
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Martin and Members of the City Council
FROM: Dusty Finke, Planning Director; through City Administrator Scott Johnson
DATE: May 26, 2021
MEETING: June 1, 2021 City Council
SUBJ: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

Background

Over the past year, Three Rivers Park District has been conducting public engagement related to a master plan for the potential future construction of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail (DLRT). This regional trail corridor is conceptually planned to connect north-south through communities in western Hennepin County, including through Medina.

The DLRT Master Plan would be the first step in a planning and implementation process that would likely not see construction for years or even decades in the future. The Plan would help guide decisions by Three Rivers and communities along the route related to land acquisition and planning of other infrastructure which may relate to the trail (street improvements, local trail connections, etc.)

The Park Commission and City Council reviewed the feedback in February and March. Residents along the potential routes raised concern with impacts of the future trail, especially within the rural area in southern Medina.

There seemed to be more support for a regional trail in the northern area of Medina, so the Park Commissioners and City Council members requested Three Rivers Park to conduct additional engagement on a potential route which could provide a regional trail from the northern city boundary, providing an opportunity for a grade-separated crossing of Highway 55, to approximately Hamel Road, and from there west to Baker Park. Trails within Baker Park would then provide a southern route through the City.

The Park Commission and City Council indicated a desire to review the results of this additional engagement to determine whether to support and approve of a future regional trail route within Medina.

City staff has worked with Three Rivers Park District to conduct more outreach over the past six weeks. The additional activities conducted and a summary of the results of the outreach and engagement is attached for review.

Three Rivers Park District has also reviewed the routes and identified opportunities and challenges of the routes as part of its planning process. This information is attached as well.

The additional engagement has added a few extra months to the DLRT planning process. If the Medina City Council does not express support for the regional trail within Medina, Three Rivers will need to look for other opportunities to relocate a route through other communities (likely

Corcoran and Plymouth). To move their process forward, Three Rivers Park District has requested that the City provide direction on whether there is support to extend the DLRT into Medina or if they will need to look for other opportunities.

As such, staff is requesting direction from the City Council at the June 1 meeting.

Park Commission Recommendation

The Park Commission discussed at their May 19 meeting. An excerpt from the draft meeting minutes is attached for reference.

The Commission provided an opportunity for residents to address the matter, although the Chair noted that the Commission had been provided an intensive summary of feedback and had the opportunity to review all previously received comments such that it was not necessary to repeat things previously submitted. Four residents spoke at the meeting. Two opposed the route along Hamel Road near their homes and two opposed the eastern route across their property near Bridgewater which is guided for potential Low Density Residential redevelopment.

The feedback from the Park Commission was divided on the matter. Three Commissioners believed it was in the long-term interest of the City to plan for the regional trail connection. In addition, the two Youth Members spoke in favor of supporting the regional connection in Medina. Four Commissioners indicated that they did not support the regional trail in Medina. On a motion of 4-3 (Youth Members do not vote), the following motion was passed:

Recommend that the City not support a Diamond Lake Regional Trail route through Medina at this time.

Potential Actions

After the City Council has completed its review of the information, one of the following actions could be considered:

- Move to request that [the western route option] or [the eastern route option] be included in the Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan.
OR
- Move to request that a route through Medina not be included in the Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan at this time.

Attachment

1. Excerpt from draft 5/19/2021 Park Commission minutes
2. Three Rivers Presentation
3. Summary of public engagement
4. Summary of Opportunities and Challenges
5. Correspondence Received by City

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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., which was held virtually pursuant Minn. Stat. Sec. 13D.021. Park Commission Chair John Jacob presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Mary Morrison, John Jacob, Angela Bernhardt, Nila Norman, Steve Lee, Terry Sharp, Troy Hutchinson
Youth Members Present: Emily Jans and Katya Cavanaugh
Commissioners Absent: None
Also Present: Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup, Planning Director Dusty Finke, Councilmember Joe Cavanaugh

2) Additions to the Agenda: None.

3) Approval of the Minutes from:

- March 17, 2021 Meeting: No changes.

A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Morrison to approve the minutes from March 17, 2021 as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

<i>Lee</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Bernhardt</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Norman</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Hutchinson</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>aye</i>

Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comments (on items not on the agenda): None.

5) City Council Update

Cavanaugh provided an update on recent City Council actions.

6) Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

Finke stated that tonight the Commission will review a potential route through Medina for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail (DLRT). He reviewed background information on the DLRT and the engagement that has occurred over the past year as part of the Master Plan process. He noted that the Park Commission and City Council did not support the route proposed through the southern portion of Medina and requested engagement on an alternative route that would connect the DLRT to Baker Park. He noted that the Council has stated that they would not support the use of eminent domain and trail corridor acquisition would need to occur with willing sellers or through park dedication over time. He provided details on the two options that would connect from the northern city boundary to Hamel Road and noted that a summary of the reports from the engagement completed was included in the Commission packet for review. He stated that the intent tonight is to gain a recommendation from the Commission and present that to the Council at its June 1st meeting. He noted that Three Rivers Park District intends to move forward on its DLRT planning process, either with a recommended route through Medina or by working with neighboring communities and bypassing Medina. He introduced the members of the Three Rivers Park District team present at the meeting tonight.

Stephen Shurson, Three Rivers Park District Project Manager, displayed a map showing two trail options coming from Corcoran and through the northern portion of Medina, connecting to Baker Park, into Orono, continuing through Long Lake, and connecting through Wayzata.

Stewart Crosby, SRF, reviewed the existing condition of Hamel Road and noted that the preferred trail option would be to have a back of curb trail which would remain within the right-of-way. He stated that in situations where the ditch is steep, there are wetlands or other challenges, the trail could be placed on the outside of the ditch. He stated that sometimes in those instances a permanent easement could be needed. He stated that Hamel Road provides a lot of opportunities but also has challenges. He provided additional details on the different route options, challenges, and design elements that would come along with those routes.

Shurson stated that the public engagement process ran a course of about seven weeks and reviewed the different methods that were utilized in attempt to solicit the most input from the public. He stated that there were two in person open house sessions at Fields of Medina Park and Baker Park along with three virtual meetings. He provided details on the input received through the interactive map option, noting that there was generally more support for the route north of Highway 55 and more opposition as it moved along Hamel Road. He stated that for those opposed to the trail, the majority of the concern centered on a concern with a loss of privacy and perceived loss of security. He stated that for those that supported the trail, the main theme related to connectivity and the opportunity to have a safe crossing of Highway 55. He noted that engagement support was evenly split between the two routes. He summarized that the majority of Hamel Road property owners were opposed to the trail while those that lived further from Hamel Road were very supportive because they desire that connectivity. He noted that the decision would be of the City as to whether it wants to move forward with the project. He stated that if Medina does not want to move forward, Three Rivers Park District will continue to move forward, working with other communities.

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Jacob thanked the members present from Three Rivers Park District, Finke and the members of the public that have been involved in the engagement throughout this process. He stated that the Commission has been provided with copies of all the comments received thus far and therefore those comments do not need to be repeated tonight. He welcomed any additional comments that residents may have tonight.

Doug Dunlay, 4292 Arrowhead Drive, thanked the City and Park District for engaging the public and providing the opportunity for input. He stated that currently there are two options proposed, noting that the eastern route would impact his property along with many of his neighbors. He stated that the route comes through his yard, clips his garage, and comes down his driveway which would be a huge impact. He asked that the Commission not support that route. He stated that if the eastern route is chosen, that should run along Meander Road rather than crossing private property and impacting wetlands. He stated that he is not against a bike path but believed the least impactful route to landowners, privacy and the wetlands should be found at the most economical and feasible manner.

