

RESOLUTION NO. 04-18127

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY - CITY OF BILLINGS 2004 HERITAGE TRAIL PLAN.

WHEREAS, the public interest requires the creation and adoption of a non-motorized transportation plan for the Greater Billings area.

WHEREAS, the Heritage Trail Plan is consistent with the 2003 Growth Policy, City of Billings Parks Plan and will serve as the non-motorized component of the Billings Urban Transportation Plan.

WHEREAS, the Heritage Trail Plan provides a vision for Billings' future to serve as a guide for local governing bodies and City staff as decisions are made, policy is set and projects prioritized.

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of May, 2004, a public hearing was held by the Yellowstone County Board of Planning for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed Heritage Trail Plan and on the 24th day of May, 2004, the Billings City Council held a public hearing for the same purpose:

WHEREAS, The Yellowstone County Board of Planning recommends the Billings City Council adopt the proposed Heritage Trail Plan with the additional comments from the Addendum attached as ATTACHMENT "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Billings City Council to adopt the Yellowstone County – City of Billings 2004 Heritage Trail Plan.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings this 24th day of May, 2004.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: Charles F. Tooley
Charles F. Tooley, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC/AEE CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT A

These Additional Comments or Updates from staff and the public are recommended to be incorporated into the Heritage Trail Plan and Map

Heritage Trail Plan additions or corrections:

- Update the City Council and Planning Board members with current roster.
- Executive Summary will be added as listed in Table of Contents. It will include the differences from the original BikeNet Plan with highlights of the various sections of the new Plan.
- Page 26, 4.1 add sentence to first paragraph. Since the table was created prior to the 2000 census and the numbers for 2000 were based on projections.
- Page 29, add and "and" in the 2nd paragraph, last sentence of 4.3 before large irrigation canals.
- Page 35, second paragraph, change pedestrian crashes to "crashes involving pedestrians".
- Page 38, under Existing Trails, last sentence, change several soft surface trails "are located" instead of have been constructed. Add to Table 5.1.1, Soft surface trails are approximate lengths and add .75 mi in Rehberg Ranch built in 2003, Private funding
- Page 43, 5.3 Remove "And Amenities" in heading.
- Page 44, 5.4 Waterway Corridors, last sentence, add "major" after following before waterways were identified. Add additional sentence at end of section, "Other drainage areas should also be considered for potential trail corridors."
- Page 49, Action 3, add in text of first sentence, "City /County" Code and add "City/County" staff.
- Page 51, Action 6 add "or Yellowstone County, where appropriate" after City of Billings. Page 52, continuation of action 6, add "City/County staff" where City of Billings is referenced throughout that paragraph.
- Page 52 under Guidelines For New Development, bullet no. 4 add "(higher density)" after properties. Add additional bullet "preserve natural drainages for use as trail corridors.
- Page 53, Action 7, after infrastructure add "and utility". In references to the City of Billings, also add "or Yellowstone County, where appropriate".
- Page 54, under Action 10, last sentence add "City and County" roadway design. Likewise in Action 13, add "and Yellowstone County" after City of Billings.
- Page 58 or 59, add "Action 14. Encourage Entrepreneurial activities near the trails. Encourage additional amenities near the trail network such as bike and skate rentals and food vendors."
- Page 59, Action 3. In first sentence of text add "and Yellowstone County" after City of Billings.
- Page 69, under Natural Areas, remove bullet on The Planetary System.
- Page 74, Figure 6.6.4. Change heading to "Recommended Specifications for Heritage Trail Sign"

- Page 93, under Scenic Byway Program add "Community Transportation" before Enhancement Program and add "which is further discussed under State and Local Funding Sources".
- Page 98, under Additional State and Local Funding, eliminate bullet no. 3 on CTEP.
- Appendix H: Under the heading at the top, Construction Cost Estimates for Priority Multi-Use Trails add: Estimates based on 2003 costs.

Map additions or corrections:

Greenway corridors from original BikeNet Map

- Duck Creek greenway
- Extending greenway along the North Fork of Alkali Creek
- Eliminate railroad track on abandoned ROW through Heights where existing trail is located
- Clarification on map of streets (drop South on streets in west end above Central, add 72nd as currently labeled 80th)

Additional Corridor links:

- Through Metra and link to 5th alignment
- Corridor connection from Castlewood to Zimmerman Trail
- Corridor connection to Cottonwood Park/School site using the High Ditch due to development pressures in that area
- Cove Ditch in area west of Molt Rd. for off-street connector due to development pressures in that area
- With increased development pressures in the Blue Creek area an additional off road greenway link west of Blue Creek Rd. connecting State and City lands.

Additional comments or updates may need to be incorporated after the public hearings.