

MEETING SUMMARY

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

1) Master Trails Plan identification of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC for future reference)

Bound copies of the Master Trails Plan were distributed to all Committee members (please contact me if you would like one before the next meeting). Page 86 identifies the creation of a bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. I briefly discussed the process that the City went through to update the Master Trails Plan and the creation of the BPAC.

2) Introductions

Brandon Whyte – Multi-Modal Transportation Planner for Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization

Larry Scott – BikeCR Committee member, Linn County Trails Association Member, Retired Rockwell Collins Employee

Sara Mentzer – Blue Zones, non-committee member, spectator?

Bob Neilly – Imagine 8, Marion resident

Terri Thayer – Imagine 8, Marion resident

Mike Barkalow – Marion Assistant City Engineer

Tim Mooney – Planning and Zoning Commission Member

Tom Daubs – Marion Police, Bicycle Patrol

Kesha Billings – Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Absent:

Cody Crawford – Marion City Council

Candy Mullen – Running Wild, running advocate

Amy Lepowsky – Linn County Health

Mike Carolan – Marion Parks Director

3) Identification of current trails

- Page 13 of the Master Trails Plan identifies current on and off street accommodations.
- The Master Trails Plan identifies a number of bike lanes and bike boulevards that would utilize a number of existing City streets for bicycle accommodations without the high cost of reconstruction. Will need to work with Public service in identifying the first routes to paint and sign in coming years budgets.
- Recent road construction within subdivisions has allowed for additional roadside trails to be constructed. (35th Avenue east of 35th Street, Tower Terrace Road, Irish Drive north of Tower Terrace, Winslow Road)

4) Identification of funded trails

- Underpass is partially funded with Federal funds, the local match is being shared by the Linn county Conservation Department and the City of Marion. Project has been let, construction will begin no later than July 6th of 2015 with 8-9 weeks anticipated for construction. Construction cost bid at \$922,906
- Grant Wood Trail extension from Highway 13 to 35th Street. The DOT has recently signed off on the design agreement between the City of Marion and Anderson-Bogert Engineers to do preliminary and final design, this includes all environmental studies as well. This project is also funded through the CMPO (Federal funds) with Linn County Conservation Department and City of Marion sharing local costs. (see attached

location map). Cost estimate Submitted to the CMPO was \$655,961, a revised cost estimate will be applied after final engineering design.

- CeMar Trail was funded by the CMPO in 2012 with an estimated total design and construction cost of \$3 million for Marion portion (see attached location map). Through an advance on the design funding, staff will be able to hire engineering consultants as soon as DOT allows, with construction funding available in 2016, construction most likely in 2017 at the earliest.
- Indian Creek Trail (see attached map) Also a CMPO funded trail with a total estimated construction cost of \$2.8 million. Design and construction funds will not be available until federal fiscal year 2018 (October 2017).

5) Vision/Goals Responsibilities of BPAC

Page 86 of the Master Trails Plan identifies the proposed duties of the BPAC which include:

- Champion the implementation of the MTP
- Advise City on implementation of the MTP
- Facilitate cooperation among local agencies and jurisdictions
- Identify and recommend sources of funding
- Monitor plan implementation through various performance measures

I also added that I hope for the Committee to be trail advocates that get the word out about trails, trail events, and general events getting people to walk, run, or bike more often... and possibly help coordinate events?

6) Long Range Transportation Plan Recommendations from BPAC

I explained to the Committee that the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) is a Board that oversees how the metro area delegates federal transportation funds. These funds are how our trails have gotten funding in the past. In order to be eligible to receive funds, the trails and roads need to be identified on a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Metro area. Once the trail segments are identified in the LRTP they are ranked against each other and the highest ranked trails can be applied for transportation grant funds. The CMPO goes through a re-ranking of trails every 5 years, this year is 'that year'. Submitting the trails to be ranked does not commit any City funding, it simply allows the City to see how our trail projects rank against others in the metro area. The Committee recommended the following trails to be included in the LRTP:

- 10th Avenue, from 35th Street to Eagleview Drive (trails would be on both sides of the road)
- Squaw Creek Trail, from 29th Avenue to Squaw Creek Park (this will need to be a joint project with Linn County)
- Christopher Creek Trail, from Lowe Park to Boyson Trail (this is the creek west of Alburnett Road)
- North 10th Street, from Tower Terrace Road to Lowe Park/Connection Avenue (trails would be on both sides of the road)
- Highway 100, from Squaw Creek to Tama Street (north side of Hwy 100)