Finke commented that the long-range planning of the project was discussed and in areas of the city that have been identified for future development, exact routes were not necessarily identified but rather general location which could be worked into future potential development. He noted that in those instances the trail would be part of a subdivision request and received through park dedication.

Chris Blattner, 3085 Hamel Road, commented that he has a huge concern with the posted graphic related to the number of people that supported and opposed the trail. He stated that there were probably a lot of votes from individuals that live within a subdivision and do not have direct impacts. He explained that he, and many of his neighbors, purchased their land because of their desire for privacy and have concern with a trail running through the area.

Dan Strand, 1985 Hamel Road, stated that he has many concerns. He stated that at the March 17th meeting there was a statement made that the route to the west was slightly different than the original western route and asked the reason that route was changed. He stated that it was mentioned that Cavanaugh requested that change and asked which properties were involved.

Shurson commented that he believed the change was made around the Tamarack Drive area in order to better align with the planned City streets north of Highway 55. He stated that the lines should be considered conceptual and flexible as there is the potential for future development which would provide opportunity to obtain trails. He stated that they also eliminated the route along 116.

Finke stated that early on in the process there were three potential crossings of Highway 55 and as the process moved forward the potential Arrowhead crossing was moved further west because of the topography of the location.

Strand stated that there has been a lot of work put into this process but there is a horse trail down Hamel Road for community use. He asked where the drainage from the trail would be

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routed. He referenced the cost for the trail and asked where the funds would come from to construct the trail. He noted that an overpass is expensive as are impacts to wetlands. He recognized the anticipated schedule to move forward to the Council in June but believed that is premature. He stated that he does not support a trail that would come through this property. He asked how many members of the city would use the trail versus those from outside Medina.

Mark Lamberty, 4250 Arrowhead Drive, stated that the eastern route would directly impact their property. He stated that there is already a bike path on their property. He asked why Meander Road to Arrowhead Drive would not be considered as a viable option rather than crossing private properties and wetlands. He stated that the property owners have expressed opposition and therefore was unsure how this could be a viable route when there are not willing sellers.

Tracey Lamberty commented that there are bikers using the roadway/path every day and evening. She asked why those bikers would not continue to be served with a path that would provide safety to both the bikers and drivers.

Mr. Blattner commented that he did not believe the bikers would use the trails as they continue to use the roadways even when there are trails available.

Mr. Lamberty asked and received confirmation that the emails he submitted were included and distributed to the members of the Commission. He stated that there is a park at the end of the road that they have allowed the City to access through their property for maintenance, even though it is a no maintenance park. He stated that he would have no desire to continue to allow that access if this route is approved.

Lee stated if the City were to approve the trail corridor, could it then find itself in a situation where the park district decided to move the corridor outside of Medina because of the challenges that exist on the routes.

Shurson stated that if Medina approves a route, the park district would be committed to it and would not come back at a future date stating it is not feasible. He stated that they understand there are challenges, but those challenges are not insurmountable.

Lee stated that he agrees with the concept that existing trails and pathways should be used where they already exist rather than going through private property. He stated that for a long time the City has tried to find a way to connect both north and south and east and west through more than just driving and it has been a struggle. He stated that conceptually everyone supports the concept but when it comes close to someone's home their opinion is changed. He commented that the park district is willing to help the City build a trail and a safe crossing to get over Highway 55. He stated that if the City chooses not to move forward, it will miss the opportunity to connect the north and south and east to west and that would be a terrible missed opportunity. He noted that cost would then fall solely to the residents of Medina in the future. He commented that the residents in the north have felt somewhat isolated and therefore he is attempting to best solve that dilemma.

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Sharp stated that one role of the Commission is to make trails and parks accessible to all residents of Medina. He stated that it is tough to meet the wants and needs of all and he greatly respects the residents along Hamel Road. He commented that there will be a lost opportunity for the City and future generations of residents if Three Rivers chooses to bypass Medina. He stated that people come to Minnesota because of the parks and trails, both neighborhood and regional, and if those are not accessible that is a lost opportunity.

Bernhardt stated that she has appreciated the openness and number of meetings to allow public input. She stated that she is ready to make a decision but is not sure it fits with the comments of the previous two Commission members.

Norman stated that she has found it interesting and fun to see the members of the public participate throughout the engagement process. She stated that the role of the Commission is to think about both the present and future residents of the community. She stated that 30 years from now she cannot predict what the landscape will look like but is certain it will involve people wanting to be outside and enjoying the environment. She stated that she agrees more with the previous Commission member in the overall sentiment and commented that she is heavily weighing the disruption that would be caused to those along Hamel Road.

Hutchinson stated that he has lived in Medina for over 12 years on Lake Independence, therefore he is not unfamiliar with all that comes with having property that abuts public space. He stated that as a lakeshore property owner, the lake is shared with those from the public that use the lake in both the summer and winter months. He stated that they have consistently seen through the different proposals that those that live along the search corridors provide the feedback and express that they do not want something in their backyard. He noted that is a common theme with development and other public projects. He stated that part of the draw in moving to Medina was the proximity of the neighborhood to the trail system and Baker Park. He stated that is something that should be highly valued and treasured by the community. He stated that Three Rivers Park District has skilled staff members with a tremendous amount of past experience and education and are objective in how they look at this. He explained that the desire is to build public trails that are accessible to all for the public good. He stated that he places value on the suggestions, studies, and proposals from the Park District. He stated that he does support the work that has been done by the Park District and supports the proposal.

Morrison stated that she is strongly opposed to placing the trail down Hamel Road as she does not see why that route is more suitable than others that were eliminated (Tamarack and Hunter). She stated that Hamel Road is narrow with bad sightlines and the trail impedes the rural properties on which it would run adjacent. She stated that she senses that the desire is for the crossing over Highway 55 and believed there is a solution that can provide that without impeding Hamel Road. She noted that the timeline has been stated as 20 to 30 years and did not believe Medina could wait that long to obtain the safe crossing for Highway 55 and therefore this would not provide a solution for the connection issue Medina already has. She did not believe that it would make sense that Hamel Road would become the sacrificial neighborhood because everyone else has already objected. She believed that the City is

chasing the money opportunity without supporting what is ultimately best for Medina and its residents and therefore would not support this moving forward.

Jans commented that she appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback. She stated that she agrees that this trail would be an opportunity and asset to future generations and would allow more people to enjoy the rural character of Medina. She asked how the environmental concerns would differ between the two routes and how impacts to the environment would be mitigated.

Shurson commented that he believed there were more wetlands to be crossed on the west option compared to the east. He explained that they build boardwalks elevated above the surface of wetlands which still allows for vegetation to grow and animal life to pass under the boardwalks. He stated that boardwalks are also constructed in the winter in order to minimize disruption. He noted that they would also work with the local Watershed District to ensure the proper methods are followed.

Crosby commented that the western route has roughly 1,100 feet of linear wetland while the eastern route has upwards of 1,600 linear feet, which would place the eastern route as the route with more wetland area.

Cavanaugh commented that she would support a trail going through that area because it would be great to share the natural beauty of Medina with residents and others. She stated that it would also be great to have a safe pedestrian crossing over Highway 55.

