

RESOLUTION 08-59

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO 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 0811-CPA-02) 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 November 17, 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 RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, and 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 All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 AND PASSED THIS 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008, BY THE
WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.**

**WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Hamilton County, Indiana**

Voting For

Voting Against

Abstain

John Dippel

John Dippel

John Dippel

Bob Horkay

Bob Horkay

Bob Horkay

Ken Kingshill

Ken Kingshill

Ken Kingshill

Bob Smith

Bob Smith

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Thomas Smith

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Rob Stokes

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ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Cindy Gossard

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

I hereby certify that RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-59 was delivered to the Mayor of Westfield on the _____ day of _____, 2008, at _____ m.

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-59
this _____ day of _____, 2008.

I hereby VETO RESOLUTION 08-59
this _____ day of _____, 2008.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

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EXHIBITS

APC Certification

City Council Report

Figure 4.5 Monon-Midland Trace Loop Map

Figure 4.6 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Text Amendment Pages 4-14 & 4-15

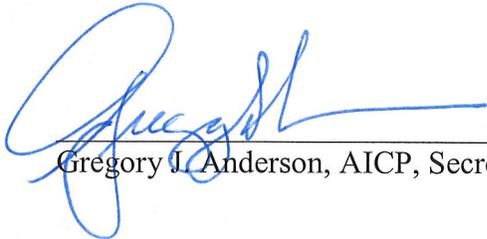
**WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION**

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission met on Monday, November 17, 2008, to consider an amendment to the text and exhibits of the Thoroughfare Plan, 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:

0811-CPA-02 Thoroughfare Plan Amendment; The City of Westfield is requesting an amendment to the text and exhibits of the Thoroughfare Plan, as a component of the Comprehensive Plan, with regard to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the right-of-way requirement for the downtown segment of State Road 32

A motion was made and passed to send a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the revision with the proposed amendments to 0811-CPA-02.

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 November 17, 2008.



Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, Secretary

November 17, 2008

Date

Case No. 0811-CPA-02
Petitioner City Staff
Description Thoroughfare Plan Amendment; The City of Westfield is requesting an amendment to the text and exhibits of the Thoroughfare Plan, as a component of the Comprehensive Plan, with regard to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the right-of-way requirement for the downtown segment of State Road 32.

Anderson reviewed the Thoroughfare Plan amendment. Anderson is asking that the portion of the right of way requirement be deleted out of this request, stating this portion is more complicated than trying to present this evening, but it will be brought back and presented at a later date. However, he stated we are still moving forward with the first part, which was presented at the workshop meeting which is to reroute and reconfigure the Monon-Midland Trace loop.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:54 p.m.

No one spoke and the Public Hearing closed at 7:55.

Motion: To send 0810-DP-13 to the Westfield City Council with a positive recommendation.

Motion by: Emigh; Second by: Sanders; Vote: 8-0



Westfield City Council Report

Petition Number:	0811-CPA-02
Approximate Address:	N/A
Petitioner:	City of Westfield – Parks & Recreation
Requested Action:	The City of Westfield is requesting an amendment to the text and exhibits of the Thoroughfare Plan, as a component of the Comprehensive Plan, with regard to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
Current Zoning Dist:	N/A
Requested Zoning Dist:	N/A
Approximate Acreage	N/A
Filing Date	October 7, 2008
Referral Date to APC:	Not Required
APC Public Hearing:	November 3 rd (Workshop) November 17 th (Public Hearing)
APC Determination:	November 17, 2008
First Reading	December 8, 2008
Public Hearing	Not Required
Second Reading	January 12, 2009
Eligible for Adoption	January 12, 2009

PETITION HISTORY

The petition first appeared before the Advisory Plan Commission (APC) on November 3rd at a regularly scheduled Workshop meeting and was forwarded to the APC regular meeting for the required public hearing on November 17, 2008.

PROCEDURAL

- o Legal Notice has been provided for the required Public Hearing for the November 17, 2008 APC meeting in accordance with all applicable statutes and local ordinances.
- o Notice of the November 17, 2008 Workshop Meeting was posted to the City website, City Hall and City Services Lower Level.
- o Amendments to the public policy documents are required to undergo public hearings in accordance with IC 36-7-4-500, 500 Series-Comprehensive Plan more particularly IC 36-7-4-510 and IC 36-7-4-511.
- o The APC shall issue a recommendation to the City Council in regard to the proposed amendments to the public policy.

INTRODUCTION/ SUMMARY

The City of Westfield Parks & Recreation Department is requesting an amendment to the “Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan” of the Thoroughfare Plan to reroute and reconfigure the Monon-Midland Trace Loop (Figure 4.5) and to reflect the change on the overall Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Figure 4.6) and the associated test on Pages 4-14 and 4-15 of the policy document.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS

- City Administrative Staff [November 17, 2008]
The Westfield City Staff under their final report to the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission made a positive recommendation for this petition to amend the Comprehensive Plan / Thoroughfare Plan in accordance with the attached documentation.
- Advisory Plan Commission [November 17, 2008]
The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission has forwarded a favorable recommendation (Vote of 8-0) regarding this petition to amend the City of Westfield – Comprehensive Plan – February 2007.
- Board of Zoning Appeals [N/R]
- City Council
 - First Reading: [December 8, 2008]
 - Public Hearing: [N/R]
 - Second Reading: [January 12, 2009]
 - Eligible for Adoption: [January 12, 2009]

Hereby submitted this 1st day of December, 2008.

