

# Westfield Trails Update

## Monon Trail (146<sup>th</sup> to 156<sup>th</sup>)

- The trail is under construction and will continue to be under construction until Spring/Summer 2009.
- At this time the binder layer of asphalt is down for the entire mile, and every effort will be made to get the final layers down yet this year with Mother Nature's cooperation. The trail head on Greyhound Pass will have stone down and pavers in place the beginning few weeks of December 2008. Although it is not complete, it will be open for parking at that time. All concrete work is done but finishing touches will wait until Spring 2009. The construction schedule plans over the winter months include getting the guard railings installed, trail head lighting and over head pedestrian crossing signals installed; and the pedestrian crossing markings on Greyhound Pass and 156<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The ramp and stairs to the restrooms will be constructed late Spring 2009. All landscaping will be completed weather permitting in the spring.
- We are all exciting about the Monon Trail in Westfield and want to use the trail. Please remember that this is a construct zone. ***If you choose to be on the trail please take every necessary safety precaution.***
- A ribbon cutting and dedication of the Alyn Bernell Mile on National Trails Day (first Saturday in June 2009) is being planned.

## Monon Trail (156<sup>th</sup> to 161<sup>st</sup>) Viking Meadows

- The first 1,450 feet of the trail is complete and was built by Precedent Development as part of their development of Viking Meadows.
- The City is working with Precedent Development to complete the additional (approximate) 1,300 feet to continue the trail to 161<sup>st</sup> Street. It is our goal to have this section completed within the same time line as the first mile.

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## **Monon Trail (161st to State Road 32)**

Right of Way acquisition is underway for this phase of the trail. The route will leave the Monon rail right of way when it connects to the Anna Kendall Creek, which is north of 169<sup>th</sup> Street. From there it will follow the creek northwest until it intersects with the Midland Trace Trail. At this point it will turn west to Oak Ridge Road and head north to State Road 32. Westfield received a \$900,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to build this section of the Monon Trail. The completion deadline is December 31, 2009.

## **Monon Trail North (State Road 32 to 216th St)**

The City has learned that we have been awarded an \$846,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The funding for this grant will not be available until 2012. This money will be used to acquire the rail road right of way to build the Monon Trail north.

## **Midland Trace Trail East Leg (Gray Road to Union Street)**

- In cooperation with Washington Township and a grant received from the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Westfield has completed the engineering, design, survey and over 80% of the right of way acquisition for the Midland Trace Trail. Research is now being done to determine a funding source to build this section of the Midland Trace Trail.
- Another section of the Midland Trace Trail on the west-side is being developed along with the Maple Knoll apartment development. More information on that project will be coming soon.

## **Grand Junction**

Information on plans for trails in downtown Westfield is being looked at along with the Grand Junction Task Groups plan. A presentation to the Westfield Chamber of Commerce will be at the Bridgewater Club on December 18, 2008. Please call the Chamber to make a reservation.