Jacob commented that this project and undertaking has exposed a lot of interesting challenges and the differences in opinion between the residents in the north and south and whether residents would be directly impacted by the trail. He stated that it is important to preserve the rural character of Medina as that is the reason most residents moved to Medina. He thanked Three Rivers Park District and its planning team for the work and effort that has gone into this. He recognized that there are a lot of details that would be involved in making the project a success but there does not seem to be a large amount of support for this and therefore he would not be supporting this trail. He recognized that the ultimate decision would be of the City Council.

Lee thanked everyone that has provided comments and questions throughout this process, recognizing the time that everyone has put into this consideration. He asked if Medina were to move forward, would this be a timeline of 20 to 30 years.

Kelly Grissman, Three Rivers Park District, commented that the trails proposed from Hamel Road north would fall under a sooner timeframe. She stated that the Park District looks for any opportunity to coordinate with other projects and willing sellers. She stated that once property becomes available, they work to secure that. She believed there is more opportunity to do that in the northern portion of Medina where properties will be developing, and roads are still be configured. She stated that getting an overpass over Highway 55 would be a challenge but beginning those conversations sooner would help to make it a more successful project. She stated that as Medina continues to develop, it would make for a more

competitive and easily fundable project. She commented that work could happen in the next seven to 10 years, whereas the Hamel segment would fall under 10 to 30 years and would be based on opportunities and whether additional right-of-way would be needed. She stated that the Park District only uses eminent domain when a community requests and supports that and Medina has stated that it does not support that option therefore the timing would be based on when opportunities present themselves.

Lee asked if Scherer has any comments related to the overpass.

Scherer stated that he has no comment.

Lee referenced the comment that was made that Hamel Road was chosen by default because of the opposition expressed by other residents. He stated that Hamel Road provided access to people north of Highway 55 to Baker Park, which the City currently does not offer and something the other alignments did not provide. He thanked the youth members for their input tonight.

Morrison commented that she feels that Medina is committed to its rural character and to force rural landowners to have a trail near their livestock would not seem appropriate. She acknowledged the point that this would connect to Baker Park but there would be options through Corcoran that could provide that connection as well.

Mr. Lane referenced the question that was raised in respect to alternative trail options and reminded the Commission that there is a paved trail from the north in Corcoran, across Highway 55, through Loretto and into Baker Park which was paid for and constructed by Three Rivers Park District. He stated that while it might be fine to have a pedestrian overpass included in the long-range planning, there is access from the north to Baker Park.

A motion was made by Morrison and seconded by Norman to recommend that the City not support a Diamond Lake Regional Trail route through Medina at this time.

A roll call vote was taken:

<i>Lee</i>	<i>nay</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>nay</i>
<i>Bernhardt</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Norman</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Hutchinson</i>	<i>nay</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>aye</i>

Motion passed 4-3.

Finke commented that the intent is to present this recommendation to the City Council at the June 1st meeting.

7) James and Meliss Korin – Pioneer Trail Preserve – 2325 Pioneer Trail – Park Dedication Review

Finke presented a subdivision request for 2325 Pioneer Trail which would create three rural lots on the 40-acre site. He stated that there is one house under construction on the property, which is allowed and noted that home would fall under lot one if the request is ultimately approved. He stated that the property does not have frontage on Pioneer Trail and would receive access through an easement on the property to the east. He stated that the City would have the option to request 10 percent of the buildable land, cash in lieu, or a combination of the two. He noted that there are no park or trail improvements identified in this area and therefore staff recommends cash in lieu to satisfy park dedication in the amount of \$16,000.

Morrison asked if the cash in lieu would be made available to develop trails or whether it could only be used for parks.

Finke confirmed that the funds would be available for trail construction, noting that most of the trails in Medina are constructed using park dedication fees.

The Commissioners all agreed with the recommendation of cash in lieu to satisfy park dedication.

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Sharp to recommend cash in lieu of land in the amount of \$16,000 to satisfy park dedication requirements for the Pioneer Trail Preserve Plat.

A roll call vote was taken:

<i>Lee</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Bernhardt</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Norman</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Hutchinson</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>aye</i>

Motion passed unanimously.

8) Staff Report

General Items – Gallup stated that the City Council has been discussing a return to in person

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meetings and noted that the tentative plan would be to return to in person meetings in July. She asked for input on whether a park tour would be desired for July. She noted that typically the Commission completes that in May but postponed that because of the discussion tonight and concerns with COVID. She stated that if a park tour is desired, she would suggest an alternate date other than the regular meeting night. She stated that she will poll the Commission members to determine the best date.

Jacob noted that if each member of the Commission could visit their assigned park, an alternative would be for the group to provide updates on the status of each of the parks.

Cavanaugh asked whether youth members are also assigned a park.

Gallup confirmed that the members of the Commission have been assigned multiple parks and therefore she will let youth members choose a park which would lessen the load of the Commission. She stated that she will follow up with the youth members to determine which parks they would like.

Scherer reported that the ballfield lighting installation contract was awarded by the Council the previous night and estimated that the lights would be delivered in about three weeks and perhaps the goal to have the lights up and running before the end of the season could be reached. He stated that the Public Works crew has been working on the Arrowhead Drive trail connection near Loram and provided an update, anticipating that would be completed in the next month.

Jacob asked when the adjacent project in Plymouth at Medina Road and 101 would be completed as that impacted traffic.

Scherer replied that project was only three days and was completed. He recognized that the road parking is very active during baseball games. He stated that he encouraged HAC to tell their members to use the overflow parking rather than the roadway.

Lee asked if there is an update for Hunter Lions Park.

Scherer provided an update on that planning process, noting that they are working on the grading for the pickleball courts to ensure there would not be drainage problems for the neighboring properties.

Morrison stated that she has received questions from horseback riders north of 24 related to dedicated horse trails and when trails would be constructed. She asked that the Commission also review the trails in addition to their assigned parks.

Scherer stated that there is no real update other than that staff needs to walk through the Deer Hill development to determine where that will be placed. He

stated that the trailhead for the Marx property has not yet been established. He also provided an update on a recent tree planting event in coordination with local Scouts noting that approximately 380 trees were planted.

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Sharp, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

<i>Lee</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Bernhardt</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Norman</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Hutchinson</i>	<i>absent</i>
<i>Morrison</i>	<i>aye</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>aye</i>

