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Council Member, 1st Ward

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Councilmember, 2nd Ward

Terry Senger
Councilmember, 3rd Ward

Tim Abbott
Council Member, 4th Ward

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 7:00 PM
5350 PLEASANT AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, OH 45014**

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1. COUNCIL-MANAGER BRIEFING

A. 5:30 PM - 2021 Operating Budget

2. BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER

3. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

5. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

a. Eagle Scout Projects Recognition

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting held October 13, 2020

10. OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dale Paullus, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

B. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Member

1. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and agreement with Butler County, Ohio.
 - Legislation - Third Reading
 - Motion - Adoption

C. PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Leslie Besl, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mark Scharringhausen, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chad Oberson, Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

1. Ordinance to approve and adopt the Fairfield Connects-Citywide Active Transportation Plan as part of the City of Fairfield, Ohio Comprehensive Plan.
 - Legislation - Second Reading (see attached Planning Commission recommendation)

F. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

1. Ordinance to amend subsection 921.03(g), Expansion and Water Tap Fees, section 921.08, Water Rates, and subsections 925.05(e)(2) Sewer Expansion Fees and 925.08(b)(1) Sewer User Rates of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.
 - Legislation - Third Reading
 - Motion - Adoption

G. FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

11. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to read legislation by title only.

A. FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

1. A Resolution opposing the Ohio General Assembly's passage of Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 which would modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules for COVID-19 related work-from-home employees resulting in the substantial loss of revenue to cities and declaring an emergency.

- Legislation - First Reading
 - Motion - Suspend Second and Third Readings
 - Motion - Adoption
2. Ordinance to amend Section 163.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio relative to hospitalization, medical and dental care and group life insurance for full-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.
- Legislation - First Reading
 - Motion - Suspend Second and Third Readings
 - Motion - Adoption
3. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 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, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.”
- Contractual Appropriations: \$15,508 contingency for engineering for Winton/South Gilmore Road at Interstate 275 (existing contract)
- Legislation - First Reading
 - Motion - Suspend Second and Third Readings
 - Motion - Adoption

12. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL (IF NEEDED)

14. ADJOURNMENT

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
October 13, 2020**

Council-Manager Briefing

Police Department Staffing

Mayor Miller called the briefing to order at 5:30 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Tim Abbott, Mark Scharringhausen, Chad Oberson and Bill Woeste.

Staff members present: Mark Wendling, Steve Maynard, Alisha Wilson, Dan Wendt, Carol Mayhall, Greg Kathman, Randy McCreddie, Scott Timmer, Adam Sackenheim, Ben Mann, Tiphonie Howard, Ken Gerold, Amy Mays and Greg Valandingham.

Chief Maynard presented the Police Department Staffing update. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Oberson led in prayer.

Department of Ohio Military Order of the Purple Heart led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mark Scharringhausen	Council Member at Large	Present	
Chad Oberson	Council Member at Large	Present	
Bill Woeste	Council Member at Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Council Member, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Council Member, 4th Ward	Present	
Steve Miller	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

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None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for Executive Session to discuss the status of collective bargaining with public employees. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

a. Purple Heart City Ceremony

Councilmember Senger presented a proclamation to declare October 13, 2020 as Purple Heart Day in the City of Fairfield and to accept the designation of Purple Heart City. The Department of Ohio Military Order of the Purple Heart presented a plaque and challenge coins to the city in recognition of the designation. Mayor Miller acknowledged the parents of LCPL Taylor Prazynski in the audience and thanked them for being part of the ceremony and for their son's sacrifice. Mr. Prazynski displayed Taylor's Purple Heart medal and thanked the City for honoring the sacrifice of the Purple Heart members of the military.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and agreement with Butler County, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant application, which is due to Butler County by November 6, 2020.

- Legislation - Second Reading

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 10/26/2020 7:00 PM

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Public Safety Committee

Mark Scharringhausen, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

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Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Mark Scharringhausen, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Ordinance to approve and adopt the Fairfield Connects-Citywide Active Transportation Plan as part of the City of Fairfield, Ohio Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council has a first reading of the ordinance to adopt the Fairfield Connects Plan at the September 28th meeting and hold the second reading until a recommendation from the Planning Commission is made at their October 14th meeting.

- Legislation - Hold Second Reading pending Planning Commission recommendation

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/26/2020 7:00 PM
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott	

Public Utilities Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Ordinance to amend subsection 921.03(g), Expansion and Water Tap Fees, section 921.08, Water Rates, and subsections 925.05(e)(2) Sewer Expansion Fees and 925.08(b)(1) Sewer User Rates of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize an amendment of the rates charged for water expansion and water service under Chapter 921.08 (appendices A to E) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, as well as an amendment of the rates charged for sewer expansion and sewer service under Chapter 925.05(e), and Chapter 925.08(b) and Tables A to D of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio.

- Legislation - Second Reading

RESULT:	SECOND READING	Next: 10/26/2020 7:00 PM
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Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller presented the idea to start making one motion at the beginning of New Business to read all legislation by title only, rather than each councilmember doing it for their committee. All of Council agreed it would be a good idea. Law Director Steve Wolterman explained that making this motion each meeting would not prevent a councilmember from reading legislation in full if they preferred.

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved to read all New Business items on the agenda by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

Community & Public Relations Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to approve the December 2020 Meeting Schedule for City Council Meetings.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council, via simple motion, approve the December 2020 meeting schedule. City Council will meet on the first and second Mondays of December, December 7th and December 14th, 2020, for regular meetings.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 16-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 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, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.” - Supplemental Appropriations

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget for 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 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, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.”

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. 85-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, October 26th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, November 9th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, November 23rd - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____

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Fairfield Police Department



Chief Stephen
Maynard

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Major Greg Valandingham

Operations Division

Patrol

Park Rangers

SWAT

Honor Guard

K9 Officers

Bike Patrol

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Major Ken Gerold

Community Services Division

General Investigations

Special
Investigations

Accreditation

Training

Warrants

Juvenile Diversion

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Major Amy Mays

Support Services Division

Records

Dispatch

Public Relations

DARE

School Resource
Officers

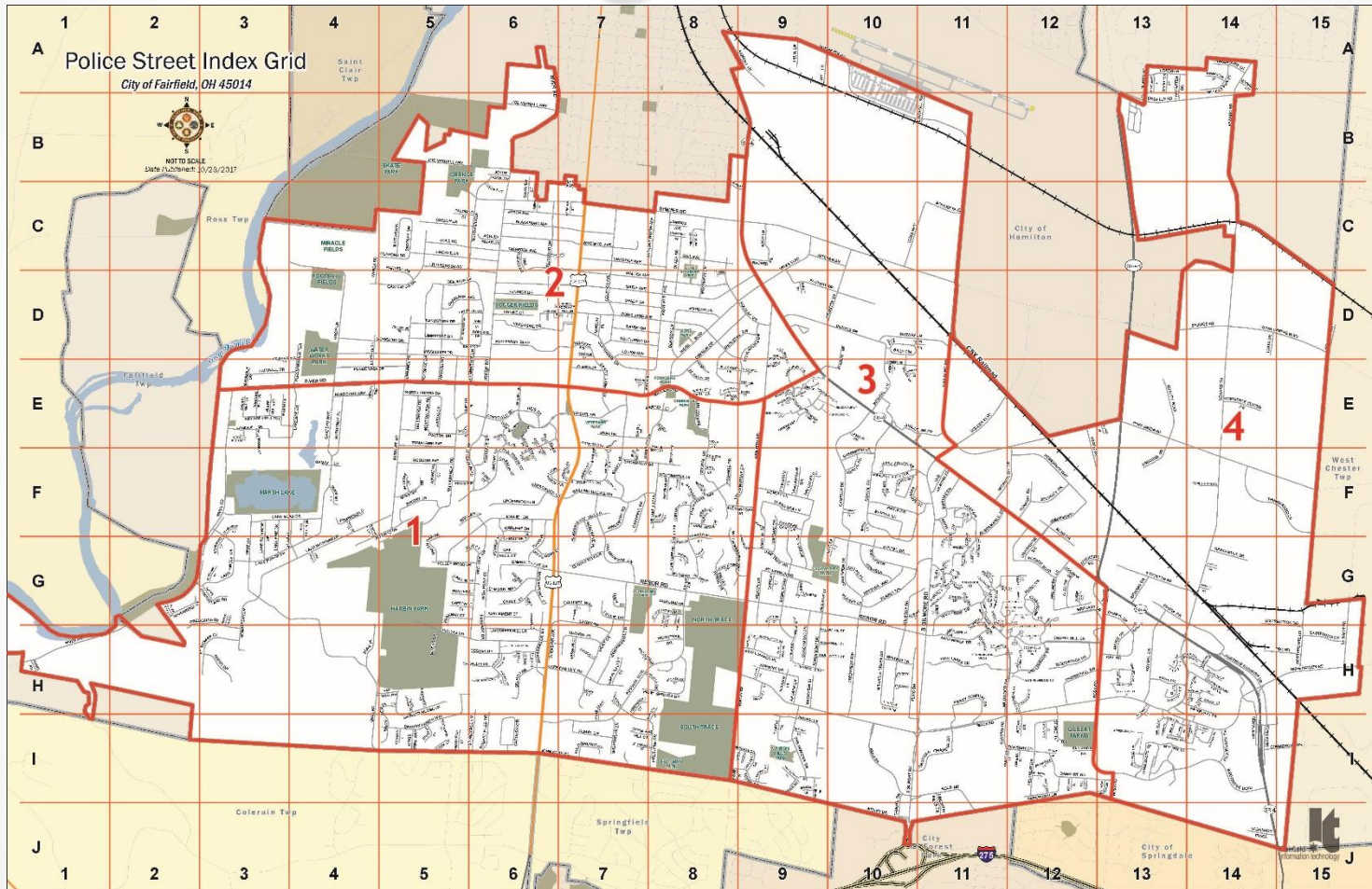
Property

Animal Control

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Policing Districts



Chief Stephen
Maynard

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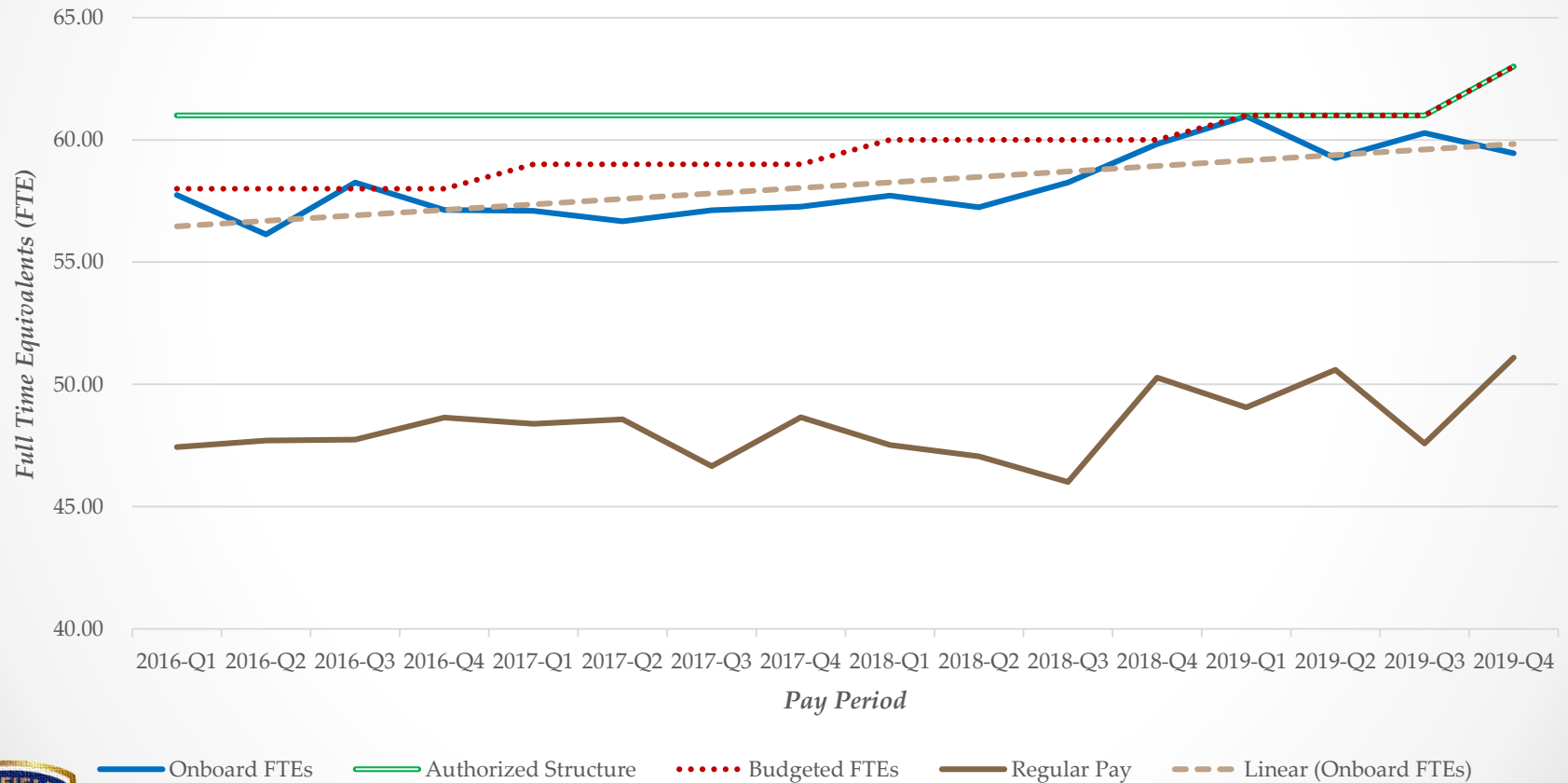
Staffing

- Operations – 42 (8) Supervisors (70%)
 - Major Valandingham
 - (8) Sergeants
 - 33 Patrol Officers
- Community Services – 10 (5) Detectives,(1)TFO, (2)WO (16%)
 - Major Gerold
 - Sergeant Lagemann
 - (5) Detectives
 - Task Force Officer
 - (2) Warrant Officers
- Support Services – 8 (4)SRO, PIO, DARE (14%)
 - Major Mays
 - Sergeant Ervin
 - (4) School Resource Officers
 - DARE Officer
 - Public Information Officer

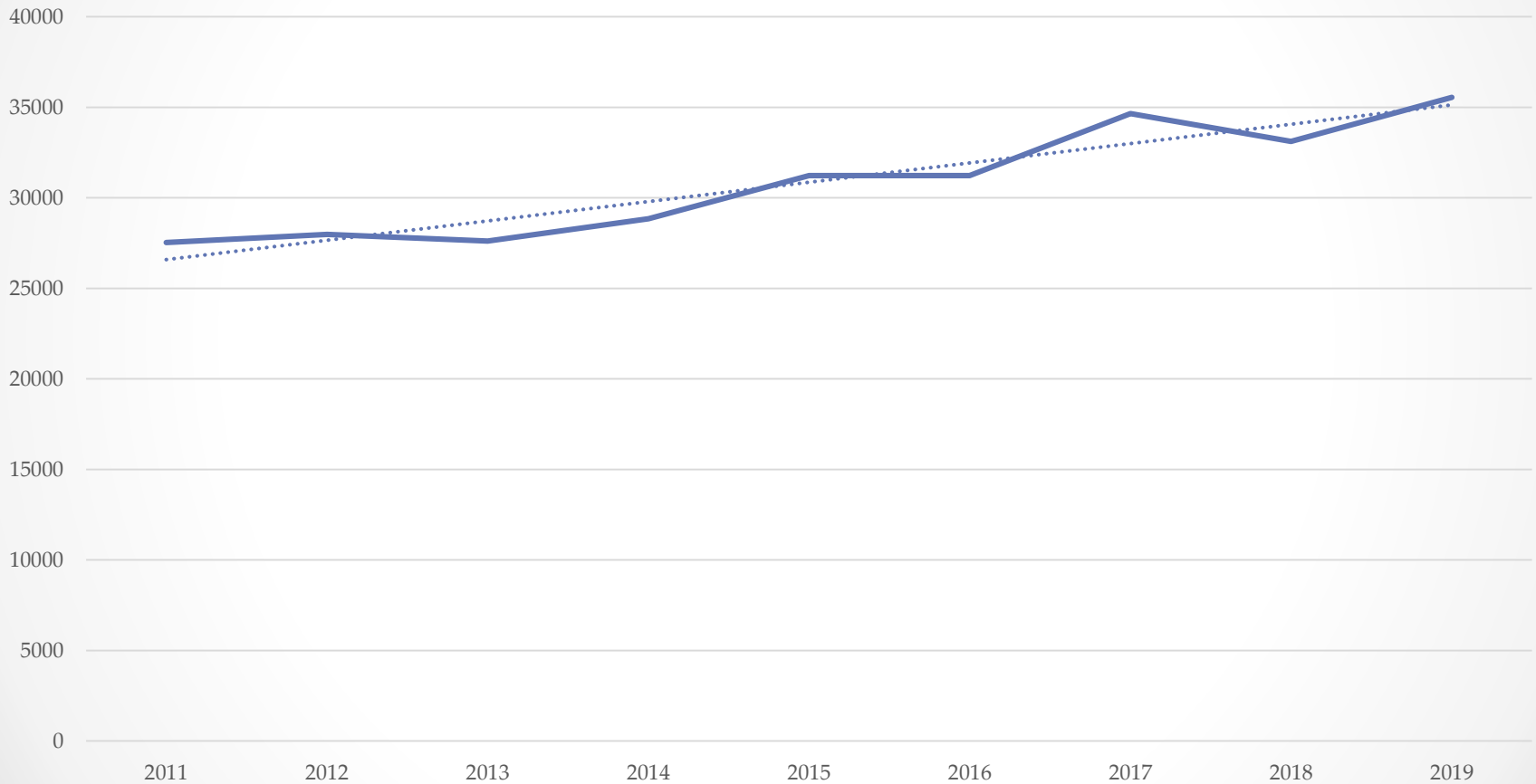


Authorized vs. Onboard

City of Fairfield Police Onboard FTE History 2016-2019



Calls for Service



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Workload

- 2016-2019 Calls for Service/Arrests

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Calls for Service	31222	34660	33,111	35,554
Arrests	3116	3795	3738	3667
Citations Issued	2958	3385	3567	4546



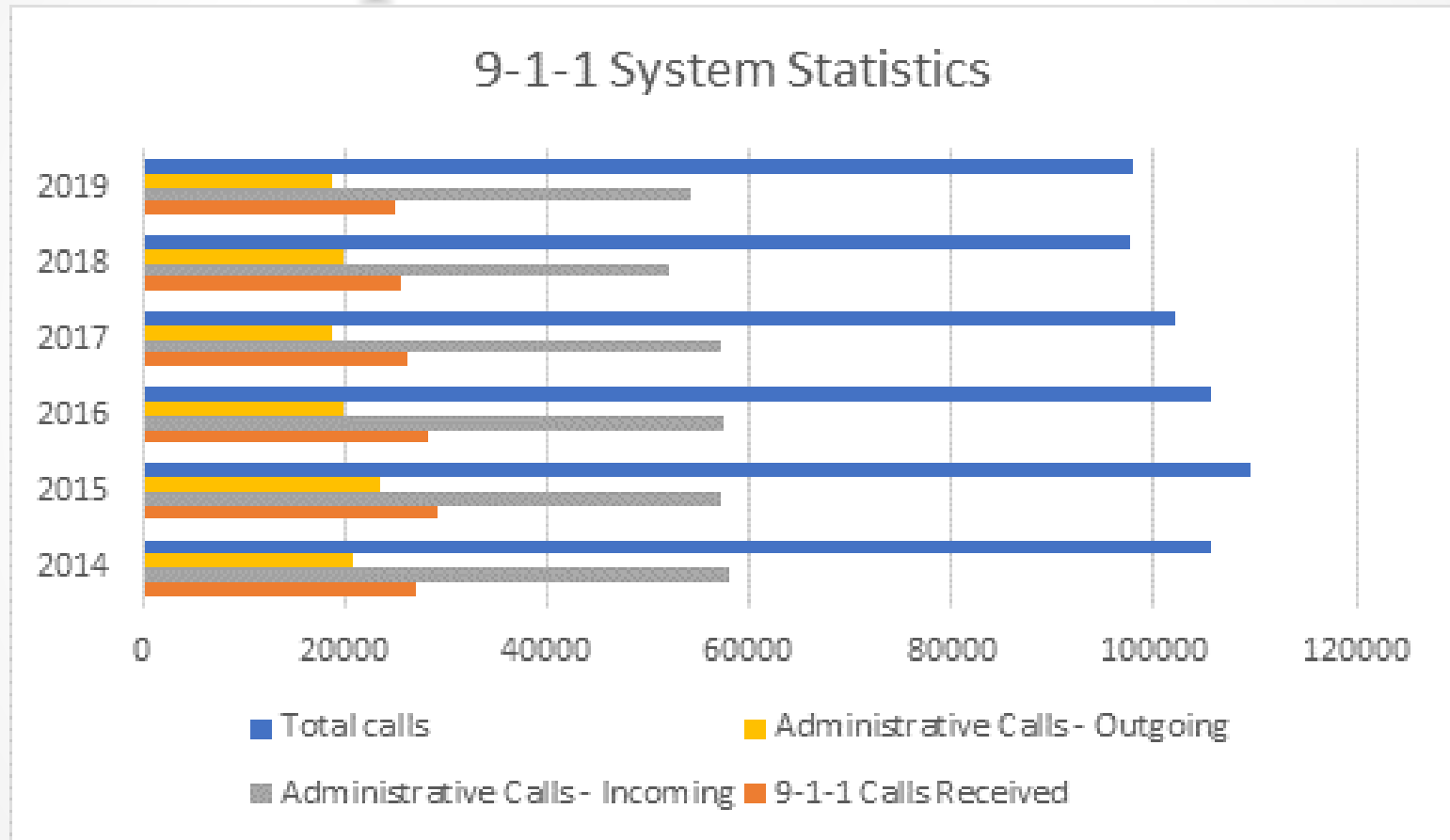
Workload Breakdown 2019

*Represents 40% of the calls for service.

Call Type	Frequency
Alarm – Burglary/Robbery	2571
Traffic Crashes	2039
Traffic/Parking Complaints	2032
Warrant Service	2014
Suspicious Person	1918
Disorderly Conduct	1292
Theft	1193
School Security Checks	1002
Welfare Checks	919



Dispatch Statistics



Workload

- 2016-2019 Resource Allocation: Patrol

2016	2017	2018	2019
85%	73%	80%	76%

*At or below 60% is a generally accepted industry standard.



Response Times

2017	2018	2019
7.8 Minutes	7.8 Minutes	8.6 Minutes

*National average is 10 minutes.



Investigations

- Cases assigned to Investigations/Patrol

	2017	2018	2019
Total Cases	608	575	487
Investigations	430	317	265
Patrol	178 (29%)	258 (45%)	222 (46%)



Overtime

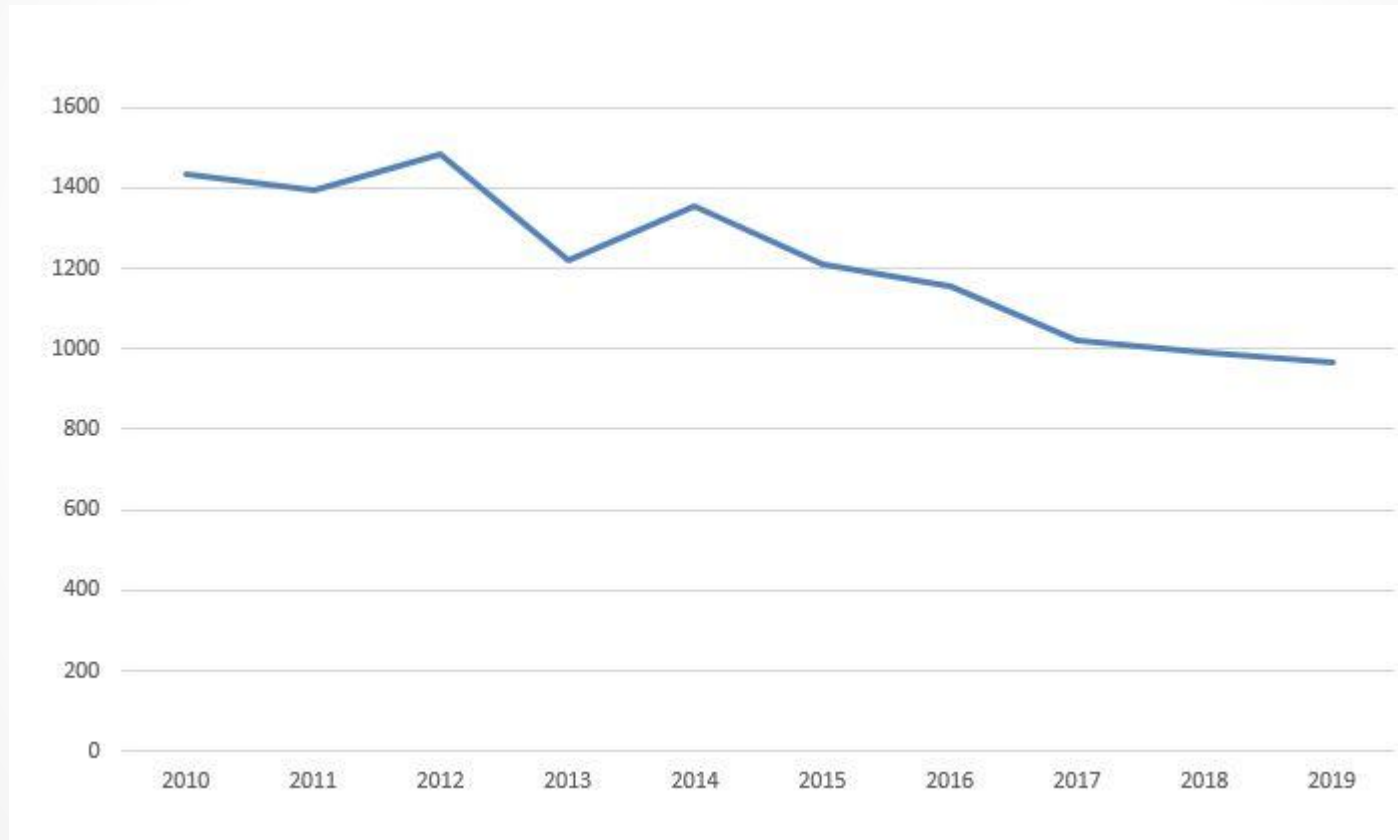
	2016	2017	2018	2019
AFSCME				
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	1,090.56		1,286.08	4,012.65
CLERK I	1,054.07	1,588.89	1,551.85	6,216.37
CLERK II	9,681.81	7,718.37	6,753.64	9,780.10
DISPATCHER	121,756.86	120,954.59	148,484.23	118,780.35
FOP				
POLICE OFFICER	336,826.85	381,363.61	386,300.27	399,338.04
POLICE SERGEANT	85,700.00	106,026.16	119,172.33	110,368.26
POLICE LIEUTENANT	22,882.14	25,235.46	13,049.69	
PART-TIME				
PT DISPATCHER	2,266.42	3,277.80	3,570.72	3,239.46
PT PARK RANGER	1,789.46	2,208.67	1,803.12	1,960.50
PT POLICE SERVICE AIDE		479.76	479.76	204.75
PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL	326.69	812.55	397.99	
Grand Total	583,374.86	649,665.86	682,849.68	653,900.48



