

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
August 10, 2020**

Council-Manager Briefing

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Fairfield Connects

Vice Mayor Bill Woeste called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Terry Senger, Tim Abbott, Mark Scharringhausen and Chad Oberson.

Staff members present: Mark Wendling, Dan Wendt, Nick Dill, Ben Mann, Greg Kathman, Scott Timmer, Steve Maynard, Tiphonie Howard, Don Bennett, Alisha Wilson, Steve Wolterman and Carol Mayhall.

Staff presented the Electric Vehicle Charging Station grant opportunity and an update of the Fairfield Connects plan. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Prayer/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	Excused	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for executive session to discuss pending and imminent litigation, possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with an economic development project and the status of collective bargaining with public employees. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 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

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

Public Works Committee

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cargill, Incorporated for the purchase of road salt.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cargill, Incorporated for the purchase of road salt.

Councilmember Oberson presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-20. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Public Utilities Committee

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

Finance & Budget Committee

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

NEW BUSINESS

Community & Public Relations Committee

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

Simple Motion: Motion to approve the following 2020 Boards/Commissions Appointments effective August 10, 2020: Mary Stier - Board of Zoning Appeals (term ending 3/31/23)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council, via simple motion, appoint the following residents to serve on the various boards and commissions **effective August 10, 2020:**

Mary Stier - Board of Zoning Appeals (term ending 3/31/23)

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 13-20. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Development Services Committee

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

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read one ordinance by title only.

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

Ordinance to amend Section 1113.01 of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, to adopt an amended Design, Construction and Materials Specification Handbook, 2020 Sixth Edition.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council hold a first reading on August 10, schedule a joint public hearing

with Planning Commission for August 24, and await a written recommendation from Planning Commission.

Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance and set the Joint Public Hearing date for August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 8/24/2020 7:00 PM
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Finance & Budget Committee

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

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read the following four ordinances by title only.

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

An ordinance determining to reduce and recertify special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for the City Council to pass an ordinance to reduce special assessments levied for the purposes of constructing certain improvements at the Cincinnati Mall.

It is recommended that Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation to reduce the special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements at the parking garage located at the Cincinnati Mall. In order to meet the special assessment deadline of Butler County, a suspension of the rules and emergency are requested.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-20. 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.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$5,575,000 Road Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$5,575,000 of Road Improvement General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. Refunding the all or a portion of the City's 2010A Bonds originally issued June 24, 2010.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-20. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

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SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance levying special assessments for the repair of sidewalks (including aprons) in the City of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation to levy the assessments for the repair of sidewalks against lands and lots benefited by such improvements. The legislation will require the emergency clause since unpaid assessments will be billed to the property owners to allow 30 days for payment before certifying the outstanding balance to the County Auditor and issuing bonds.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-20. APPROVED 7-0.

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

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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."

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. 66-20. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

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RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Scharringhausen, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, August 24th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, September 14th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, September 28th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

ATTEST:

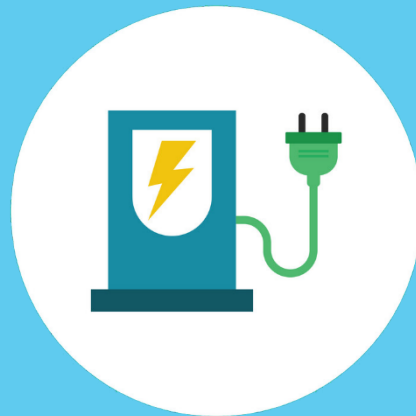
Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____

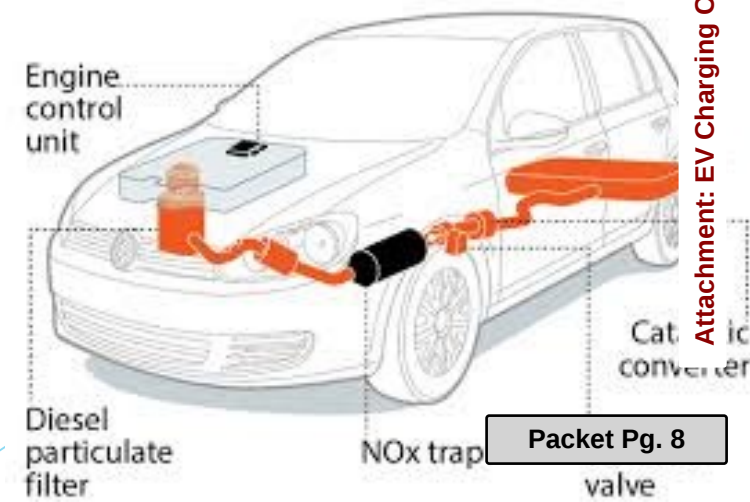
Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Opportunity

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Background

- ▶ 2009-2015: Volkswagen installed “defeat devices” on 500,000 cars nationwide.
- ▶ Pollution released by these vehicles was 9x - 40x the allowable.
- ▶ Volkswagen Diesel Trust Fund Created

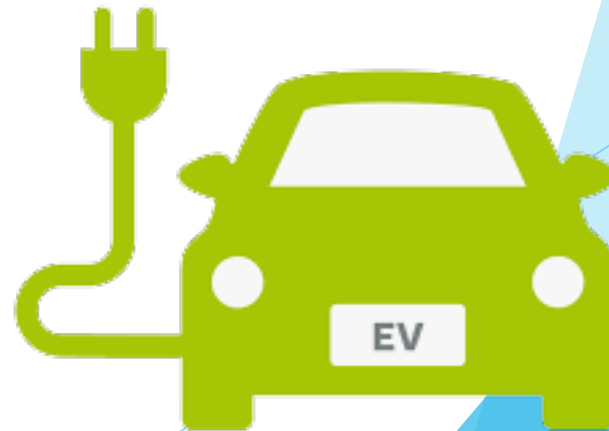


- ▶ \$75 million to Ohio
- ▶ \$11.25 million for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.
- ▶ \$3 million for Level 2 charging
 - ❖ \$115,000 per priority county



Electric Vehicle Basics

- ▶ 90-250 mile range
- ▶ Chicken and egg conundrum:
 - ❖ Infrastructure drives demand, or
 - ❖ Demand drives infrastructure



Grant Opportunity

1.A.a

- ▶ ~\$115,000 for Butler County
- ▶ Up to \$7,500 (single port) or \$15,000 (dual port) per charger
- ▶ 0% required match for chargers installed on government property (20% non-government)