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

North Medina Public Engagement Summary and Regional Trail Assessment



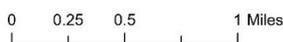
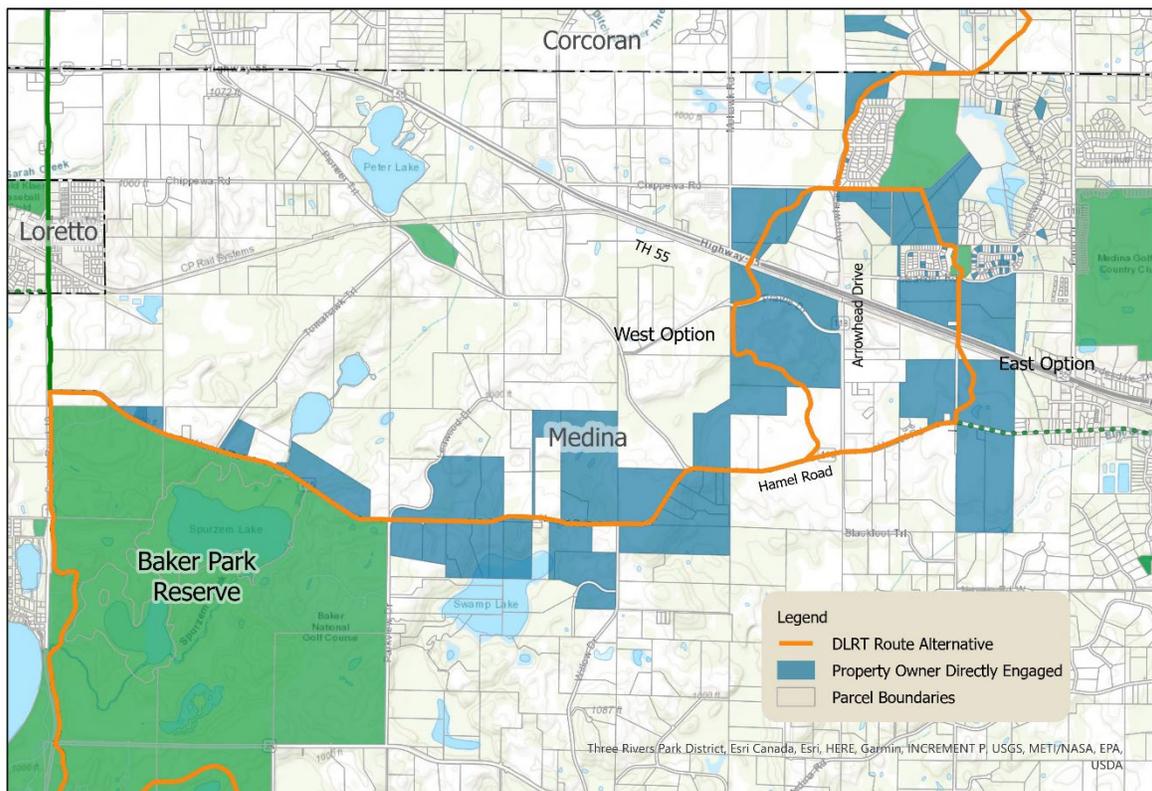
Prepared by Kelly Grissman, Director of Planning and Stephen Shurson, Landscape Architect

At the March 16, 2021 Medina City Council meeting, the City Council requested that Three Rivers move forward with additional Diamond Lake Regional Trail planning efforts within the northern portion of the City and authorized the general conceptual routes and engagement plan. This memo provides a summary of the engagement findings and process as well as general opportunities and design challenges for each route under consideration.

Overarching Engagement Findings

In general, the public engagement findings reaffirmed the community divide between support and opposition for the regional trail. Residents living predominately north of the Hamel Road corridor tended to support the regional trail concept and residents living along Hamel Road tended to oppose the regional trail concept.

Residents and property owners could provide feedback in a variety of ways and several choose to participate in multiple ways making it difficult to tally the exact number of residents or property owners engaged. Three Rivers estimates that about 130 individual residents/property owners participated in the process. A map of all known engaged property owners/representatives is **below**.



DLRT - Medina North Route Alternative
Property Owners Engaged

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In addition, of the engaged residents and property owners, Three Rivers estimates that approximately 50% indicated support for the trail, 10% indicated support for the trail with some condition (i.e. located on the other side of the street), 30% indicated opposition for the trail and 10% did not clearly indicate support or opposition.

In addition, there were two conceptual routes and crossing locations of TH 55 for consideration. Resident and property owner feedback was generally split between the locations with those preferring the more westerly option due to its more scenic qualities and separation from the anticipated business of the future Tamarack crossing and road improvements at TH 55. Those preferring the more easterly option appreciated the direct connection and safe crossing to the potential future middle school site and proximately to the existing, established neighborhoods. Many engaged residents indicated that either option would work and that local trails could be used to connect neighbors to the regional trail.

Engagement Process

Three Rivers worked with City staff to develop and implement an engagement process which provided multiple methods for notification and participation - with a focus on engaging Medina residents, especially those immediately adjacent to or in close proximately to one of the conceptual routes under consideration. The official public engagement spanned about 7 weeks from March 22 to May 9; however, comments were accepted through noon May 12.

Notification

The following notification methods were utilized:

- Article in the April City newsletter
- Direct mailing by City staff to owners within 350 feet (1000 feet in rural) from the conceptual routes
- Emails notification by City staff to list serve and neighborhood groups near the conceptual routes
- Email notification by Three Rivers staff to Medina households within Three Rivers reservation/pass/program database (648 Medina household) and to persons which provided their email contact information as part of the engagement process (84 persons).
- Posted project information:
 - City: Website, Facebook, Next Door, Press Release to the Crow River News
 - Three Rivers: Project website, Baker Park Reserve Facebook Page

Participation Opportunities

Participation opportunities are summarized below. The following items are attached for quick reference: meeting summaries; submitted written comments; phone conversation notes; interactive map notes; and guestbook comments.

- Meetings (~55-60 residents/property owners; see **Reference 1** for summary)
 - In person, outdoor open house at The Park at Fields of Medina
 - Three virtual open houses
 - In person, Hamel Road neighborhood meeting at Baker National Golf Course
- Pop Up Conversations (~15-20 residents/property owners; see **Reference 2** for summary)
 - Park at Fields of Medina
 - Hamel Legion Park
- Email/Phone (over 70 residents/property owners; see **Reference 3** for summary)

- Interactive Map (over 60 comments; see **Reference 4** for summary)
- Website Guest Book (7 comments; see **Reference 5** for summary)

General Opportunities, Design Challenges and Example Trail Cross Sections

As with any new regional trail project, the Diamond Lake Regional Trail also offers several benefits and opportunities to area residents and property owners as well as several design considerations which will require site specific design solutions to minimize impacts to private property and the rural landscape, specifically wetlands. While the design challenges may appear significant, they are not unique to the conceptual routes in Medina and rather typical for new regional trail initiatives in rural, suburban and urban environments.

General Opportunities

See summary below and **Reference 6** for corresponding map.

- Direct connection from northwest Medina and Hamel area to Baker Park Reserve – likely including a grade separated crossing of TH 55.
- Ability to utilize Baker Park Reserve for 1.6 miles and connect to the Lake Independence Regional Trail along CR 19.
- Highlights the highly scenic and rural qualities in Medina along Hamel Road
- Maximize use of public road right of way.
- Existing rural road cross section (no curb and gutter) or storm sewer is generally less costly and easier regional trail construction scenario.
- Provides an off-road connection to Hennepin County Public Works at Arrowhead or to the future Wayzata Middle School at Tamarack Drive.

Design Challenges

See summary below and **Reference 6** for corresponding map.

- Wetlands are present along each conceptual route and will likely require boardwalk construction
- For the Baker Park Reserve (Segment 1):
 - Approximately 1,300 feet of adjacent wetlands along the roadway and within the park boundary
- For the Hamel Road route (Segment 2):
 - The speed and volume of traffic, hills, utilities, curves, intersection on curve at Pioneer Trail, adjacent steep grades and ditches and driveways/road crossings are design challenges which may require additional right-of-way and/or walls in select areas.
 - Trail may impact existing gravel shoulder/equestrian trail on one side of road.
- For the West Option (Segment 3A):
 - Up to approximately 1,100 feet of wetlands along this segment.
 - Three roadway crossings.
 - Potential impact to private property.
- For the East Option (Segment 3B):
 - Approximately 800 feet of wetlands along this segment.
 - Potential impacts to the roadway ditch along Hamel Road.
 - Ten driveway crossings on the north/west side and three on the south/east side.
 - Large wetland crossing north of Fields of Medina.
- For the Arrowhead Drive Route (Segment 4):
 - Up to approximately 2,000 feet of wetland impacts along this segment.