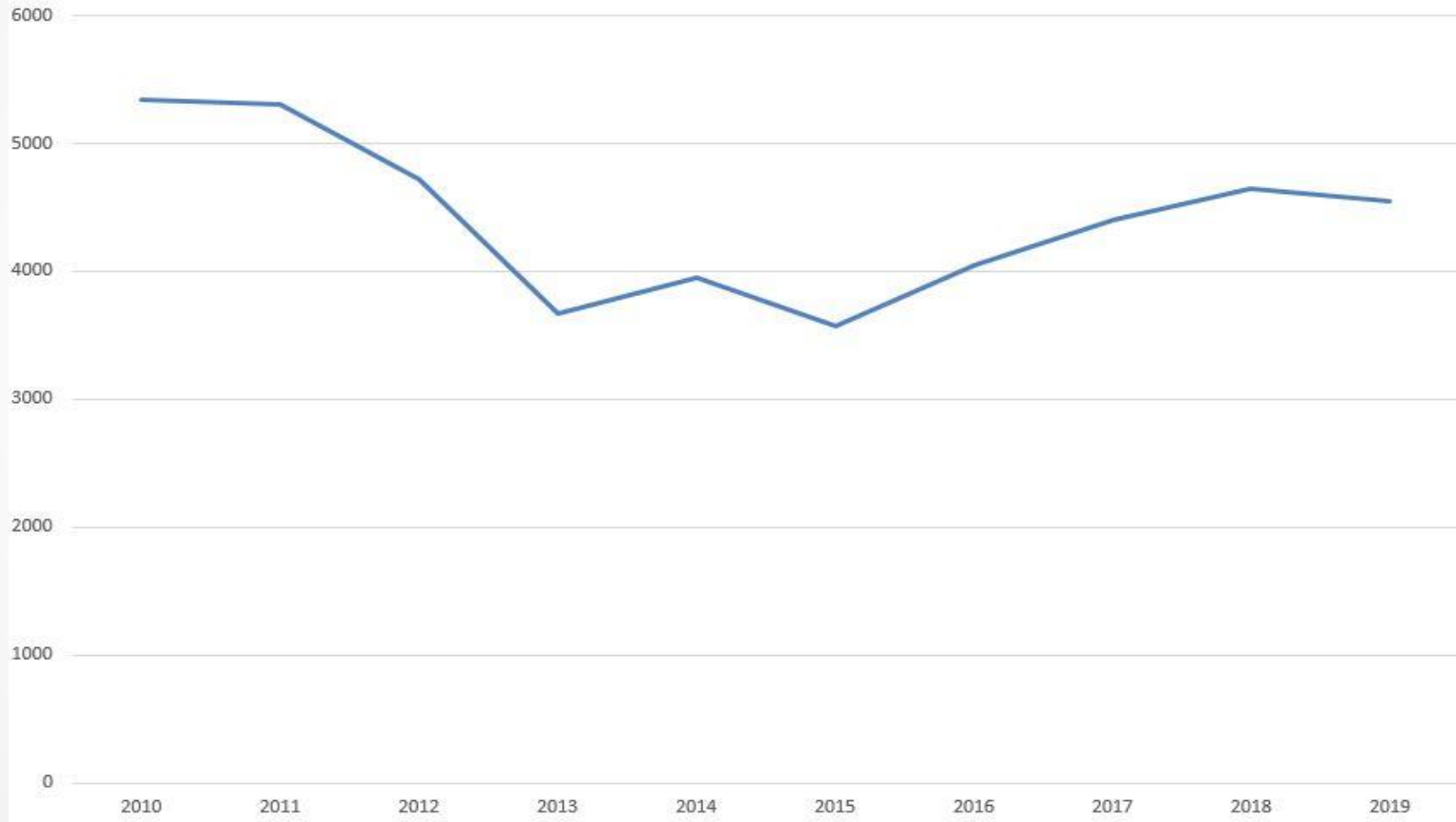
Chief Stephen
Maynard

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Historical Crime Stats



Historical Crime Stats



Questions ?





City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: Erin Lynn,
 Submitting Department: Development Services

Subject:

2021 Community Development Block Grant

Legislation Title:

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and agreement with Butler County, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant application, which is due to Butler County by November 6, 2020.

Background/Synopsis:

A sidewalk is proposed adjacent to the Fairfield Public Works Department facility along both Holden Boulevard and North Gilmore Road. The purpose of this project is to provide a safe walking route for students attending the freshman and high schools. Currently students walk either along the roadway shoulder or in the grass. The proposed sidewalk will end at the entrances to the freshman and high schools. In the opposite direction the sidewalk will connect to an existing sidewalk to the south on Holden Boulevard, which continues across Route 4 and into a large residential neighborhood.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a source of funding to support areas that are designated as Low to Moderate Income (LMI) such as the area surrounding the schools. The proposed sidewalk meets the national objective of benefitting a low to moderate income neighborhood.

This project also supports one of the goals established in the Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan: "Provide for safe non-motorized routes to schools and other activity centers."

Financial Impact:

The requested grant allocation is for \$125,000, which 10% of the estimated amount of funding Butler County is expected to receive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG Cooperation Agreement between the City of Fairfield and Butler County entitles the City to no less than 10% of the CDBG funds the County receives in that program year.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

NA

Rule Suspension Requested:

No

Emergency Provision Needed:

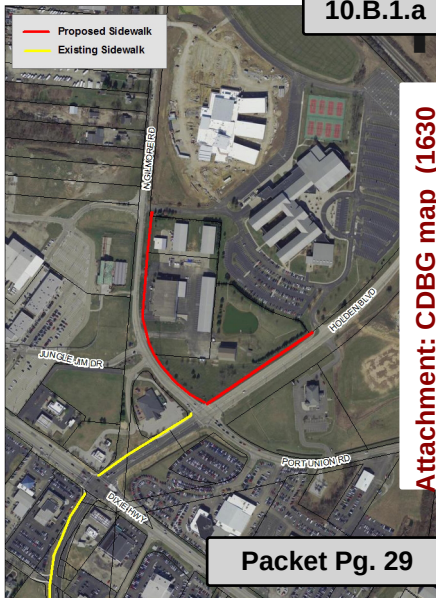
No

Attachments:

1. CDBG map
2. CDBG-Ord

10.B.1.a

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk



Attachment: CDBG map (1630

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE THE FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT
WITH BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and agreement with Butler County, Ohio in accordance with the application and agreement on file in the office of the City Manager.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ Mayor's Approval _____

Posted _____

First Reading _____ Rules Suspended _____

Second Reading _____

Third Reading _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Ordinance has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

Clerk of Council

Active Clients\City of Fairfield\Ordinances\2020\CDBG-Ord

Attachment: CDBG-Ord (1630 : 2021 Community Development Block Grant)



City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: Ben Mann,
 Submitting Department: Public Works

Subject:

Adoption of Fairfield Connects - Citywide Active Transportation Plan

Legislation Title:

Ordinance to approve and adopt the Fairfield Connects-Citywide Active Transportation Plan as part of the City of Fairfield, Ohio Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council has a first reading of the ordinance to adopt the Fairfield Connects Plan at the September 28th meeting and hold the second reading until a recommendation from the Planning Commission is made at their October 14th meeting.

Background/Synopsis:

The City consultant, MKSK, along with staff from both the Public Works Department and the Development Department along with the City Manager's Office participated in the Fairfield Connects project. Fairfield Connects included public involvement, a planning process, planning level documents and cost estimates for an active transportation plan that focuses on sidewalk and multi-use path interconnectivity. It is a citywide plan focusing on centers of activity and points of interest. The final product is designed to work in conjunction with the "Fairfield Forward" comprehensive plan update which was adopted on December 2, 2019.

The project was scheduled in the Capital Improvement Program for 2019. It was a cumulative effort of a nearly year-long process to develop a companion piece to Fairfield Forward that focused on connectivity for walking, running, and biking.

During the public outreach component of the comprehensive plan update, sidewalk and trail connectivity were major themes repeated at every community engagement event. Residents stated they want pedestrian connections to activity centers such as parks and the town center, between neighborhoods, and to the Great Miami River Trail.

Additional public outreach was performed with Fairfield Connects that included a survey that had wide participation, public meetings, and the utilization of a steering committee.

A low resolution copy of the plan is attached. A high resolution copy of the plan is available in the Council office.

Financial Impact:

None at this time.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

None requested.

Rule Suspension Requested:

No

Emergency Provision Needed:

No

Attachments:

1. 2020 Fairfield Connects Final Report - Low resolution
2. Fairfield Connects-Ord
3. Fairfield Planning Commission recommendation 1014-20



FAIRFIELD CONNECTS

CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Why Create the Fairfield Connects Plan?

The Fairfield Connects Connectivity Master Plan was developed as a response to the input and concerns of community residents and stakeholders made evident during the Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan process. During that process, as the community developed goals and objectives for the plan and as they assessed priorities for the plan’s recommendations, improved connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians quickly rose to the top. Thus, it became a focal point for the City of Fairfield to develop the Fairfield Connects Plan to better respond in a more detailed effort to the concerns of the citizens. Relevant goals from the comprehensive plan include: developing safe pedestrian routes along Route 4, ensuring walkability within the Town Center area, designing pedestrian and bicycle facilities along major corridors, and improving pedestrian and bicycle mobility for day-to-day and commuter activity.

The City of Fairfield solicited a consulting team to assist in the development of a connectivity master plan for the city. This plan was developed to be a guiding document for the city as it moves forward towards improving overall connectivity within the community. The Fairfield Connects Plan will assist city leadership and staff as they gather and procure resources to implement a vision for a connected city.

Acknowledgments

The city wishes to thank the following people for this collaborative effort between the community, the steering committee, elected officials, city staff, and the consulting team.

Mayor + City Council

Steve Miller, Mayor
Bill Woeste, Vice Mayor
Tim Abbott
Leslie Besl
Chad Oberson
Dale Paullus
Mark Scharringhausen
Terry Senger

City Staff

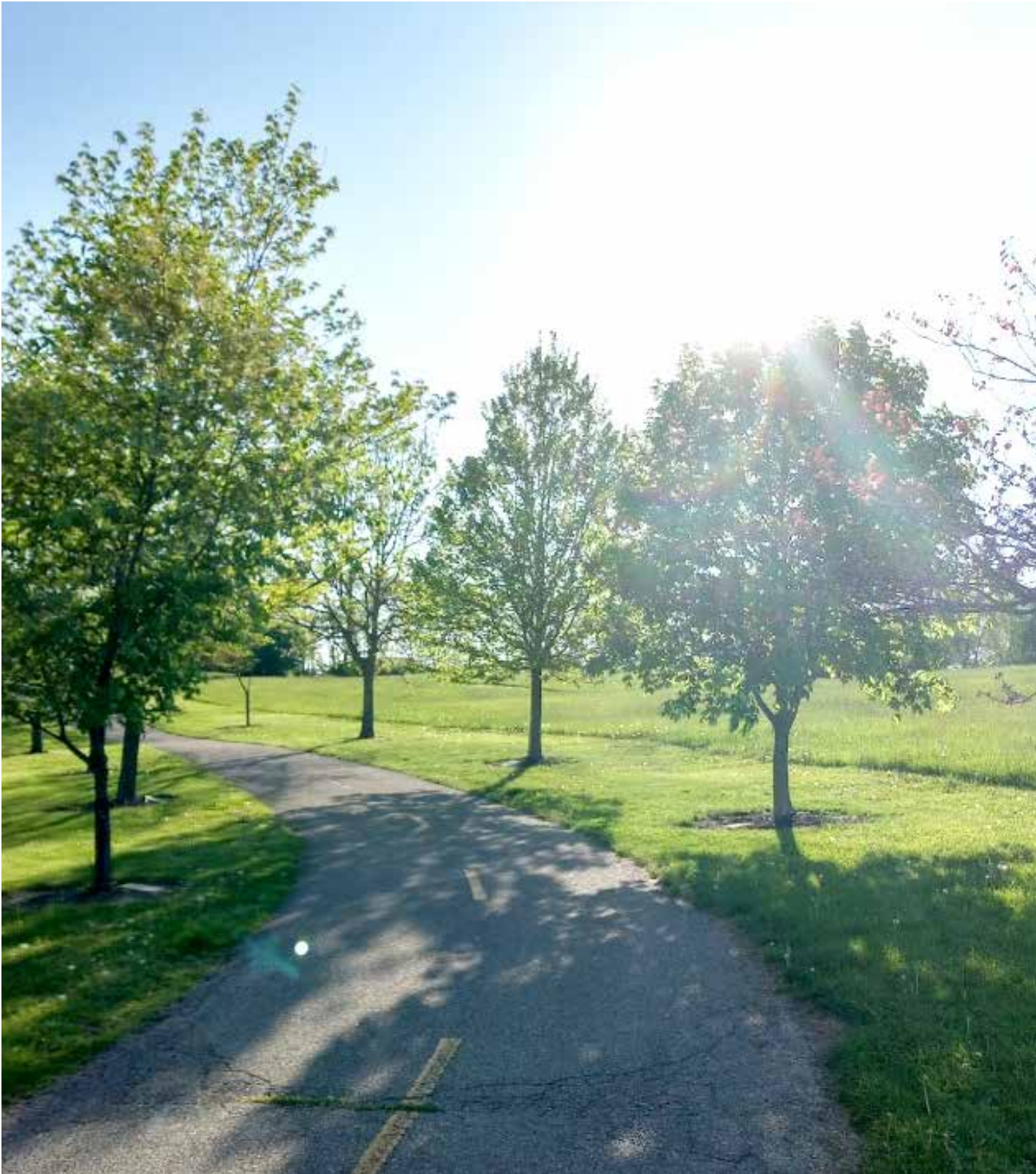
Mark Wendling, City Manager
Dan Wendt, Assistant City Manager
Greg Kathman, Development Services Director
Tiphanie Howard, Parks and Recreation Director
Erin Lynn, Planning Manager
Ben Mann, Public Works Director
Nick Dill, Acting City Engineer

Steering Committee

Roseanna Hale
Melissa Hays
Jason Jones
Jim Klosterman
Joe Penney
Gwen Ritchie
David Sheehan
Bill Westerbeck

Consultants

MKSK
LJB, Inc.



Pathway in Harbin Park

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose of this Plan

The Fairfield Connects Plan focused on macro-level routing strategies that would develop stronger linkages between neighborhoods, schools, and other community destinations such as the Town Center, parks, and commercial destinations. As part of this effort, the project team (consisting of City of Fairfield staff, MKSK, and LJB Inc.) conducted an analysis of existing conditions within the community, explored best practices and common facility types that could help to improve active transportation connectivity, and determined which corridors and connections would make desirable routes linking key areas within Fairfield.

Process

Development of the Fairfield Connects Plan began in September of 2019 and lasted through Summer of 2020. The project team engaged with the public using different techniques, including receiving 1,148 responses to our online survey. The process included a project steering committee and city leadership to ensure considerable feedback was received on the plan as it was developed. More information on the engagement process can be found in Section 2 of this plan.

Facility Types

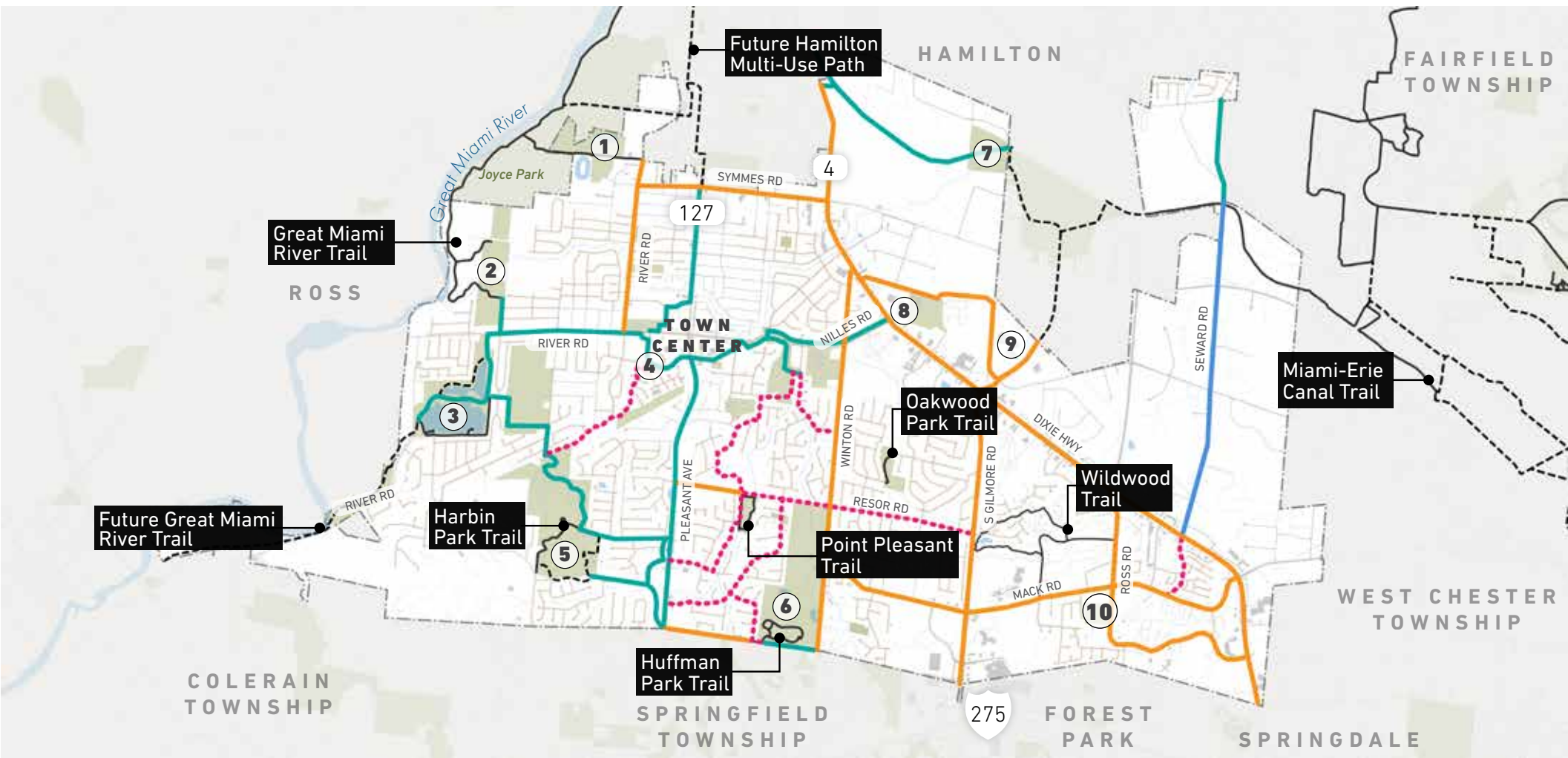
Based on prior experience of the project team, regional and national best practices, the project team focused on four different facility types to improve connectivity in Fairfield. These included multi-use paths, sidewalks, shared lanes, and bicycle lanes. These facilities proved most effective at fitting into the context and physical setting of the city and are facility typologies that have been previously funded by regional and state entities. More information on these facility types can be found in Section 3 of this plan.

Major Routes

As the connectivity plan was developed, the project team referred to community input to help determine the major destinations and corridors that needed primary focus. While this plan includes recommended improvements to smaller gaps in the connectivity network (small sidewalk gaps), most of the plan focuses on developing major connectivity routes throughout the community that integrate the prominent locations, neighborhoods, and destinations of Fairfield. The major routes are shown below. More detailed information can be found in Section 3 of this plan.

Community Destinations

- ① Grange Park
- ② Waterworks Park
- ③ Thomas O Marsh Park
- ④ Village Green Park
- Community Arts Center
- Lane Public Library
- ⑤ William Harbin Park
- ⑥ Huffman Park
- ⑦ Gilmore Ponds Preserve Metropark
- ⑧ Fairfield Stadium
- ⑨ Fairfield Senior High School
- ⑩ Gilbert Farms Park



GOALS OF THE PLAN

The goals of this plan are to improve connectivity for non-motorized travel between various places in and near the City of Fairfield. This plan describes the importance and benefits of improved connections using sidewalks, crossings, trails, pathways and other opportunities to make it more inviting, convenient and safe to walk or bicycle. Expected results from these investments, based on case studies from similar cities, include: an improved quality of life, higher property values, increased business activity, fewer vehicle emissions, fewer and less severe pedestrian/bicycle injuries, improved health outcomes for residents of all ages including those with physical impairments, and a potential reduction in vehicle congestion. The overall goals of the plan are illustrated below.



CONNECT TO PARKS



CONNECT TO TOWN CENTER



CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS



CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS



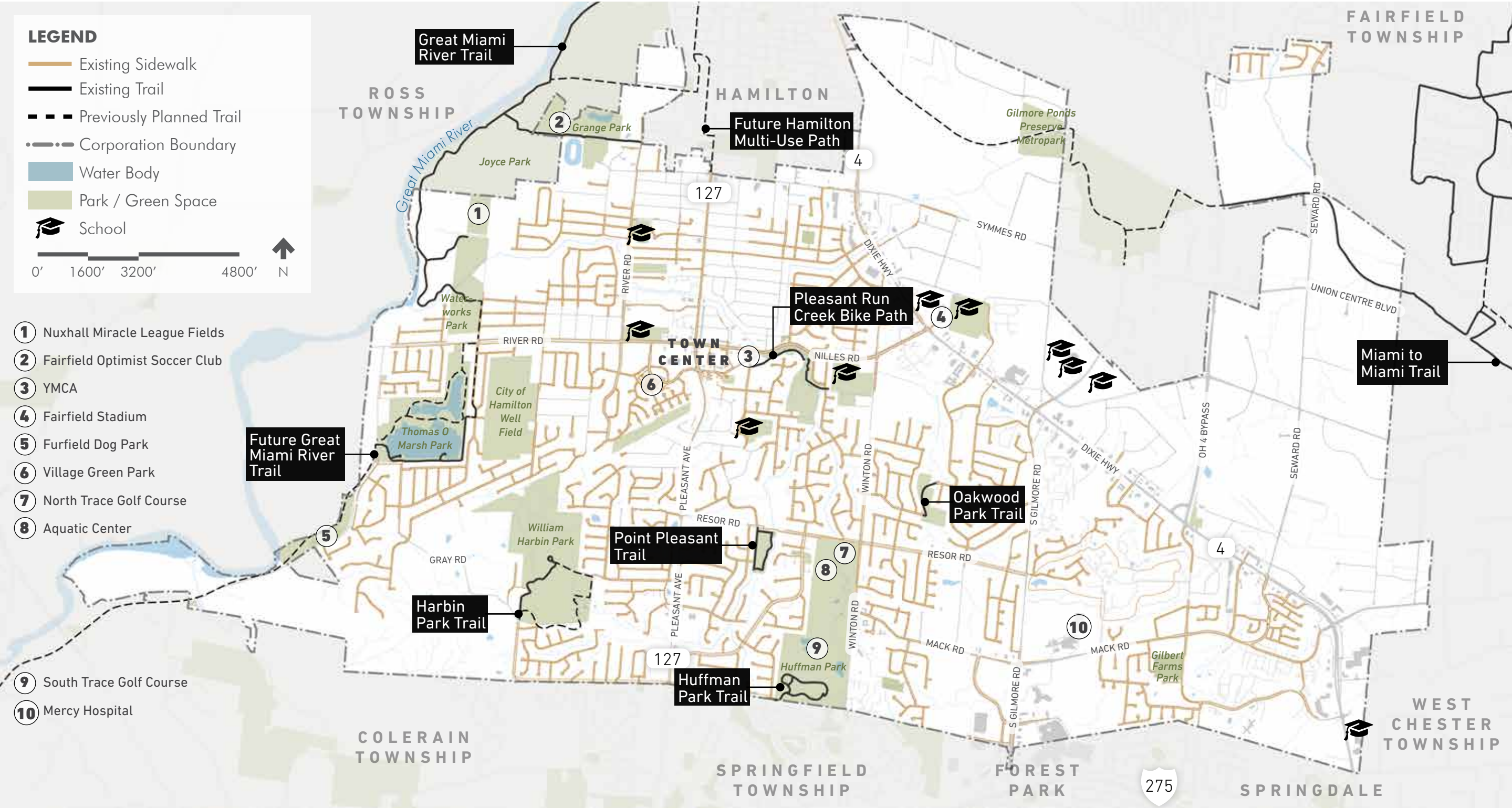
CONNECT TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS



IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

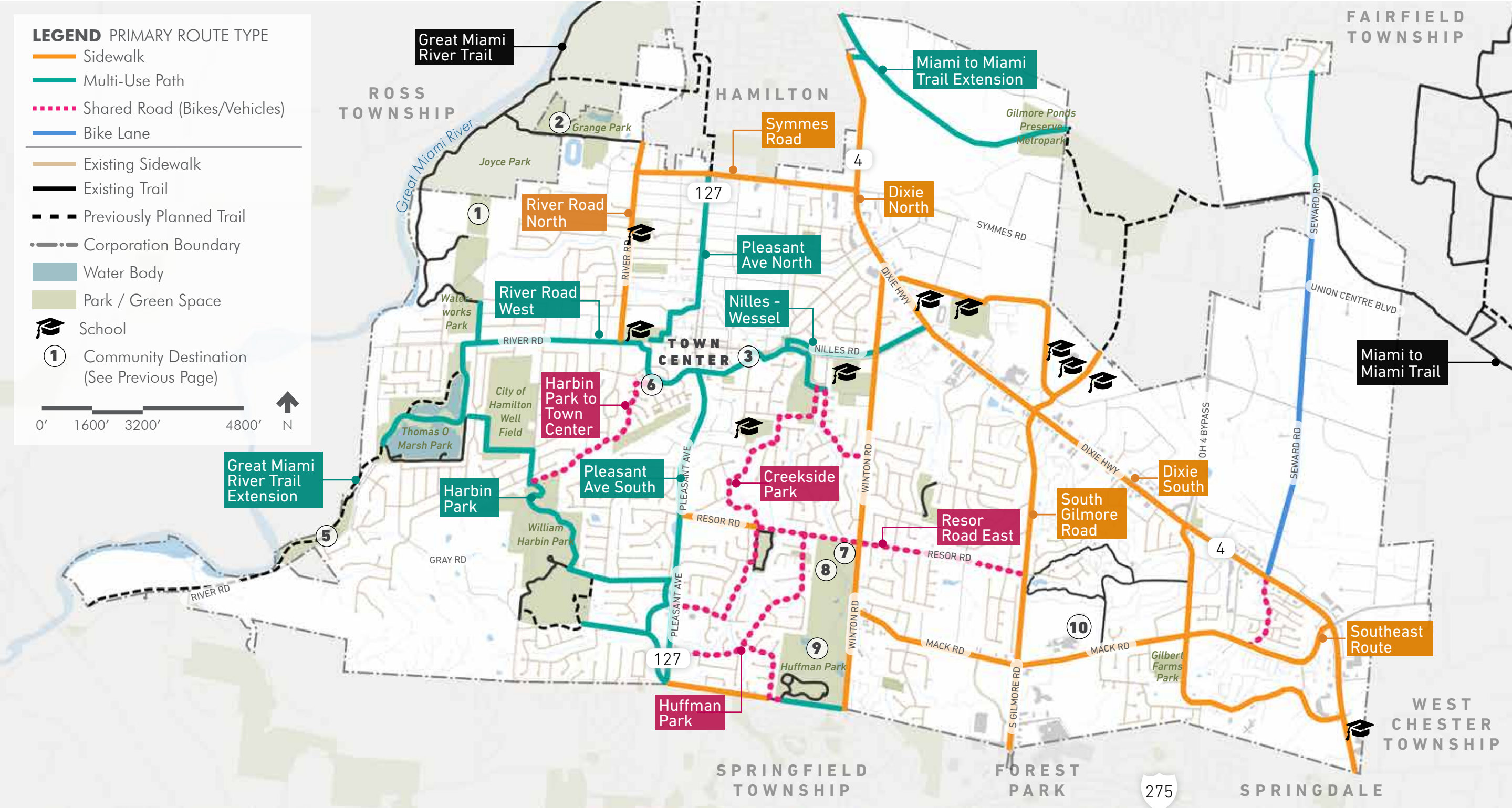
EXISTING CONNECTIVITY NETWORK

One of the initial tasks of the plan was to take an inventory of the existing connectivity network within Fairfield. The map below shows the existing connectivity options in Fairfield and how they relate to parks and prominent community destinations. Previously planned trails (from other studies and regional organizations) within or with a potential to impact the City of Fairfield were also reviewed. Currently, the city is lacking a comprehensive trail network. The trails that do exist are mostly isolated to individual parks and do not connect multiple areas within the city. Sidewalk connectivity covers most of the community. However, gaps exist that prevent the city from being truly walkable. The Great Miami River Trail and the Miami to Miami Trail are also noted on here because they offer connections to other communities and promote future economic development opportunities for Fairfield.