7) Future meeting time and day discussion

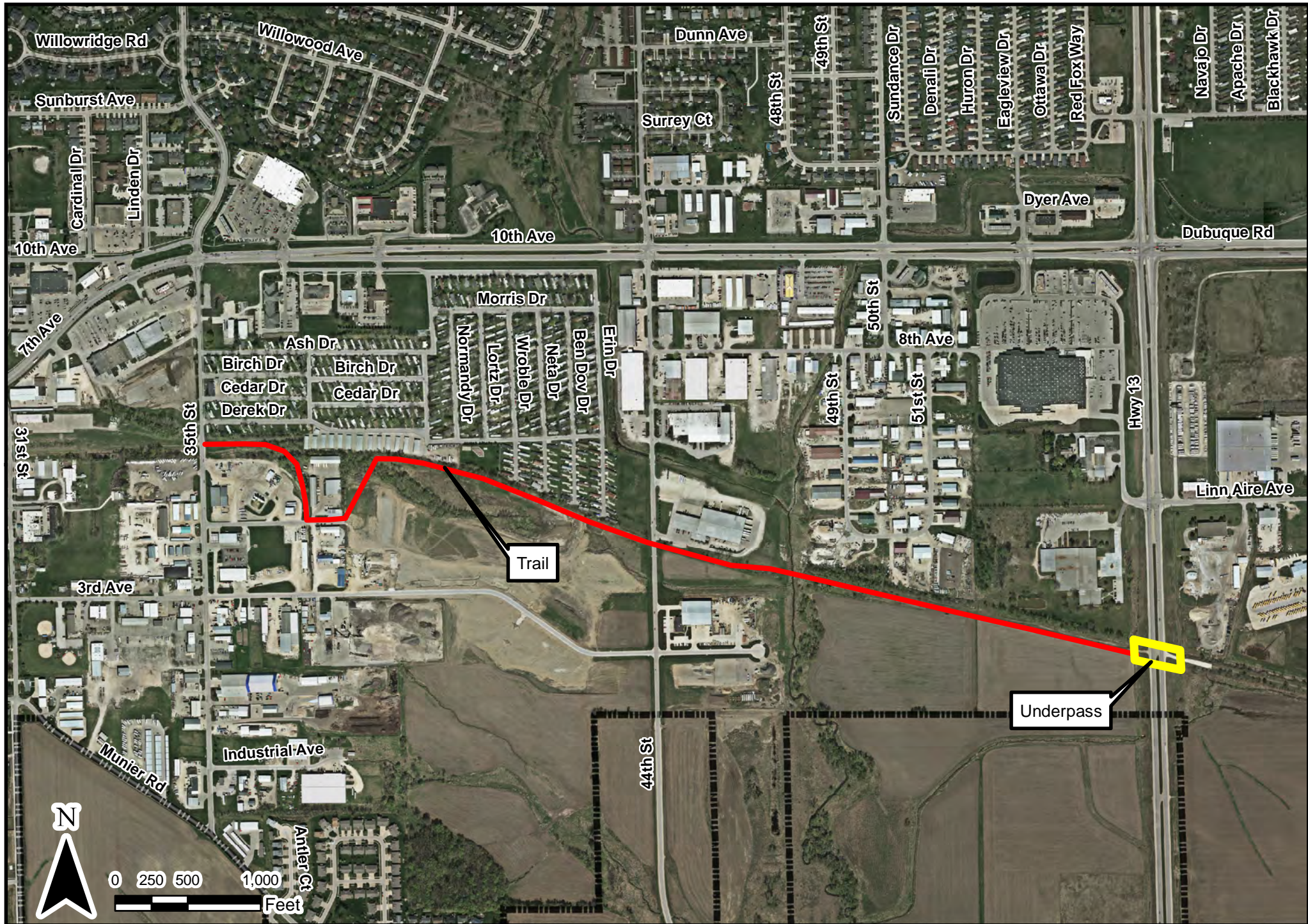
Initial meeting day was not a solid decision. The group discussed what times worked for them. The Tuesday during the last full week of the month seemed to work for everyone. The group also discussed that 4 p.m. worked favorably with their schedules.