- Two driveway crossings on the north/west side and four driveway crossings on the east/south side.
- The trail would extend along a gravel road.
- There may be potential impacts to the roadway ditch that may require additional easements.

Example Trail Cross Sections

The example cross sections, **Reference 7**, were prepared for the Hamel Road conceptual route to help adjacent residents/property owners best understand what the trail could look like and the potential need for private easements based on the ultimate design solution.

The first option shows the existing conditions – rural road cross section centered within 66' public right of way. The second option improves the road on one side with a curb and gutter *likely* allowing the regional trail to be *primarily located within the public right of way where design challenges do not exist*. The third option preserves the rural road cross section and adjacent ditch and illustrated that this option *may require 5-20 feet of additional property rights (easement) from adjacent properties*.



Record of Meeting

SRF No. 13057

Location: Fields of Medina Neighborhood Park

Client: Three Rivers Park District

Date: April 14, 2021

Subject: Fields of Medina Open House

Staff: Stephen Shurson, Kelly Grissman & Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Park

Attendees: District; Dusty Finke, City of Medina; Stewart Crosby, SRF

From: Stewart Crosby

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents of the Medina an opportunity to learn about the route being reviewed along Hamel Road in Medina.

Summary of Meeting

Twenty people attended the open house event that was held outside at the Fields of Medina Pavilion. The Park District had maps and boards with trail corridor and master plan information displayed. Below is a summary of comments from the online meetings.

- Several comments were made that the eastern route would provide a needed direct route to the future Wayzata school.
- It was noted that the west route would be less developed and more scenic.
- The west route would also provide a local connection to Fields of Medina Neighborhood Park.
- Preferences to highlight the rural/scenic landscape and focus on enjoyable recreation/biking options rather than just along roads were shared. In addition, it was noted that trails along roads especially those that are high traffic, higher speed and without good sightlines at intersections are not used as frequently as trails which are predominately separated from roads/vehicles.
- Several participants did not have a strong preference for the east or west route and several participants noted their support to connect to (and through) Baker as well as other parks.
- There was a lot of interest in a pedestrian crossing over Highway 55.
- The comment was made that having a trail along Hamel Road to Baker Park would be a huge amenity. There are not many trails that connect to the northeast area of Medina so this would be a welcome connection.
- A comment was made about the width of the right of way and installing a trail alongside the road.
- The planned commercial developments north of TH 55 on either side of the future Tamarack Drive (eastern option) may be too congested to consider the addition of a trail. The planned

roundabout in the middle of Tamarack Drive would be fairly close to TH55 may conflict with a long pedestrian bridge approach on the north side of the highway. A potential ped bridge may be better located further east of west of Tamarack Drive itself.

- The assumption expressed by some Fields of Medina residents that attended the meeting was that other neighborhood residents would be very much in favor of the trail through or near their neighborhood. It was stated that even if the western route option was chosen, it would be not too far away and that local trails could connect the neighborhood. There was a feeling that the residents of the Fields of Medina have not expressed their positive views of the trail and that more outreach to the neighborhood is necessary by concerned residents. There was concern that the negative voices were more prominent and that the positive voices have not been expressed. Additional on-site or virtual meetings were offered. A Pop-up event will take place later in the month.
- Residents in the Enclave neighborhood, around the Hamel Lions Park, desired trail connections beyond their neighborhood and would like to be connected to the regional trail.
- The comment was made that long term this would be a community asset.
- Mayor's two questions: trail through Fields of Medina. Are residents interested in a trail that services on a trail in the northern part of the City to connect to the regional trail going north?
- DM - Spoke to residents at 2035 Hamel Road (Bliss family)- supportive of trail but very concerned about ROW impacts to their property- narrow ROW there- would like to see the trail on north side of roadway- their property/ ROW area is steep and not easy to access for trail construction
- DM- Spoke with resident at 900 Sunset Court (Vicky Rahn)- Fields of Medina development- preferred western route across 55 and around Fields of Medina- supportive of the trail and does not prefer the "no option" option.
- There was concern that the 'no option' would be road based and not be great for biking (adjacent traffic volume/speed, cars pulling up into and across crossings, poor sightlines, etc.) - at least one resident indicated that they would rather drive to a more scenic/independent trail corridor than use trails along county roads that were not designed (or maintained) for biking in mind – they viewed the route along Hamel as acceptable should be designed/maintained properly.

Location: Online Zoom Meeting

Client: Three Rivers Park District

Date: April 19, 2021

Subject: Hamel Road Virtual Property Owner Meetings

Attendees: Stephen Shurson & Kelly Grissman, Three Rivers Park District; Dusty Finke, Mayor Kathleen Martin, City of Medina; Stewart Crosby, SRF

From: Stewart Crosby

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents of the Hamel Road corridor an opportunity to learn about the route being reviewed along Hamel Road in Medina.

Summary of Meeting

Five residents were on the call. Below is a summary of comments from the online meetings. Attendees included: Tom and Donna Sicheneder, 2185 Hamel Road, LuAnn, Annette (Jubert property), Jim Lane 2605 Hamel Rd

- How does a trail like this impact property values? It was noted that some Hamel Road residents are not in favor of the trail and wonders what a trail like this does to property values.
- What side of the road would the trail be located?
- Concern was raised about the trail crossing driveways. The question was asked what design elements are incorporated into the design? Will a trail eliminate bikers traveling on the roadway?
- Hamel Road is heavily used by bikers now and has steep slopes and wetlands. Consider looking at the Pioneer Trail corridor where the residents are further and whether the land that is the old landfill could be used for the trail. It was suggested we look at the Pioneer Trail corridor.
- It was mentioned that the Hamel Road segment came up as a surprise and was not part of the original north/south planning alignment.
- A question was asked about how acquisitions are made and how is a fee developed for the private property that is needed? What happens to existing vegetation?
- It was noted that the City has not thought about eminent domain for this trail. It was noted that Three Rivers would not use that tool for this trail.
- Jim Lane offered to facilitate a pop-up along Hamel Road.
- The City would be willing to extend the comment period to allow Hamel Road residents to have an opportunity to learn about the trail.



Record of Meeting

SRF No. 13057

Location: Online Zoom Meeting
Client: Three Rivers Park District
Date: April 13 & 14, 2021
Subject: Hamel Road Virtual Property Owner Meetings
Attendees: Stephen Shurson, Kelly Grissman & Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Park District; Dusty Finke, Mayor Kathleen Martin, City of Medina; Stewart Crosby, SRF
From: Stewart Crosby

Purpose of Meeting:

Two meeting options were provided, one on April 13 at 5 pm and one on April 14 at Noon. The purpose of the meetings was to provide residents of the Hamel Road corridor an opportunity to learn about the route being reviewed along Hamel Road in Medina.

Summary of Meeting

Nine residents were on the call for the Tuesday, April 13 meeting and ten residents were present for the Wednesday, April 14 meeting. Below is a summary of comments from the online meetings.