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The map below depicts the primary routes of the connectivity plan. This map shows that the primary facility type is for each route, however, each route may contain multiple facility types in order to make the connection work. The goal of this routing is to promote better connectivity between the Town Center, neighborhoods, parks, schools, shopping areas, and regional trails. More details on the specific routes can be found in Section 3 of this document where individual examinations of the primary routes are provided.



2 ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

SURVEY RESULTS

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE | 03.03.2020

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Community Engagement Process

Community input for this plan was gathered during the Fairfield Forward planning process. This plan focused on a specific topic, connectivity, and the project team facilitated public engagement efforts solely on this topic. Community and stakeholder engagement occurred throughout the plan's development. The project team gathered initial thoughts on prominent connections, met with community stakeholders and leaders to assess goals, solicited feedback on specific connectivity questions, and conducted a review with the public of the major routes and facility types selected.

Techniques

Initial Engagement:

City of Fairfield staff attended two community events, the Farm-R-Treat, and the opening of the Fairfield Dog Park to gather input from community residents. The engagement centered on asking citizens simply where they lived, where they'd like to have improved connectivity to, and how they get there (the routing). This confirmed for the project team what the major destinations were for city residents and where the primary routing should be located.

Steering Committee:

The steering committee for this project included representatives from multiple city departments and leadership, as well as representatives from key community stakeholder groups such as residents, workers, and schools. The committee convened multiple times throughout this process and provided critical input and guidance to the project team as they developed and refined the plan's routing and overall strategy.

City Council:

The City Council not only authorized development of this plan as a response to the feedback from the Fairfield Forward plan, they also provided direction on the plan after draft recommendations were developed. Their feedback focused on ensuring the project team properly developed cost analysis and implementation strategies that would help guide future decision making.

General Public:

The general public was eager to provide feedback and guidance to the project team. In addition to well attended local community events that featured the plan, many residents provided input through an on-line survey. The online survey generated almost 1,200 responses and showed general consensus among project goals, facility types, and major route priorities. A more advanced routing plan was showcased at a public open house on March 3rd, 2020 for review and input.

Online Survey:

The goal of the online survey, which was initiated in the early stages of the process, was to gain feedback and understanding on more detailed topics related to connectivity in Fairfield. It was already understood that connectivity was important to residents. However, the project team wanted to gain more detailed input on how to make it happen in a manner that best suited the community. The survey asked questions related to destinations respondents would like better connectivity to, how they would use the trails and improved connectivity network, and what types of facilities they would feel most comfortable using. Lastly, it asked them to prioritize the major routes that had been identified at that time and offer input on any routes they felt were missing. Some highlights from the survey can be found on the following pages.



Public Works Director Ben Mann presents to the public the initial recommendations of the connectivity plan on March 3rd, 2020.

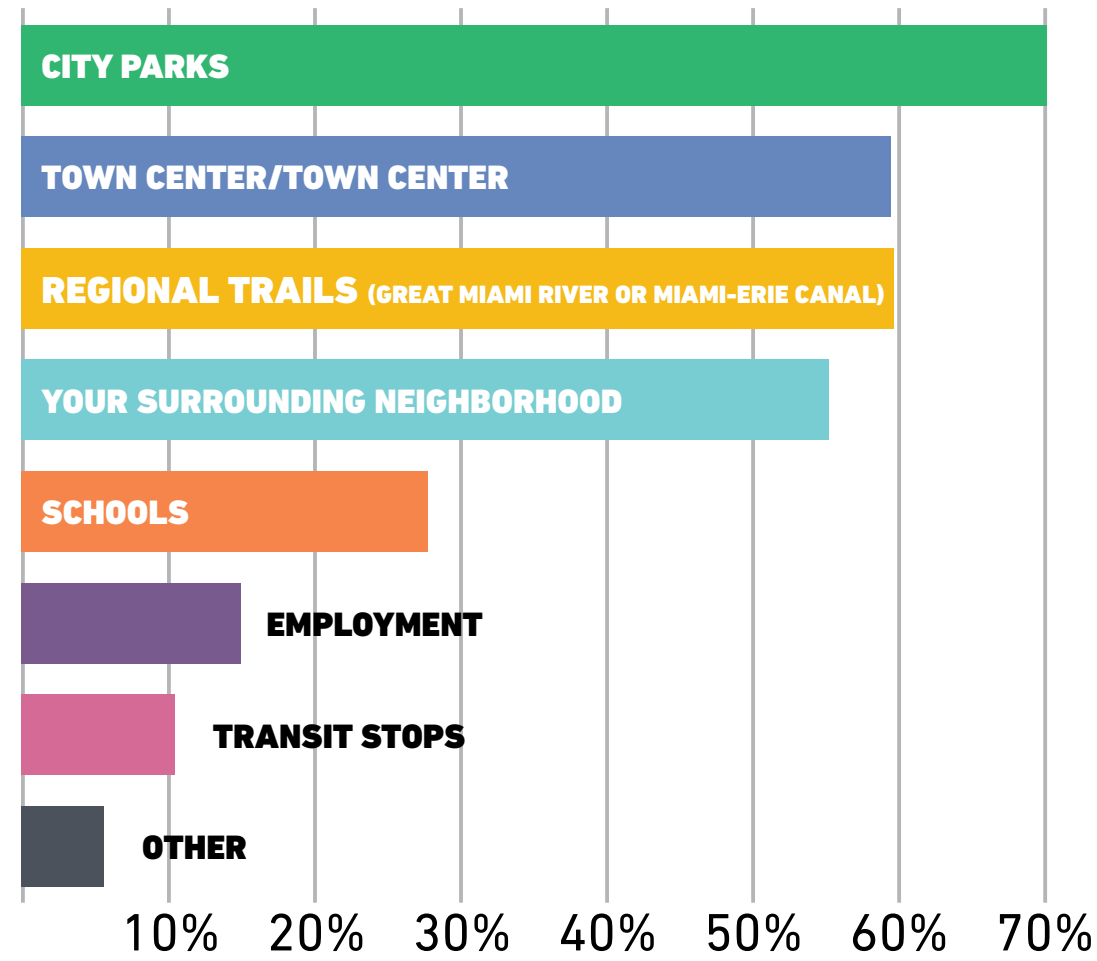


The steering committee included city staff, residents, and representatives from the Fairfield City School District.

SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1

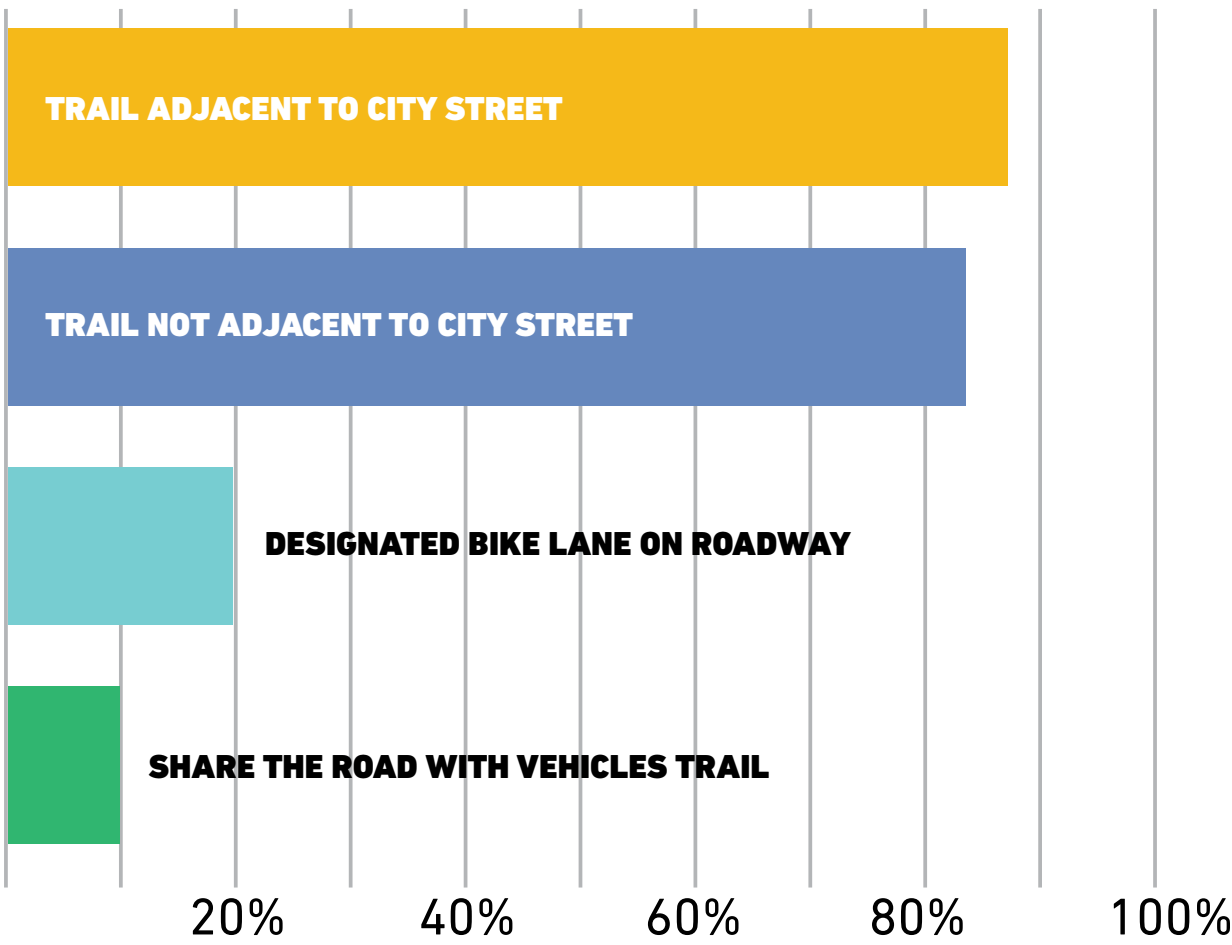
What areas or places in Fairfield are most important for you to be able to access via walking or bicycling? (check all that apply)



The 'other' responses can be found in the appendix of this document.

Question 2

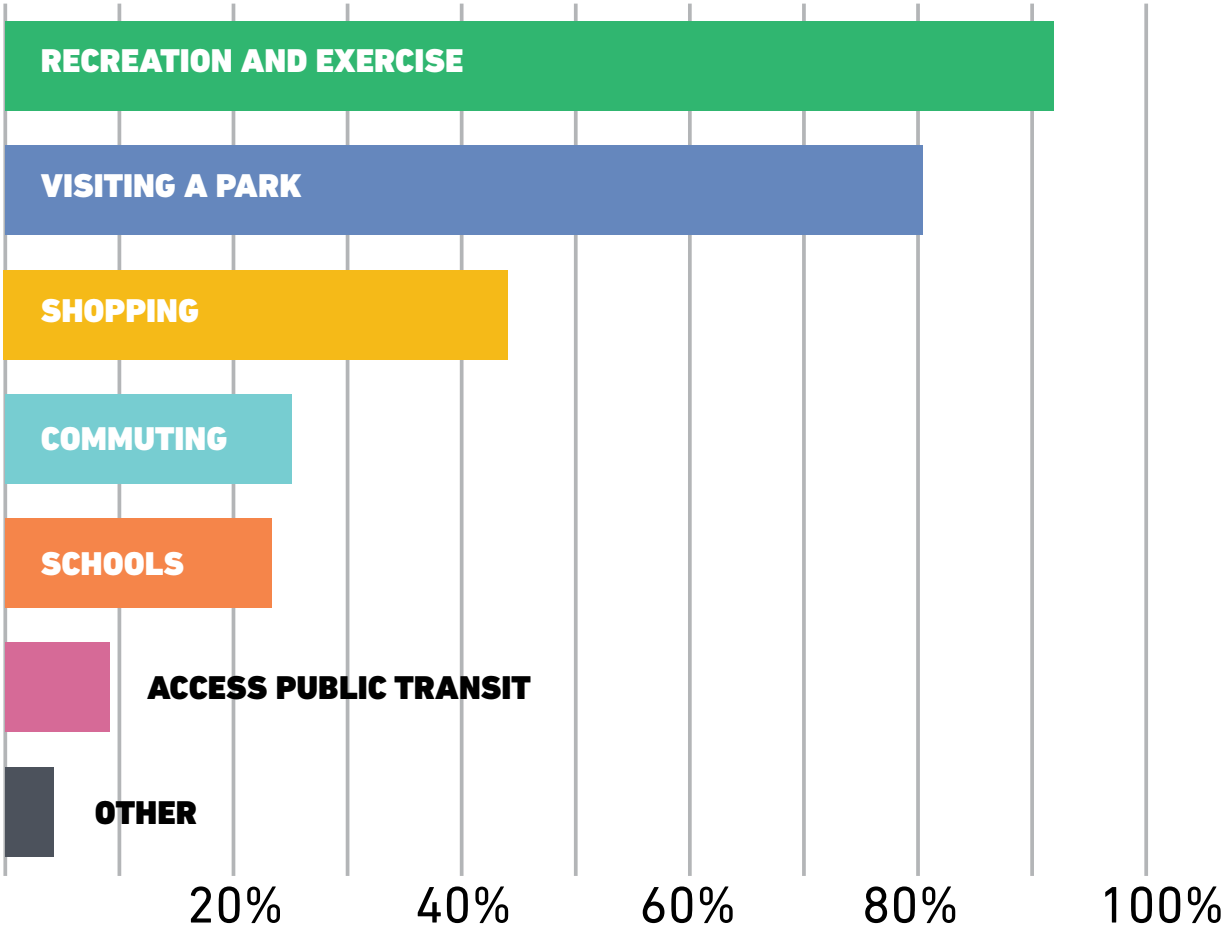
If it were available, which of the following on-road or off-road pedestrian facilities would you use in Fairfield? (Check all that apply)



SURVEY RESULTS

Question 3

If a complete trail network existed within the City, what types of activities or destinations would you use it for in Fairfield? (Check all that apply)



The 'other' responses can be found in the appendix of this document.

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.



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

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.

3 CONNECTIVITY PLAN

FACILITY TYPES

SAFETY MECHANISMS

EXISTING CONNECTIVITY NETWORK

COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY PLAN

MAJOR ROUTE DETAILS

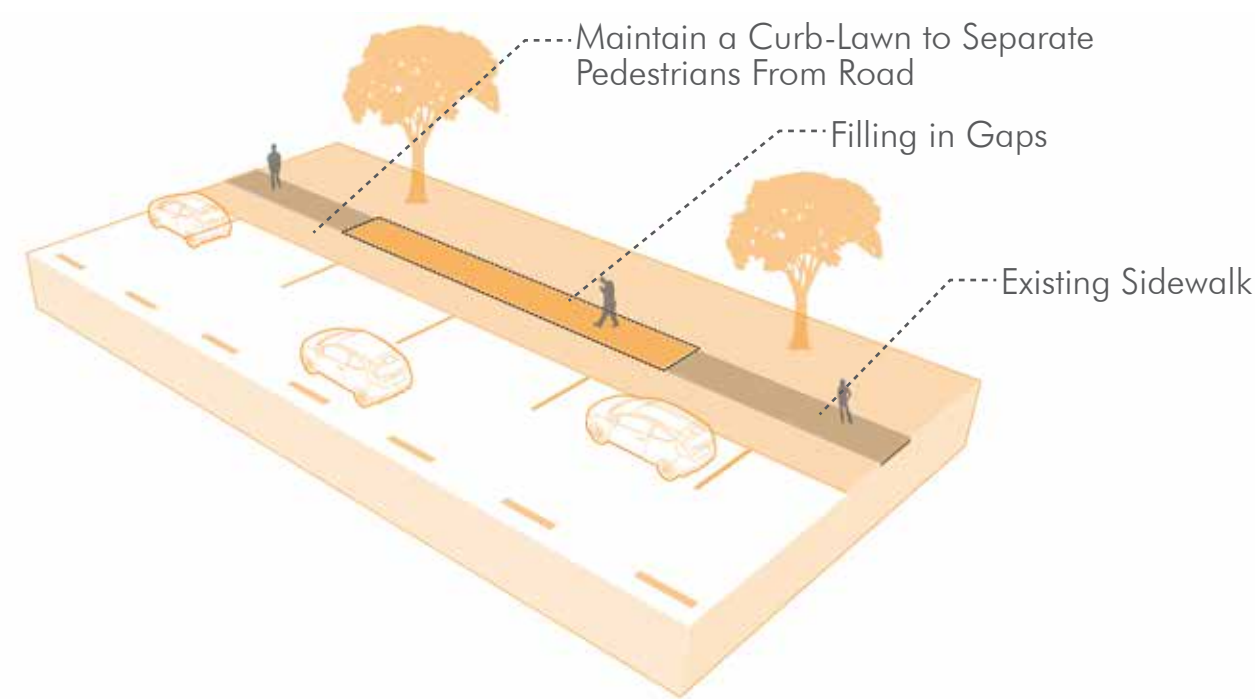
GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL

FACILITY TYPES

Based upon best practices from similar cities, and industry standards, different facilities types were evaluated for their applicability. Based upon input from the steering committee and the public, project team experience and knowledge, and a desire to have the plan be simple, four facility types were selected: sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike lanes, and a shared road. These facilities are described in greater detail below.

SIDEWALK

- Dedicated space for pedestrians
- Provides basic connectivity throughout a community
- Minimum of 5 feet wide. In high use zones such as around schools, business districts and near parks, 7-10 feet wide is recommended



Best Practices:



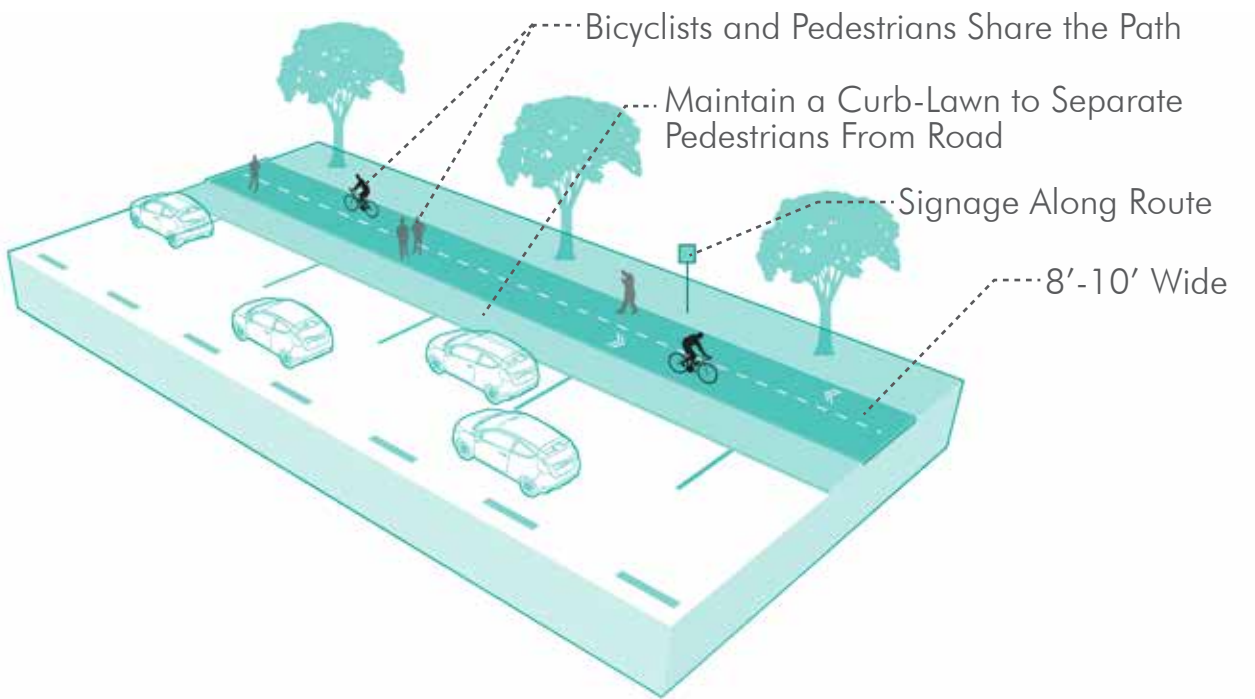
South Gilmore Road approaching Route 4.



Augusta Boulevard near Pleasant Avenue.

MULTI-USE PATH

- Gives equal priority to bike riders and pedestrians
- Often, in lieu of sidewalk and on road bike facility
- Provides safe separation for non-motorized transportation
- Used adjacent to roads and in park settings
- Two-way movement on one side of road



Best Practices:



The path is safely separated from the roadway.

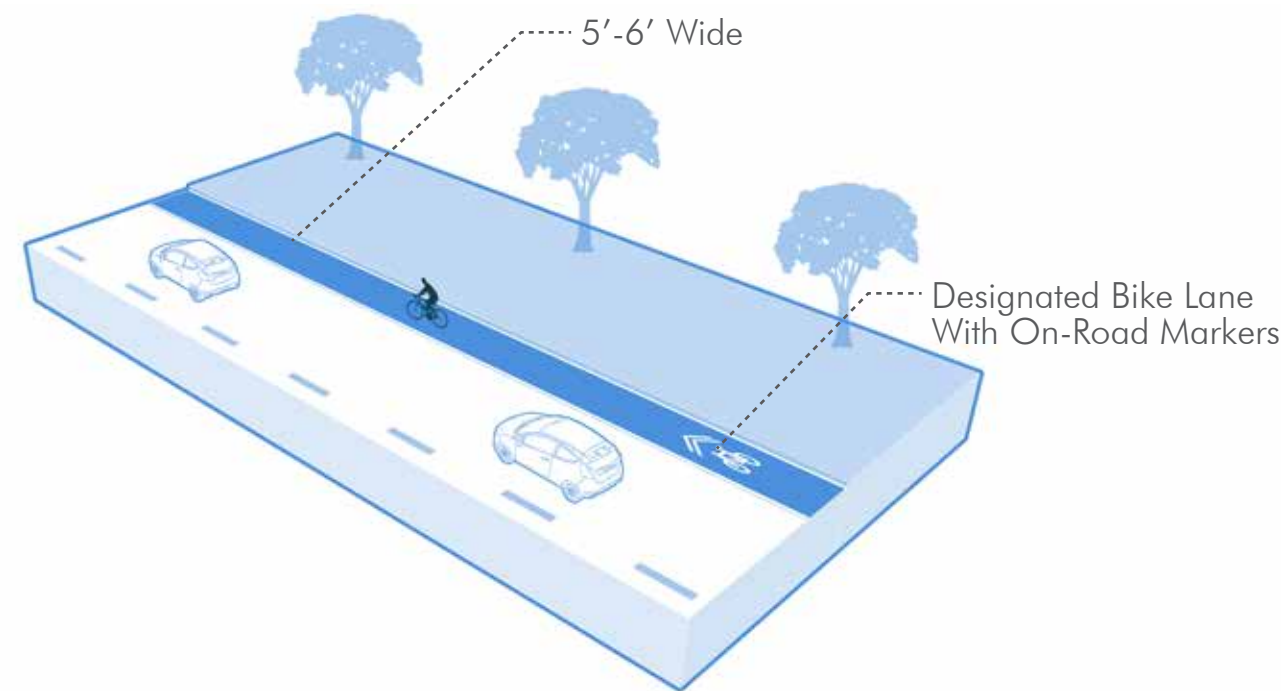


Multi-use paths serve bikes and pedestrians alike.