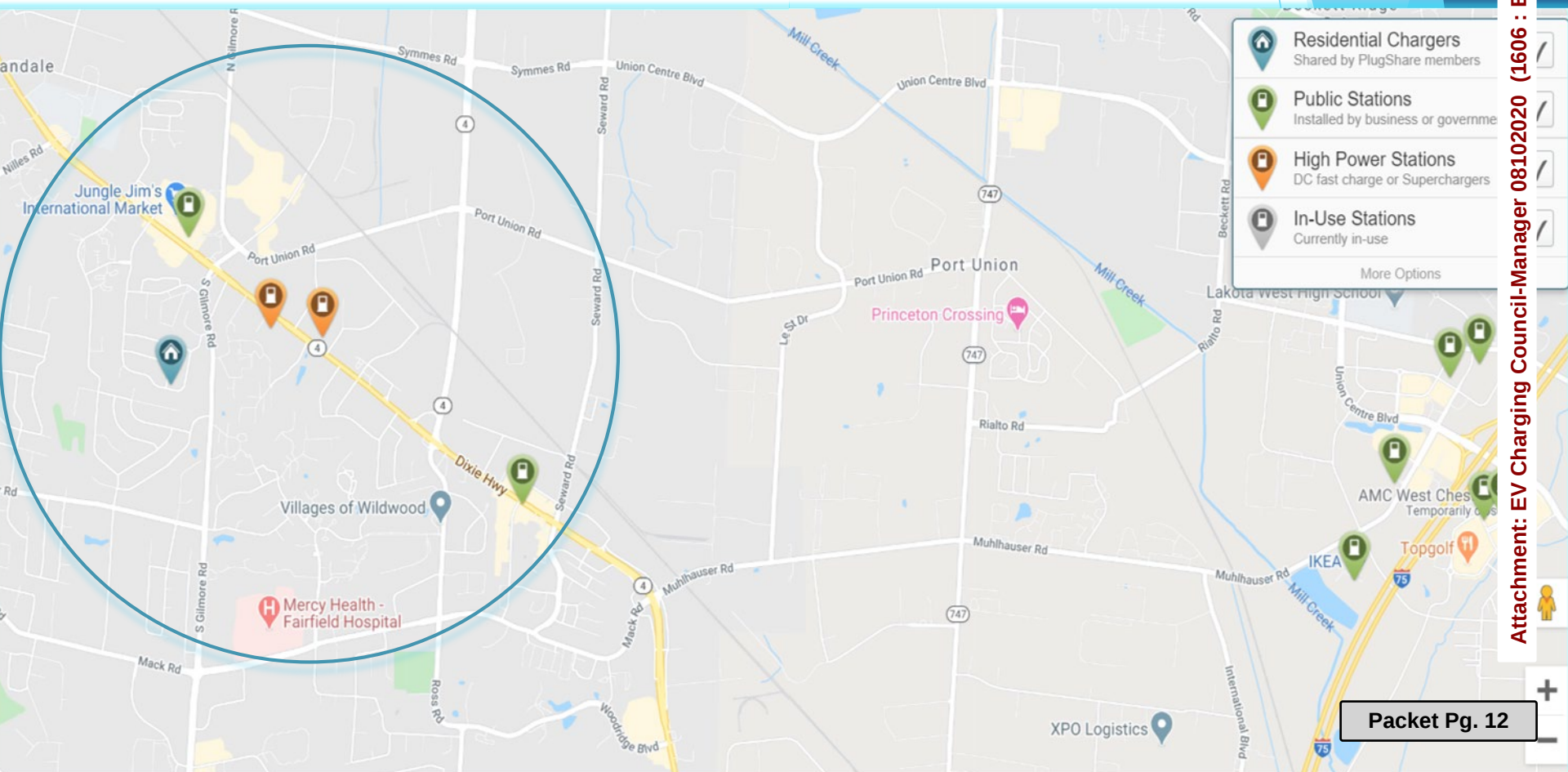


ChargePoint



EVBox

EV in Fairfield



EV in Fairfield



Harley Davidson



Jeff Wyler Nissan

Local Installation Opportunities



Next Steps

- ▶ Council agenda 8/24 or 9/14/2020
- ▶ Applications due 9/30/2020
- ▶ Results January 2021
- ▶ Installation complete Summer 2021

