



Rochester Hills Master Report

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1	Leisure Activities Committee	11/15/2004	Recommended for Approval	City Council Liaison			Pass
	<p>Notes: <i>Mr. Dan Keifer, Friends of the Clinton River Trail, 719 Fieldstone Dr, stated that the trail crosses five (5) cities, noting that on the west side, the last 2 cities are Sylvan Lake and Pontiac. Mr. Keifer reviewed the proposed Telegraph crossing noting the following points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>When the Master Plan was developed last year and approved to current road standards, it proposed an "at grade" crossing for the trail in two stages: one stage would be a trail-user would activate a light that would stop traffic going northbound to get to the middle of Telegraph Rd; however the trail user would have to find an opening in traffic to get across southbound Telegraph.</i> * <i>After further discussions it was determined that trail users would not be able to cross Telegraph Road safely with the speed and volume of traffic.</i> * <i>MDOT is in the process of a major reconstruction of that section of Telegraph Rd to possibly be completed in 2005 or 2006.</i> * <i>The group began working on this issue last spring with the goal to create a "grade separating" crossing which will most likely be a pedestrian bridge, much like is used now to get the trail across I-75 in Auburn Hills.</i> * <i>The support letter being requested by the City of Pontiac is to support the City of Pontiac in applying for a grant to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan - the Greenways Initiative Program to fund an engineering study as to how to create a pedestrian only bridge crossing Telegraph Rd just north of Orchard Lake Rd.</i> 						

* The engineering study is necessary because of the large magnitude of the project , the number of buildings located in the area and to determine how the bridge approaches can be constructed on each side of Telegraph Rd.

* The Friends of the Clinton River Trail have provided its letter of support and are requesting the City of Rochester Hills do the same.

Aye: Duistermars, Swann and White
Absent: Dalton and Raschke

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Whereas, a safe, trail user-friendly crossing at Telegraph Road is vital to the realization of the Clinton River Trail as the very hub of Oakland County's emerging trailways network; and

Whereas, without a safe trail-road interface here, Telegraph Road will be a barrier and deterrent to use of the trail, thus diminishing the trail's use and reducing the potential that it has to revitalize Pontiac's downtown city center and provide high-quality recreation in a densely populated urban region and connect communities via non-motorized access throughout a large portion of the metropolitan Detroit area; and

Whereas, the need to evaluate a pedestrian-only bridge at the Telegraph Road crossing is the result of a significant effort on the part of trail/highway stakeholders to find a suitable alternative for the trail-road interface; and

Whereas, beginning in February of this year, a series of meetings known as the "Clinton River Trail Telegraph Road Crossing Study group" were held to explore alternatives; and

Whereas, MDOT staff for the Oakland Service Center determined that the at-grade crossing that was proposed in the Clinton River Trail Master Plan (funded by a Greenway Initiative pre-development grant in 2003) was unacceptable from a pedestrian safety point of view; and

Whereas, the work to be funded by this grant application will provide vital engineering analysis and cost estimates that are essential for final decisions and specifications for an optimal Telegraph Road crossing and is a prerequisite to gaining the necessary stakeholder buy-in and funding sources in order for a project of this magnitude to be undertaken.

Be It Resolved that the Rochester Hills concurs with the recommendation of the Leisure Activities Committee hereby adopts this Resolution of Support to the City of Pontiac, Michigan, for its grant application to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan regarding the Clinton River Trail to assist with engineering evaluation and recommendations for a pedestrian bridge to span the Clinton River Trail across Telegraph Road on the City's west side.