FACILITY TYPES

BIKE LANE

- Creates a dedicated space on road for bikes
- Striping, on-road markers, and physical barriers can be used to keep bicyclists and automobiles separated
- Creates a separate designated space will provide more comfort for riders of different experience levels
- Implemented when there is no space for a multi-use path



Best Practices:



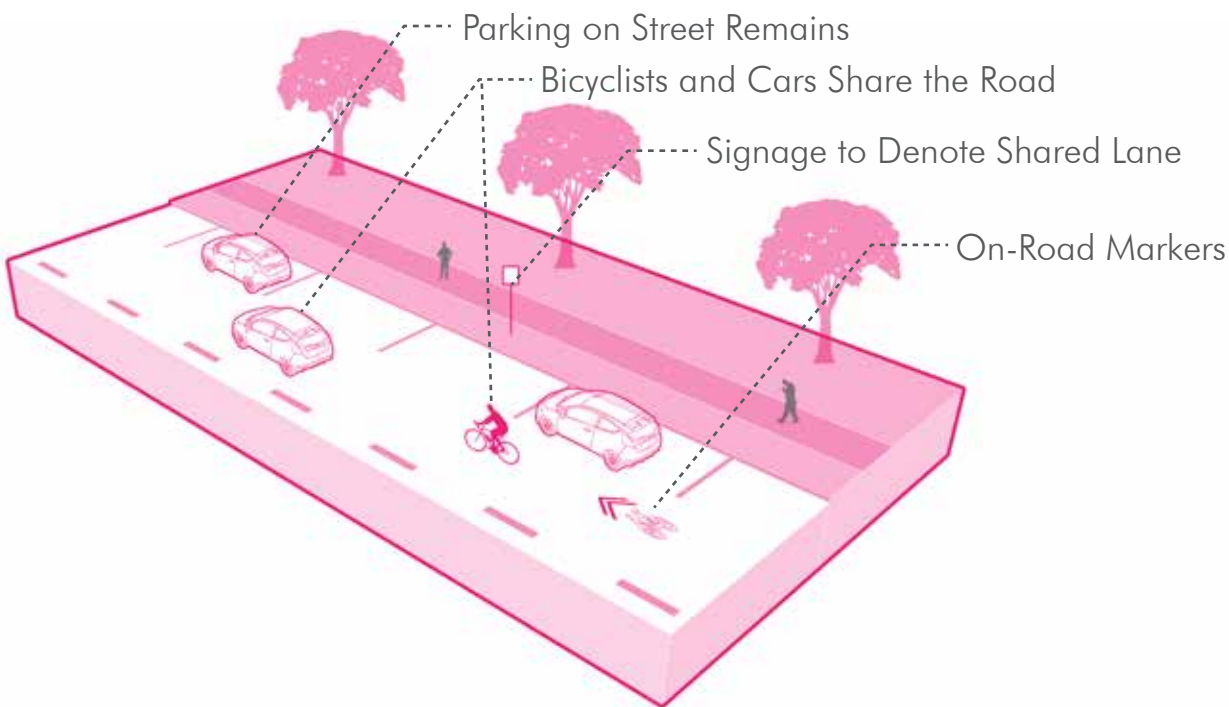
Bike lane with clear signage and on road marking.



Separation of bicyclists and automobiles is crucial.

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.

SAFETY MECHANISMS

Other tools, listed below, will be helpful for implementing the vision set out in this Connectivity Plan. These tools will help in creating better safety for all users and increasing an understanding of the connectivity network through signage. These tools should be implemented in conjunction with the construction of new facilities to ensure that each route is operating correctly from day one.



Signalized Crossings

- Creates a safe space for crossing roadways for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Most needed on busier streets or ones with less than desirable visibility.



Signage

- Informs users of direction and distance to destinations.
- Makes it clear to motorists to be aware of other modes of transportation in use on this route.



Rapid Flashing Beacons

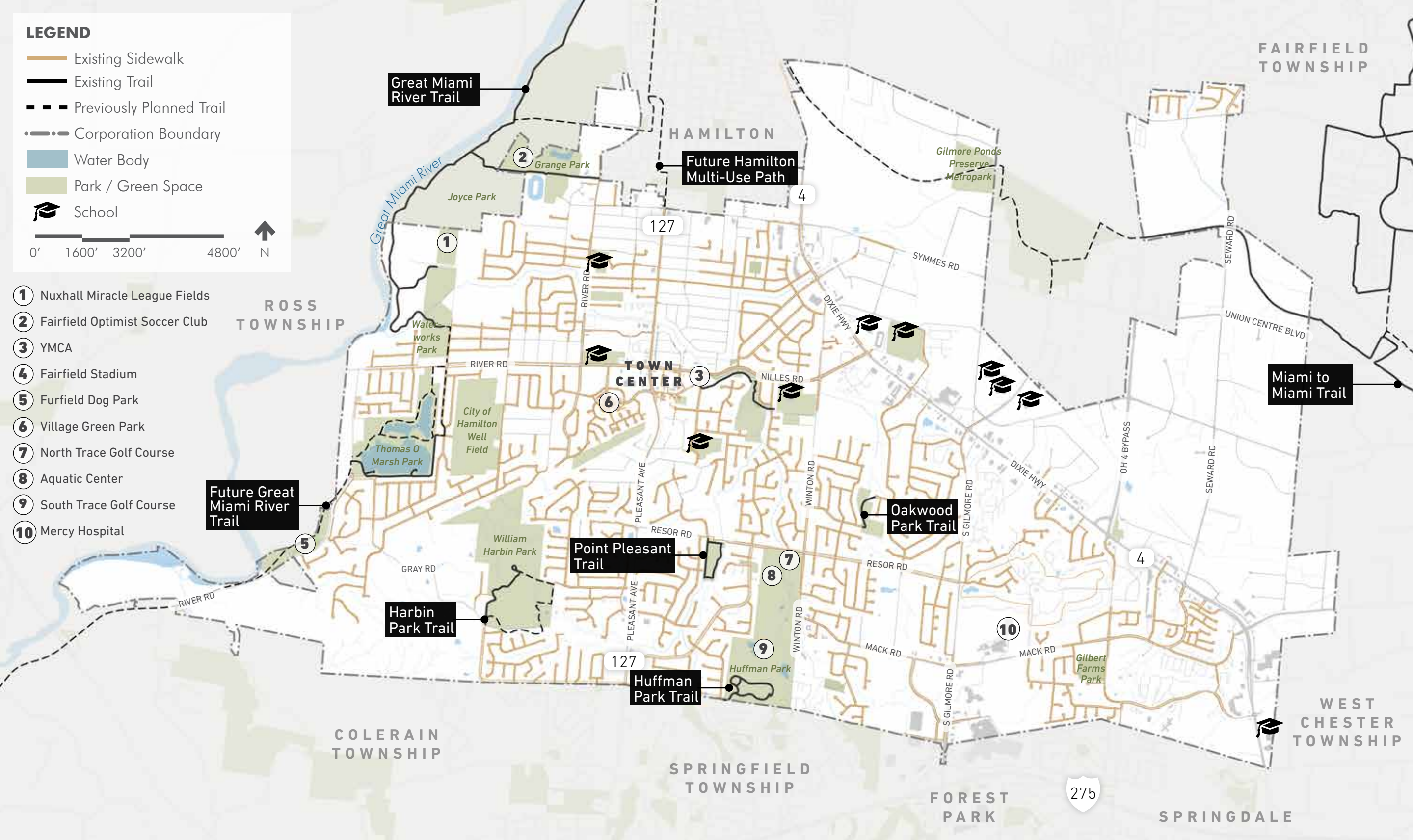
- Lower cost solution for pedestrian and bicycle crossings.
- Allows for mid-block crossings, if needed.
- Increases visibility for crossing and encourages yielding behavior by drivers.



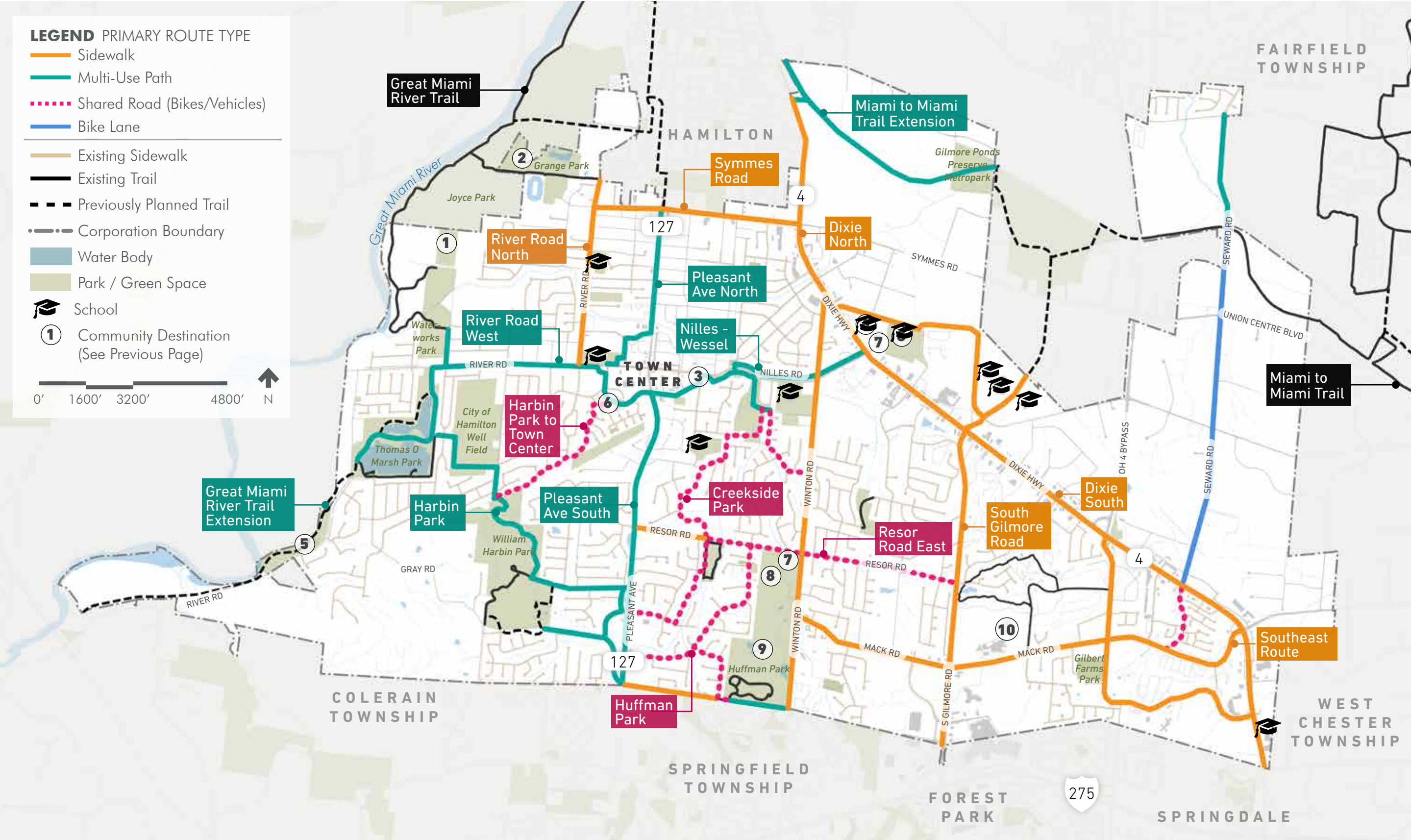
Crosswalks

- Lower cost solution for pedestrian crossings.
- Increases visibility for crossing and encourages yielding behavior by drivers.
- For major crossings, different materials or colors may be used.

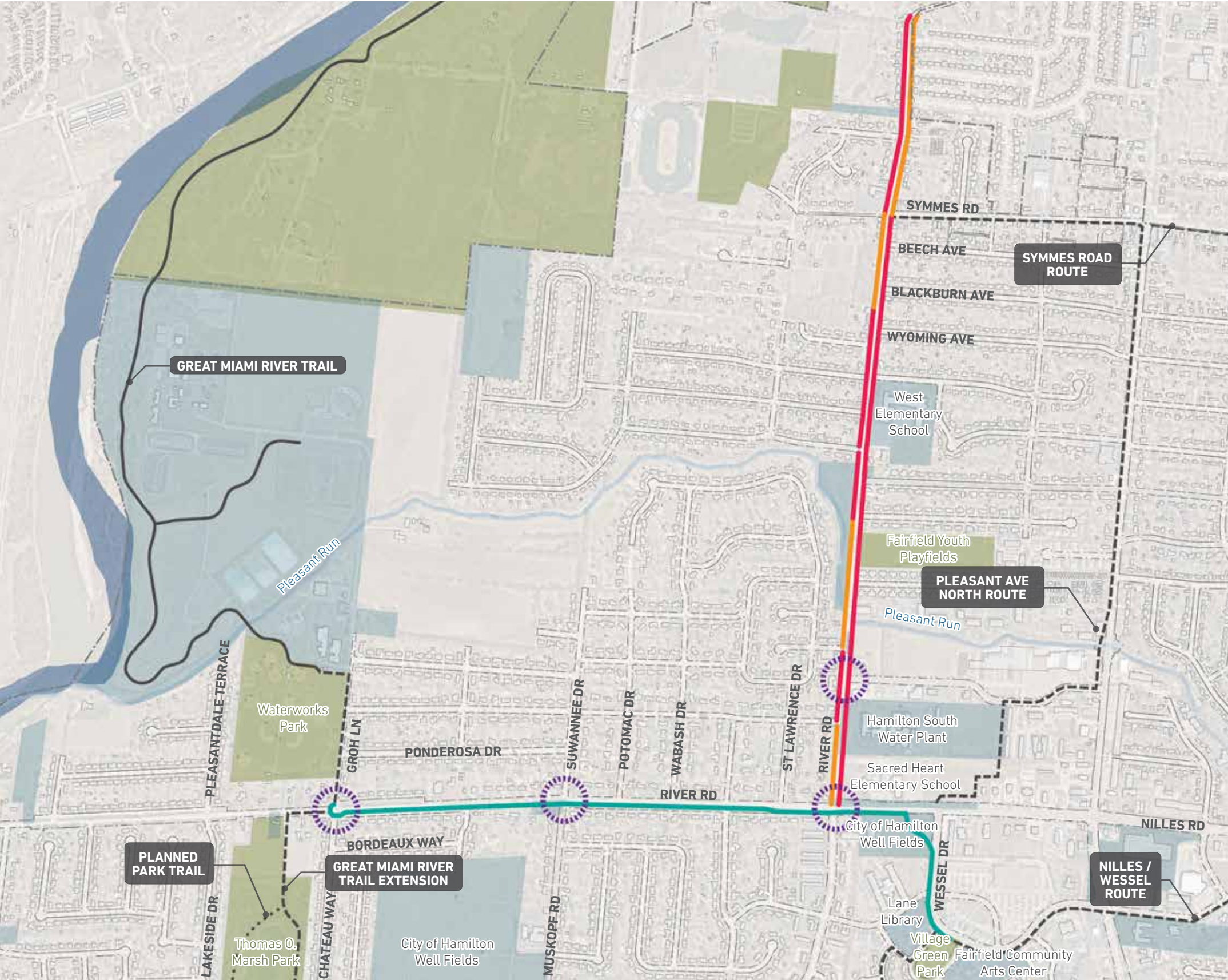
EXISTING CONNECTIVITY NETWORK



COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY PLAN



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RIVER ROAD WEST AND RIVER ROAD NORTH

Facility Type:

River Road West: Multi-Use Path
 River Road North: Sidewalk

Notes (River Road West)

- Route serves as primary connection from Great Miami River Trail into the center of Fairfield.
- Brings riders from Great Miami regional trail into Town Center area, promoting tourism and economic development.
- Due to its integration into the regional trail network, this route should be off-road as much as possible in order to attract a diverse ridership.

Notes (River Road North)

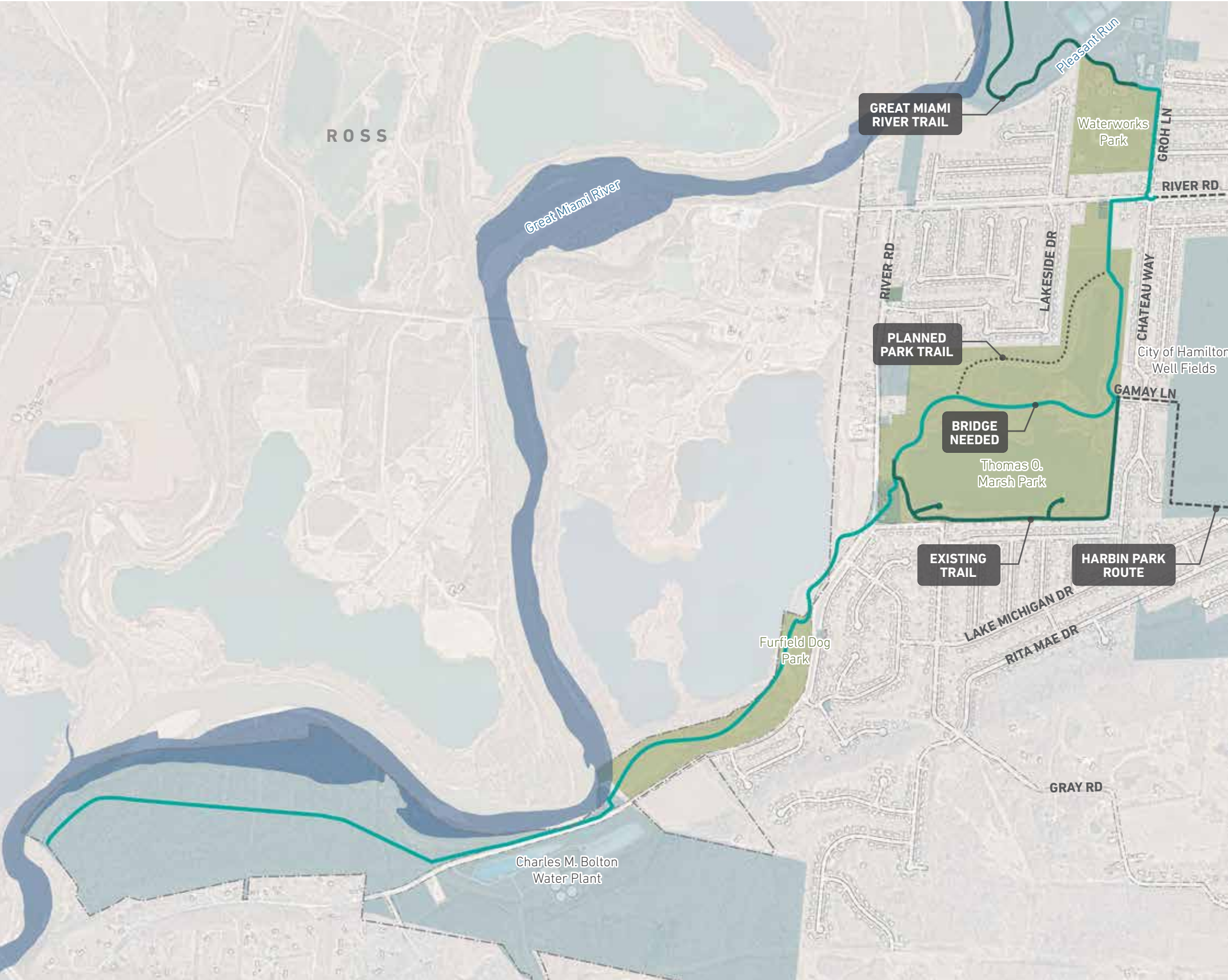
- Filling in the sidewalk gaps along this road provides enhanced connectivity to local schools and neighborhoods.

LEGEND

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



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GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION

Facility Type:

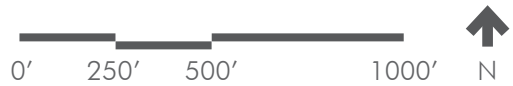
Multi-Use Path

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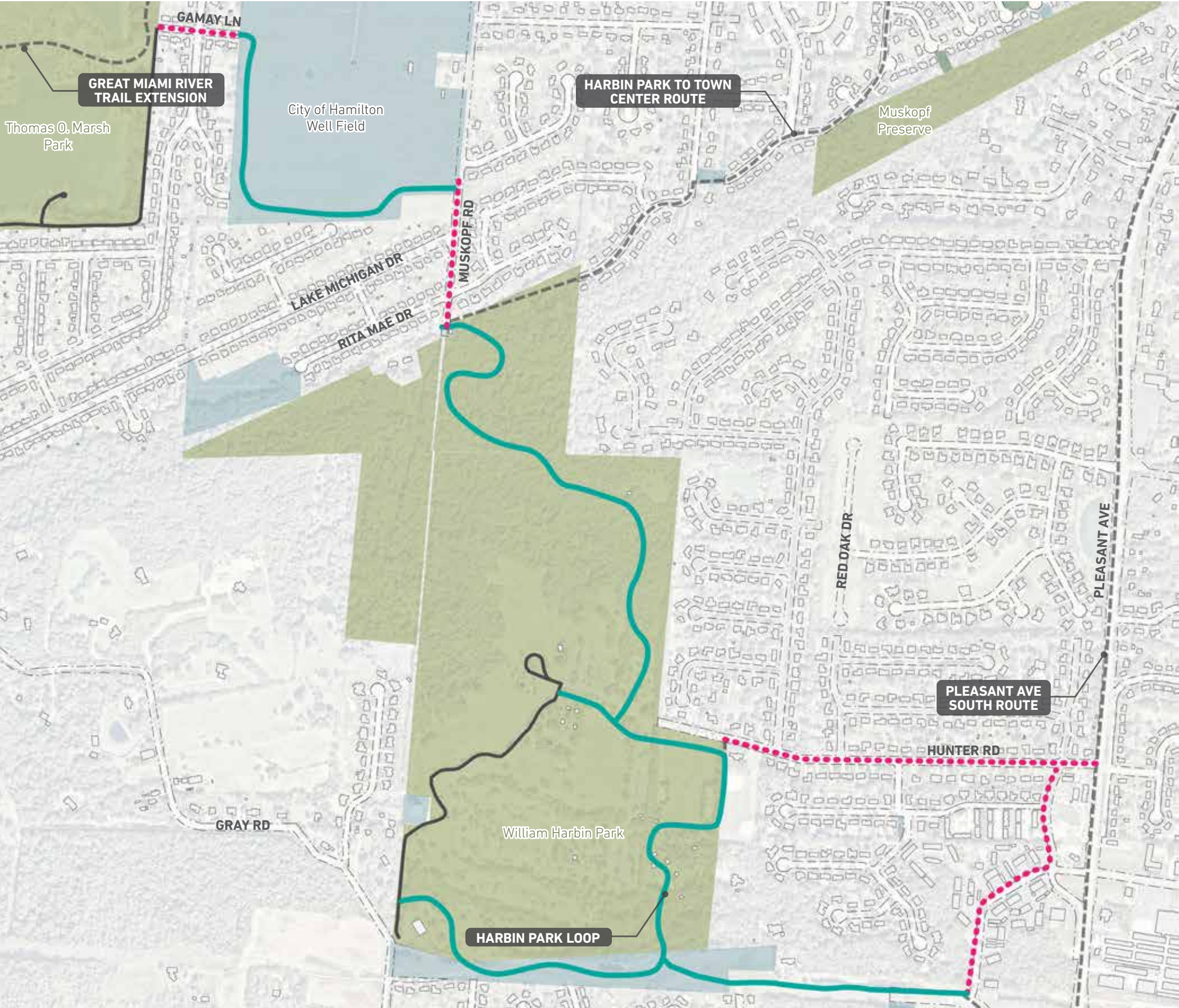
- This route focuses on the Great Miami River Trail (GMRT) as it aligns through the City of Fairfield.
- This highlights the part of the larger GMRT that the City of Fairfield will be spearheading through implementation.
- This will be a multi-use path to keep consistency with the majority of the regional 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



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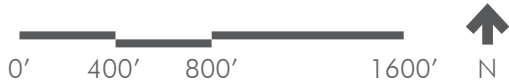


HARBIN PARK

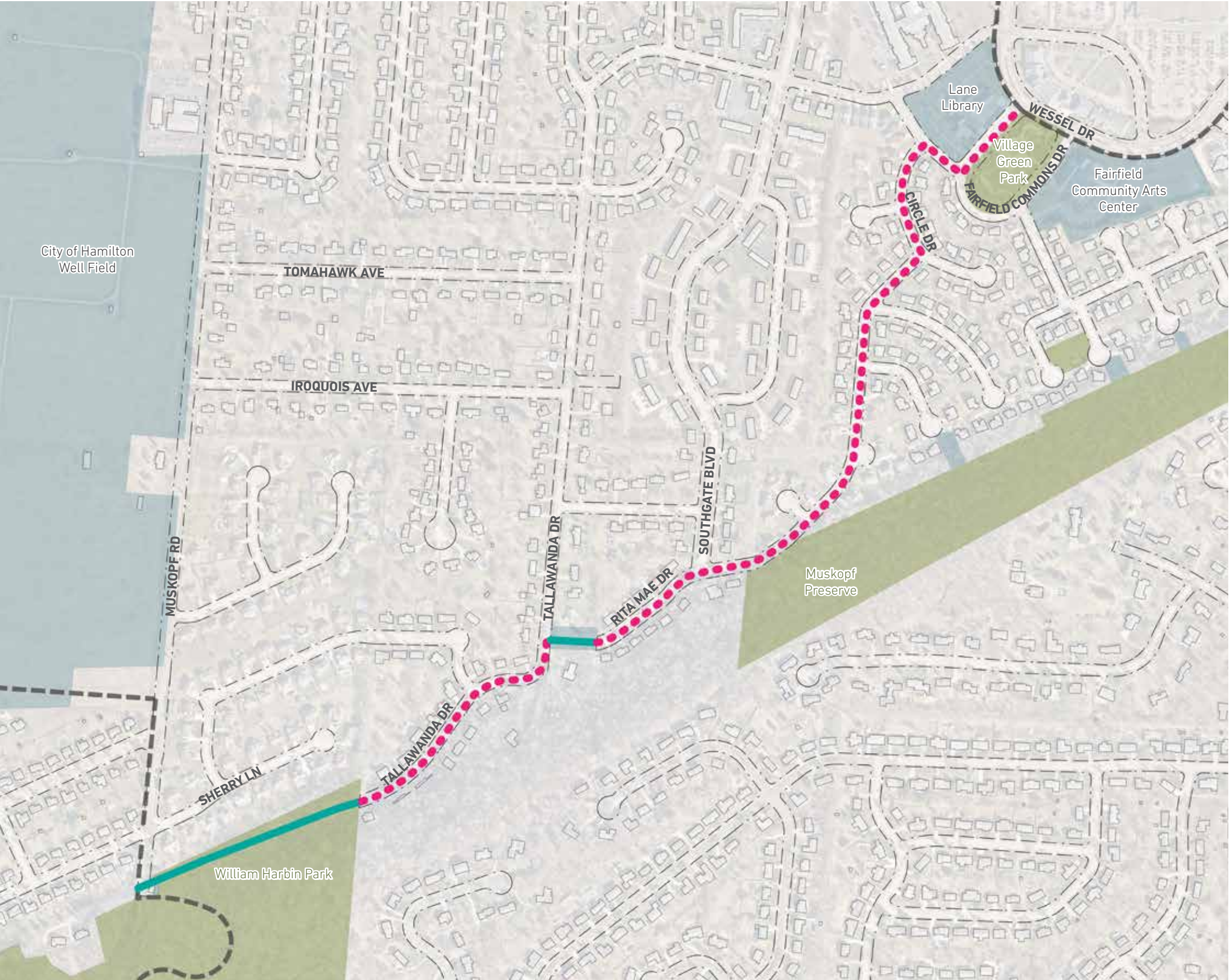
Facility Type:
Multi-Use Path and Shared Road

- Notes**
- Route connects from Pleasant Avenue through Harbin Park to Marsh Park.
 - This route aligns through a Hamilton well field. Use of this property for the route will require a partnership with the City of Hamilton.
 - This route is primarily a multi-use path. However, on some neighborhood roads it is simpler to use a shared road facility to make connections.
 - This route connects to the Great Miami River Trail.