- The comment was made that the line north of Hwy 55 at Tamarack should be straight and not curved through already developing areas because there will not be an opportunity for a trail since it's already developed and/or all park dedication for the property has already been set aside.
- There was concern about the trail going through Fields of Medina because it is a neighborhood park and a regional trail would bring more outside users to the park and the neighborhood.
- The comment was made that the east route appears longer which could be more costly and will extend through commercial development along Highway 55, which will cause congestion.
- The western route would benefit with a connection to the Hennepin County Public Works Facility.
- The westerly route would be better to provide room for the bridge and there will be more congestion on the east route once the signal goes in at Tamarack Drive at Hwy 55. If this route is chosen, it would still be nice to have a connection to the Fields of Medina park.
- The question was asked whether the trail in the Park would replace the turf trail or be new alignment? This is yet to be determined. The existing turf trail would be studied to see what visitation patterns are used.
- This area isn't as rural as it used to be and more people are using the road for walking and biking, as well as increasing vehicle use.
- The comment was made that long term this would be a community asset.

- There was support for the trail being located through Baker (south side of the road) instead of north side of the road. In addition, it would be important for the trail to be located on one side of the road or the other and not flip back and forth to serve fitness/experienced bikers in addition to recreational/young bikers and families. Biking within the roadway is still likely for some users depending on trail design, number of users, times of use, etc.
- The challenge of supporting the trail while balancing and protecting property rights/privacy - especially to those close to the road was noted.
- Mayor's two questions: trail through Fields of Medina. Are residents interested in a trail that services on a trail in the northern part of the City to connect to the regional trail going north?
- The question was asked whether the Park District installs restrooms along the route to keep people from using private property to relieve themselves?

Location: Baker National Golf Course Clubhouse
Client: Three Rivers Park District
Date: May 5, 2021
Subject: Hamel Road Neighborhood Open House
Staff: Stephen Shurson, Kelly Grissman, Alyssa Olson & Danny McCullough, Three Rivers Park District
Attendees: Rivers Park District; Dusty Finke, City of Medina
From: Stephen Shurson

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents of the Medina that lived or owned property along Hamel Road an opportunity to learn and provide feedback about the proposed route alternative being reviewed in Medina.

Summary of Meeting

In general, there was overwhelming opposition to the concept of a trail adjacent to Hamel Road – whether or not private property rights would be required.

Primary concerns cited regarding a trail along Hamel Road include:

- **Safety:** volume and speed of traffic, topography (hills), driveway crossings, adjacent homes, and curves. One resident shared that they were previously hit by a car while running by a car that crossed the center line and another resident indicated that they would not stop/wait for trail users should the trail cross their driveway.
- **Proximity to homes:** several areas have homes close to the road which could be negatively affected – especially if additional property rights (easement) would be required.
- **Privacy:** several residents noted that they choose to live here or remaining living here because of the privacy, rural character and lack of public infrastructure such as trails. For some, the loss of trees along the road would greatly alter their privacy, viewshed and use of the property. At least one resident indicated that they were not interested in trail users observing them doing routine farm chores.
- **Cost:** the cost of constructing and maintaining the trail, while not yet determined, was not supported and cited as not good use of tax dollars.
- **Feasibility:** the challenge of constructing the trail in areas with significant ditches, adjacent wetlands, close homes, steep slopes and similar were noted.
- **Property rights:** nearly every attendee indicated that they would not be a willing seller should property rights be needed (now or in the future). There was also concern that residents would not receive fair compensation or that their property would be condemned.

- Driveway crossing: in addition to safety concerns, one residents noted that they were not supported of pavement crossing their gravel driveway and did not want to be held responsibility for trail damage when they cleared snow to access their property.
- Horses: it was shared that this project could displace the existing wider shoulder that is used for horseback riding or that if the horse trail and paved trail were both included within the right-of-way that the entire right-of-way would be developed. In addition, there was concern about the proximity of the trail to horse pastures.
- Scope Creep/Timing: some noted that promises on past city or county projects were not kept which then made it difficult to accept the proposed scope, timing and information related to the regional trail.
- Need/Unfair Burden: many meeting participants voiced that this project (the trail and safe crossing for people walking/biking) is not needed/supported and it was not fair that they would be absorbing the burden of the trail in order to provide recreation opportunities and connection to Baker Park Reserve for the benefit of other residents in the area, particularly those residents that are newer to the community and live in neighborhoods north of Hwy 55.
- Several meeting participants were displeased that this route was under consideration and felt that it had been identified as the path to least resistance simply because there were few properties along the corridor.
- Several meeting participants suggested that other routes which were more direct be considered – such as following Hwy 55, staying in Corcoran or through private property north of Hwy 55 which would like be developed into neighborhoods.
- There was strong concern that Hamel Road residents voices/concerns would not be heard/considered and that the project would be supported by the Council since there are fewer residents along Hamel Road than residents living in the newer neighborhoods.
- Common questions included:
 - What the acquisition process is and how valuations are determined.
 - Who would be the primary party to complete and maintain the trail and how would it be paid for.
 - Would grants or partnerships with other public agencies then allow for condemnation or otherwise create an opportunity for the scope of the project to change.
 - Project cost and timing
 - How the idea/trail concept came to be.
 - Would the Council consider their concerns/comments.
 - Specific design and property right requirements for various unique scenarios (for example, how would the trail work in this location where the ditch is wide and deep?).
 - How many people would be using the trail and where they lived/would be coming from.
 - Are other communities supportive of the project/who wants this.



Record of Meeting

SRF No. 13057

Location: Park at Fields of Medina, Hamel Legion Park, Medina
Client: Three Rivers Park District
Date: May 1, 2021
Subject: Pop-up engagement – DLRT Medina north routes alternatives
Attendees: Park Visitors
From: Stephen Shurson

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of the meetings was to engage with visitors to parks in Medina near the proposed routes and gather their feedback on the proposed routes.

Summary of Meeting

Eight park visitors were engaged with at Park at Fields of Medina and seven park visitors at the Hamel Legion Park on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Below is a summary of comments from the interactions.

Park at Fields of Medina

- Every visitor engaged with was very supportive a trail the regional trail option through the Fields of Medina neighborhood.
- One visitor said, “Yes. Build it now!” Another said they were so much in favor of trails in the neighborhood they were considering moving to other areas that did provide more trails / parks.
- One visitor said they could not understand why anyone would not be in favor of this trail.
- Several said they determine where they live largely on proximity to park and trail amenities.
- A common theme was that their family highly values the opportunity to get outside, recreate and enjoy nature.
- Visitors liked the eastern route because it would connect to a possible future middle school.
- Grade separated crossing of TH 55 was seen as a big amenity.
- Western route would be acceptable too if there was a local trail connection to access it from the Fields of Medina.
- Many visitors commented they would like to see a trail connect from their neighborhood to the north, if the DLRT did not extend south over TH 55.

Hamel Legion Park

- Many visitors said they love parks and trails (TRPD & Medina) and use them most everyday.
- They would appreciate having trails close to home for easy access for their families without have to drive.
- Desired more trails in the area in order to access other parks and amenities in the region.
- Liked the ideal of more trail that can create loops for outings.

