

RESOLUTION 08-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 07-05 – WESTFIELD WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP THOROUGHFARE PLAN / PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CIRCULATION AND TRAIL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Westfield, Indiana and the Township of Washington, both of Hamilton County, Indiana are subject to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan / Transportation Plan, adopted February 12, 2007 by the Town of Westfield under Resolution 07-05; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission (“Commission”) considered a petition (docket 0801-CPA-01) filed with the Commission to amend the Thoroughfare Plan / Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation and Trail Plan as described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission did take action to forward the requests to the Westfield City Council with a positive recommendation under the provision of IC 36-7-4-511; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Commission certified the action of the Commission to the City Council on February 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Westfield is subject to the provision of IC 36-7-4-511 concerning any action on this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, meeting in a regular session that Thoroughfare Plan / Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation and Trail Plan be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That the following provisions of the Westfield-Washington Township Thoroughfare Plan / Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation and Trail Plan is amended, in accordance with the attached exhibits.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect in accordance with Indiana law upon the passage by the Common Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the occurrence of any other legally required acts, including passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED BY THE Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana this 10th day of March, 2008.

**COMMON COUNCIL, OF WESTFIELD
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**

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By: _____	John Dippel	_____
_____	Robert Horkay	_____
_____	Kenneth Kingshill	_____
_____	Bob Smith	_____
_____	Tom Smith	_____
_____	Rob Stokes	_____
_____	Melody Sweat	_____

Approved and signed by the Mayor of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, this 10th day of March, 2008.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor
City of Westfield, Indiana

ATTEST:

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

This resolution prepared by
Gregory J Anderson, AICP, Director of Community Development

I hereby certify that RESOLUTION 08-09 was delivered to the Mayor of Westfield on the _____ day of _____, 2008, at _____ m.

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-09
this _____ day of _____, 2008.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

I hereby VETO RESOLUTION 08-09
this _____ day of _____, 2008.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

Exhibit “A”

**WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION**

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan regarding Thoroughfare Plan/Trails System. Notice of public hearing was advertised and noticed and presented to the Advisory Plan Commission. Notice was shown to have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County, Indiana. The proposed zoning ordinance amendment is as follows:

0801-CPA-01 Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Thoroughfare Plan/Trails System

A motion was made and passed to send a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the revision with the proposed amendments to 0801-CPA-01.

I, Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, being the Secretary of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the meeting of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held on February 19, 2008.



Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, Secretary

February 22, 2008

Date

0801-CPA-01 Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Thoroughfare Plan/Trails System

Kelleher clarified that the only change from the existing Plan is one sentence.

Anderson confirmed and reiterated this change is necessary for funding purposes.

Sanders moved to open 0801-CPA-01 to Public Comment.

Kelleher seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Sweat commented that 169th and 181st will be overpasses. She stated 161st will be an interchange so discussion took place as to how there will be pedestrian usage with the interchange so this is important to have integrated into our thoroughfare plan.

Mr. Brian Morales stated he is not against the addition of the connector at 161st, but asked for clarification on page 4-14 on last sentence where it states, "169th Street corridor will also be an option for east/west travel." He also addressed pipelines being used in the trail system.

Sweat reiterated that the word "option" did not indicate a choice, but that these three (169th, 181st, and 161st) are all three planned.

Anderson proposed a wording change, "169th Street corridor would also be giving another option for east/west travel."

Sanders moved to amend the language.

Kelleher seconded.

Sanders retracted his motion.

Sanders moved to adopt the revision with the proposed amendments and send 0801-CPA-01 to the City Council with a positive recommendation.

Kelleher seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION**

Petition Number 0801-CPA-01
Zoning Ordinance Section
Title Comprehensive Plan Amendment
Request(s) To amend the Text of Transportation Plan as a Component of the Comprehensive Plan with regard to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Pages 4-14 through 4-16 and Figure 4-6.