- LEGEND**
- Proposed Shared Road
 - Proposed Multi-Use Path
 - Existing Multi-Use Path
 - Other Major Route
 - Publicly-Owned Parcel
 - Park / Green Space



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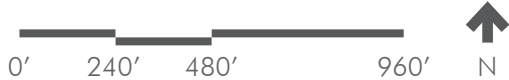
HARBIN PARK TO TOWN CENTER

Facility Type:
Multi-Use Path and Shared Road

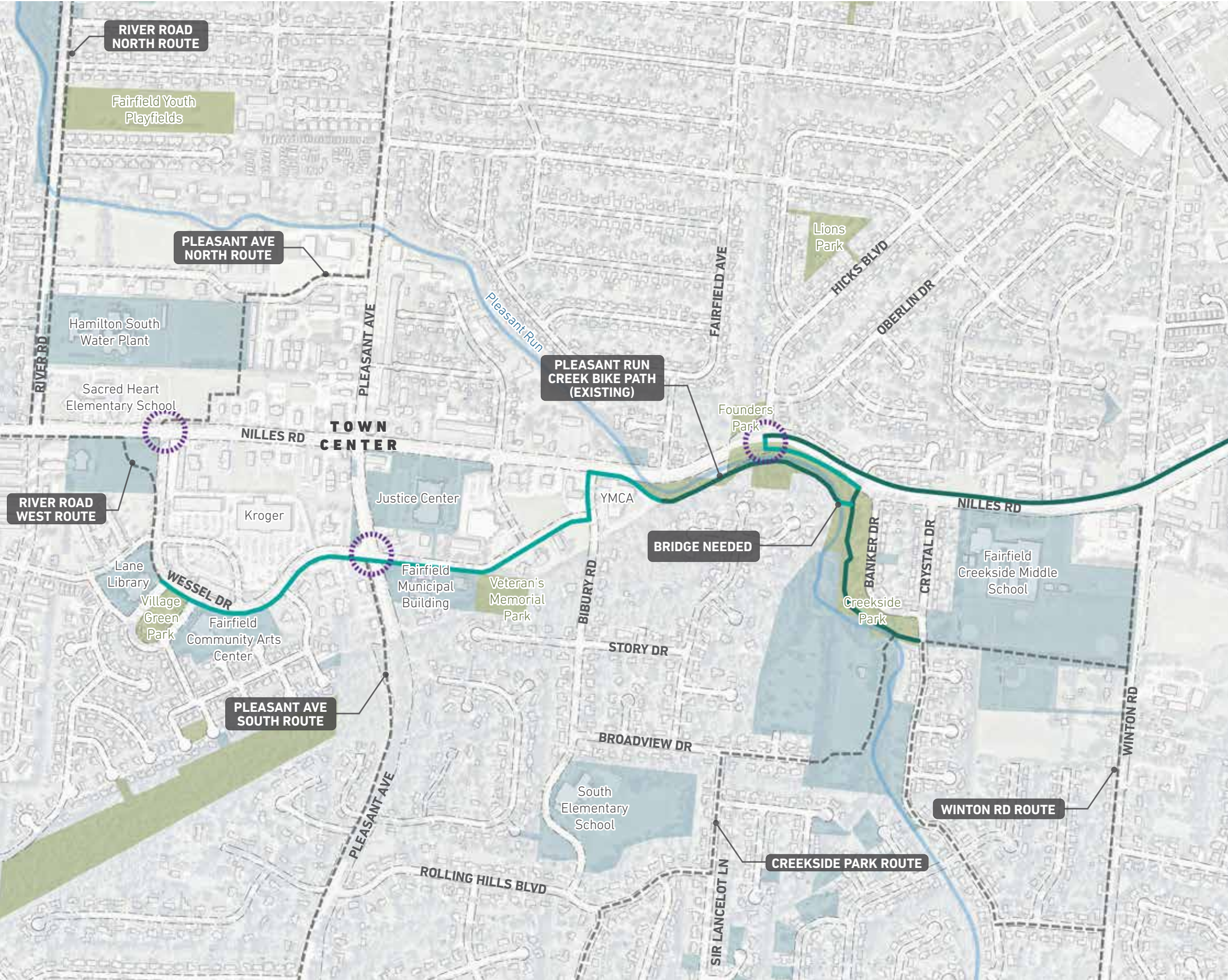
- Notes**
- Connection from the bottom of Harbin Park to the Village Green Park.
 - This connection utilizes low-volume, low-speed residential streets to provide a more direct connection to the Village Green Park and Town Center for many residential neighborhoods.
 - Multi-use paths are used to bridge the gaps along the trail where subdivisions or streets do not connect directly.

LEGEND

- Proposed Shared Road
- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Other Major Route
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



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NILLES - WESSEL

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

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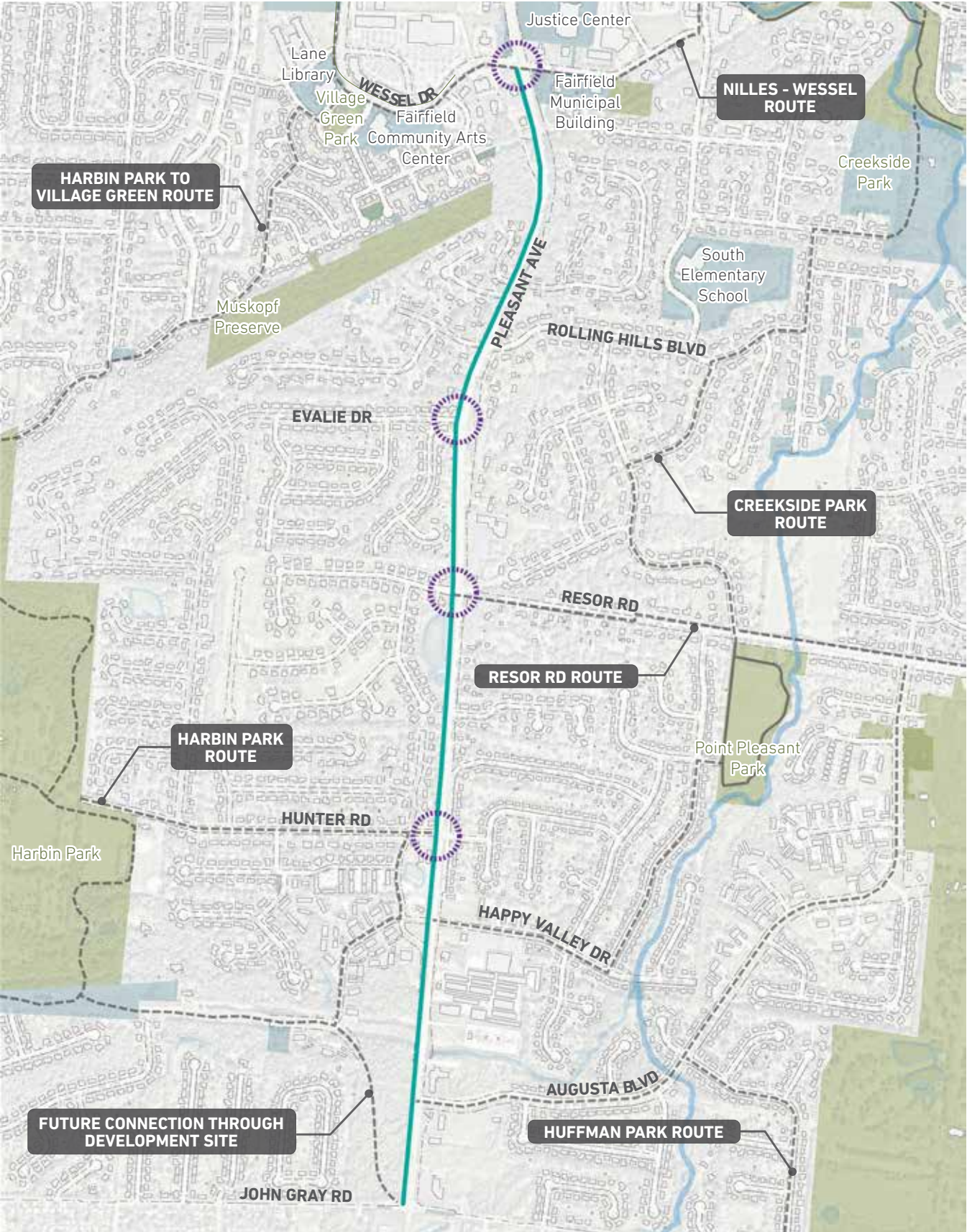
- Route connects from the River Road West Route through the Town Center Area and East to Route 4 (Dixie Highway).
- Along the route is the YMCA, Creekside Park, and Creekside Middle School.
- The multi use path proposed replaces the existing sidewalk on the south and west sides of Wessel Drive.
- The path utilizes the existing wide sidewalk on the north side of Nilles Road across from Creekside Park as it makes its way east to Route 4.

LEGEND

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



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PLEASANT AVE SOUTH

Facility Type:

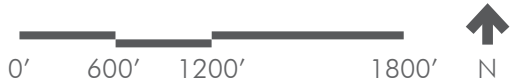
Multi-Use Path

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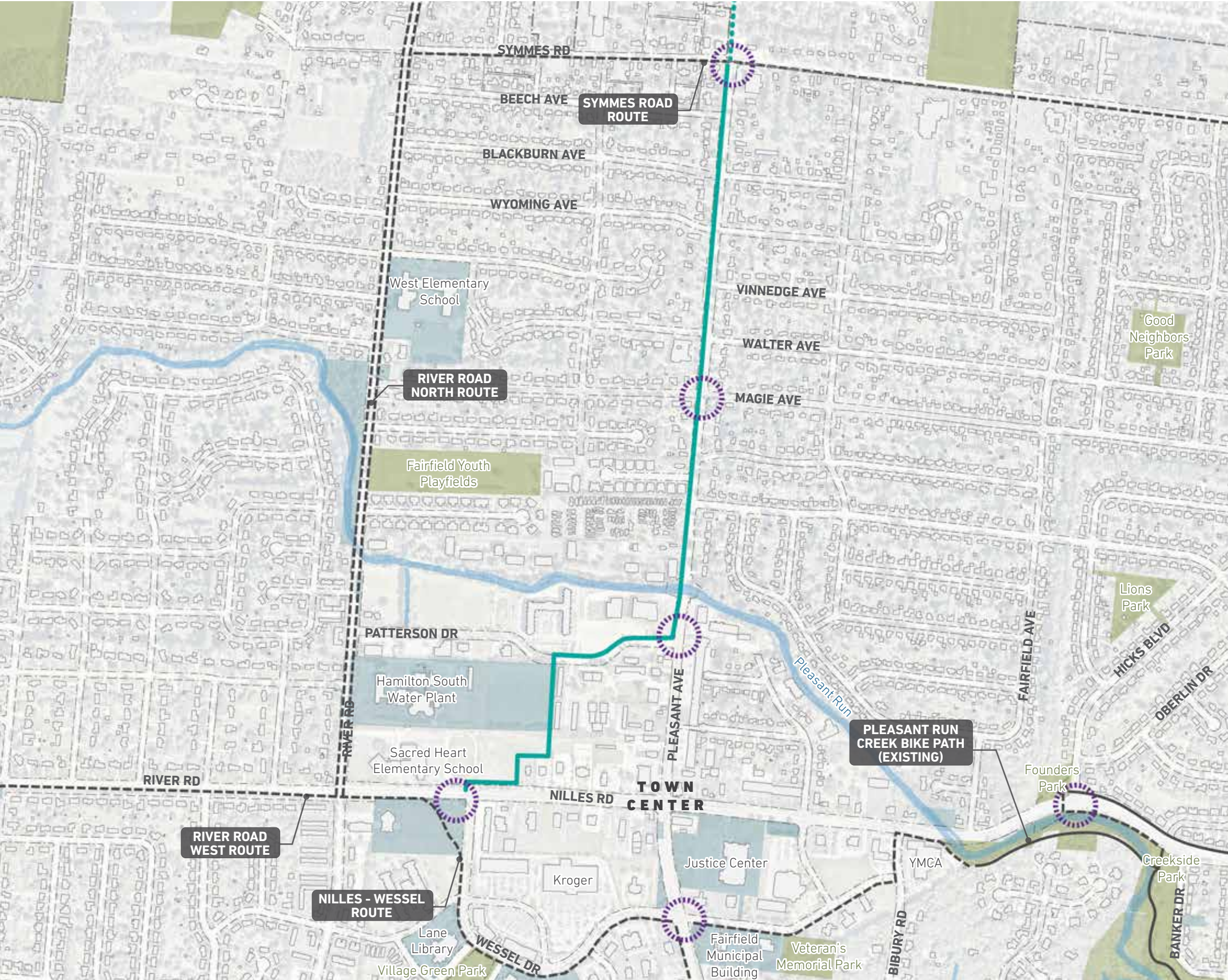
- This route has topographical challenges, dense vegetation, and right-of-way limitations.
- This is a primary north-south connection within the city that interconnects many neighborhoods, parks, and the Town Center.
- Upon full build-out, this route will play a key interconnecting role between multiple 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



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PLEASANT AVE NORTH

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

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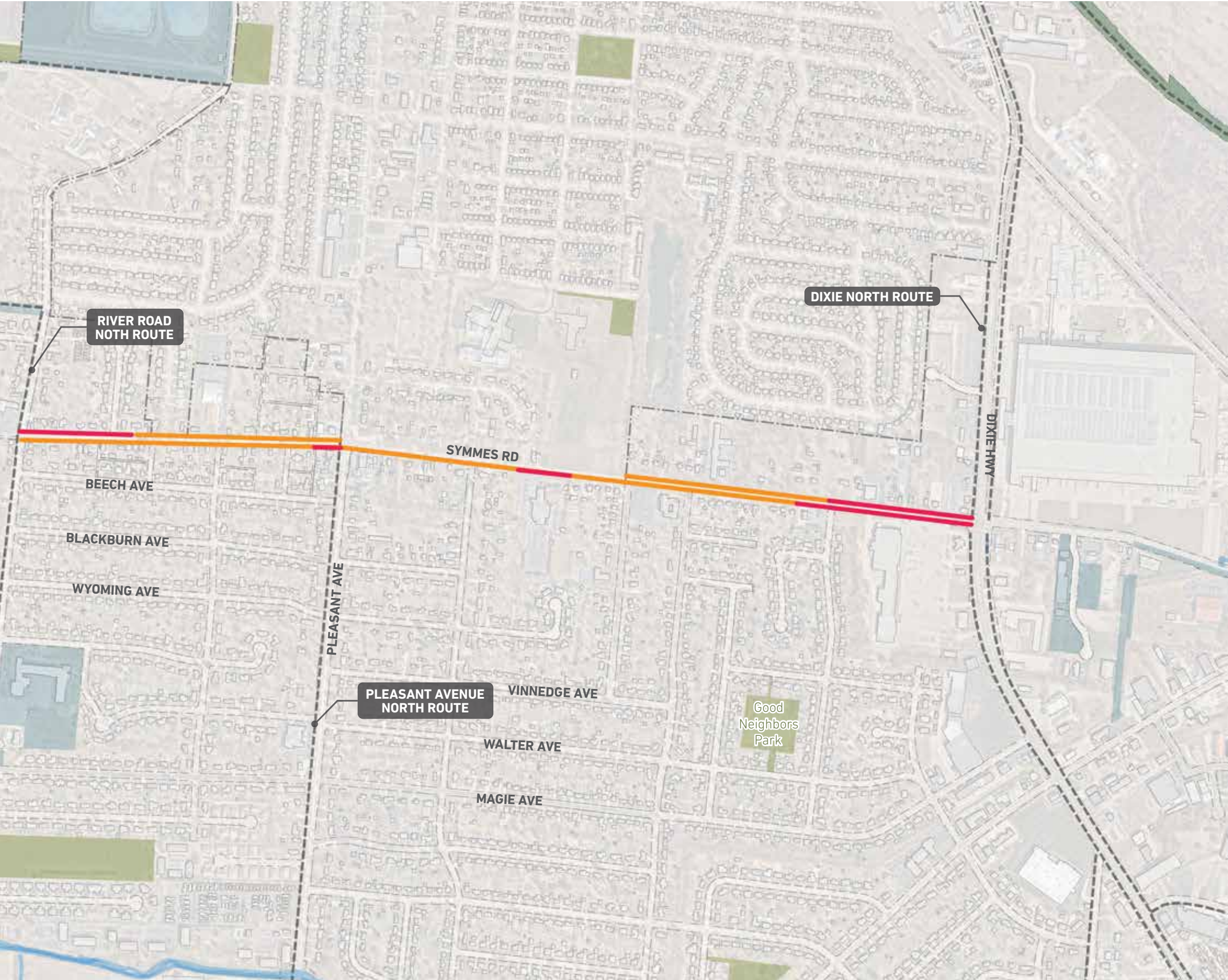
- This route connects the Town Center area north along Pleasant Avenue to the boundary with the City of Hamilton.
- This route will connect to a proposed City Hamilton multi-use path in the along Pleasant Avenue at the corporation limit.

LEGEND

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



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SYMMES ROAD

Facility Type:

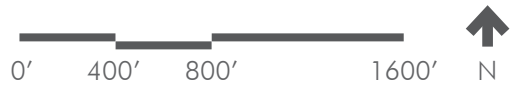
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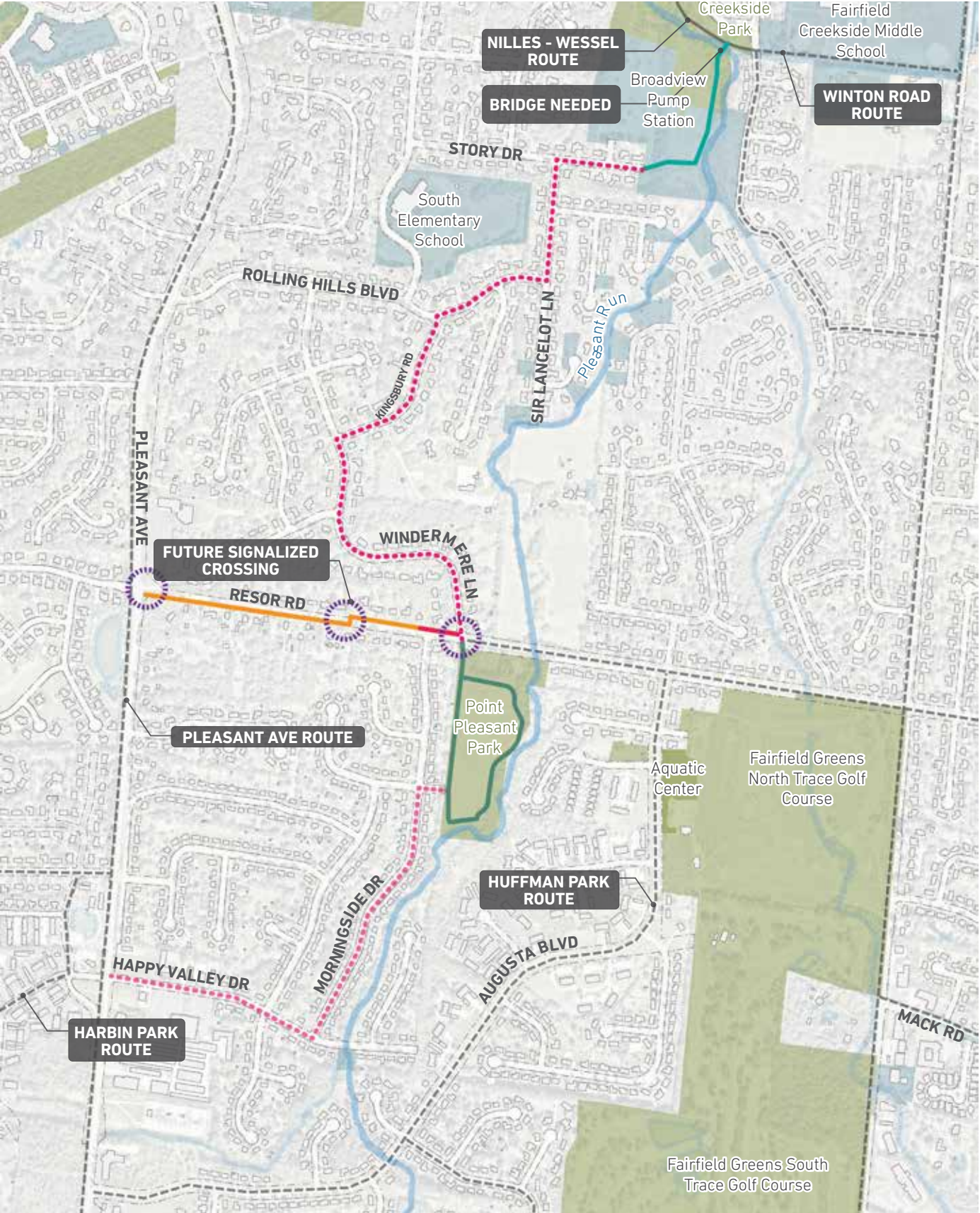
- This route provides another east-west connection from Dixie Highway (Route 4) to River Road West. This helps to better connect multiple areas of the city.
- Employment areas east of Dixie Highway will now be better connected with neighborhoods west of Dixie Highway.
- This route will focus on completing the sidewalk network by filling in the gaps between existing sidewalks.
- Coordination will be required with the City of Hamilton to complete the north side of the sidewalk.

LEGEND

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Other Major Route
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



MAJOR ROUTES



CREEKSIDE PARK AND RESOR ROAD WEST

Facility Type:

Creekside Park: Multi Use Path and Shared Road
 Resor Road West: Sidewalk

Notes (Creekside)

- Creekside Park Route extends through residential areas to Pleasant Avenue at Happy Valley Drive.
- Facility is primarily a shared road on low volume, low speed neighborhood streets, with a short section of multi-use path in Point Pleasant Park.

Notes (Resor)

- Resor Road Route helps fill in a prominent gap in the sidewalk network that will connect residential areas to the Pleasant Avenue Route.
- The route has a steep slope and difficult sight lines.

LEGEND

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



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HUFFMAN PARK

Facility Type:

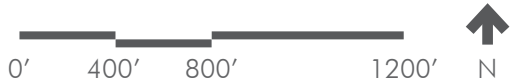
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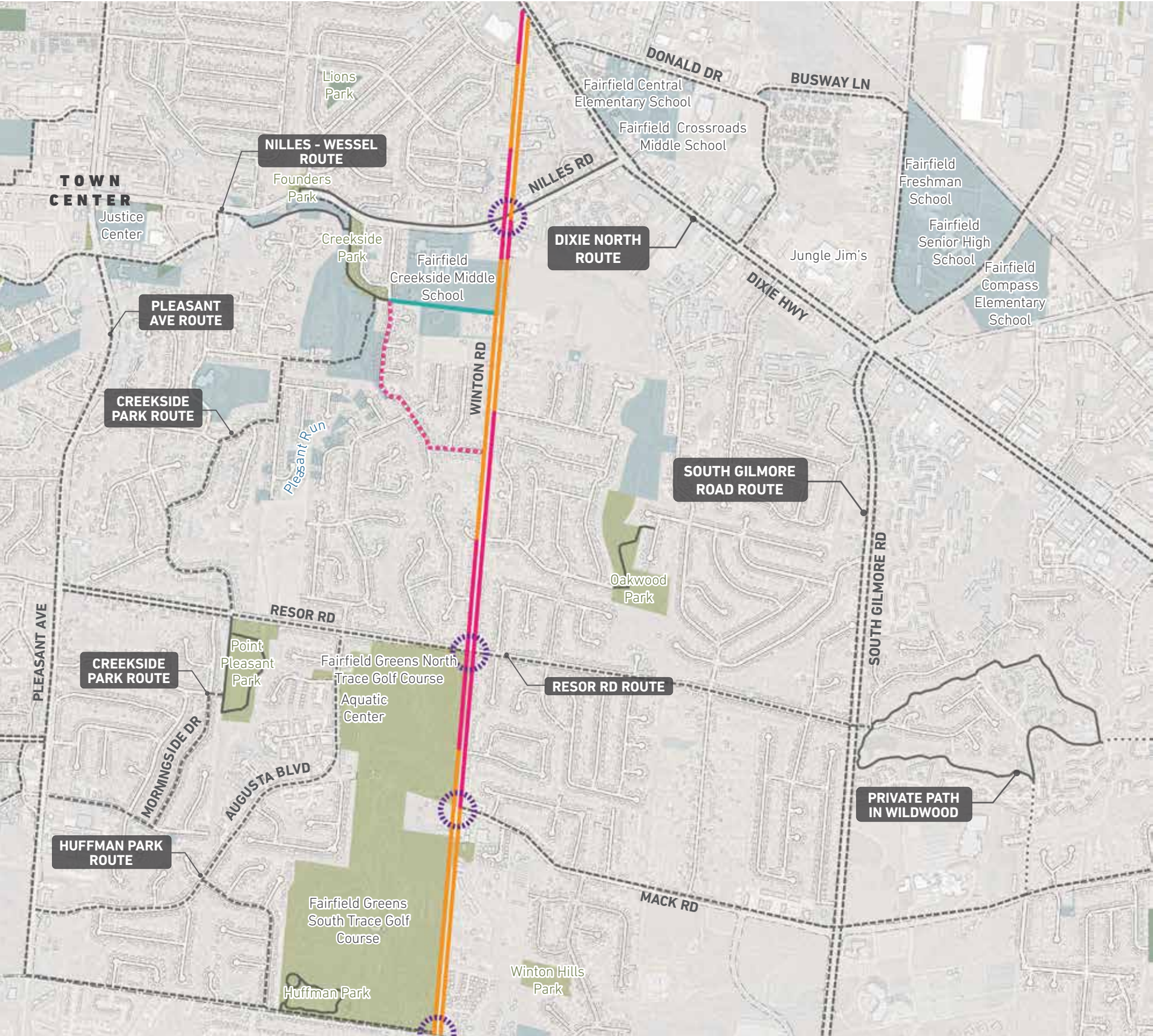
- Huffman Park Route connects the Resor Road East Route to Pleasant Avenue via Augusta Boulevard and to Huffman Park.
- This route promotes better connectivity to the aquatic center and nearby neighborhoods.

