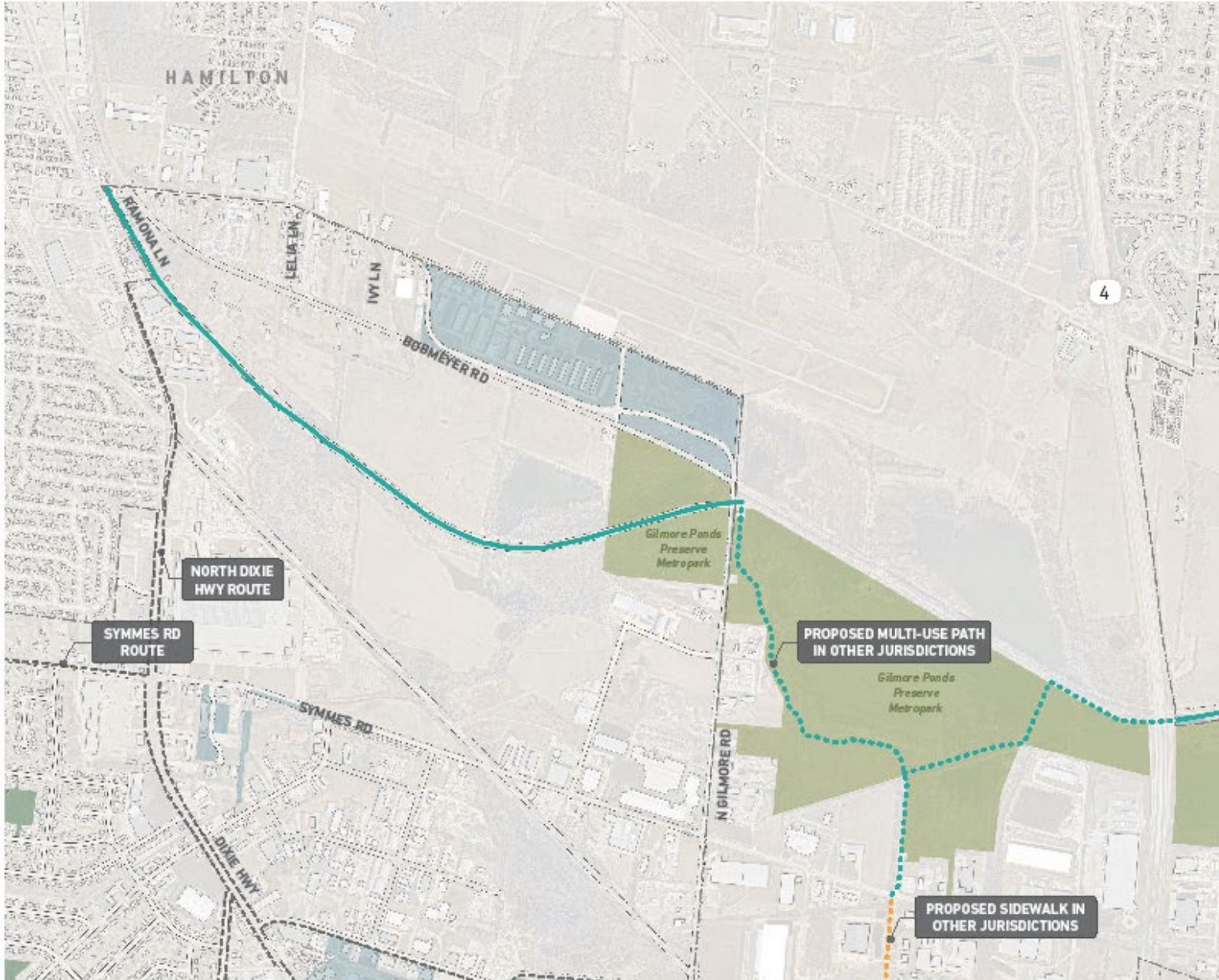
LEGEND

- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Planned Park Trail
- Other Major Route
- Signalized Crossing
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