Fairfield Connects

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Steering Committee

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

Fairfield Connects

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

Goals of the Plan



CONNECT TO PARKS

Goals of the Plan



CONNECT TO TOWN CENTER

Goals of the Plan



CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAILS

Goals of the Plan



CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS

Goals of the Plan



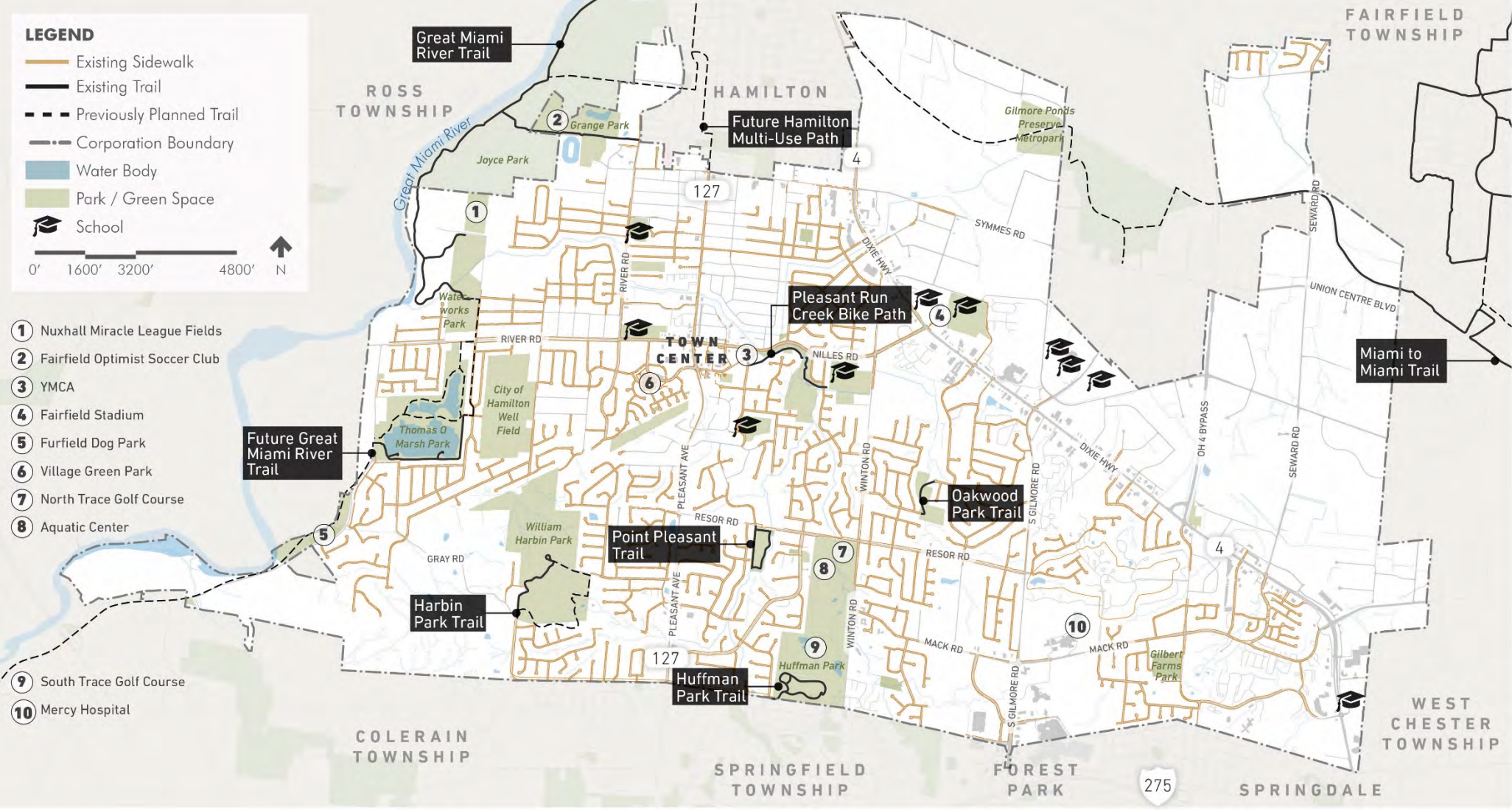
**CONNECT TO MAJOR
DESTINATIONS**

Goals of the Plan

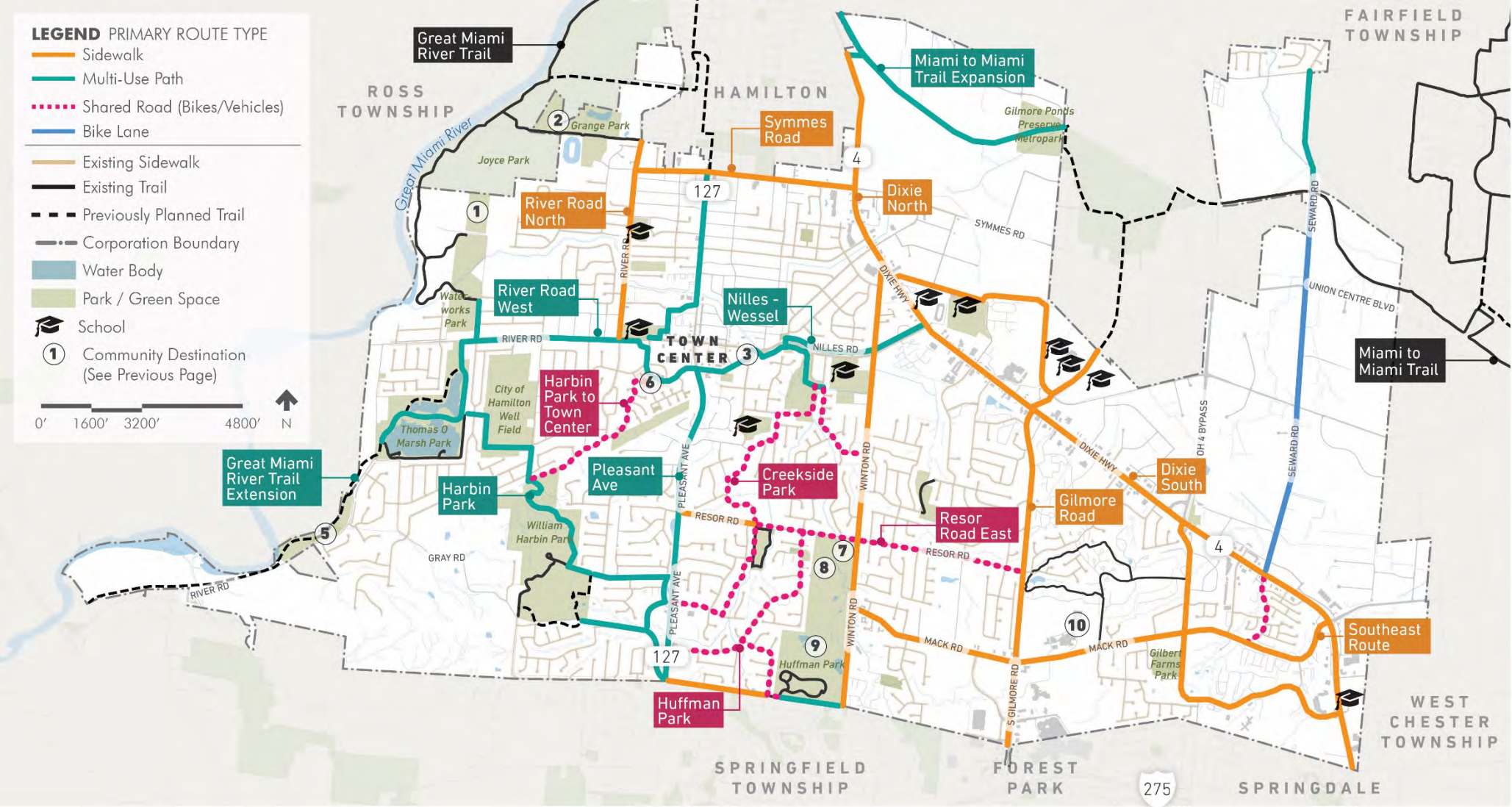


IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

Existing Connectivity Network



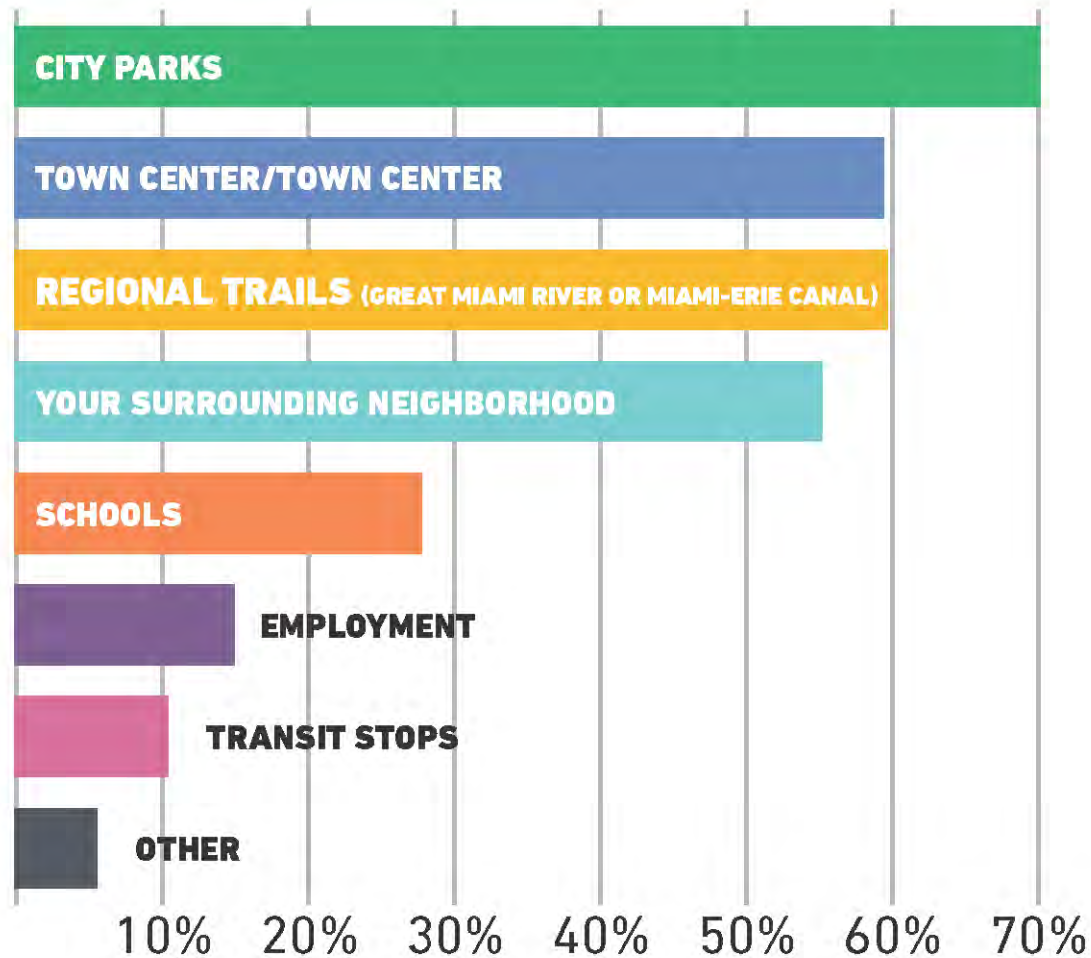
Comprehensive Connectivity Plan



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)

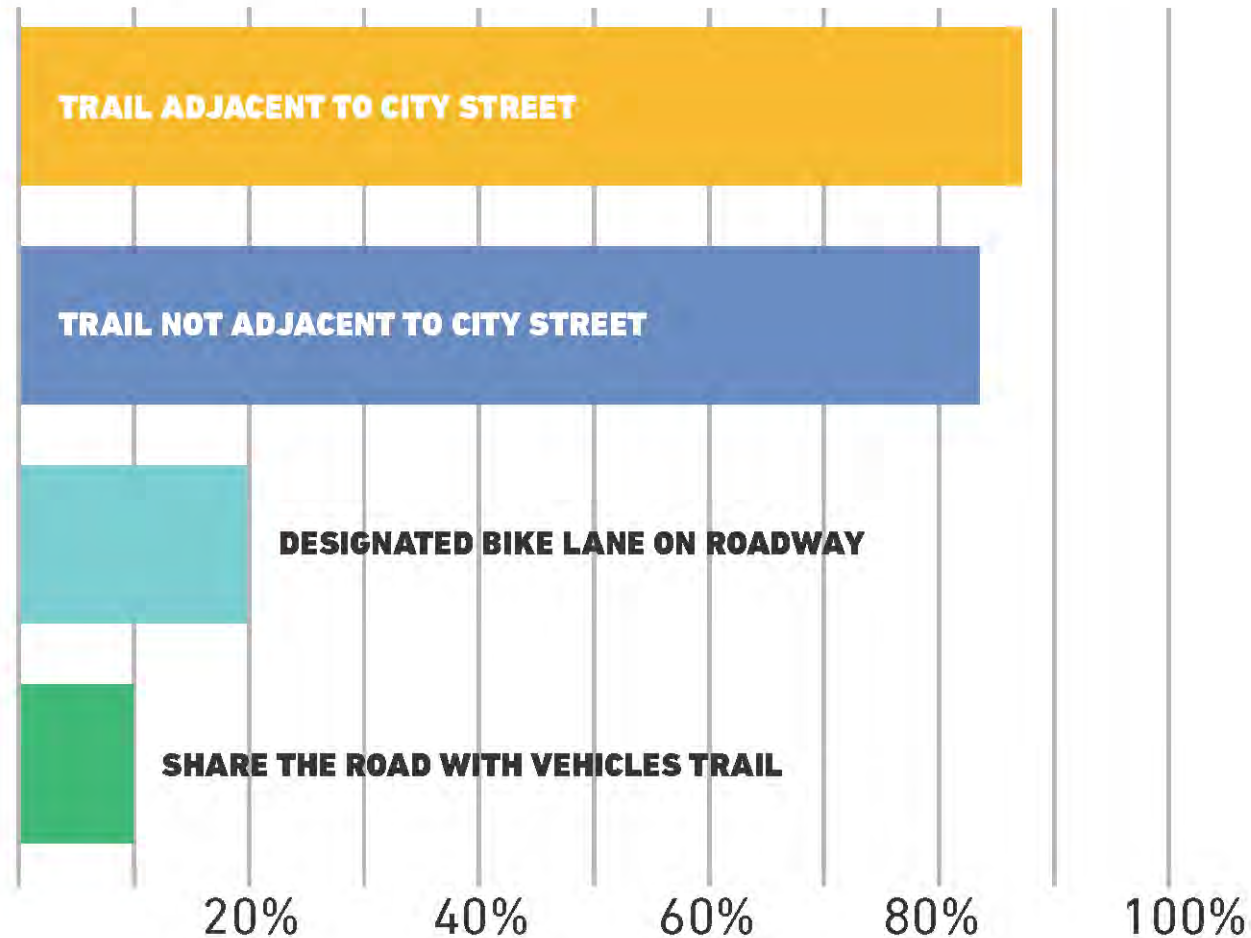


The 'other' responses can be found in the appendix of this document.