LEGEND

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



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WINTON ROAD

Facility Type:

Sidewalk

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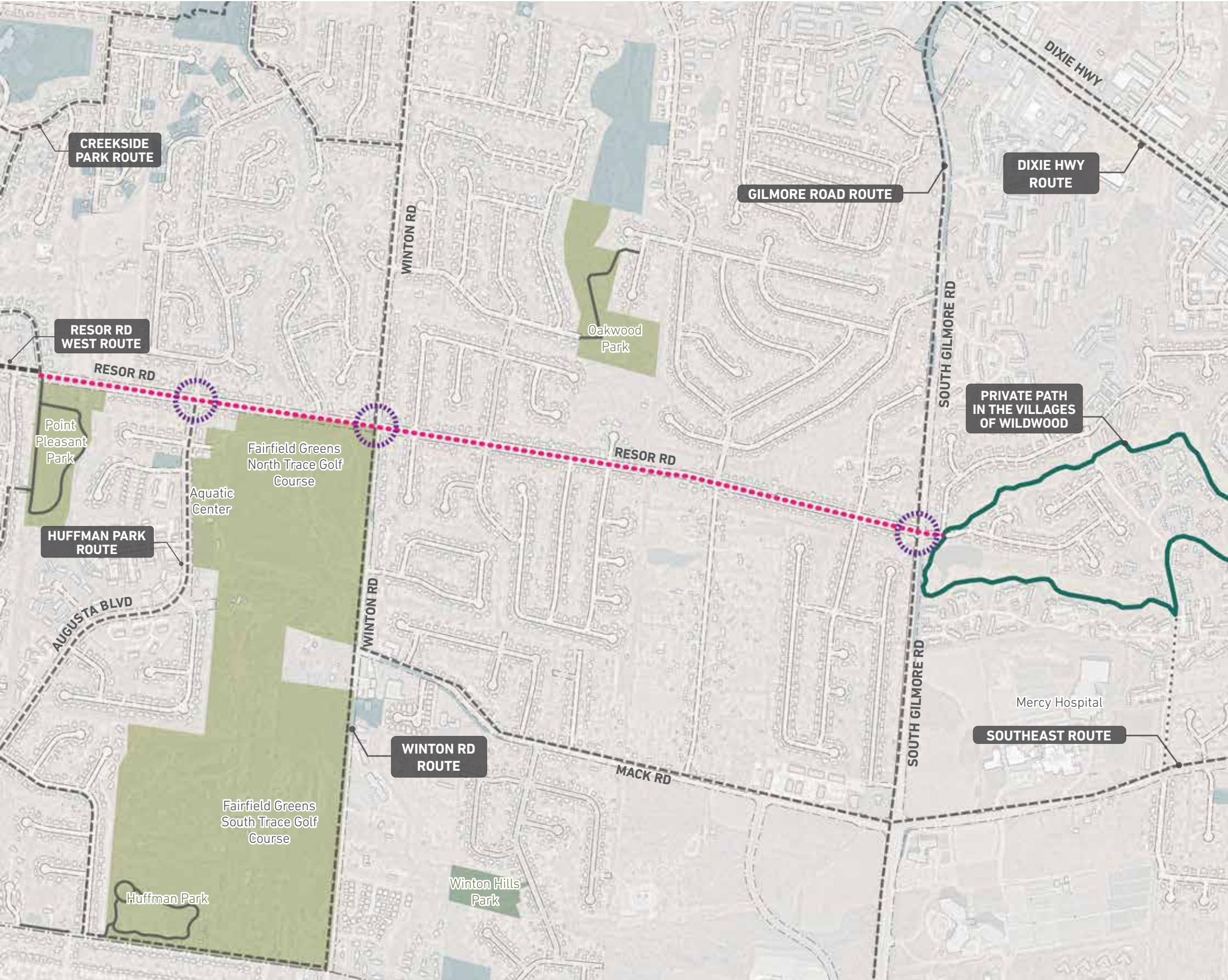
- It is important to ensure complete sidewalk connectivity on a major collector road like Winton Road.
- This route promotes better connectivity throughout the city as it directly connects to multiple other routes that provide connections to schools, the Town Center and parks.
- With the development of property along Mack Road, consider routing through Winton Hills Park for additional connections.

LEGEND

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



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RESOR ROAD EAST

Facility Type:

Shared Road and Multi-Use Path

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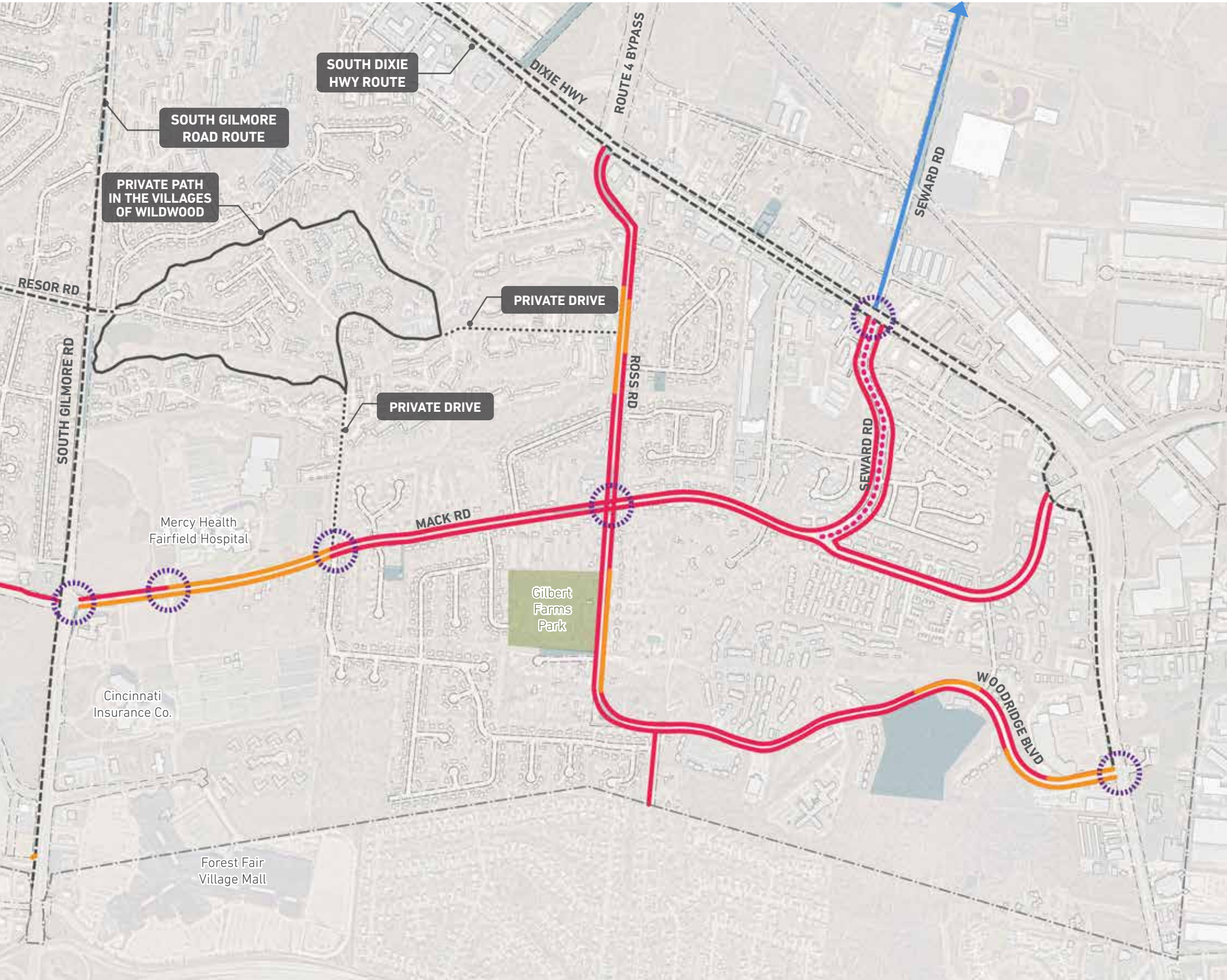
- This shared road connection from Point Pleasant Park east to The Villages of Wildwood and its trail network provides the east side neighborhoods with a connection to the routes on the west side of Fairfield.
- This important connection links the eastern side of the city to the Great Miami River Trail.
- This route will tie in to the existing path system at Wildwood. That path is privately owned area and thus not under city maintenance or management.
- Note that sidewalks do exist along this route for pedestrian connectivity. The inclusion of this facility in the plan was to improve bicycle connectivity to this part of the city.
- A multi-use path is not feasible due to the high number of driveways it would cross thus creating conflict points.

LEGEND

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



MAJOR ROUTES



SOUTHEAST ROUTE

Facility Type:

Sidewalk and Shared Road

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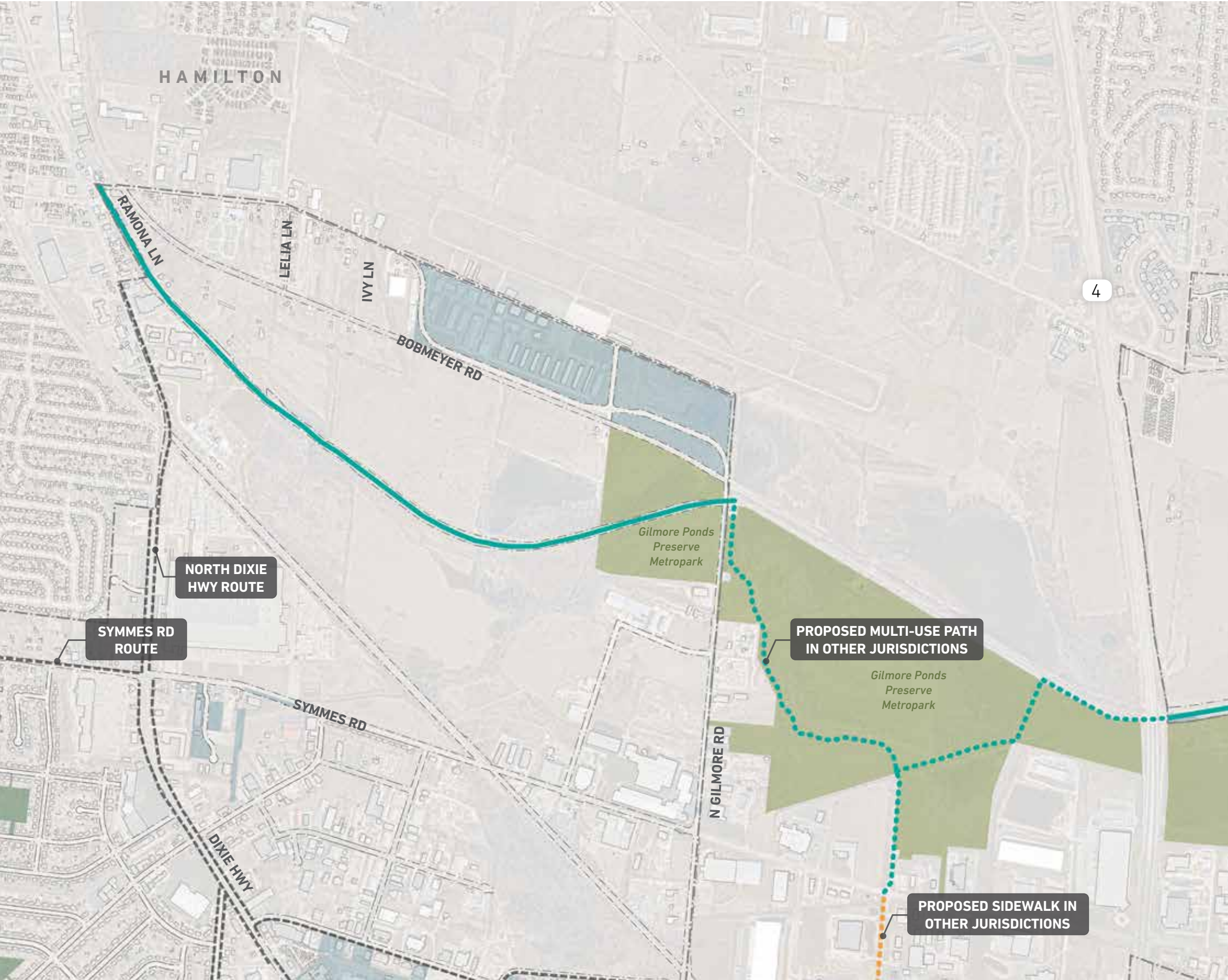
- There are many apartments complexes and subdivisions in the southeastern portion of Fairfield.
- These residential areas would benefit from a completed sidewalk network to promote walkability to Dixie Highway and other routes and community destinations.
- Bike lanes extend to the Miami to Miami trail.

LEGEND

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



MAJOR ROUTES



MIAMI TO MIAMI TRAIL EXTENSION

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

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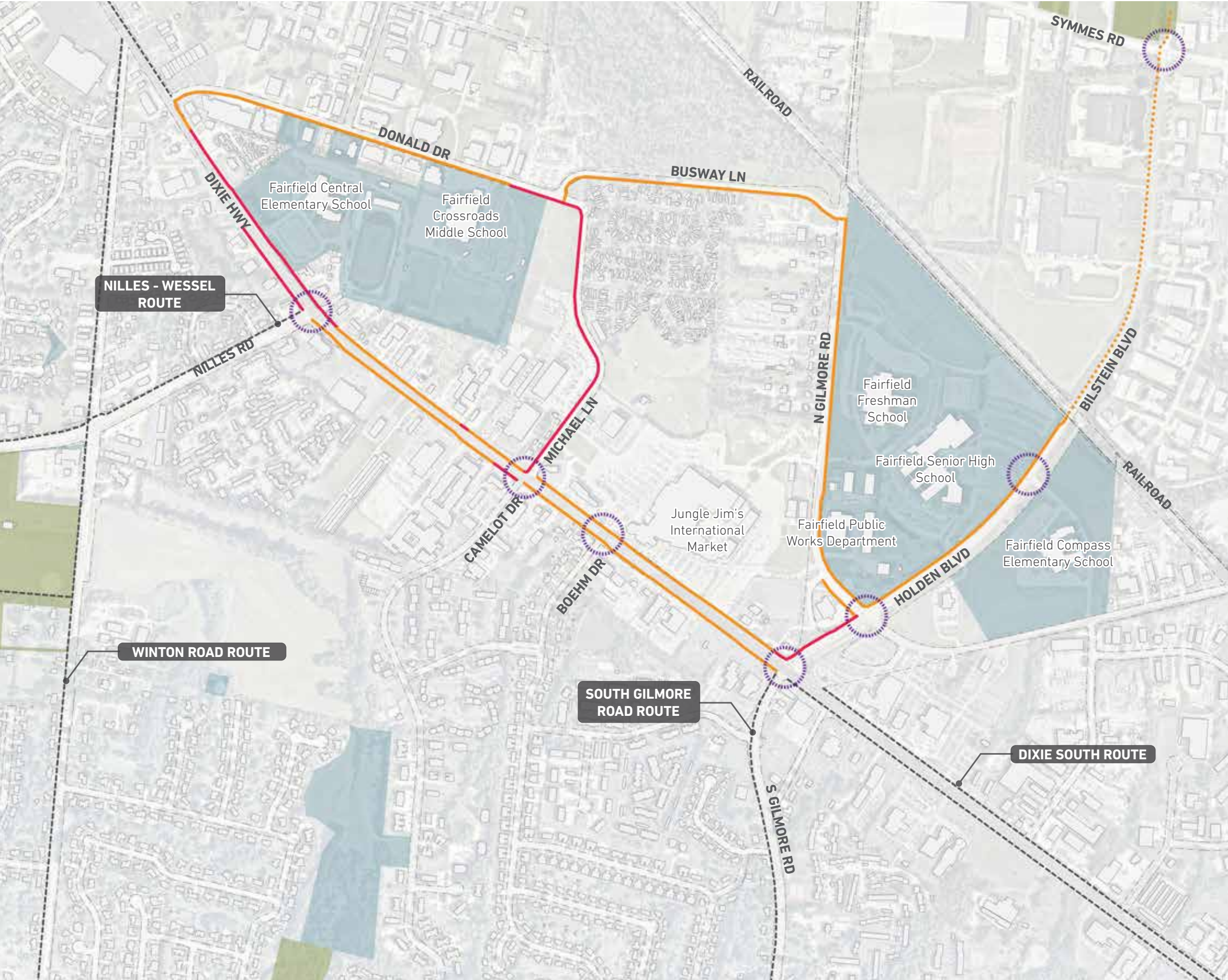
- The Miami to Miami trail is similar to the Great Miami River Trail Extension. This route highlights Fairfield’s opportunity to connect to a major regional trail network.
- This route uses former Maimi-Erie Canal right-of-way to connect from the Fairfield-Hamilton border at Bobmeyer Road and Dixie Highway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

LEGEND

- Proposed Multi-Use Path
- Proposed Multi-Use Path in Other Jurisdiction
- Proposed Sidewalk in Other Jurisdiction
- Other Major Route
- Publicly-Owned Parcel
- Park / Green Space



MAJOR ROUTES



DIXIE NORTH

Facility Type:

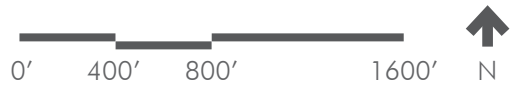
Sidewalk

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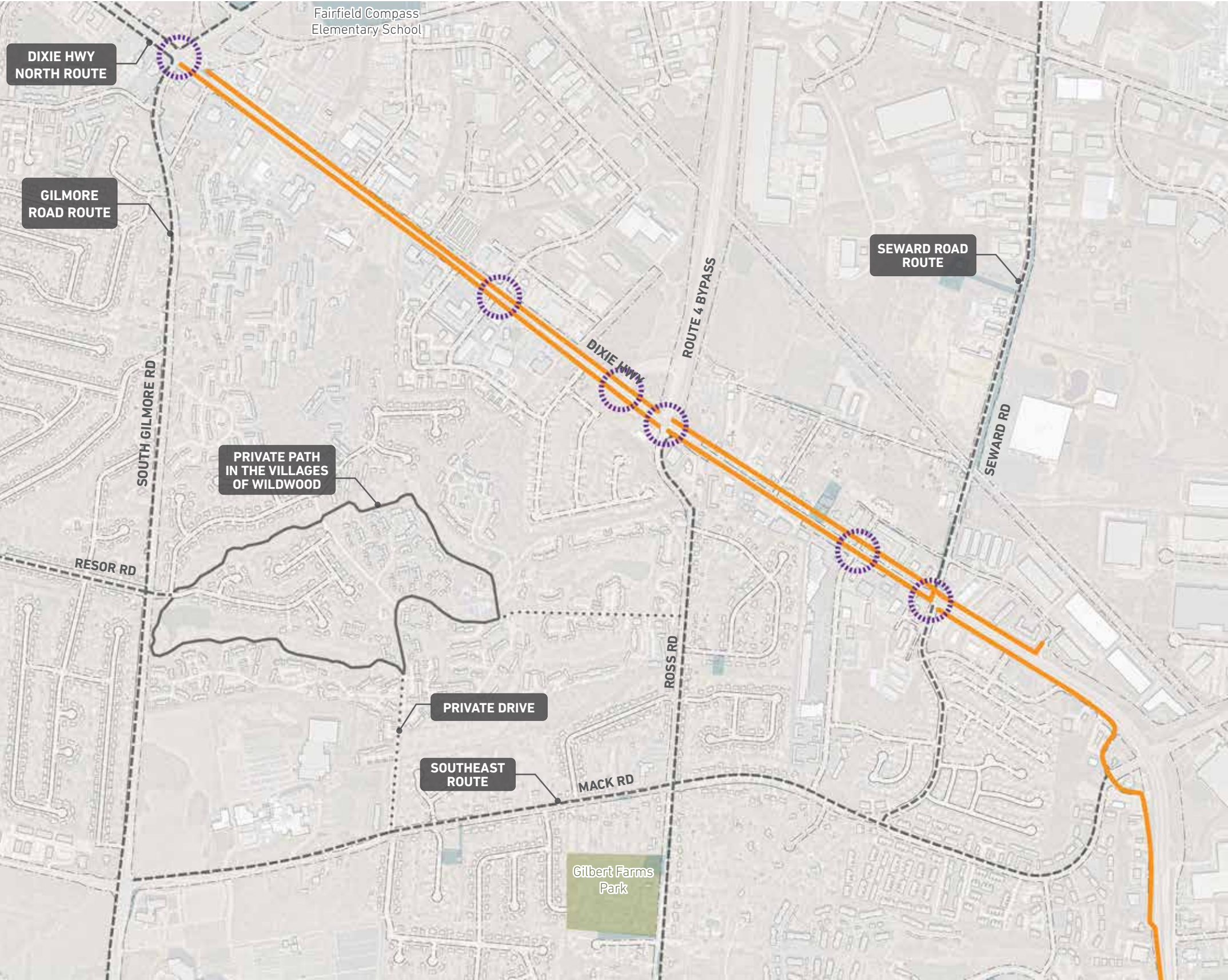
- The Dixie North Route provides more complete connectivity around Dixie Highway and the various Fairfield City School District campuses.
- This route focuses on completing gaps in the sidewalk network and providing safe pedestrian routes, particularly for students.
- This route will require the city to coordinate with the City of Hamilton for the Bilstein Boulevard portion.
- North of Donald Drive, there are few remaining sidewalk gaps that exist on Dixie Highway. There should be a continuous path to the City of Hamilton.

LEGEND

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



MAJOR ROUTES



DIXIE SOUTH

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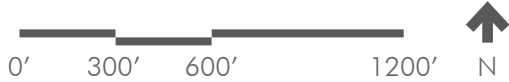
Sidewalk

Notes

- The Dixie South Route promotes continued pedestrian connectivity along Dixie Highway south of Gilmore Road.
- Completing the sidewalk network in this area will likely require involvement from the private sector when commercial properties are redeveloped.
- At Dixie Highway and Seward Road, the plan provides a pedestrian connection for hotel guests on the north side of Dixie Highway to safely cross the road to businesses, restaurants, and retail on the south side of Dixie Highway.

LEGEND

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



MAJOR ROUTES



SOUTH GILMORE ROAD

Facility Type:

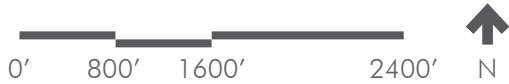
Sidewalk

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



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SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

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Implementation Framework

Critical to this connectivity plan is the evaluation of the proposed routes and the formulation of an implementation strategy. This strategy provides a clear comparison among the routes to determine which routes should take priority for targeted monetary resources. The framework, outlined below, focuses on identifying the basic characteristics of each route, how well it meets the goals of the community, what challenges may be faced during construction, and preliminary cost estimates. The implementation strategy also covers high-level policy recommendations that should be further investigated but offer potential to improve the connectivity of Fairfield and promote the safety and well-being of users. Lastly, the strategy covers some of the primary funding sources that will be crucial to implementing this plan. These facilities cannot be locally funded in their entirety; smaller efforts such as filling in sidewalk gaps may be funded through purely local sources, but trails and more comprehensive routes will require outside resources that need to be procured.

Implementation Framework Characteristics:

Facility Types:

Defines which facilities are used to complete the route. Multiple facility types may be required while other routes may only use one type. This information was very important in evaluating costs for each route.

Description:

A brief description of the route that explains the areas which it connects and why the route is critical to the plan.

Goals Met:

This category states which goals of the plan have been achieved. If a route is meeting multiple goals of the plan, it will likely increase its priority ranking.

Contributing Factors to Implementation:

This category recognizes aspects of the route that are facilitating the implementation of the route. An example could be a wide right-of-way, which provides space to build the facility, or a relatively flat road that will make construction easier.

Barriers to Implementation:

There will be limitations and issues faced during the implementation of this plan. This category identifies what issues may exist today such as elevation changes, limited right-of-way, and utility pole locations. An honest assessment of each route will need to be conducted in order to accurately represent the feasibility and priority level for each.

Preliminary Cost Estimate:

Based on the understanding that had been developed for each route, a range of costs for the construction of each route has been provided. Each one of the routes will need further detailed studies and refined cost estimates. However, this is a starting point which should assist city leadership and staff to understand the overall magnitude of such an investment and better prepare them to pursue outside funding assistance.

Priority Level:

Based on feedback and evaluation of the various characteristics for each route, a recommendation for the priority of each route has been developed. This priority will provide general guidance on when the city should construct that route.



Great Miami River Trail in Waterworks Park.

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Note- the cost estimates included in this framework table are an engineer’s construction estimate. They include a 20% contingency and a 15% inflation adjustment as implementation will occur over a long time span.