Exhibits

- 1) Staff Report, WCD, 02/01/08
- 2) Amended document, WPWD, 02/01/08

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment is to draft text to reflect the addition of the continuance of the Midland Tracc, Monon Trail and Natalie Wheeler loop, see page 4-16.

RECOMMENDATION

Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on February 19, 2008 for formal consideration of the amendment by which to also issue a positive recommendation to the Westfield City Council for amending the Transportation Plan and Comprchensive Plan by reference to include the looped system.

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These three areas are village mixed-use pedestrian districts. This district type includes historic downtown areas with flexible boundaries to accommodate new growth. Downtown Westfield is located adjacent to school campuses and is therefore also considered a campus pedestrian district.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Refinements

Westfield is fortunate to have the opportunity to develop two rail-trail projects that will serve local circulation needs while linking the community directly with state and regional systems. The Monon Trail will link with completed sections to the south to provide a non-motorized route to downtown Indianapolis. The Midland Trace Trail will establish an east-west corridor between Boone County and (potentially) Noblesville, eastern Hamilton County, and beyond. These trails will cross in the vicinity of downtown Westfield.

Although the junction of these two trails near downtown provides a significant opportunity, it also provides significant challenges for planning and design. Largely in recognition of the need for a better plan for this area, the Westfield Advisory Plan Commission formulated a special subcommittee to review components of the Regional Pedestrian Plan and suggest refinements.

The Monon Corridor is located very close to US 31 where a major interchange is planned with SR 32 when US 31 is upgraded to a freeway. An existing development on the north side of SR 32 requires realignment through that area. Moreover, the location of the Monon Corridor west of US 31 limits opportunities to connect with Westfield schools and the downtown area on the east side of US 31.

If constructed within the old rail corridor, the Midland Trace Trail would be located within the interchange of US 31 and SR 32. This would provide a less than desirable route for the trail, and in any case, INDOT has deemed this option unacceptable in terms of their designs. The challenge is to develop a plan that provides regional continuity through this area for both the Midland Trace Trail and the Monon Trail, while establishing local access and a major trailhead junction in the vicinity of downtown Westfield.

Responding to these challenges and opportunities, the Westfield planning subcommittee devised a new trail configuration identified as the Westfield Monon-Midland Trace Loop. This loop would serve as a collector-distributor for regional trail traffic to and from all directions, while providing direct access to Westfield schools and establishing a major regional trailhead downtown.

As shown on Figure 4.5, the Westfield Monon-Midland Trace Loop would utilize an extension of the Natalie Wheeler trail through the downtown area on the east, the Monon corridor and Wheeler Street on the west, the 161st Street corridor on the south, and the 181st Street (Hoover Street) corridor on the north. The 169th Street corridor would also be an option

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for east-west travel. The western leg follows SR 32 for a short distance to Wheeler Street to avoid an existing development in that area.

The benefits of the Westfield Monon-Midland Trace Loop for trail connectivity and continuity are clear. Opportunities are provided for movements in all directions. In addition, the loop can be used as a local travel or recreation facility in its own right. All major destinations in the vicinity are served. It is anticipated that the concept will be developed further in the context of the downtown plan instituted by Westfield in February, 2007.

Other adjustments to the Regional Pedestrian Plan to meet the needs of Westfield are more modest. Trails within pipeline corridors were deemed infeasible by the planning subcommittee and are eliminated. Several routes are adjusted to reflect thoroughfare plan changes to roadway corridors. Pedestrian corridors and pedestrian districts shown in the regional plan are retained, although the SR 32 pedestrian corridor is widened to include the Midland Trace Trail and runs throughout the entire township.