Survey Results

Question 2

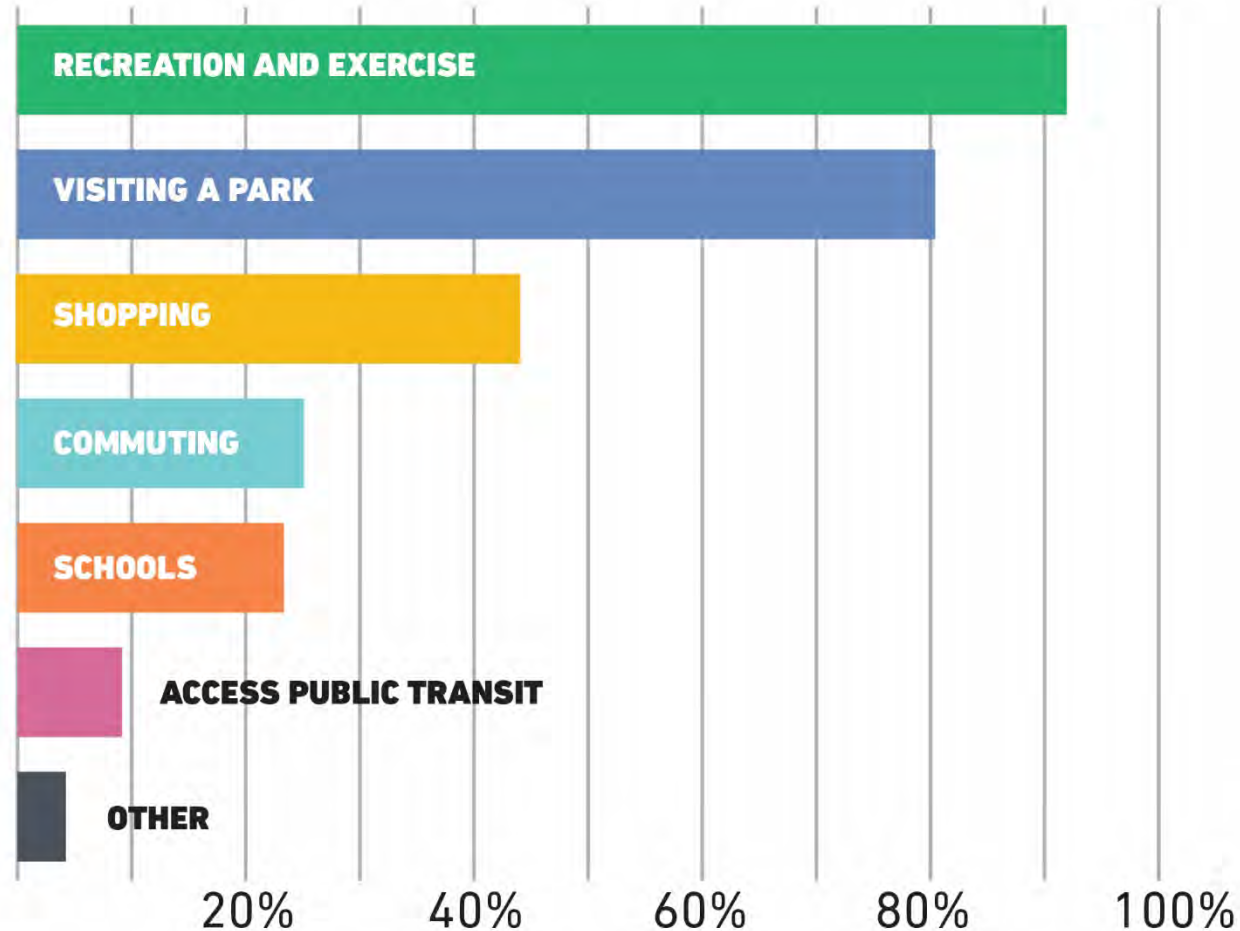
If it were available, which of the following on-road or off-road pedestrian facilities would you use in Fairfield? (Check all that apply)



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)

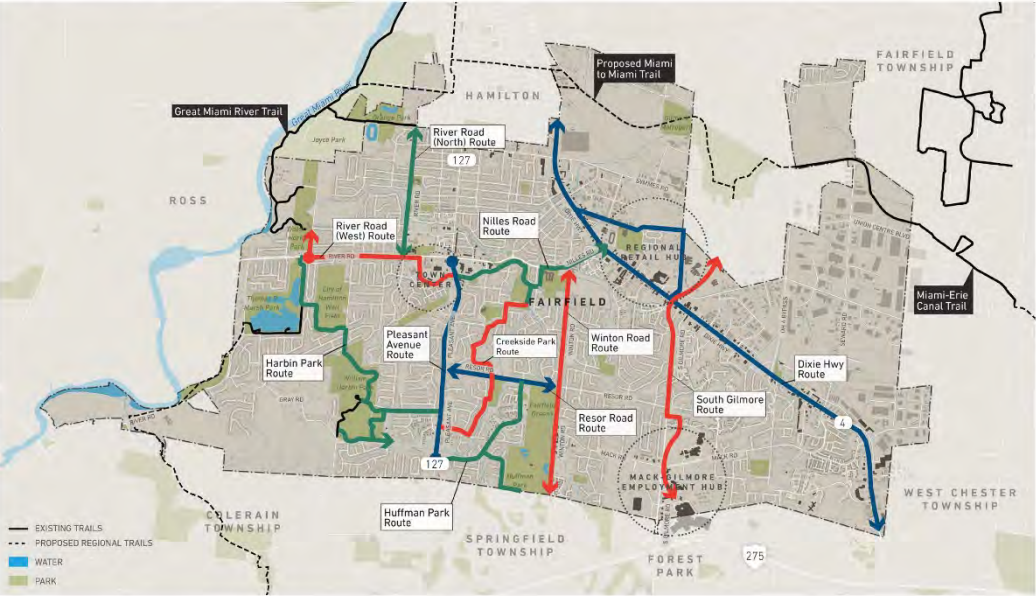


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Survey Results

Question 4

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



Scoring Results

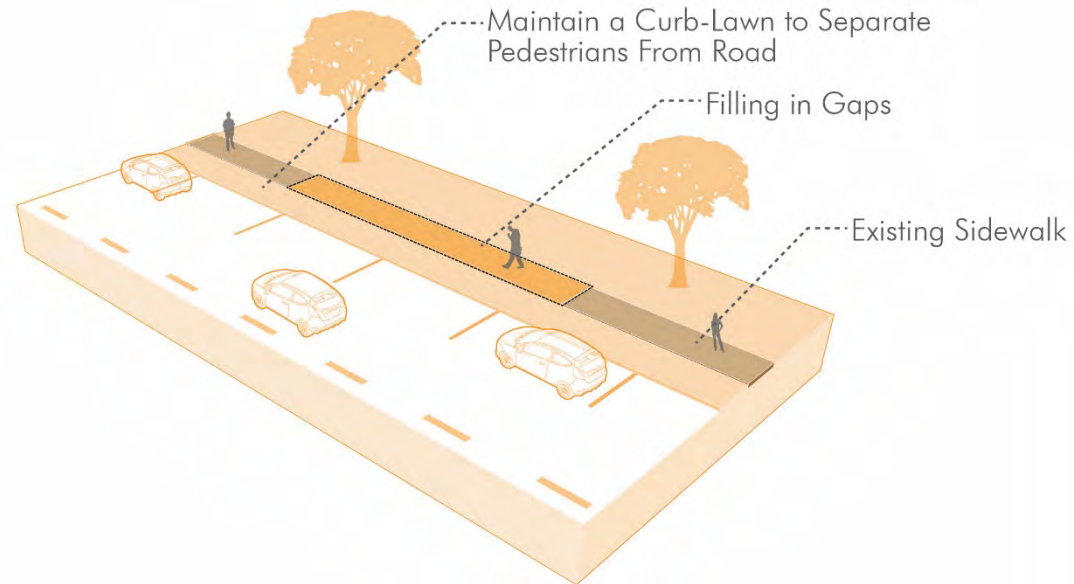
1. River Road (West)	3.89
2. Pleasant Avenue Route	3.84
3. Harbin Park Route	3.83
4. Dixie Highway Route	3.79
5. Nilles Road Route	3.68
6. River Road (North)	3.64
7. Resor Road Route	3.40
8. South Gilmore Route	3.33
9. Creekside Park Route	3.24
10. Huffman Park Route	3.17

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.

Facility Types

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.