ROUTE	FACILITY TYPES	DESCRIPTION	GOALS MET	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO IMPLEMENTATION	BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION	PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE	PRIORITY
RIVER ROAD WEST	Multi-Use Path	Connects Town Center to Great Miami River Trail in both Waterworks Park and Marsh Park	» Connect to Major Destinations » Connect to Town Center » Connect to Existing Trail » Connect to Parks	» Existing green-strip within right-of-way provides room for multi-use path	» Intersection at River Road and Groh Lane » Areas along route without green strip	\$397,000	HIGH
RIVER ROAD NORTH	Sidewalk	Connects neighborhoods to West Elementary, Town Center, and Joyce Park	» Connect to Major Destinations » Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Town Center » Connect to Parks	» Flat area for the route » Much of it is existing sidewalk	» Creek crossing at Pleasant Run between the Fairfield Youth Playfields and the Hamilton South Water Plant will be challenging	\$438,000	LOW
GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION	Multi-Use Path	An extension of the regional trail south to Hamilton County	» Connect to Existing Trails » Improve Public Health » Connect to Parks	» Much of the route is on public property » Mostly flat area for the route » Regional support to complete Great Miami River Trail	» Coordination with GMRT network. » Marsh Park has challenges with ponds and wetlands	\$3,721,000	HIGH
HARBIN PARK	Multi-Use Path Shared Road	Connects Harbin Park to Marsh Park and Pleasant Avenue	» Connect to Parks » Improve Public Health	» Well field site is flat and largely undeveloped » Shared road segments are easy to implement	» Topography in Harbin Park is steep	\$1,715,000	MEDIUM
HARBIN PARK TO TOWN CENTER	Shared Road Multi-Use Path	Connects Harbin Park to Village Green	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Town Center » Connect to Parks	» Flat area for the route » Shared road is low investment » Multi-use path located on city owned parcels	» Community support	\$115,000	MEDIUM
NILLES / WESSEL	Multi-Use Path	Connects Town Center area to Creekside Park, Creekside Middle School and Dixie Highway	» Connect to Town Center » Connect to Major Destinations » Connect to Parks	» Flat along most of route » Existing segments of multi-use paths	» Bridge is required over Pleasant Run Creek to connect to Creekside Park from trail behind YMCA	\$989,000	MEDIUM
PLEASANT AVENUE SOUTH	Multi-Use Path	Connects neighborhoods and other routes to Town Center	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Town Center	» Widespread community support for this critical connection	» Slopes adjacent to road » Property acquisition or easements needed » Possible need for retaining walls	\$3,991,000	HIGH

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ROUTE	FACILITY TYPES INCLUDED	DESCRIPTION	GOALS MET	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS	BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION	PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE	PRIORITY
PLEASANT AVENUE NORTH	Multi-Use Path	Connects Town Center to neighborhoods to the north and City of Hamilton	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Town Center	» Flat area for the route » Existing sidewalk in interim	» Property ownership » Pleasant Run Creek crossing » Utility poles » High number of driveways	\$962,000	LOW
SYMMES ROAD	Sidewalk	Connects Dixie Highway to northern neighborhoods	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Major Destinations	» Flat area for the route » Filling in gaps of sidewalk network	» Utility poles » Numerous driveways	\$664,000	MEDIUM
CREEKSIDE PARK	Shared Road Multi-Use Path	Connects from Creekside Park through neighborhoods to Pleasant Avenue	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Parks	» Shared road primarily » Multi-use path located on publicly owned property	» Creek crossing will be challenging	\$593,000	LOW
RESOR ROAD WEST	Sidewalk	Connects neighborhoods to Pleasant Avenue	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Parks	» Strong community support	» Slopes adjacent to road » Meeting driveway elevations » Right-of-way is limited	\$472,000	MEDIUM
HUFFMAN PARK	Shared Road	Connects neighborhoods with Pleasant Avenue, Resor Road, Huffman Park and the aquatic center	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Parks	» Shared road on wide street (Augusta Boulevard)	» Connection on John Gray to Huffman Park	\$775,000	LOW
WINTON ROAD	Sidewalk	Connects neighborhoods to Creekside Middle School, Dixie Highway, Huffman Park and other routes	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Major Destinations » Connect to Parks	» Filling in gaps of existing sidewalk » Mostly wide right-of-way	» Slopes adjacent to road » Utility poles	\$2,049,000	MEDIUM
RESOR ROAD EAST	Shared Road	Provides bicycle connection from east side to west side of the city	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Parks	» Shared lane easier to implement » Strong community support	» Resor Road traffic	\$44,000	MEDIUM

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ROUTE	FACILITY TYPES INCLUDED	DESCRIPTION	GOALS MET	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS	BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION	PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE	PRIORITY
SOUTH GILMORE ROAD	Sidewalk	Provides sidewalk connections between Route 4, neighborhoods, and major employers like Mercy Health	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Major Destinations	» Filling in gaps in largely complete sidewalk network	» Slopes adjacent to road » Utility poles	\$649,000	MEDIUM
SOUTHEAST ROUTE	Sidewalk Shared Road	Promotes walkability in southeast portion of city	» Connect Neighborhoods » Connect to Major Destinations » Connect to Parks	» Filling in gaps in largely complete sidewalk network » Strong community support	» Connections from this area to the major corridors around it	\$637,000	MEDIUM
MIAMI TO MIAMI TRAIL	Multi-Use Path	Fairfield’s segment of the Miami to Miami Trail connecting the Fairfield-Hamilton border to Gilmore Ponds Preserve Metropark	» Improve Public Health » Connect to Existing Trails	» Publicly owned right-of-way » Regional support to complete Miami to Miami trail	» Strong competition for regional funding	\$892,000	MEDIUM
DIXIE HIGHWAY NORTH	Sidewalk	Completing the sidewalk network on Dixie Highway north of Gilmore Road. Connecting schools with surrounding area	» Connect to Major Destinations » Connect Neighborhoods	» Support and desire from Fairfield City School District » Wide right-of-way » Largely complete sidewalk network » Strong community support	» Property ownership » Access management » Zoning code not conducive to sidewalk construction	\$4,074,000	HIGH
DIXIE HIGHWAY SOUTH	Sidewalk	Developing a sidewalk network south of Gilmore Road on Dixie Highway	» Connect to Major Destinations	» Wide right-of-way » Strong community support » Support from schools to improve walking conditions for students	» Frequent driveway/parking access points » Willing property owners » Zoning code not conducive to sidewalk construction » Open ditches vs. enclosed sewer system	\$3,079,000	HIGH
SEWARD ROAD NORTH	Multi-Use Path	Multi-Use path connecting Miller’s Run subdivision to Miami to Miami Trail	» Connect to Existing Trail » Connect Neighborhoods	» Wide right-of-way » Easy, direct connection to major existing trail	» Likely dependent on development on sites adjacent to Seward Road.	\$170,000	MEDIUM
SEWARD ROAD SOUTH	Bike Lane	Bike lanes along Seward Road providing connections to employment opportunities	» Connect to Major Destinations	» Room for bike lanes on existing road. » Support for improved connectivity to local employers	» Minimal barriers	\$141,000	LOW

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Policy Recommendations

Create a Complete List of Necessary Facilities:

This document is a comprehensive overview of all sidewalks, multi-use paths, and bike lanes within the city, but it is not exhaustive. It is recommended that city staff identify and maintain a complete list of all active transportation facilities that the city would pursue building itself or require to be built by a developer. This complete list shall be approved with this plan and detailed in the city's GIS System. Future updates to this list should be reviewed in tandem with the periodic review of the comprehensive plan.

Define Responsibility of Maintenance:

The city has existing law requiring that property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of public sidewalk upon their property. It is recommended that the city revise and clarify ordinances related to sidewalk maintenance and repair responsibility (and other related ordinances) to include asphalt multi-use paths, concrete multi-use paths, and wide sidewalks. The repair, paving, and replacement of multi-use trails will generally be the responsibility of the city while sidewalks (including wide sidewalks) will generally be the responsibility of the property owner. Repaving of asphalt multi-use trails will be the responsibility of the city, while routine day-to-day maintenance (general upkeep) for all paved paths, regardless of width or material, will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Revise Ordinances Relating to New Development:

It is recommended that the city revise and clarify ordinances related to the requirement of constructing new sidewalk for public use along public streets to include provisions for constructing multi-use trails and/or sidewalks consistent with this plan. This may not be limited to just new public streets, but potentially could include public or private sidewalk/trail connections constructed as part of new development and redevelopment. New development should also

be encouraged to connect private sidewalk to public paths to increase opportunities for healthy activities.

Fairfield codified ordinances currently require sidewalks be installed along public roads in most areas of the city. There are, however, several areas specifically exempted from these requirements. These existing sidewalk exceptions should be reviewed. At a minimum, the exemptions for State Route 4, Symmes Road, Holden Boulevard, and North Gilmore Road should be removed from Fairfield Codified Ordinance 1184.01.

Establish a Fee:

The city should consider a mechanism to impose a fee associated with new development under certain circumstances, such as in an area where the paved path should be constructed at a later date as a more comprehensive project. The city should establish a fee based on the length and type of required paved path to be paid to an Active Transportation Fund.

Establish Standard Construction Practices:

The Fairfield Connects Plan recommends the zoning code and all ordinances be reviewed to ensure that the widths, pavement thicknesses, and material types are consistent throughout the city. The minimum width for sidewalks will be 5 feet, but will be wider if adjacent to curb, walls, etc. The minimum width will be 10 feet for the Great Miami River Trail (the multi-use trail from Fairfield to Piqua) and the Miami to Miami Trail (the multi-use trail connecting the Little Miami Scenic Trail to the Great Miami River Trail). Other multi-use trails may be 8 to 10 feet in width but will be subject to staff recommendations as each route will have unique conditions.

Work with Local Schools, Neighboring Jurisdictions, and Other Organizations:

The city should work with local public and private schools to provide safe connections to schools. Bus stops for Fairfield City Schools will be considered

when connecting to neighborhoods. Funding through the Safe Routes to Schools program will be investigated by the city for eligible projects.

The city will work with neighboring jurisdictions to promote regional connectivity whenever possible. Effort should be made to coordinate funding applications, to create inter-jurisdictional connections, and to ensure that Fairfield and the surrounding jurisdictions are working cooperatively toward a common goal. By working with Tri-State Trails, MetroParks of Butler County, and the adjacent cities and townships, the city will be able to make use of pooled resources and shared values.

Develop Bicycle Friendly Policies and Regulations:

The Fairfield Connects Plan recommends that the city review existing ordinances pertaining to bicycle riding on streets, sidewalks, and multi-use paths to ensure that city regulations encourage the public to be more active and to consider biking as a safe and viable transportation opportunity.

The city should develop practices to utilize both public and private opportunities to fund and encourage pedestrian and bicycle activity. This may include providing bike racks, benches, wayfinding, etc.

Create a Trail Priority Policy:

The priority of funding routes for construction will depend on a multitude of factors, including, but not limited to, the prioritization matrix included in the Fairfield Connects Plan. The regional trails (Great Miami River Trail and the Miami to Miami Trail) will likely be given higher priority based on availability of more outside funding opportunities and a greater number of anticipated initial users. Major internal routes such as River Road West and Pleasant Avenue South (for example) may be constructed (in whole or in part) if other development projects, construction

projects, or funding priorities are introduced.

Seize Funding Opportunities:

It is recommended that City staff utilize all practical outside funding options to assist in the construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths shown in the Fairfield Connects Plan. Primary outside funding options include Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Ohio Public Works Commission grants (OPWC), Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments funding (OKI), Ohio Department of Transportation funding (ODOT), and Ohio Department of Natural Resources funding (ODNR). The grants and funding from these organizations generally require a substantial local match, typically at least 20 percent of the project cost. Projects may also be funded in conjunction with large roadway projects involving multiple modes of transportation.

Create Active Transportation Fund:

In order for the city to fund the required matches for projects or the entire cost of routes that may not be eligible for outside assistance, the city should create an Active Transportation Fund within the annual operating budget so that project resources can accumulate over time. In addition to annual appropriations, the city should consider opportunities for allocating other revenues such as development fees and charitable contributions in order to achieve specific project goals.

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Funding Strategy

The city should pursue a capital improvement program that seeks to implement these recommended routes according to the priorities established in the plan and/or in coordination with other public infrastructure upgrades planned within these right-of-way corridors. Including these improvements as part of larger roadway, bridge or public utility infrastructure projects may allow for reduced construction costs through economies of scale, increased opportunities for outside grant funding and improved coordination of all project elements. Where feasible, it is recommended to implement the planned improvements as part of these larger capital improvements. Planning projects to avoid the need for additional right-of-way is recommended to simplify the coordination effort, reduce costs, and reduce the schedule for completion of construction. It is recommended that the city consider the following grant funded sources in addition to private foundation grants and local street, bridge, water, sewer and stormwater funds in the planning of these improvements.

Primary Funding Sources:

Transportation Alternatives (TA):

- Agency: Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
- Approximate grant limit: \$750,000 per project
- Funding participation: Grant available for up to 80% of preliminary engineering right-of-way, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, construction and construction engineering phases with higher points awarded for increased local match. Design phases are recommended to be 100% local
- Requirements or recommendations: Applications are due annually in June with construction funding planned for 4 years in advance.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG):

- Agency: Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
- Approximate grant limit: \$6,000,000 per project
- Funding participation: Grant available for up to 80% of preliminary engineering right-of-way, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, construction and construction engineering phases with higher points awarded for increased local match. Design phases are recommended to be 100% local.
- Requirements or recommendations: Applications are due annually in June with construction funding planned for 4 years in advance. Improvements on roadways or right of way corridors are only eligible if on functionally classified network.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP):

- Agency: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Approximate grant limit: \$3,000,000 per project
- Funding participation: Grant available for up to 90% of all phases of the project. In 2020, funding grant limits were increased to 100% of all phases.
- Requirements or recommendations: Completed safety study or evaluation of the infrastructure gap analysis similar to that completed in this study. As a result of bike/ped crash rates increasing faster than vehicular crashes in the state, increased emphasis has been placed on bicycle and pedestrian improvements that can be implemented quickly despite low project evaluation scores in applications.

Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF):

- Agency: Ohio Department of Natural

Resources (ODNR)

- Approximate grant limit: \$500,000 per project
- Funding participation: Grant available for up to 75% of all phases of the project.
- Requirements or recommendations: Program is intended for trails outside of roadway right of way that link population centers with outdoor recreation areas, preserve natural corridors, or create links in urban areas to commuter access & has economic benefits. Projects must be complete within 15 months.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS):

- Agency: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Approximate grant limit: \$400,000 per project
- Funding participation: Grant available for up to 100% of all phases of the project.
- Requirements or recommendations: Infrastructure improvements must be within 2 miles of a K-8 school with an approved SRTS Travel Plan. The completion of the plan may be solicited from ODOT for free to the local districts as well.

Other Funding Sources:

Recreational Trails Program (RTP):

- Agency: Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Requirements or recommendations: Grant available for up to 80% of all phases of the project costs with awards capped at \$150,000 per project. Project must be complete within 15 months.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ):

- Agency: Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
- Requirements or recommendations: Applications are due bi-annually in June with

construction funding planned for 4 years in advance. Projects should contribute to the reduction of vehicular emissions by reducing idle time or removing vehicular trips by increasing active transportation options.

Municipal Bridge Program:

- Agency: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Requirements or recommendations: May be appropriate source to address challenging stream, railroad or street crossing locations in which the existing bridge is a bottleneck for bike/pedestrian infrastructure and is in need of structural repairs.

State Capital Improvement Program (STIP) / Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP):

- Agency: Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 10
- Requirements or recommendations: Program is not eligible for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure only projects. Could be used as local match for funding sources above that make improvements to roadway, bridge or utility infrastructure along the same corridor. Both grant and long-term, low-interest loans options are available.

Urban Paving Program:

- Agency: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Requirements or recommendations: Funding for surface course pavement improvements and pavement markings on locally-maintained state routes that may allow for the reallocation of the existing pavement width to accommodate bicycle facilities or enhance pedestrian crosswalks.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FAIRFIELD
CONNECTS-CITYWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS
PART OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD, OHIO COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Fairfield Connects-Citywide Active Transportation Plan, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, is hereby approved and adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Fairfield, Ohio.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed	_____	_____
		Mayor's Approval
Posted	_____	
First Reading	_____	Rules Suspended _____
Second Reading	_____	
Third Reading	_____	

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Ordinance has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

Clerk of Council

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DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: Mayor Miller and City Councilmembers
From: Scott Lepsky, Planning Commission Chairman
Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation
Date: 10/14/2020

Please be advised that at the Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 in favor of recommending approval of the Fairfield Connectivity Plan.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Lepsky".

Scott Lepsky, Chairman
Fairfield Planning Commission

cc: Mark Wendling, City Manager
Alisha Wilson, Clerk of Council
Steve Wolterman, Assistant Law Director



City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: Adam Sackenheim,
 Submitting Department: Public Utilities

Subject:

Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees

Legislation Title:

Ordinance to amend subsection 921.03(g), Expansion and Water Tap Fees, section 921.08, Water Rates, and subsections 925.05(e)(2) Sewer Expansion Fees and 925.08(b)(1) Sewer User Rates of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize an amendment of the rates charged for water expansion and water service under Chapter 921.08 (appendices A to E) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, as well as an amendment of the rates charged for sewer expansion and sewer service under Chapter 925.05(e), and Chapter 925.08(b) and Tables A to D of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio.

Background/Synopsis:

Current water and sewer rates were established in 2017, and extend through 2020.

In the summer of 2020, City staff worked with financial consultants from Stantec to develop a comprehensive financial plan and prepare recommended utility rate adjustments for years 2021 through 2025. Findings and rate recommendations from this work were presented to City Council on 9/14/2020, and Stantec's final technical report is attached here for review.

The recommended water and sewer rate increases will assure long-term financial stability for the Public Utilities Department and provide revenue for critical infrastructure maintenance, while at the same time keeping rates stable and extremely competitive relative to other municipal utility operators in Southwest Ohio.

The recommended rate increases include increases to both user fees and infrastructure surcharge fees (see attached). City staff also recommends elimination of the existing 'multi-family' water rate schedule and conversion of this user classification to the standard residential / commercial schedule for consistency and equity. City staff also recommends an adjustment to both the water and sewer expansion fees.

The table below summarizes the proposed water and sewer user fee and infrastructure surcharge fee changes, as well as the impact of the changes on the average Fairfield utility customer:

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Water Rate Increase**	-	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Water Infrastructure fee Increase (per kgal)	-	\$0.05	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.05
Sewer Rate Increase	-	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	3.00%
Sewer Infrastructure fee Increase (per kgal)	-	\$0.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$0.00
Avg. Monthly Residential Bill (5,000 gal)	\$52.53	\$54.17	\$55.82	\$57.50	\$59.24	\$61.19
\$ Change	-	\$1.64	\$1.65	\$1.68	\$1.74	\$1.95
% Change	-	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%

The table below summarizes proposed expansion fee changes for new customers connecting to the City of Fairfield utility system:

Water				
Meter Size	Current Equivalency Factors	Current Expansion Fees	Calculated Expansion Fees - Current Equivalency Factors	\$ Difference
5/8"	1.00	\$ 800	\$ 1,530	\$ 730
3/4"	1.00	\$ 800	\$ 1,530	\$ 730
1"	1.40	\$ 1,120	\$ 2,142	\$ 1,022
1.5"	2.00	\$ 1,596	\$ 3,052	\$ 1,456
2"	2.90	\$ 2,320	\$ 4,437	\$ 2,117
3"	11.00	\$ 8,800	\$ 16,830	\$ 8,030
4"	14.00	\$ 11,200	\$ 21,420	\$ 10,220
5"	21.00	\$ 16,800	\$ 32,130	\$ 15,330
6"	29.00	\$ 23,200	\$ 44,370	\$ 21,170

Sewer				
Meter Size	Current Equivalency Factors	Current Expansion Fees	Calculated Expansion Fees - Current Equivalency Factors	\$ Difference
5/8"	1.00	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,200	\$ 510
3/4"	1.00	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,200	\$ 510
1"	1.40	\$ 2,366	\$ 3,080	\$ 714
1.5"	1.80	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,960	\$ 918
2"	2.90	\$ 4,901	\$ 6,380	\$ 1,479
3"	11.00	\$ 18,590	\$ 24,200	\$ 5,610
4"	14.00	\$ 23,660	\$ 30,800	\$ 7,140
5"	21.00	\$ 35,490	\$ 46,200	\$ 10,710
6"	29.00	\$ 49,010	\$ 63,800	\$ 14,790

Financial Impact:

The financial impact of these recommended adjustments will be the assurance of continued

financial stability and transparency for the Public Utilities Department – so that the Department can continue to fulfill its mission by:

- Protecting public health;
- Protecting public safety; and
- Protecting the environment.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

Not applicable.

Rule Suspension Requested:

No

Emergency Provision Needed:

No

Attachments:

1. 2021-2025 Water expansion fees and rates
2. 2021-2025 Sewer expansion fees and rates
3. Water and Sewer Rates-Ord
4. Exhibit A

Appendix A

Water Expansion Fee Rates:

Meter Size	Current Equivalency Factors	Current Expansion Fees	Calculated Expansion Fees	Source of Supply/Treatment	Distribution/Transmission
5/8"	1.00	\$ 800	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,100	\$ 430
3/4"	1.00	\$ 800	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,100	\$ 430
1"	1.40	\$ 1,120	\$ 2,142	\$ 1,540	\$ 602
1.5"	2.00	\$ 1,596	\$ 3,052	\$ 2,195	\$ 858
2"	2.90	\$ 2,320	\$ 4,437	\$ 3,190	\$ 1,247
3"	11.00	\$ 8,800	\$ 16,830	\$ 12,100	\$ 4,730
4"	14.00	\$ 11,200	\$ 21,420	\$ 15,400	\$ 6,020
5"	21.00	\$ 16,800	\$ 32,130	\$ 23,100	\$ 9,030
6"	29.00	\$ 23,200	\$ 44,370	\$ 31,900	\$ 12,470

Appendices B through F:

Water Rates:

Effective 1/1/2021

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$14.76
1	6,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$29.52
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$49.20
2	20,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$98.40
3	45,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$221.40
4	80,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$393.60
6	180,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$885.60
8	240,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$1,180.80

Effective 1/1/2022

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$15.51
1	6,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$31.02
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$51.70
2	20,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$103.40
3	45,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$232.65
4	80,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$413.60
6	180,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$930.60
8	240,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$1,240.80

Effective 1/1/2023

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$16.29
1	6,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$32.58
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$54.30
2	20,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$108.60
3	45,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$244.35
4	80,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$434.40
6	180,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$977.40
8	240,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$1,303.20

Effective 1/1/2024

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$16.80
1	6,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$33.60
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$56.00
2	20,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$112.00
3	45,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$252.00
4	80,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$448.00
6	180,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$1,008.00
8	240,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$1,344.00

Effective 1/1/2025

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$17.46
1	6,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$34.92
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$58.20
2	20,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$116.40
3	45,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$261.90
4	80,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$465.60
6	180,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$1,047.60
8	240,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$1,396.80

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Sewer Expansion Fee Rates:

Meter Size	Current Equivalency Factors	Current Expansion Fees	Calculated Expansion Fees	Collection/Conveyance	Treatment/ Disposal
5/8"	1.00	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,200	\$ 700	\$ 1,500
3/4"	1.00	\$ 1,690	\$ 2,200	\$ 700	\$ 1,500
1"	1.40	\$ 2,366	\$ 3,080	\$ 980	\$ 2,100
1.5"	1.80	\$ 3,042	\$ 3,960	\$ 1,260	\$ 2,700
2"	2.90	\$ 4,901	\$ 6,380	\$ 2,030	\$ 4,350
3"	11.00	\$ 18,590	\$ 24,200	\$ 7,700	\$ 16,500
4"	14.00	\$ 23,660	\$ 30,800	\$ 9,800	\$ 21,000
5"	21.00	\$ 35,490	\$ 46,200	\$ 14,700	\$ 31,500
6"	29.00	\$ 49,010	\$ 63,800	\$ 20,300	\$ 43,500

Sewer Rates

Table A:

Effective 1/1/2021

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$18.24
1	6,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$36.48
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$60.80
2	20,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$121.60
3	45,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$273.60
4	80,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$486.40
6	180,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$1,094.40
8	240,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$1,459.20

Table B:
Effective 1/1/2022

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$18.48
1	6,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$36.96
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$61.60
2	20,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$123.20
3	45,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$277.20
4	80,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$492.80
6	180,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$1,108.80
8	240,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$1,478.40

Table C:
Effective 1/1/2023

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$18.72
1	6,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$37.44
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$62.40
2	20,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$124.80
3	45,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$280.80
4	80,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$499.20
6	180,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$1,123.20
8	240,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$1,497.60

Table D:
Effective 1/1/2024

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$19.29
1	6,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$38.58
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$64.30
2	20,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$128.60
3	45,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$289.35
4	80,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$514.40
6	180,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$1,157.40
8	240,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$1,543.20

Table E:
Effective 1/1/2025

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$19.80
1	6,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$39.60
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$66.00
2	20,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$132.00
3	45,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$297.00
4	80,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$528.00
6	180,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$1,188.00
8	240,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$1,584.00

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 921.03(g),
EXPANSION AND WATER TAP FEES, SECTION 921.08,
WATER RATES, AND SUBSECTIONS 925.05(e)(2) SEWER
EXPANSION FEES AND 925.08(b)(1) SEWER USER RATES OF
ORDINANCE NO. 166-84, THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
FAIRFIELD, OHIO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Subsection 921.03(g), Expansion And Water Tap Fees, Section 921.08, Water Rates, and Subsections 925.05(e)(2), Sewer Expansion Fees and 925.08(b)(1) Sewer User Rates of Ordinance No. 166-84, The Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio are hereby amended to read as follows:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed	_____	_____
		Mayor's Approval
Posted	_____	
First Reading	_____	Rules Suspended _____
Second Reading	_____	
Third Reading	_____	

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Ordinance has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

Clerk of Council

Active Clients\City of Fairfield\Ordinances\2020\Water and Sewer Rates-Ord

Attachment: Water and Sewer Rates-Ord (1631 : Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees)

921.03 APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION.

[No changes until paragraph (g).]

(g) Expansion and Water Tap Fees. Expansion fees for properties located inside the corporate limits of the City are hereby established in accordance with Appendix A which is attached ~~[to Ordinance 53-91]~~ and incorporated herein as Appendix A. No building permit shall be issued until a water expansion fee is paid. Water expansion fees for properties located outside the corporate limits of the City shall be one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the amounts stated in Appendix A. A tap fee shall be paid at the time of application by anyone tapping into the City's water system. The tap fee is for payment of materials supplied by the City for the physical service connection at the public water main. The cost of materials shall be 1.5 times the City's cost of purchasing the material. ~~[(Ord. 84-14. Passed 9-8-14.)]~~

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Attachment: Exhibit A [Revision 1] (1631 : Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees)

921.08 WATER RATES.

Water rates and minimum charges for customers located within the corporate limits of the City are hereby established as shown in Appendices B, C, D, ~~[and]~~ E AND F which are incorporated herein by reference. Existing Appendix ~~[F]~~ E water rates shall remain in effect until ~~[April 1, 2017]~~ JANUARY 1, 2021. Water rates and minimum charges shall be calculated on a monthly basis. Water customers located outside the corporate limits of the City shall be billed under the rates established in Appendices B, C, D, ~~[and]~~ E AND F, plus an additional fifty percent (50%) of each monthly bill. In-City residential water customers of the City of Fairfield who are provided wastewater treatment service by an entity other than the City of Fairfield shall be allowed a monthly credit against their monthly water charges so that their total water and wastewater charges are the same as those paid by in-City residential customers who use both City of Fairfield water and wastewater service, provided that such credit shall not exceed the actual amount of the customer's water charges in any month. The Finance Director is authorized and directed to calculate and apply the credit as described herein.
(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Attachment: Exhibit A [Revision 1] (1631 : Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees)

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APPENDIX A
Water Expansion Fee Rates

Water Meter Size	Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	Water * Expansion Fee
5/8"	1.0	\$ 800
1"	1.4	1,120
1-1/2"	1.8	-1,596
2"	2.9	-2,320
3"	11.0	-8,800
4"	14.0	11,200
5"	21.0	16,800
6"	29.0	23,200

Water Meter Size	Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	Treatment Plant	Distribution System	Total Water* Expansion Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	1.0	\$1,100	\$430	\$1,530
1"	1.4	\$1,540	\$602	\$2,142
1.5"	1.8	\$2,195	\$858	\$3,052
2"	2.9	\$3,190	\$1,247	\$4,437
3"	11.0	\$12,100	\$4,730	\$16,830
4"	14.0	\$15,400	\$6,020	\$21,420
5"	21.0	\$23,100	\$9,030	\$32,130
6"	29.0	\$31,900	\$12,470	\$44,370

* For irrigation, process water, fire suppression systems and other non-sanitary sewer disposal uses, expansion fee shall be as follows:

Service Size	Water Expansion Fee
3/4-1"	\$ 625.00
1-1/2-4"	1,000.00
Above 4"	1,250.00

[(Ord. 53-91. Passed 5-3-91.)]