8) Next Meeting

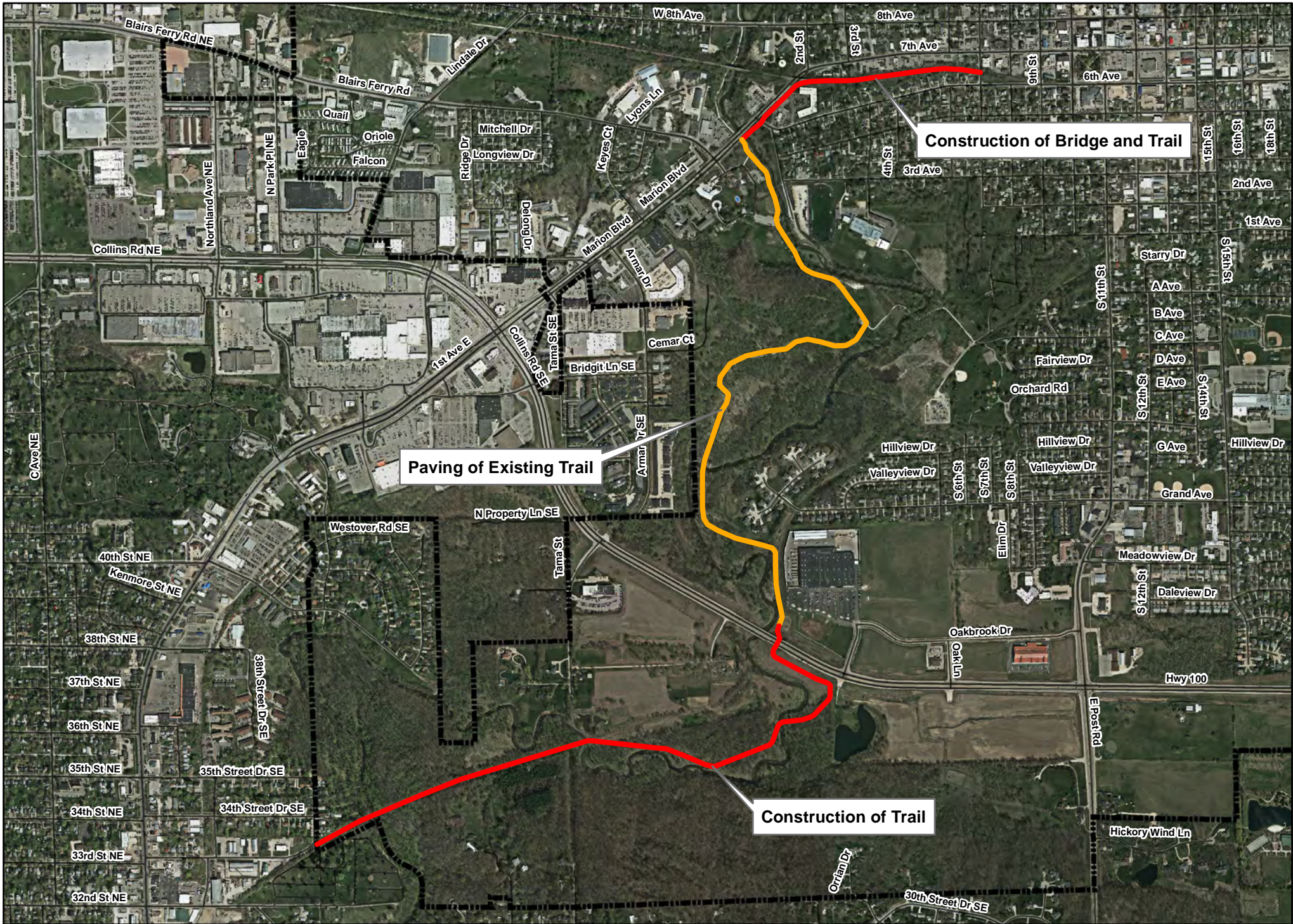
The October 28th meeting will be the exception to the schedule since Dan Burden (co-founder of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute) will be in Marion all day and has offered to meet with the BPAC. The only time we could work him in to meet with the BPAC is 6 p.m. Dan is a wealth of information regarding increasing mobility within communities. He will be able to give the Committee more insight to our future responsibilities as bicycle and pedestrian advisors. I will send out a calendar invite to confirm **Tuesday, October 28th at 6 p.m., at City Hall.**

ALSO! Brandon Whyte informed the Committee he would be leading a CMPO bike ride starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 4th. The route will start in Cedar Rapids, travel into Marion and Hiawatha and end back in Cedar Rapids (see attached flyer). The total route is 27 miles, if you are less adventurous, you can do the Marion portion with me (about 12 miles) starting at the Walgreens on C Avenue. Let me know if you are interested!