Diamond Lake Regional Trail – Medina North Route Alternative

General summary of phone conversations

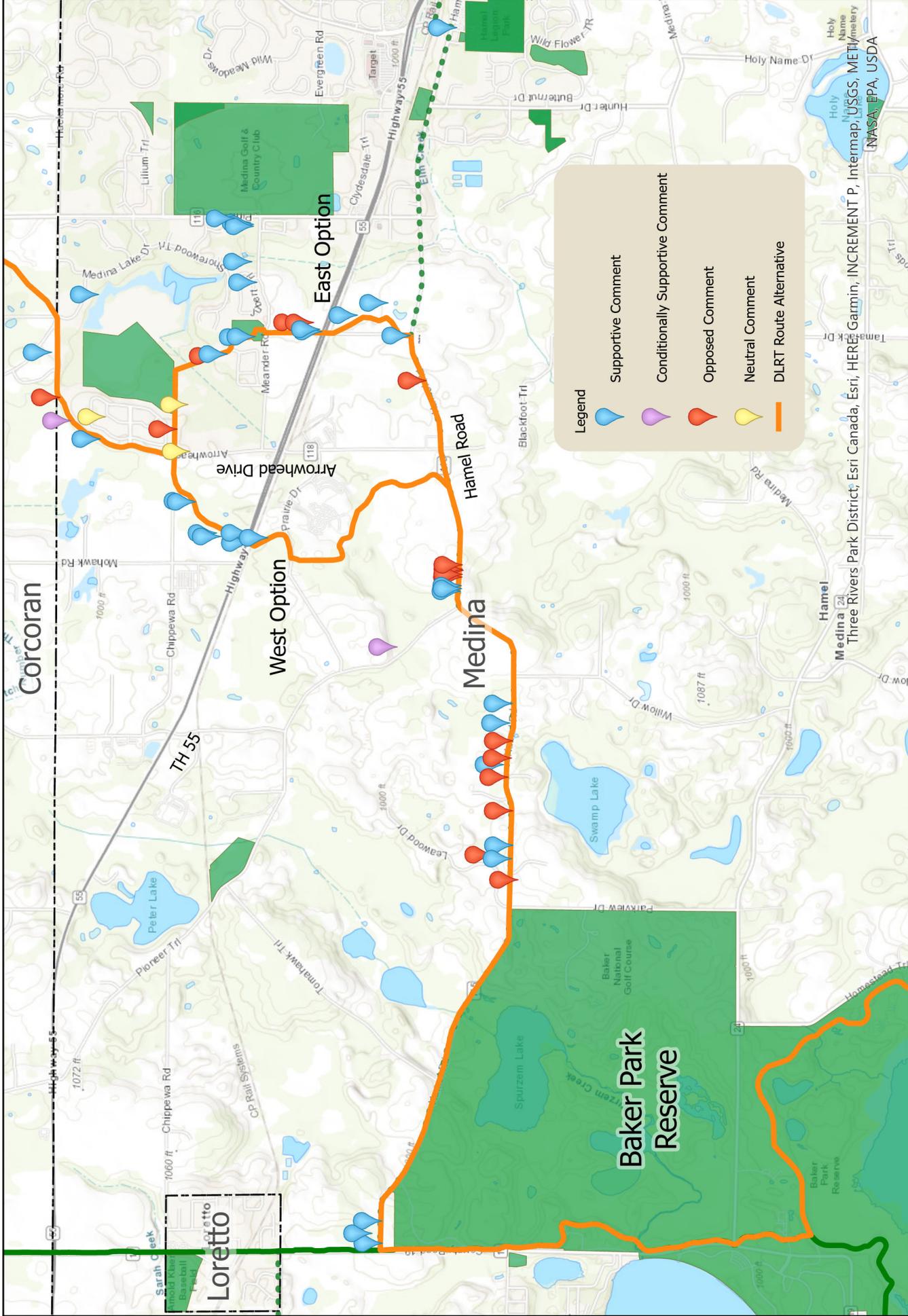


Generally speaking, phone conversation with individual property owners focus on the specifics the potential impacts to an individual private property owner.

Typical questions include:

- Why is the trail shown across my property?
- What will the impacts be to my property?
- When will the trail be built?
- What side of the road will the trail be on?
- How are driveway crossings and fencing dealt with?
- Is there compensation for easements/right-of-way, as well as for tree loss impacts?

Discussion typically includes a quick description of the master plan project, process, schedule and how Three Rivers typically handles land acquisition for right of way for the trail. Though their opinion regarding the trail may not have changed as a result of the discussion, property owners have a better understanding of the master plan process and feel that their questions and concerns have been addressed.



DLRT - Medina North Route Alternative
Interactive Webmap Comments
 May 12, 2021



DLRT Engagement Webmap - Comments Summary
Medina North Alternative

Comment Theme	Support Trail Comments	Oppose Trail Comments	Neutral Comments	Conditional Support Comments	TOTALS
Privacy-Security Concern		10			10
Safety Concern	3	5		1	9
General negative comment		2	1		3
Connection to other trails/neighborhoods	10				10
General positive comment	8				8
Crossing of TH 55	5				5
Suggestion	1		3	1	5
East option preference	4				4
West option preference	4				4
Connection to Baker Park	3				3
TOTALS	38	17	4	2	61

Creation Date	Comments	City of Residence
2021-03-23 0:42	I prefer this route on the west side of Arrowhead Dr. over the eastern route which goes through the Fields of Medina Park. This route follows less along vehicle roadways, so it will be more natural and scenic.	Medina
2021-03-23 1:13	This a pretty narrow road with lots of blind turns for cars. It could be dangerous with a lot of bike traffic.	Medina
2021-03-23 2:44	This road is very dangerous to walk or ride a bike on with several blind approaches. Possible to head NW on 118 via anticipated plans for connector to Mohawk?	Medina
2021-03-23 3:16	This is a private road. May be difficult to secure right of way.	Medina
2021-03-23 3:20	This is a scenic stretch with the eastern side already graded for a future trail near the Bridgewater neighborhood. Just north through the gravel area will require ROW acquisition.	Medina
2021-03-23 8:59	I love the thought of connecting to baker. So many beautiful trails in this area	Medina
2021-03-24 11:52	There is a paved path already built along CR116/Pinto Road from Foxberry neighborhood to the McDonalds that would be great to integrate this trail with.	Medina
2021-03-24 16:39	Need a path along 47 between 116 and 101! This is a road between neighborhoods that has lots of bikers and walkers and today creates dangerous situations without a path. Our children need this path, especially with schools close and no sidewalks!	Corcoran
2021-03-24 19:08	It makes so much sense to connect the trail to the Baker Park system! This will be a well used trail.	Medina
2021-03-25 4:43	We are not interested in having this trail run through our front yard.	Medina
2021-03-27 13:45	I do not want this trail along this road near my front yard. Trails like this bring crime and trespassing. There are dirt back roads in the area that could be followed. This road is narrow enough and this will only make this road more dangerous.	Medina
2021-03-27 13:48	I built here for the privacy and I do not want a public trail in front of my property. There are many other alternate options besides adding to this already narrow road.	Medina
2021-03-27 13:57	Pioneer trail would be a much safer and scenic alternative.	Medina
2021-03-28 2:38	I think this trail would be an excellent addition to the Fields of Medina park that is shown here. There are a lot of community members that would appreciate this.	Medina
2021-03-28 15:31	I plan to fight against this location very hard.	Medina
2021-03-28 16:17	This is private property	Medina
2021-03-31 16:15	Is it possible to extend the bike route farther on Hamel Rd into the township? It could link Legion park to the system, and connect to the short bike paths on Hunter Dr. and Brockton Ln.	Hamel
2021-04-01 19:25	We're positive and excited about the planned trail. We'll walk it daily and bike it frequently.	Medina
2021-04-01 21:26	We do not want this trail going through our front yard	Medina
2021-04-10 15:21	Unsafe area for people traffic due to this being on top of a hill with low visibility as cars head east around the blind bend.	Medina
2021-04-10 15:33	We moved here for privacy. This trail will bring opportunity for crime and trespassing. There are MANY other alternatives. I rather not worry about my dogs and the constant threat of someone coming off the trail.	Medina
2021-04-10 15:47	People that live out here do so for a reason. This will not sit well with most neighbors. The attraction of Medina is that you can have large acreage and privacy. If the other neighborhoods want to connect to Baker Park, you can find alternative routes.	Medina
2021-04-10 16:17	Adding a trail along this road is an excellent way to increase safety along this entire roadway. The hills and curves, plus the lack of sufficient roadway shoulder, make this popular bike route very dangerous for bikers.	Medina
2021-04-12 16:08	Would be great if this tied into the trail system near Fish Lake/Medicine Lake to allow a loop system.	Maple Grove
2021-04-13 2:24	The fears of "bringing crime" are unfounded. I've seen no evidence of trail building the results in a marked increase in crime for property owners and in many cases it actually raises property values since many see it as a great amenity.	Minneapolis
2021-04-13 22:45	Support as far eastern as possible to reach residents closer to Hamel Legion park	Medina
2021-04-14 18:37	My dad bought this property in 1949. It is still owned by my family, and it is still being farmed. The City of Medina has this land zoned as 'commercial' for future use. We do not want this trail running through our farmland.	Minnetonka
2021-04-14 21:39	There will be a stoplight and many turn lanes once the new Wayzata school is built at Hwy 55 & Tamarack Dr. There will also be a round-about just north of Hwy 55 on Tamarack Dr. These will be busy and dangerous intersections.	Sauk Rapids, MN