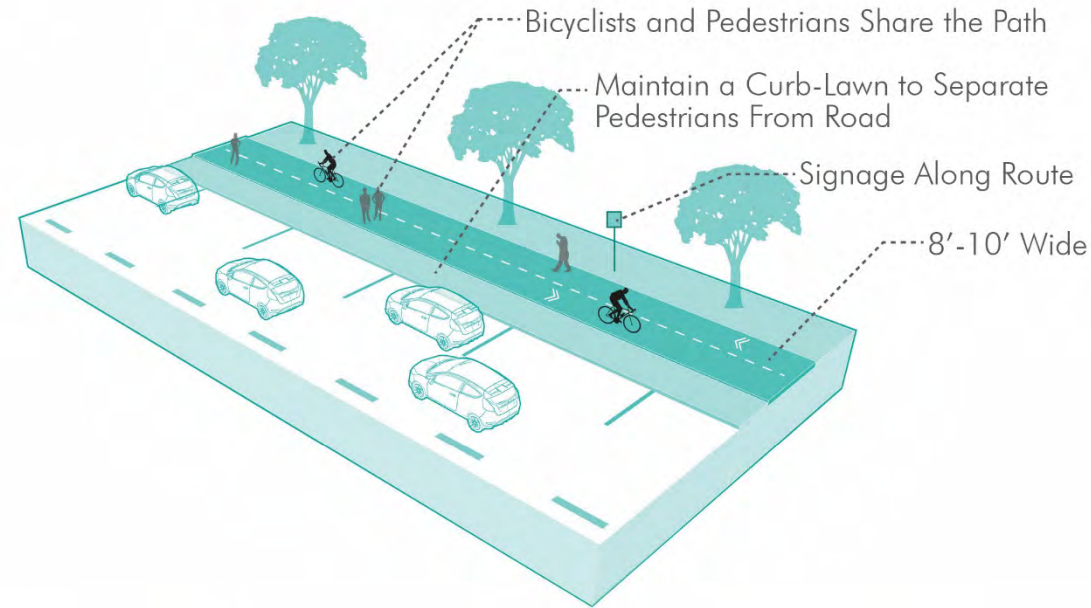


Augusta Boulevard near Pleasant Avenue.

Facility Types

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.

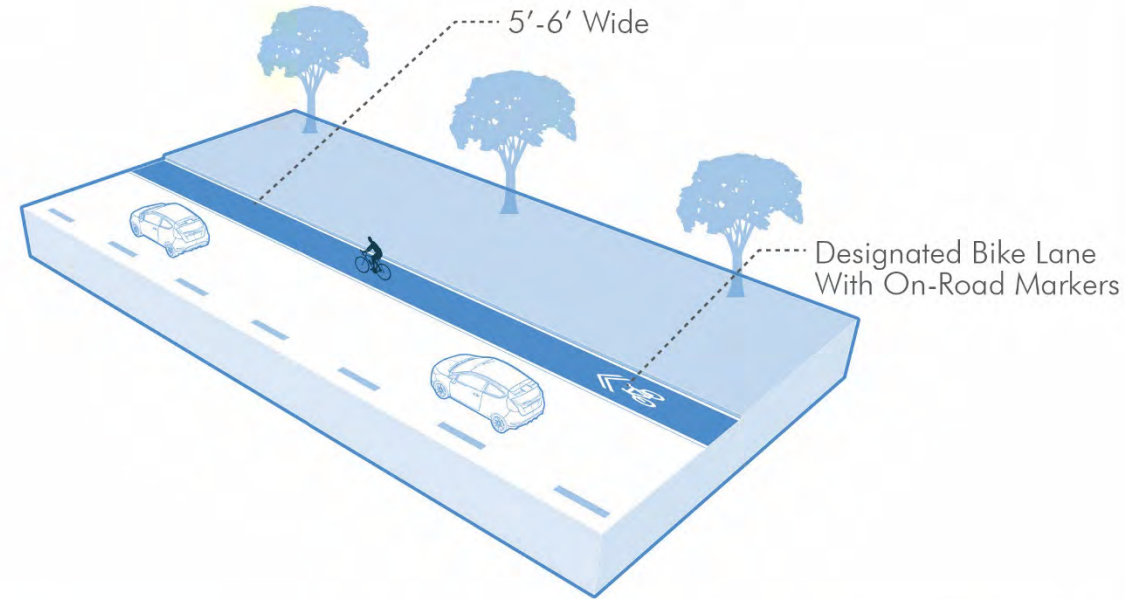


Multi-use paths serve bikes and pedestrians alike.

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.

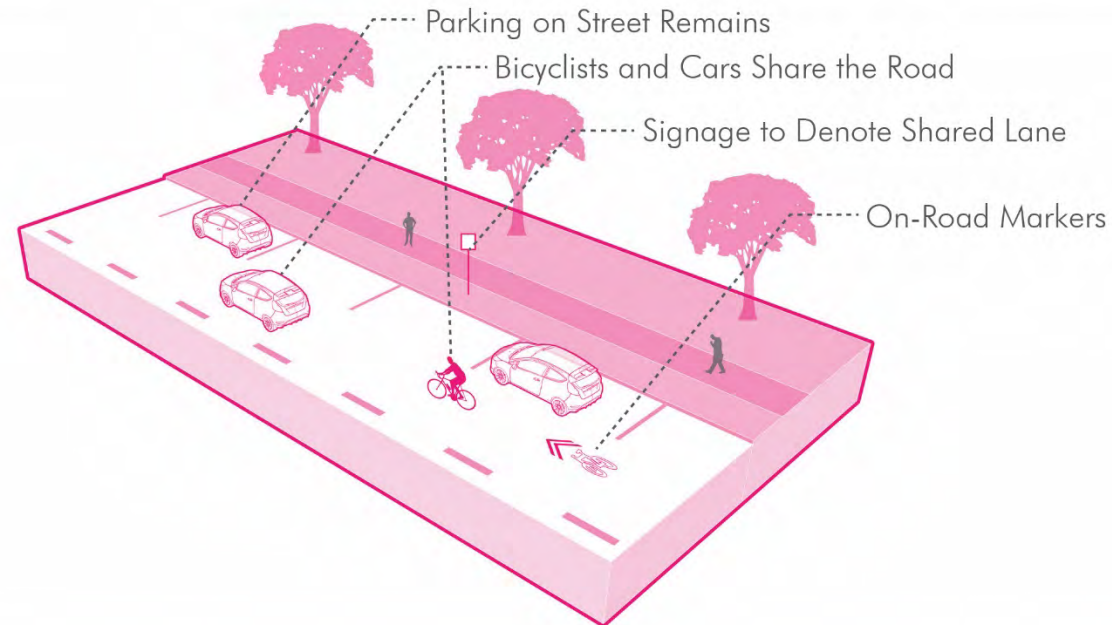


Separation of bicyclists and automobiles is crucial.

Facility Types

SHARED ROAD

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



Best Practices:



On road markings need to be clear.



Low volume streets make this ideal for families.