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Attachment: Exhibit A [Revision 1] (1631 : Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees)

APPENDIX B WATER RATES

Effective [April 1, 2017—Residential] JANUARY 1, 2021

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$11.05
1	6,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$22.10
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$36.83
2	20,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$73.66
3	45,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$165.74
4	80,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$294.64
6	180,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$662.94
8	240,000 @ \$3.33	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$883.92

Effective April 1, 2017—Multi-Family

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	1,000 Gallons Used	Minimum Charge
3/4	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$15.21
1	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$25.30
1-1/2	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$38.76
2	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$72.40
3	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$156.50
4	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$274.24
6	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$610.64
8	\$5.12	\$0.35	\$3.01	\$812.48

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$14.76
1	6,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$29.52
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$49.20
2	20,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$98.40
3	45,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$221.40
4	80,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$393.60

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6	180,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$885.60
8	240,000 @ \$4.42	\$0.50	\$4.00	\$1,180.80

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APPENDIX C WATER RATES

Effective [January 1, 2018—Residential] JANUARY 1, 2022

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$12.65
1	6,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$25.30
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$42.16
2	20,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$84.33
3	45,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$189.73
4	80,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$337.30
6	180,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$758.93
8	240,000 @ \$3.77	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$1,011.91

Effective January 1, 2018—Multi-Family

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	1,000 Gallons Used	Minimum Charge
3/4	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$17.35
1	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$28.91
1-1/2	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$44.34
2	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$82.90
3	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$179.29
4	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$314.25
6	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$699.83
8	\$5.78	\$0.45	\$3.41	\$931.18

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Minimum Gallons	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$15.51
1	6,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$31.02
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$51.70
2	20,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$103.40
3	45,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$232.65
4	80,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$413.60

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6	180,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$930.60
8	240,000 @ \$4.57	\$0.60	\$4.14	\$1,240.80

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APPENDIX D WATER RATES

Effective [~~January 1, 2019~~—Residential] JANUARY 1, 2023

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$13.44
1	6,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$26.88
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$44.80
2	20,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$89.60
3	45,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$201.60
4	80,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$358.39
6	180,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$806.39
8	240,000 @ \$4.03	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$1,075.18

Effective January 1, 2019—Multi-Family—

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	1,000 Gallons Used	Minimum Charge
3/4	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$18.47
1	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$30.75
1-1/2	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$47.13
2	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$88.07
3	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$190.42
4	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$333.72
6	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$743.15
8	\$6.18	\$0.45	\$3.64	\$988.80

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$16.29
1	6,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$32.58
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$54.30
2	20,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$108.60
3	45,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$244.35

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4	80,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$434.40
6	180,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$977.40
8	240,000 @ \$4.73	\$0.70	\$4.28	\$1,303.20

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APPENDIX E WATER RATES

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Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$14.17
1	6,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$28.33
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$47.22
2	20,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$94.43
3	45,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$212.48
4	80,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$377.74
6	180,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$849.91
8	240,000 @ \$4.27	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$1,133.21

Effective January 1, 2020 — Multi-Family

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	1,000 Gallons Used	Minimum Charge
3/4	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$19.49
1	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$32.43
1-1/2	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$49.68
2	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$92.81
3	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$200.64
4	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$351.59
6	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$782.87
8	\$6.56	\$0.45	\$3.86	\$1,041.65

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$16.80
1	6,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$33.60
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$56.00
2	20,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$112.00
3	45,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$252.00

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4	80,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$448.00
6	180,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$1,008.00
8	240,000 @ \$4.90	\$0.70	\$4.43	\$1,344.00

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**APPENDIX F
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Gallons @ Rate Per 1,000

(Effective [January 1, 2016] JANUARY 1, 2025)

[Residential/Commercial Rates]

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$9.69
1	6,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$19.38
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$32.30
2	20,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$64.60
3	45,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$145.35
4	80,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$258.40
6	180,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$581.40
8	240,000 @ \$3.03	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$775.20

Multi-Family Rates

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	1,000 Gallons Used	Minimum Charge
3/4	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$9.69
1	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$19.38
1-1/2	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$32.30
2	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$64.60
3	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$145.35
4	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$258.40
6	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$581.40
8	\$4.65	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$2.74	\$775.20

(Ord. 125-11. Passed 12-12-11.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Minimum Gallons	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$17.46
1	6,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$34.92
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$58.20
2	20,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$116.40

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3	45,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$261.90
4	80,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$465.60
6	180,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$1,047.60
8	240,000 @ \$5.07	\$0.75	\$4.59	\$1,396.80

925.05 CONNECTION TO PUBLIC SEWERS.*[No changes until paragraph (e).]***(e) Building Permit Required and Sewer Expansion Fee.**

- (1) No sewer service shall be constructed to connect with a public sewer nor shall any connection be made to a public sewer within the City until the building permit from the Building Inspection Division has been obtained by the person, firm or corporation employed to perform the work. An application for a permit shall be signed by the owner, agent or lessee of the property for which the connection is to be made and by the person, firm or corporation employed to perform the work, and shall describe the property and state the number of fixtures to be connected.
- (2) No building permit shall be issued until a sewer expansion fee is paid. The sewer expansion fee is to be charged according to the following schedule:

Water Meter Size	Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	Treatment Plant	Sewer Expansion Fee	
			Collection System	Total Sewer Exp. Fee
5/8"	1.0	\$450	\$1,240	\$1,690
1"	1.4	630	1,736	2,366
1 1/2"	1.8	810	2,232	3,042
2"	2.9	1,305	3,596	4,901
3"	11.0	4,950	13,640	18,590
4"	14.0	6,300	17,360	23,660
5"	21.0	9,450	26,040	35,490
6"	29.0	13,050	35,960	49,010

Water Meter Size	Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)	Treatment Plant	Collection System	Total Sewer Expansion Fee
5/8" and 3/4"	1.0	\$1,500	\$700	\$2,200
1"	1.4	\$2,100	\$980	\$3,080
1.5"	1.8	\$2,700	\$1,260	\$3,960
2"	2.9	\$4,350	\$2,030	\$6,380
3"	11.0	\$16,500	\$7,700	\$24,200
4"	14.0	\$21,000	\$9,800	\$30,800
5"	21.0	\$31,500	\$14,700	\$46,200
6"	29.0	\$43,500	\$20,300	\$63,800

*[No further changes to this section.]***EXHIBIT "A"**

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925.08 USER CHARGE ESTABLISHED.*[No changes until paragraph (b)(1).]***(b) User Charge Rate Structure.**

(1) The sewer rates for all users of sewer service provided by the City within the corporate limits of the City shall be as shown in the Attached Tables A through ~~[D]~~ E, inclusive, which are incorporated herein by reference and which shall be effective upon the dates stated therein. The existing sewer rates **AS SHOWN IN EXISTING TABLE D EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020** shall remain in effect until ~~[April 1, 2017]~~ **JANUARY 1, 2021.**

~~[(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)]~~*[No further changes to this section.]*

Attachment: Exhibit A [Revision 1] (1631 : Ordinance to update water and sewer rates and utility expansion fees)

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**TABLE A
SEWER RATES**

Effective [~~April 1, 2017~~] **JANUARY 1, 2021**

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$15.31
1	6,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$30.62
1 1/2	10,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$51.03
2	20,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$102.06
3	45,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$229.63
4	80,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$408.22
6	180,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$918.50
8	240,000 @ \$4.75	\$0.35	\$4.75	\$1,224.67

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$18.24
1	6,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$36.48
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$60.80
2	20,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$121.60
3	45,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$273.60
4	80,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$486.40
6	180,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$1,094.40
8	240,000 @ \$5.58	\$0.50	\$5.58	\$1,459.20

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**TABLE B
SEWER RATES**

Effective [January 1, 2018] JANUARY 1, 2022

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$16.32
1	6,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$32.64
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$54.40
2	20,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$108.81
3	45,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$244.82
4	80,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$435.24
6	180,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$979.28
8	240,000 @ \$4.99	\$0.45	\$4.99	\$1,305.71

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$18.48
1	6,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$36.96
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$61.60
2	20,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$123.20
3	45,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$277.20
4	80,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$492.80
6	180,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$1,108.80
8	240,000 @ \$5.66	\$0.50	\$5.66	\$1,478.40

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**TABLE C
SEWER RATES**

Effective [~~January 1, 2019~~] **JANUARY 1, 2023**

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$17.07
1	6,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$34.14
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$56.90
2	20,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$113.80
3	45,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$256.05
4	80,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$455.20
6	180,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$1,024.19
8	240,000 @ \$5.24	\$0.45	\$5.24	\$1,365.59

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$18.72
1	6,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$37.44
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$62.40
2	20,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$124.80
3	45,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$280.80
4	80,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$499.20
6	180,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$1,123.20
8	240,000 @ \$5.74	\$0.50	\$5.74	\$1,497.60

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**TABLE D
SEWER RATES**

Effective [~~January 1, 2020~~] JANUARY 1, 2024

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$17.86
1	6,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$35.71
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$59.52
2	20,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$119.04
3	45,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$267.84
4	80,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$476.16
6	180,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$1,071.35
8	240,000 @ \$5.50	\$0.45	\$5.50	\$1,428.47

(Ord. 9-17. Passed 2-27-17.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$19.29
1	6,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$38.58
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$64.30
2	20,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$128.60
3	45,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$289.35
4	80,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$514.40
6	180,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$1,157.40
8	240,000 @ \$5.83	\$0.60	\$5.83	\$1,543.20

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TABLE E
SEWER RATES
SANITARY SEWER RATES
Gallons @ Rate Per 1,000

(Effective [~~January 1, 2016~~] JANUARY 1, 2025)

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Gallons Minimum	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$14.31
1	6,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$28.62
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$47.70
2	20,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$95.40
3	45,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$214.65
4	80,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$318.60
6	180,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$858.60
8	240,000 @ \$4.57	1,000 @ \$0.20	\$4.57	\$1,144.80

(Ord. 125-11. Passed 12-12-11.)

Meter Size (Inches)	Monthly Minimum Gallons	Monthly Gallons Surcharge	Over Minimum	Monthly Minimum Charge
3/4	3,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$19.80
1	6,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$39.60
1-1/2	10,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$66.00
2	20,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$132.00
3	45,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$297.00
4	80,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$528.00
6	180,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$1,188.00
8	240,000 @ \$6.00	\$0.60	\$6.00	\$1,584.00

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City Council Resolution
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: John Clemmons,
 Submitting Department: Legal

Subject:

Resolution opposing passage of Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 by the Ohio General Assembly.

Legislation Title:

A Resolution opposing the Ohio General Assembly's passage of Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 which would modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules for COVID-19 related work-from-home employees resulting in the substantial loss of revenue to cities and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council adopt a resolution with rules suspension and the emergency clause so that the resolution will take effect immediately and the opposition of the City to this legislation can be expressed as soon as possible.

Background/Synopsis:

The Ohio legislature has recognized the importance of this issue by enacting H.B. 197 Section 29 to preserve existing withholding rules during the pendency of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This legislation to modify the withholding rules at this time while the pandemic emergency is ongoing is inappropriate and devastating to local municipal governments.

If passed, Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 would repeal section 29 of H.B. 197 and cause taxes to be withheld based on where employees have been remotely working, which would reduce income tax revenue to the City of Fairfield. Making such a change would be exceedingly disruptive for cities, forcing income tax departments and agencies, as well as employers, to retroactively recalculate payrolls and withholdings, and in some instances causing employees to owe more in local income taxes.

Financial Impact:

The modification of employer municipal income tax withholding rules for COVID-19 work from home would be financially devastating to the City of Fairfield and many other local municipalities.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

So that the resolution will take effect immediately and the opposition of the City to this legislation can be expressed as soon as possible.

Rule Suspension Requested:

Yes

Emergency Provision Needed:

Yes

Attachments:

1. Opposition of SB 352-Res

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 352 AND HOUSE BILL 754 WHICH WOULD MODIFY MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING RULES FOR COVID-19 RELATED WORK-FROM-HOME EMPLOYEES RESULTING IN THE SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF REVENUE TO CITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic which caused many businesses in Ohio to shift to work-from-home arrangements where possible to preserve public health and to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Ohio tax law, and the codified ordinances of the City of Fairfield require that employee income taxes be withheld by companies based on the physical location of their employers, with the exception that employees may work outside their normal work location for up to 20 days without causing any change to how taxes are withheld; and

WHEREAS, Section 29 of H.B. 197, the COVID-19 relief bill, requires that any day on which an employee performs personal services at a location, including the employee's home, to which the employee is required to report for employment duties because of the declaration of emergency shall be deemed a day performing personal services at the employee's principal place of work.

WHEREAS, Ohio companies are required to withhold income taxes as if their physical offices were open, and even if their employees were working from their homes. including in cities other than where the company's physical office is located; and

WHEREAS, if passed, Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 would repeal section 29 of H.B. 197 and cause taxes to be withheld based on where employees have been remotely working, which would reduce income tax revenue to the City of Fairfield; and

WHEREAS, making such a change would be exceedingly disruptive for cities, forcing income tax departments and agencies, as well as employers, to retroactively recalculate payrolls and withholdings, and in some instances causing employees to owe more in local income taxes; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, in that the loss of income tax revenue would significantly disrupt the City of Fairfield General Fund, result in a severe reduction of city services and public safety, affect quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors, and weaken communities throughout Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare its adamant opposition to Senate Bill 352 & House Bill 754 and any effort by the General Assembly to pass legislation that will modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules and result in loss of revenue for the City of Fairfield, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The City Council urges the State's legislators to reject Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754, and any amendments to pending bills, and opposes the passage of legislation that will result in the reduction of municipal income tax revenue to municipalities.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine and all members of the Ohio General Assembly.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the urgent benefit and protection of the City and its inhabitants for the reason that the concerns of the City be expressed as soon as possible during the deliberations of the Ohio legislature regarding SB 352 and HB 754; wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed	_____	_____
		Mayor’s Approval
Posted	_____	
First Reading	_____	Rules Suspended _____
Second Reading	_____	Emergency _____
Third Reading	_____	

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Resolution has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

Clerk of Council

Active Clients\City of Fairfield\Ordinances\2020\Opposition SB 352-Ord

Attachment: Opposition of SB 352-Res [Revision 1] (1649 : Resolution opposing passage of Senate Bill 352 and House Bill 754 by the Ohio General Assembly.)



City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: John Clemmons,
 Submitting Department: Legal

Subject:

Ordinance amending Section 163.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio relative

Legislation Title:

Ordinance to amend Section 163.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fairfield, Ohio relative to hospitalization, medical and dental care and group life insurance for full-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council adopt an ordinance with rules suspension so that the ordinance will take effect in a timely manner to allow the transition to BHP to be effective January 1, 2021.

Background/Synopsis:

The City has investigated the cost of providing health and dental benefits to its employees under its current self-insured plan and has determined that the Butler Health Plan (BHP) is a more cost effective and stable alternative to provide health and dental benefits than the current self-insured plan of the City.

Financial Impact:

It is anticipated that the City annual savings for premium and health savings account contribution costs when fully implemented will be approximately \$200,000.00 for the employees not covered by a bargaining agreement.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

N/A

Rule Suspension Requested:

Yes

Emergency Provision Needed:

No

Attachments:

1. Section 163.05-Ord
2. ExhibitA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 163.05 OF ORDINANCE NO. 166-84, THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FAIRFIELD, OHIO RELATIVE TO HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE AND GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Section 163.05 of Ordinance No. 166-84, The Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, is hereby amended to read as follows effective January 1, 2021:

See attached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein by reference.

The existing language of Section 163.05 shall remain in effect through December 31, 2020.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ Mayor's Approval

Posted _____

First Reading _____ Rules Suspended _____

Second Reading _____

Third Reading _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Ordinance has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

Clerk of Council

163.05 HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE AND GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) The City shall provide to full-time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement the hospitalization, medical, surgical and dental care plan ~~[as provided to other full-time employees of the City in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement of the City of Fairfield]~~ **OFFERED BY BUTLER HEALTH PLAN, SOUTHWEST DIVISION OF OPTIMAL HEALTH INITIATIVES ("BHP") AS SUCH PLAN WITH OPTIONS CURRENTLY EXISTS OR MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE** and the provisions of this section.

~~[(b) — An Employee/Management Health and Dental Benefits Plan Committee shall determine the level of benefits provided by the Plan. The Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members: two (2) representatives from the Local #20 I.U.O.E. bargaining unit, two (2) representatives from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #166 (one from each bargaining unit), two (2) representatives from the A.F.S.C.M.E. bargaining unit, two (2) representatives from the IAFF Local 4010 Bargaining Unit, two (2) management representatives and one (1) exempt employee appointed by the City Manager. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and it may take action or make recommendations only by a majority vote of its entire membership. The Committee shall have the authority to alter or reduce health and/or dental benefits once annually in accordance with the time requirements of the Plan Provider, the center for local government benefits cooperative, and/or the third party administrator; however, the vote to approve such changes requires a majority of the groups with each bargaining unit casting one vote and the three non-bargaining unit members casting one vote. The committee will invite all covered employees to attend an informational meeting concerning proposed changes with a number of such meetings scheduled and held (as determined appropriate by the committee) prior to voting on such changes. The Committee and the City Manager shall both have the authority to select the Plan Provider, membership in the center for local government benefits cooperative, and/or the third party administrator and to determine the appropriate levels of reinsurance for the plan, except that both the Committee and the City Manager shall have the authority to veto any change in the Plan Provider, membership in the center for local government benefits cooperative, and/or the third party administrator or the levels of reinsurance proposed by the other. The Finance Director shall provide the pertinent information in and available to his/her office to the Committee to assist them in their decisions and recommendations. Nothing in this paragraph shall restrict the Committee from offering more than one level of medical or dental coverage which may be selected by an employee based on levels of coverage and cost.]~~

~~[(e)]~~(b) Except as provided hereinafter, the City will pay **TO BHP** ~~[into the Employees Benefit Trust Fund of the City of Fairfield, Ohio,]~~ monthly an amount equal to 83% of the total monthly cost for ~~[each employee's]~~ family, single or other coverage, as applicable **FOR EACH ENROLLED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.** The employees' 17% ~~[total]~~ monthly percentage share of the total monthly cost shall be deducted in two equal installments each month from the payroll checks of the employees on a pre-tax basis and paid **TO BHP.** ~~[into the employees benefit trust fund of the City of Fairfield, Ohio.]~~ **IF AN EMPLOYEE'S WAGES DURING SUCH A PAY PERIOD ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE EMPLOYEE'S PORTION OF THE PREMIUM(S), THE CITY WILL BILL THE EMPLOYEE FOR HIS/HER FULL PORTION OF THE PREMIUM. THE EMPLOYEE SHALL REMIT HIS/HER FULL**

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PORTION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TO THE CITY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE INVOICE OR SAID INSURANCE WILL BE TERMINATED. The total monthly cost shall be as established by ~~[the plan provider, the center for local government benefits cooperative, and/or the third party administrator of the plan,]~~ **BHP** each plan year in accordance with all applicable laws. ~~[All funds paid or deposited into the Employees Benefit Trust Fund of the City may be expended only for the costs of providing health and dental benefits.]~~

If an employee **NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** selects coverage under a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) which qualifies the employee to make contributions to a Health Savings Account (HSA), the City will ~~[deposit]~~ **CONTRIBUTE** into the employee's HSA ~~[each year on or about August 1st a lump sum contribution of \$1,200]~~ **\$700** for an employee with single coverage or ~~[a lump sum contribution of \$2,400]~~ **\$1,800** for an employee with coverage including the employee and other family members. ~~[provided that]~~ The City HSA contribution ~~[to an employee's HSA shall]~~ **WILL BE MADE IN TWELVE (12) PRORATED MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS DURING THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2021 AND CONTINUING FOR EACH MONTH THE EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATES IN THE HDHP WITH HSA ELIGIBILITY.** ~~[not exceed 90% of the annual deductible applicable to the employee's coverage nor be less than 50% of the applicable annual deductible]~~

~~[Effective August 1, 2019, employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement will have the annual opportunity to participate in a Voluntary Health Savings Account (HSA) Incentive Program in order to earn city-sponsored HSA contributions by completing and demonstrating proof of participation in preventative screenings. The voluntary program will be based on participation in preventative screenings. HSA Incentive Program contributions are an incentive for employees to participate in screenings and shall not be based on screening results. HSA Incentive Program contributions will be paid once each quarter of the plan-year. Employees submitting HSA incentive program contribution forms will receive the full qualifying contribution to their HSA at the end of the quarter in which the form was submitted. To be eligible for contributions, participants must submit a completed Preventative Screening Form with the signature of a qualified medical professional on or before the last day of the plan-year.]~~

~~Full qualifying contributions shall be defined as follows:]~~

[ACTIVITY (employee and spouse)]	[HSA Incentive Program Contribution by Plan Type]		
	[Single]	[Family and Employee + Spouse]	[Employee + Child(ren)]
[Preventive Adult Care Examination (e.g. annual physical or annual OB/GYN exam for females, etc.)]	[\$200 employee]	[\$200 employee + \$200 spouse]	[\$400 employee]
[Biometric Screening (including Glucose, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Body Mass Index)]	[\$100 employee]	[\$100 employee + \$100 spouse]	[\$200 employee]
[Nicotine (Cotinine) Test]	[\$150 employee]	[\$150 employee + \$150 spouse]	[\$300 employee]
[Dental Exam]	[\$75 employee]	[\$75 employee + \$75 spouse]	[\$150 employee]
[Vision Screening]	[\$75 employee]	[\$75 employee + \$75 spouse]	[\$150 employee]

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[Total HSA Dollars that can be earned]	[\$600-employee]	[\$600-employee + \$600-spouse]	[\$1,200 employee]
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~~[(d)]~~(c) A full-time employee **NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** may decline participation in the health and dental benefits plan provided that the participation requirements citywide for all plans included in the health and dental benefits plan package can be achieved without the employee's participation. **FULL-TIME [E]employees NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT** declining participation in the health and dental benefits plan shall be compensated ~~[twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200)]~~ **\$100** for ~~[such nonparticipation during a]~~ **EACH** full calendar month ~~[following]~~ **THAT** the ~~[end of the applicable]~~ **EMPLOYEE IS NOT ENROLLED IN A BHP MEDICAL AND/OR DENTAL** plan ~~[year]~~ **TO BE PAID IN THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH OF NON-PARTICIPATION BY THE EMPLOYEE.** On a form provided by the City, employees shall execute a written declination of coverage which acknowledges that the City shall have no responsibility or liability for the health or dental benefits or expenses of the employee or his/her dependents and that re-enrollment in the plan(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the respective health or dental benefits plan. Compensation for nonparticipation shall not be paid to an employee who receives coverage as the spouse of another City employee.

~~[(e)]~~(d) The City will provide, at no cost to each full-time employee not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, group life insurance consisting of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) coverage on an employee. A full-time employee may purchase at his/her own cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of life insurance on his/her spouse and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on each eligible child. In addition, a full-time employee will be permitted to purchase additional units of life insurance as an add-on to the existing City policy, if allowed by the insurance company. Such additional life insurance will be at the employee's own expense. Any employee may request a report of contributions to pensions and hospitalization, surgical and group insurance plans.

(e) **FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT HIRED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020 WHO ENROLL IN A BHP MEDICAL PLAN AND DENTAL PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 AND REMAIN IN BOTH THE BHP MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN FOR ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 SHALL BE PAID A ONE-TIME TRANSITION STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800 FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO ENROLLS IN A FAMILY PLAN OR \$1,100 FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO ENROLLS IN A SINGLE PLAN. IF THE EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCES A QUALIFYING LIFE EVENT DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND ENROLLS IN A BHP/OHI MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN, THE TRANSITION STIPEND WILL BE PRORATED BY THE MONTHLY RATE THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE PLAN FOR WHICH THEY WERE ENROLLED. THE TRANSITION STIPEND SHALL BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND PAY PERIOD IN FEBRUARY 2022.**

(f) **FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT HIRED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020, WHO ENROLL IN A BHP MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 AND REMAIN IN A BHP MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS PLAN FOR ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, WHOSE SPOUSE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE BHP MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS PLAN FOR ENTIRE YEAR 2021, SHALL BE PAID A ONE-TIME SPOUSAL EXCLUSION STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.**

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THIS SPOUSAL EXCLUSION STIPEND SHALL BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND PAY PERIOD IN FEBRUARY 2022.

(Ord. 56-19. Passed 5-28-19.)

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City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: Alisha Wilson, Clerk
 Submitting Department: Clerk

Subject:

Contractual Appropriations

Legislation Title:

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 119-19 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, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.”

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.

Background/Synopsis: Please refer to specific Council Communications for full description of these items.

\$15,508 contingency for engineering for Winton/South Gilmore Road at Interstate 275 (existing contract)

Financial Impact: \$15,508.00 from noted funding source.

Rule Suspension Requested:

Yes

Emergency Provision Needed:

No

Attachments:

1. ContractualAppropriations.102620
2. Contractual 10-26-Ord



City Council Ordinance
Regular Meeting - October 26, 2020

Submitted by: Ben Mann,
 Submitting Department: Public Works

Subject:

Contingency for Engineering for Winton / South Gilmore Road at Interstate 275

Legislation Title:

Contingency for Engineering for Winton / South Gilmore Road at Interstate 275

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an appropriation of \$15,508.00 from the Street Improvement Fund for the engineering services for Winton / South Gilmore Road at Interstate 275.

Background/Synopsis:

Mead & Hunt previously provided the City with a complete interchange operations study meeting Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements. This study did identify feasible alternatives and determined a preferred alternative for improvements to the westbound on-ramp and was funded by the City.

The Butler County Transportation Improvement District (BCTID) and Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID) worked cooperatively to fund the base engineering for this project. The reimbursement for approximately \$144,000 in engineering has already been received by the City.

The City received funding from the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) for financial assistance for construction in 2021-2022.

This project is identified in the current 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program as 1PW29.

The interchange and South Gilmore corridor improvements were completed in 2014. Ramp improvements were not approved at that time because they would add traffic to the interstate during the peak hour. This remains an area of high congestion and is a significant economic corridor with land for development and redevelopment available. It is the City's desire to explore options that would allow for improved operation of southbound South Gilmore Road while meeting ODOT's traffic requirements. The study from Mead and Hunt in 2017 determined that there are options that will allow for improvements.

Staff worked with the BCTID to review firms submitting proposals for engineering and selected Mead & Hunt of Columbus, Ohio.

Financial Impact:

\$15,508.00 from the Street Improvement Fund. This was awarded in 2018 as a contingency for this project but not secured as the engineering has been on a relatively long schedule. The plans are near 100% and this contingency is going to be needed to complete the engineering phase of the project.

Emergency Provision Explanation:

None requested.

Rule Suspension Requested:

No

Emergency Provision Needed:

No

Attachments:

1. I-275 WB Ramp Improvement Sketch

South Gilmore and I-275 Ramp "Y" Improvements



Attachment: Contractual Appropriations.102620 (1646 : Contractual Appropriations)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 119-19 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, 2020, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 119-19, the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance, is hereby amended in the following respects:

From:	Unappropriated Street Improvement Fund	\$15,508
To:	40116023-233300 Engineering Services (Contingency for Winton / S Gilmore at I-275 Engineering)	\$15,508

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed	_____	_____
		Mayor's Approval
Posted	_____	
First Reading	_____	Rules Suspended _____
Second Reading	_____	
Third Reading	_____	

ATTEST:

 Clerk of Council

This is to certify that this Ordinance has been duly published by posting and summary publication as provided by Charter.

 Clerk of Council