Robert Smith, President
Cindy Spoljaric, Vice-President
Gregory J Anderson, AICP, Secretary
Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission

Figure 4.5: Monon Midland Trace Loop

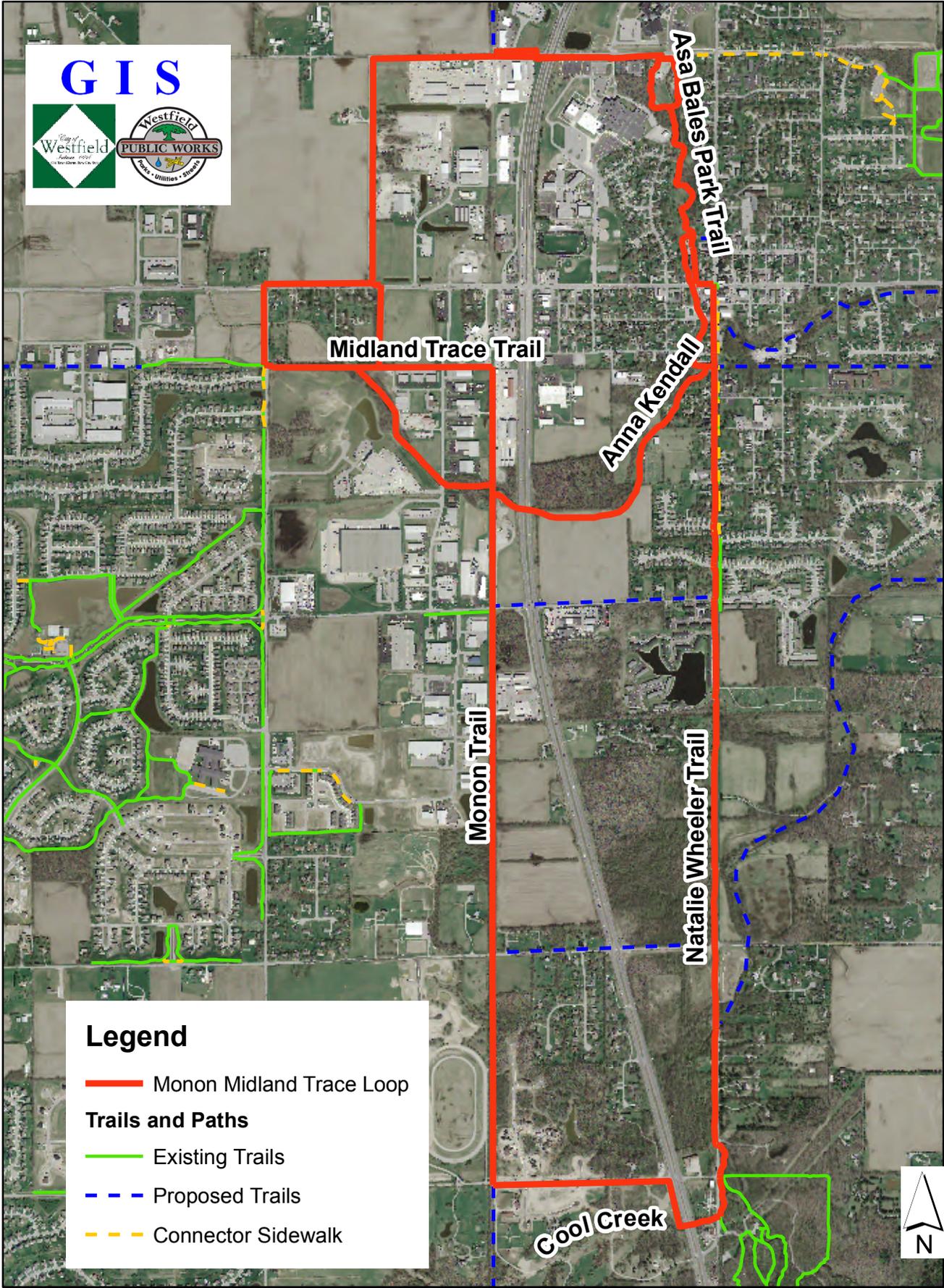
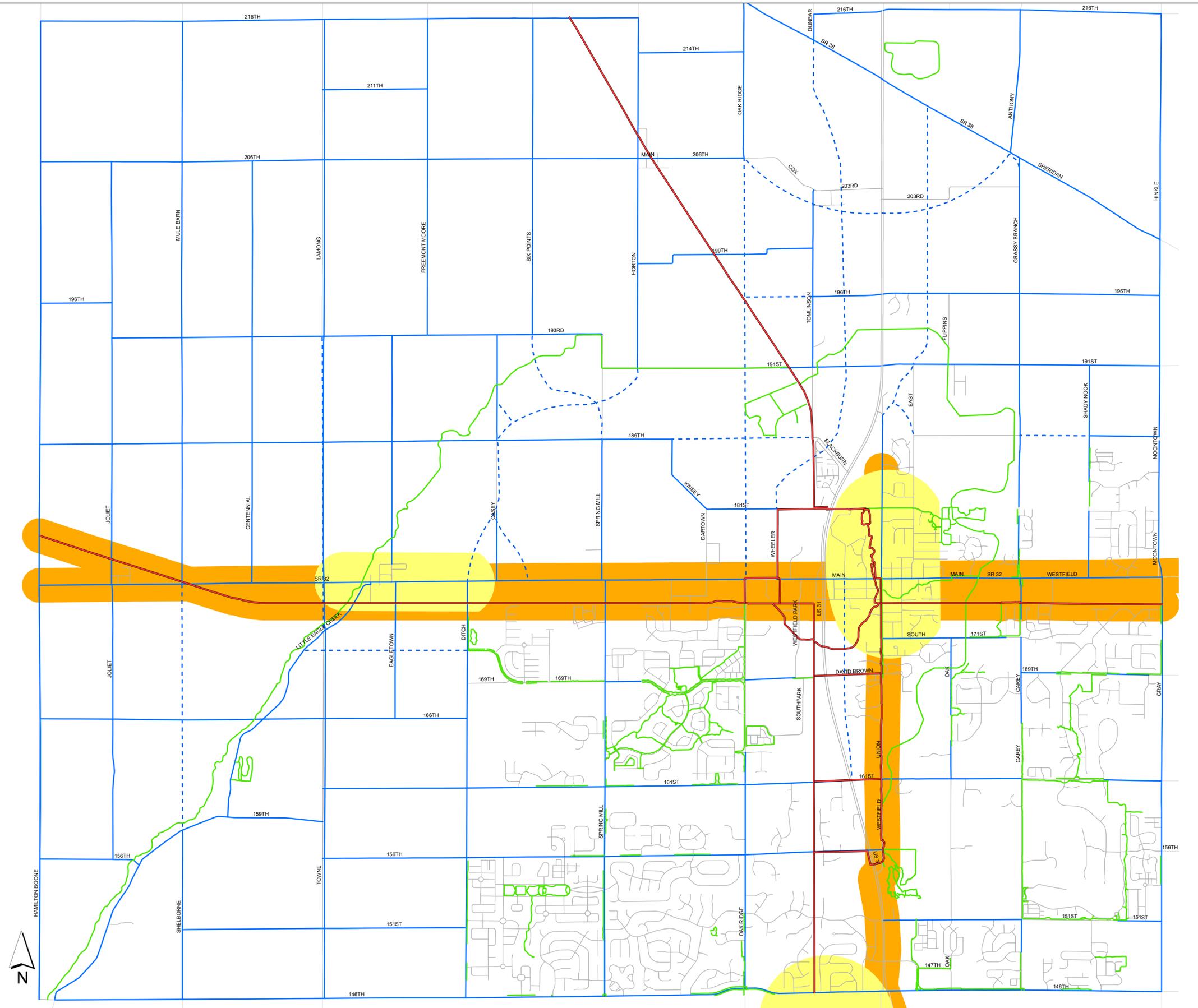
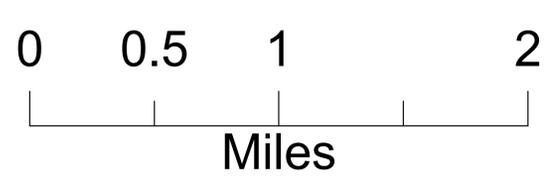


Figure 4.6: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan



- Legend**
- Bicycle/Ped. Accommodation Within Offstreet ROW
 - Bicycle/Ped. Accommodation Within ROW
 - Monon Midland Trace Loop
 - Bicycle/Ped. Accommodation Within ROW (New Road)
 - Streets
 - Pedestrian Districts MPO Regional Plan
 - Pedestrian Corridor MPO Regional Plan



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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~~

~~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.~~

As shown on Figure 4.5, the Westfield Monon-Midland Trace Loop, (east of US 31) would utilize an extension of the Natalie Wheeler Trail north through the downtown area to Asa Bales Park and south to the Anna Kendall Creek Trail as well as continuing on along the Natalie Wheeler Trail south to the Cool Creek Trail crossing under US 31 to the west side. On the west side of US31; the Loop will head north from Cool Creek along US 31 to 156th Street where it will turn west to the Monon Trail; there it will follow the Monon Trail; connecting to the Anna Kendall Creek Trail, the Midland Trace Trail and Wheeler Street. Additional connections will occur at Oak Ridge Road, and along State Road 32. The completed Loop connections will be made across US 31 to the south along the Cool Creek Trail, along the Anna Kendall Creek Trail and north along 181st Street (Hoover Street).

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.