Major Routes

1.A.b



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

0' 500' 1000' 2000' N

Major Routes

1.A.b



GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL EXTENSION

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

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

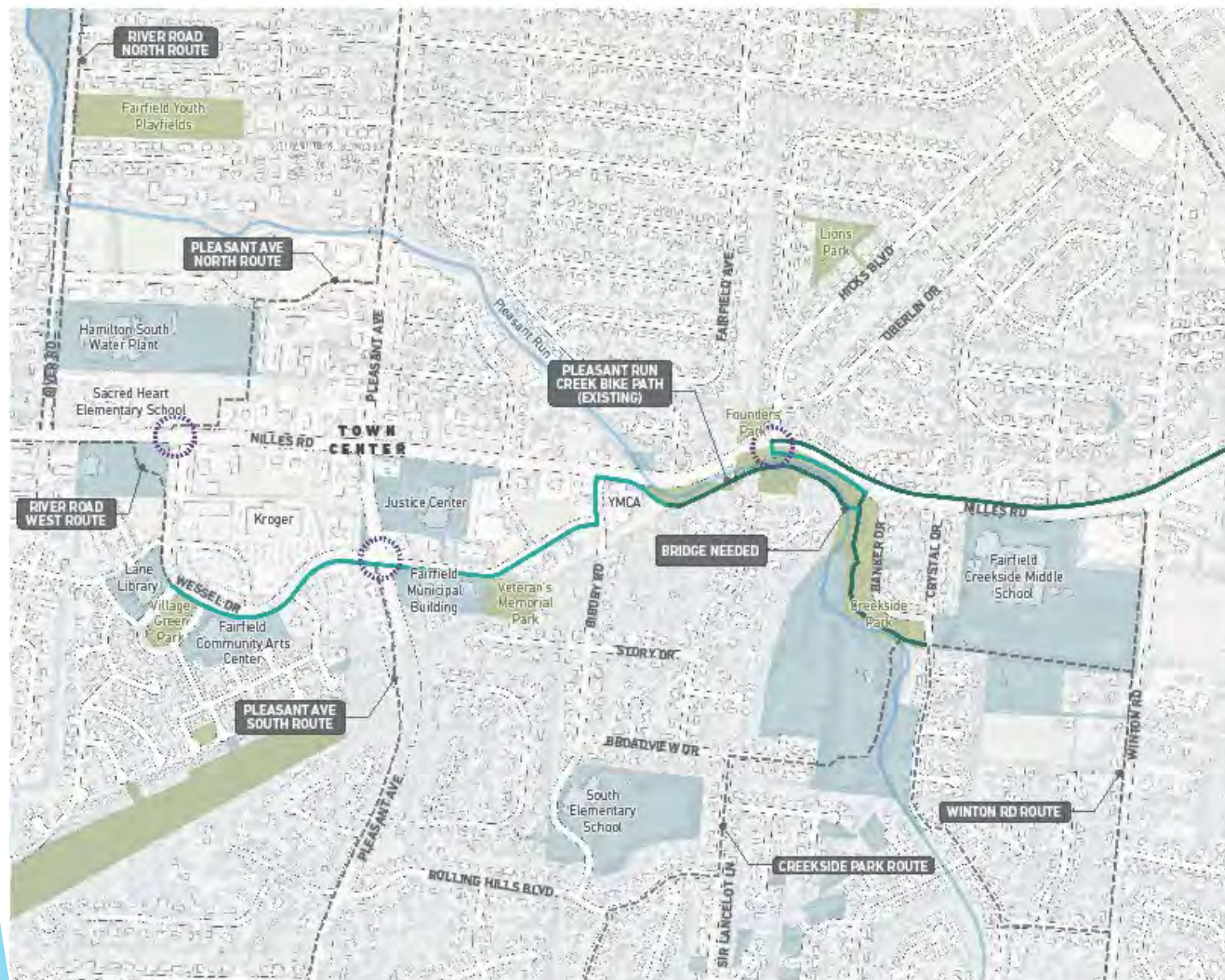
LEGEND

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

0' 250' 500' 1000' N

Major Routes

1.A.b



NILLES - WESSEL

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

- 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 Wesson 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.

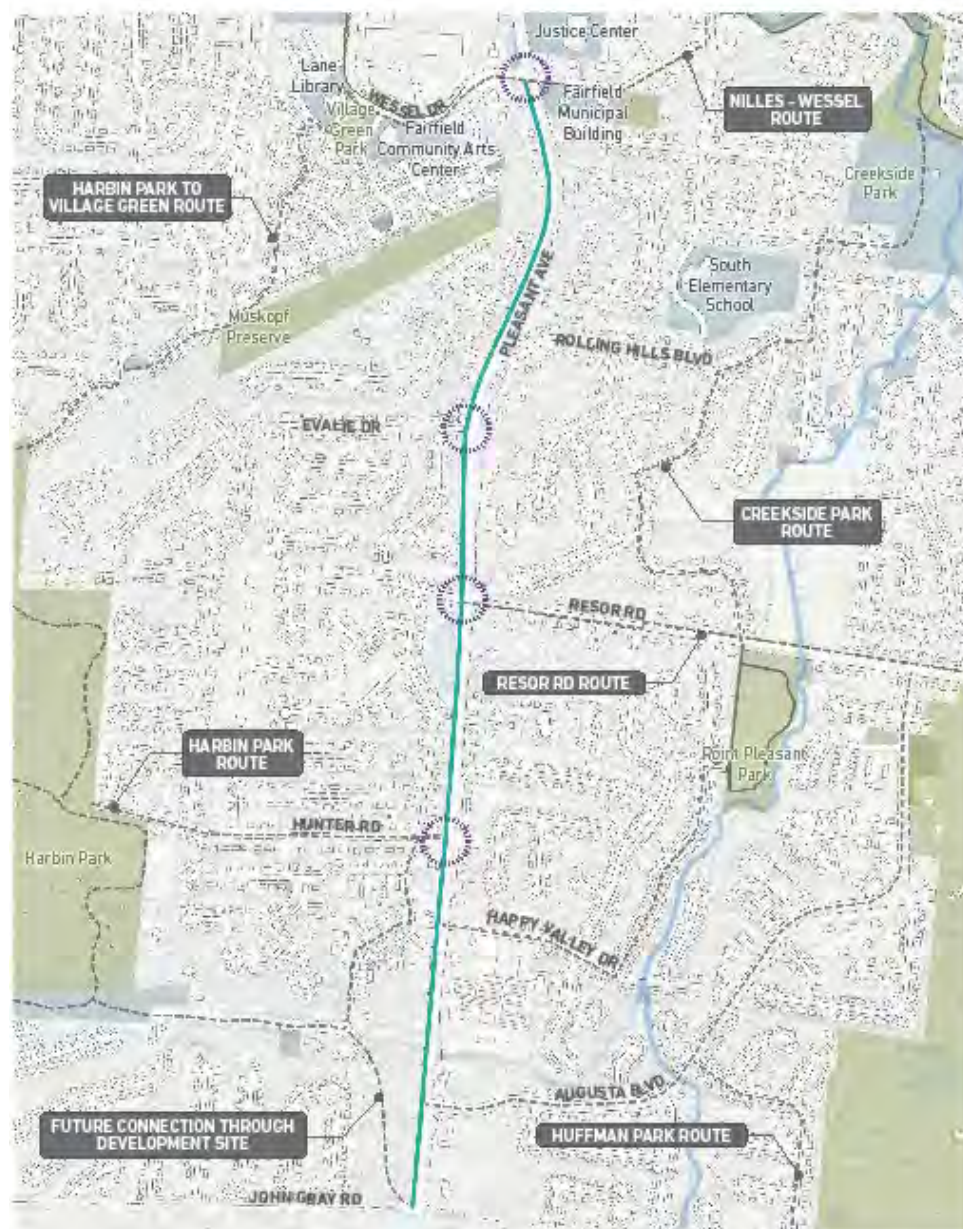
LEGEND

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



Major Routes

1.A.b



PLEASANT AVE SOUTH

Facility Type:

Multi-Use Path

Notes

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

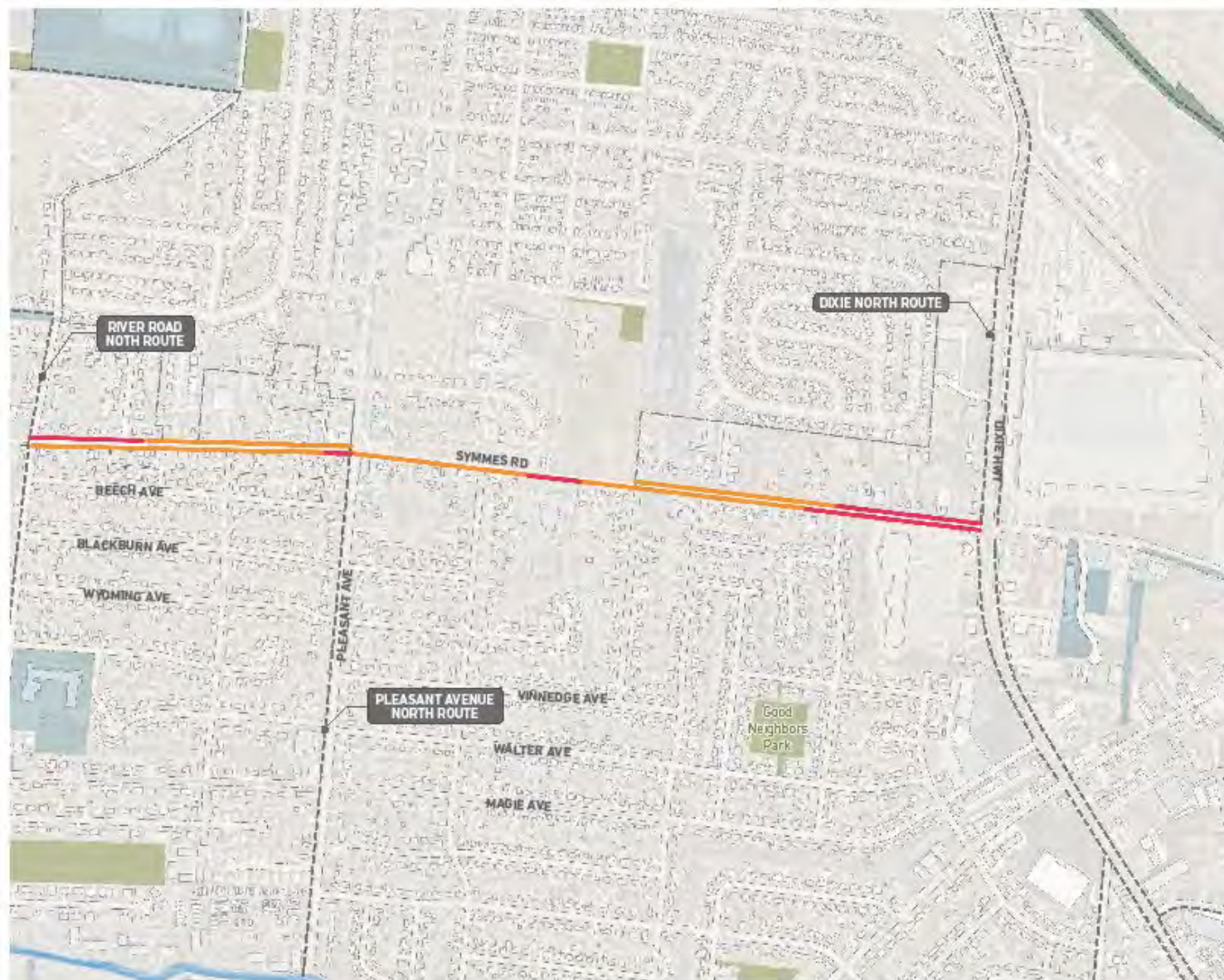
LEGEND

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



Major Routes

1.A.b



SYMMES ROAD

Facility Type:

Sidewalk

Notes

- 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.