Figure 4.5 Monon – Midland Trace Loop

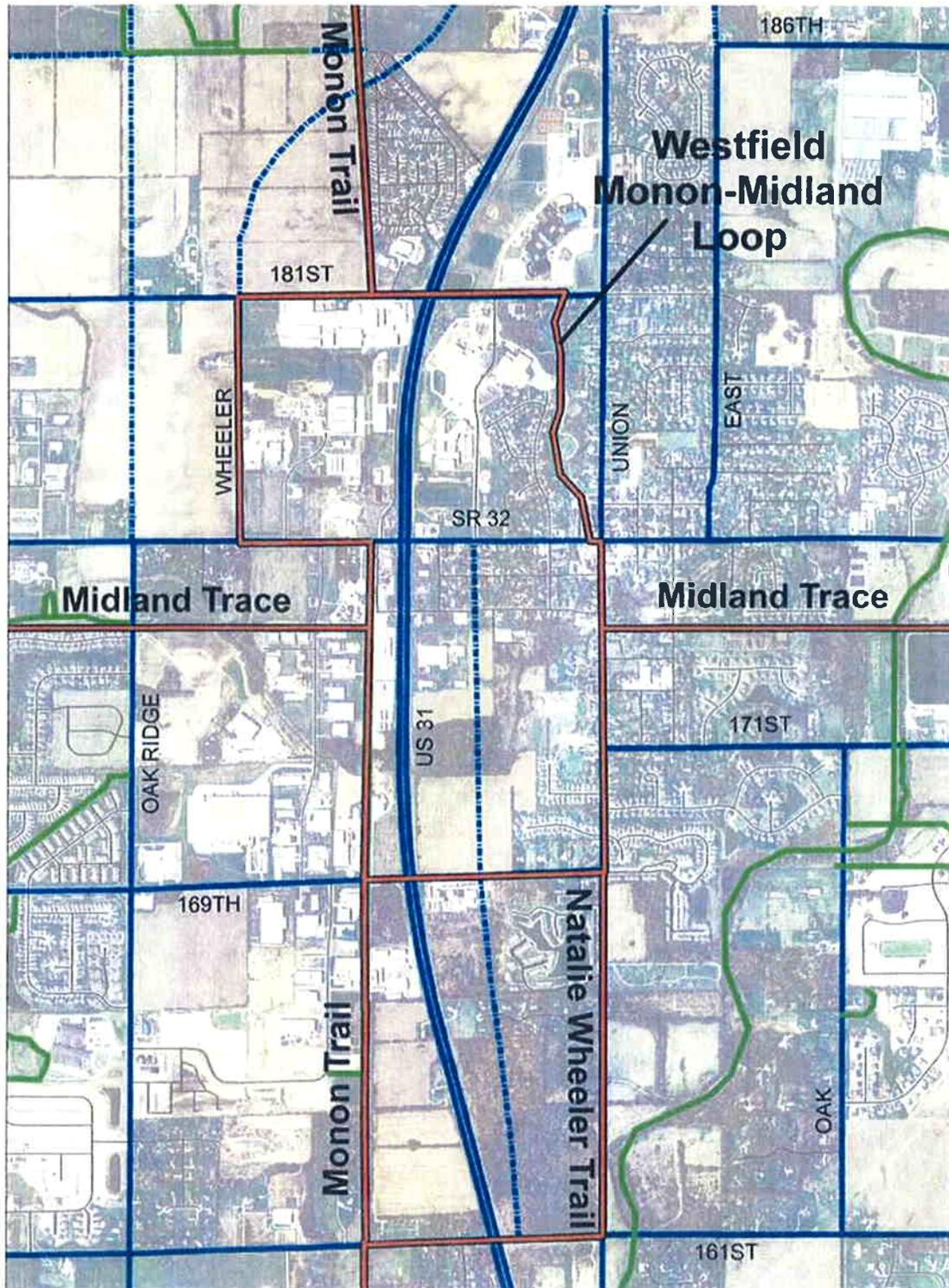
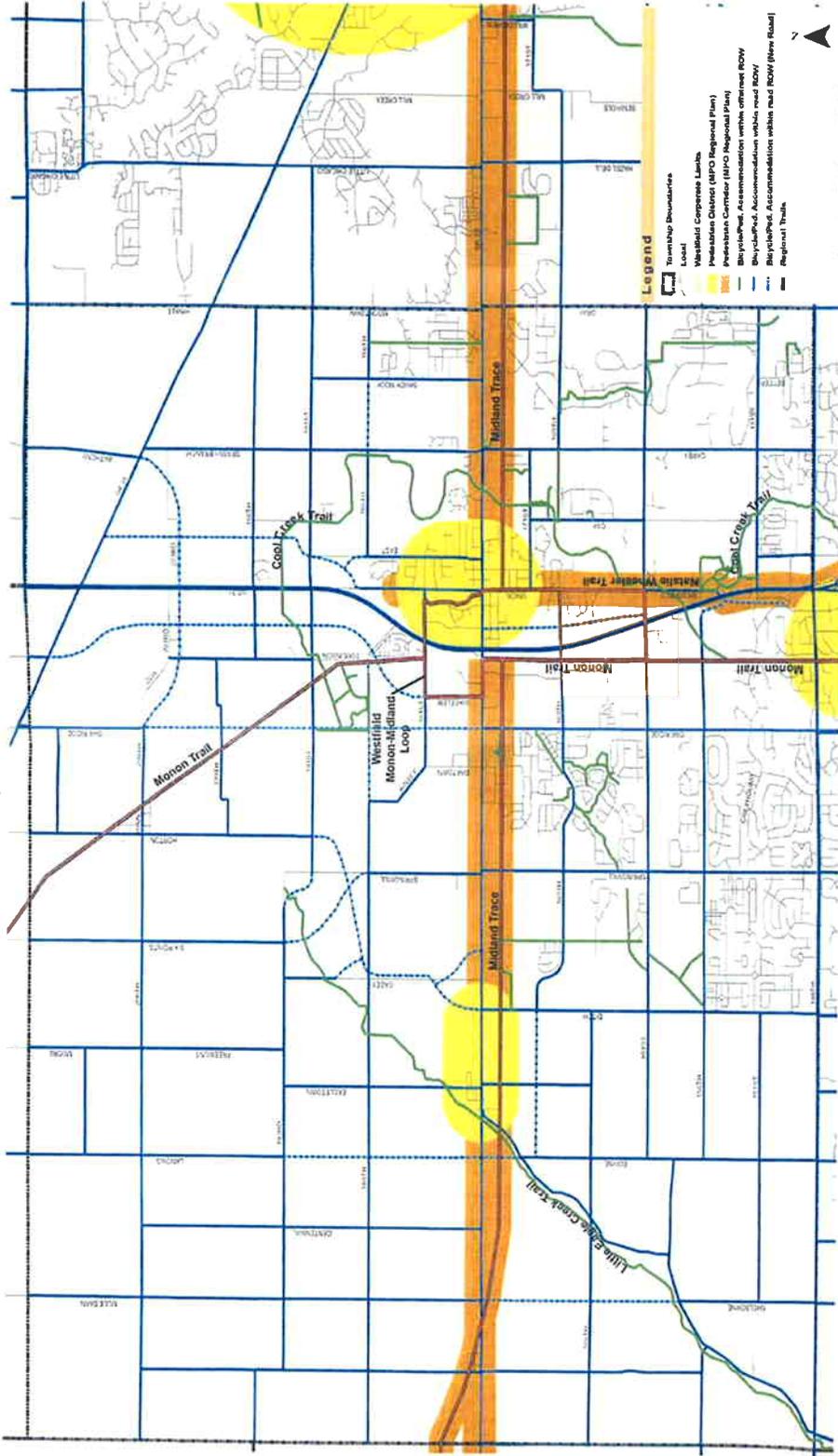


Figure 4.6: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – DRAFT REVISION JANUARY 2008



NOTE:
 This map based on Draft Regional Pedestrian Plan of the Indianapolis MPO. Revisions were made to fit local conditions.

