



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: March 27, 2018

Reference: Consider approval of adopting amendments to the 2010 Community-Wide Trails Implementation Plan, as recommended by the Park Board, and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The new DART Station in Cypress Waters and the accompanying new alignment of the Cotton Belt Rail Line will impact master planned trails on the south side of Coppell. The proposed amendments to the 2010 Community-Wide Trails Implementation Plan determine the best alternative routes for future trails, as well as coordinate with the new DART Station, DART Cotton Belt Line and the adjacent communities of Grapevine, Carrollton and Irving.

Analysis:

The proposed amendments to the 2010 Community-Wide Trails Implementation Plan will include four alternative trail alignment locations, the locations are as follows:

- **Cotton Belt trail crossing of LBJ Freeway:** This portion of the trail is the beginning link of the city's Cotton Belt Trail section as it transitions from Grapevine. The trail will go under the LBJ Freeway and follow along the railroad right-of-way & future DART line until it reaches Coppell Road and turns south to connect with Southwestern Boulevard.

- **Trail tie-ins to the future Dart Station / Cypress Waters:** This trail addition will continue east along Southwestern Boulevard towards Denton Tap/Beltline Road and will tie directly into the proposed DART Station in Cypress Waters. This segment utilizes sidewalks along Southwestern Boulevard and East Belt Line Road in coordination with on-road bike lanes. The trail turns south onto Sanders Loop continuing to the south side of the future DART line overpass.
- **Trail connection in the MacArthur Blvd / Fairway Drive area:** Located on the eastern side of the city, adjacent to the Riverchase Golf Course, this trail will connect the city's proposed MacArthur trail to the larger regional Cotton Belt Trail. The trail route on the east side of MacArthur will be maintained until it turns east on Riverchase Drive, from there the trail will continue along the north side of Riverchase Drive due to the existing width of the road. The trail can be on-road or a 5 foot sidewalk with a 6 foot shared road bike lane. As the trail goes east, it will stay on the north side of East Belt Line Road.
- **Cotton Belt connection to Campion Trail:** This segment of the trail goes to the eastern edge of the city to connect with the City of Carrollton while crossing over the Elm Fork Trinity River and linking to the regional Campion Trail.

This item was presented to the Park Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, 2018, at which time it was approved unanimously.

Legal Review:

Agenda item did not require legal review

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no fiscal impact of this Agenda item

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this item.