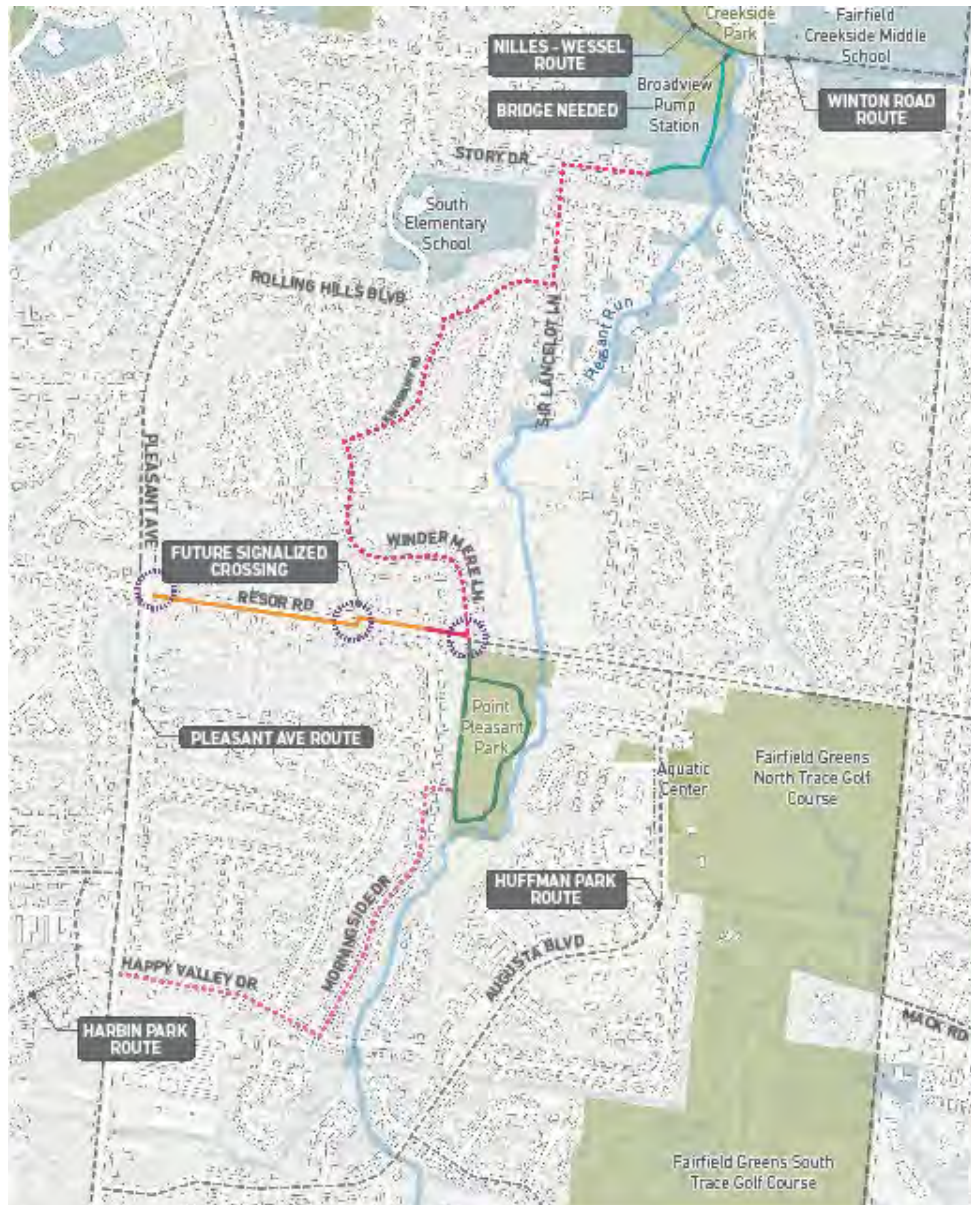
LEGEND

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

0' 400' 800' 1600' N

Major Routes

1.A.b



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.

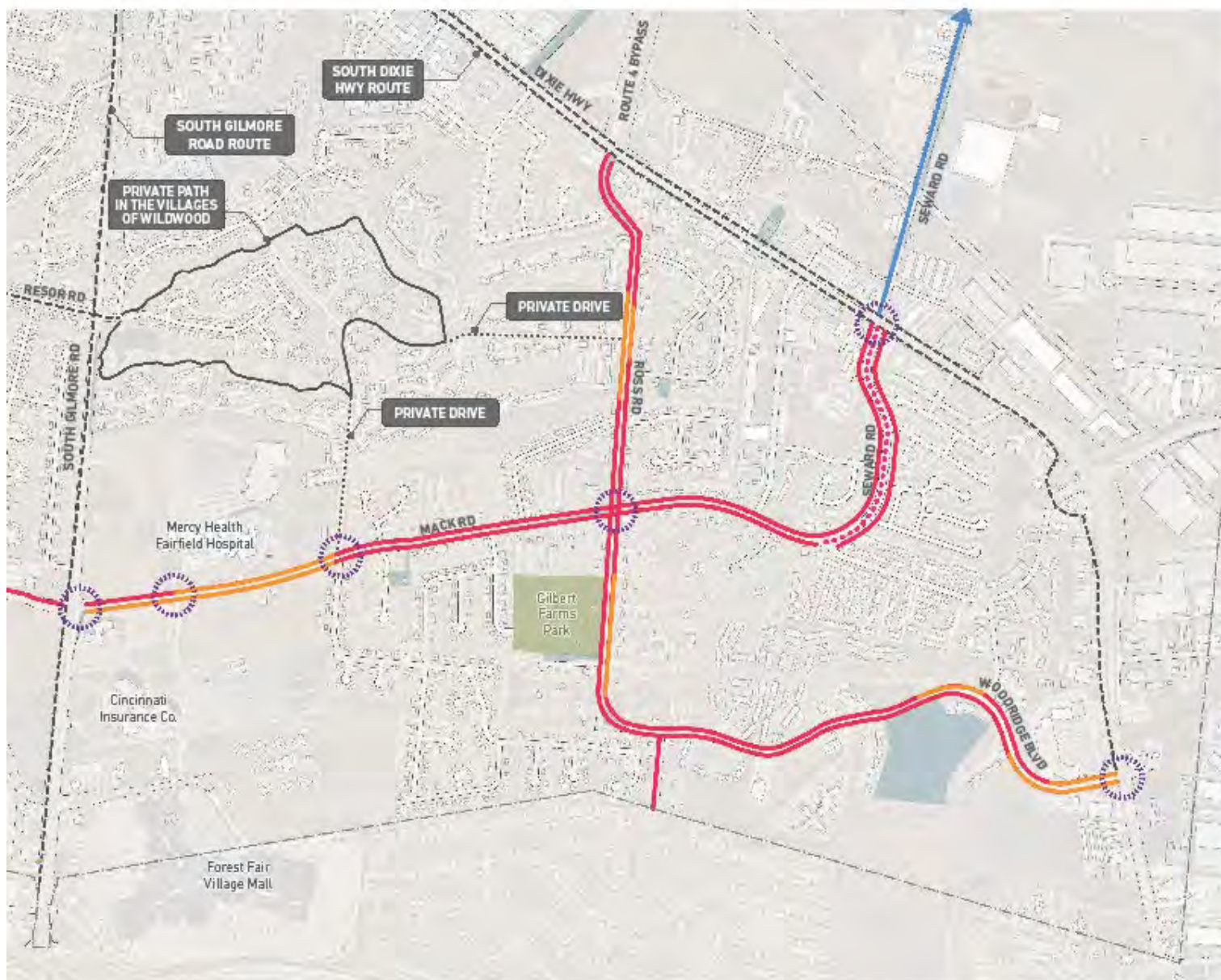
LEGEND

- 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



Major Routes

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SOUTHEAST ROUTE

Facility Type:

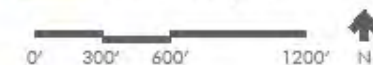
Sidewalk and Shared Road

Notes

- 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.