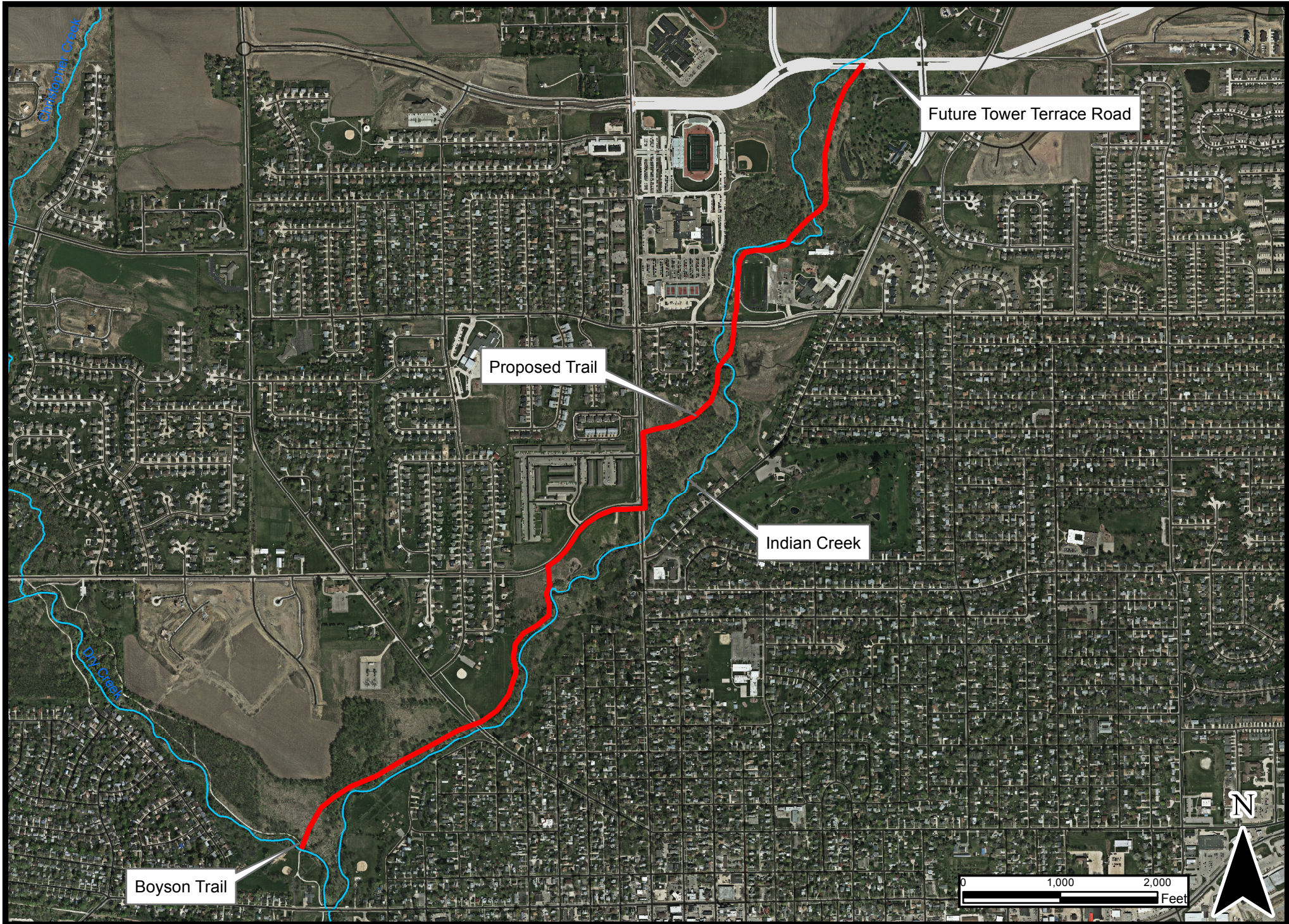
Underpass and Trail to 35th Street



CeMar Trail Alignment



Indian Creek Trail Alignment





MPO Bike Ride

OCTOBER 4TH



30 Miles

FOR MORE INFO AND TO RSVP VISIT:
<http://mpobikeride2014.eventbrite.com>



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CITY MARKET WITH STOPS
IN MARION, HIAWATHA, AND
CEDAR RAPIDS
11:00 AM

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