Major Routes – Regional Trail

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MIAMI TO MIAMI

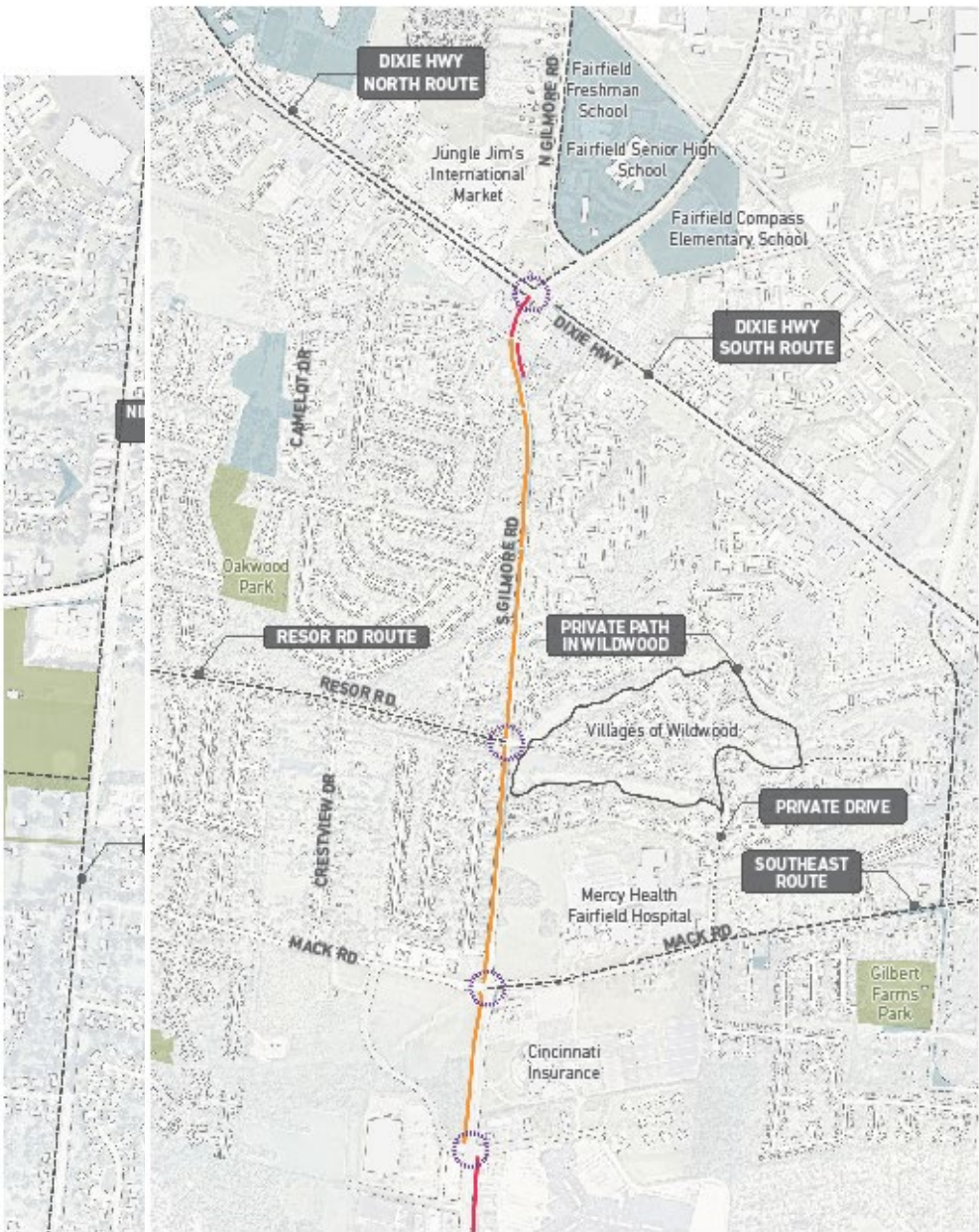
Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

- The Miami to Miami trail is similar to the Great Miami River Trail Extension. This route highlights Fairfield's opportunity to connect to a major regional trail network.
- This route uses former Maimi-Erie Canal right-of-way to connect from the Fairfield-Hamilton border at Bobmeyer Road and Dixie Highway to Gilmore Ponds Preserve Metropark.

Major Routes – Schools



SOUTH GILMORE ROAD

Facility Type:

Sidewalk

Notes

- Similar to Pleasant Avenue and Winton Road, the Gilmore Road route serves as a primary arterial road and a north-south axis for the community.
- Having a complete sidewalk network will allow for community residents and workers to walk between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial and employment destinations.
- The area around South Gilmore Road and Mack Road is a major employment center with additional development opportunities.

LEGEND

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Multi-Use Path
- Existing Shared Road
- Other Major Route
- ⦿ Signalized Crossing
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



THE NORTH

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The North Route provides more complete connectivity around Dixie Highway and the Fairfield City School District campuses.

The route focuses on completing gaps in the sidewalk network and providing safe pedestrian routes, particularly for students.

The route will require the city to coordinate with the County of Hamilton for the Bilstein Boulevard

From Donald Drive, there are few remaining sidewalk gaps that exist on Dixie Highway. There will be a continuous path to the City of Hamilton.

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk in Other Jurisdiction
- Existing Sidewalk
- Other Major Route
- ⦿ Signalized Crossing
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



Questions?