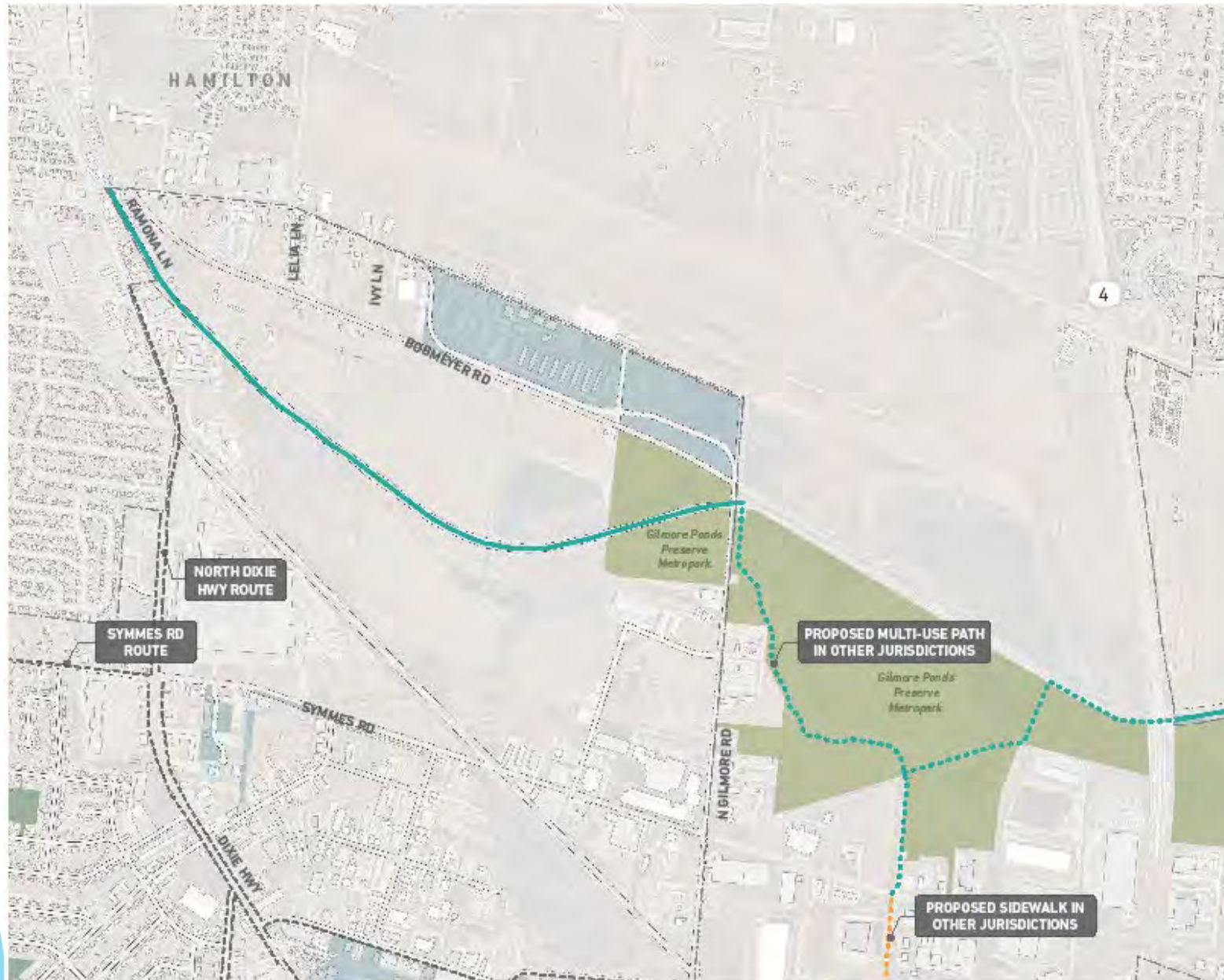
LEGEND

- 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 – Regional Trail

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MIAMI TO MIAMI

Facility Type:

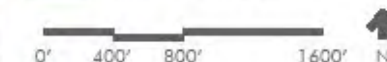
Multi-Use Path

Notes

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

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 – Schools



DIXIE NORTH

Facility Type:

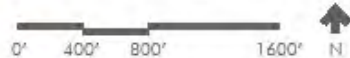
Sidewalk

Notes

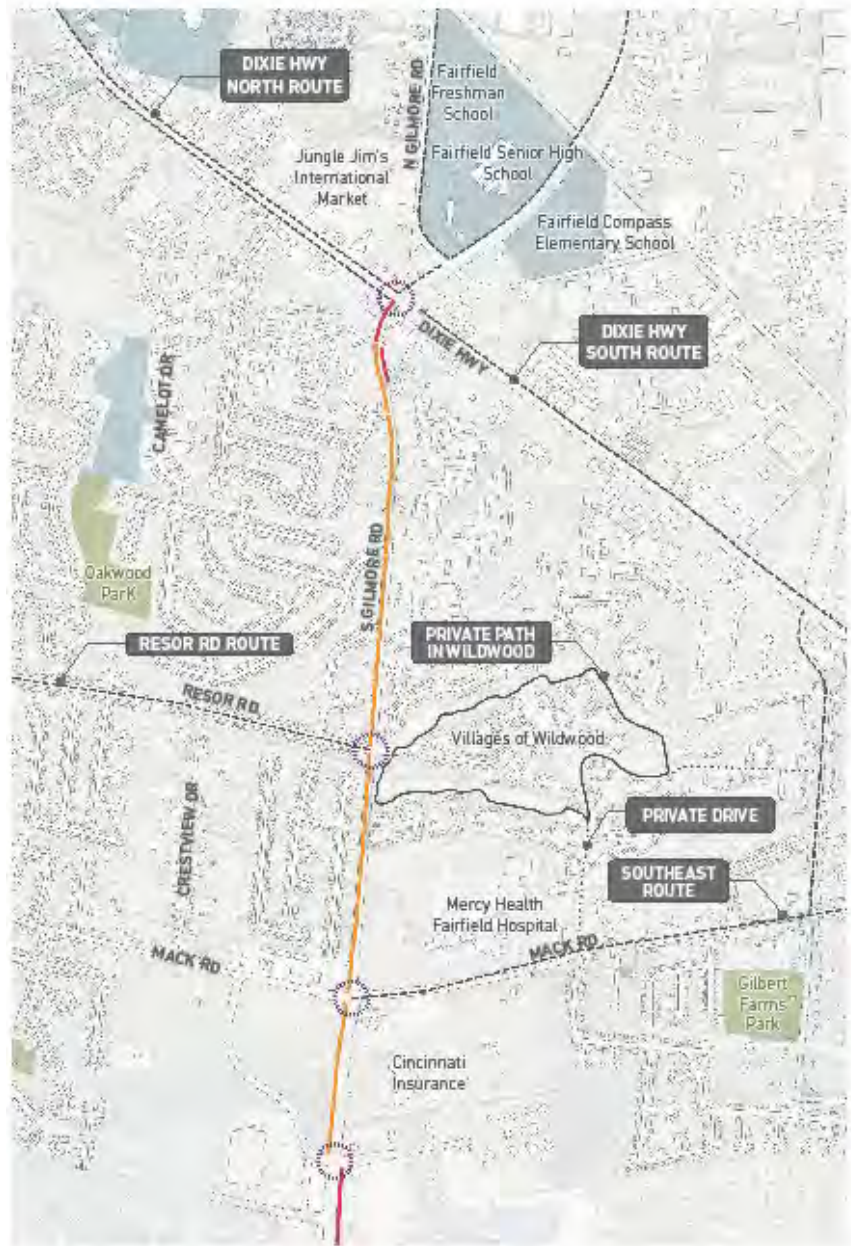
- The Dixie North Route provides more complete connectivity around Dixie Highway and the various Fairfield City School District campuses.
- This route focuses on completing gaps in the sidewalk network and providing safe pedestrian routes, particularly for students.
- This route will require the city 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 – Schools



SOUTH GILMORE ROAD

Facility Type:

Sidewalk

Notes

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

LEGEND

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



Cost

Total of all major routes that are included

- \$26.5 million estimated by LJB
- All routes and gaps - \$30-35 million
- Estimates in 2020 dollars
- Outside funding, private development, incorporation in other projects, etc. will be utilized.

Next Steps

Plan Approval (proposed schedule)

- September 14 – Council 1st Reading
- September 23 – Planning Commission
- October 13 – Council 2nd Reading
- October 26 – Council 3rd Reading

Plan Implementation

- ❖ 20 +/- Year Timeframe

Questions?