2021-04-15 13:11	The connection to Baker Park and Independence Regional Trail is highly desirable. This would provide opportunities to connect to the Park along with other communities and trails.	Medina
2021-04-15 13:14	A trail along Hamel Road would create excellent connection throughout the city. We need more opportunities for safe biking and pedestrian traffic for our families.	Medina
2021-04-15 13:17	This route is preferred over the eastern route through Fields of Medina Park.	Medina
2021-04-15 13:19	A safe crossing over Highway 55 and the railroad tracks needed. Excited to have the opportunity to connect throughout Medina and other neighboring towns	Medina
2021-04-15 15:22	A Trail along Hamel Road an excellent way to increase safety along this road. This area is already popular with bikers but is currently dangerous due to lack of sufficient roadway shoulder	Medina
2021-04-15 15:28	We moved to this area for the family friendliness and access to nature and would welcome a path that connects us more to our neighbors and the community! We need more trails south of Highway 55!	Medina
2021-04-15 22:02	This would be a preferred route because it is scenic, avoids roads for the most part and avoids tillable land. Our family/neighbors and community members support this trail in either direction, but also feel this route option would be the best option.	Medina
2021-04-24 21:13	For the trail to be successful, it needs to accommodate the varied speeds of users	Columbia heights
2021-04-26 14:18	We do not want a trail through this area. I have lived near trails and it brings trash and more opportunities for crime. Many people do not respect the property.	Hamel
2021-04-27 21:55	Why do people act like I can't already go see there front yard? Did you forget there's a road there? If people wanted to they could go commit crimes there now. How does this change?	St. Louis Park
2021-04-29 14:10	I originally preferred the western option, but now am advocating for this route. I live in the Fields of Medina so access to the trail is very important to me, plus looking long term I love the accessibility to the new Wayzata School by trail!	Medina
2021-04-29 14:12	I would love for this trail to go through my backyard! My request would be to ensure there is enough space for all types of users (from intense bikers to kids learning how to bike to casual walkers.)	Medina
2021-04-30 3:32	Eastern route appears to connect to more points of interest and community destinations, making it a more utile location in my opinion. And great location for further enabling Safe Routes to Schools and programming.	Chanhassen
2021-04-30 18:42	It would be a fantastic addition to this area to have the trail run through both the north and south sides of medina. It would make biking, running, etc, safer than using the roads like you need to now.	Medina
2021-04-30 18:48	Agree with incorporating paved trails near Foxberry.	Medina
2021-04-30 19:23	Would be great to have a trail offering better biking/running opportunities. Plus it takes into account of pedestrians, we enjoy biking the roads in Medina but always very concerned about safety.	Medina
2021-04-30 20:19	Adding trails here only increases the amount of people who come through this area. We want less people coming through this area, not more!	Medina
2021-04-30 20:25	We would LOVE to see a train go through Medina and connect down over HWY 55. As a family we love to bike and having access to get safely over Hwy 55 to use both the trail and get into Hamel would be fantastic. It would greatly benefit our neighborhood!!	Medina
2021-04-30 20:30	A safe crossing would be great.	Medina
2021-04-30 20:31	It would be great if there were two safe crossing across 55. Would make for a good loop.	Medina
2021-05-02 19:44	We need a safe crossing of HW55 - I would be happy with either location!	Maple Grove
2021-05-02 19:48	I would love to see a trail along Hamel road. It's unsafe now for biking or walking and there are no E-W routes in the area. I have had close calls with cars while bike riding in this area	Maple Grove
2021-05-02 19:49	Please connect the Diamond Lake Trail to Elm Creek Park	Maple Grove
2021-05-02 23:47	We built out here for the privacy & if someone came off the trail to pet our dog & he bit them we would be liable. The majority of people that want the trail don't have the trail running through their front yard. Cyclists already rule the road.	Medina
2021-05-03 2:14	I agree with another commenter that it would be great to incorporate the trail on CR 116/Pinto Dr into this larger trail. It would help a lot of neighborhoods connect to the trail.	Medina
2021-05-03 2:17	If it is possible to connect the smaller trail on CR 116/Pinto Dr, then we would need at least a crosswalk so families can safely cross that busy road. Right now, it is pretty dangerous.	Medina

2021-05-03 20:20	This is already a busy bike route and can be a bit unnerving given the hills, curves and narrow road. A formal trail would definitely be safer than the current situation.	Hamel
2021-05-03 20:31	Prefer the eastern route as is is closer to more neighborhoods, as well as the new school and has better access to Medina/Hamel.	Hamel
2021-05-04 16:59	The Luce Line Trail should be paved from Vickburg in Plymouth to Old Crystal Bay in Orono. This would add usage to the Luce Line and reduce pressure on the Dakota Trail, which is overused at times. Please make this part of a coordinated planning process.	Orono
2021-05-04 22:30	This is a narrow road to begin with....I don't see how a trail could be built without the land owners selling parts of their land.	Medina
2021-05-04 22:32	This would simply add too much traffic to an already narrow road...it's basically just the residents extended driveway.	Medina
2021-05-04 23:41	This road has to many hills and curves. It would not be a safe route. There are large county trucks and semi's daily. There are plenty of trails already in the Hamel area.	Hamel
2021-05-07 20:52	I would love to see the trail go through this route and incorporate a boardwalk to traverse the wetland area.	Medina, Minnesota

DLRT Let's Talk Webpage - General Comments

Medina North Alternative

Date of contribution	Guestbook Entries
Mar 24 21 09:46:12 am	I have been a resident of Corcoran for 10 years, I have children and we all need this trail! Our neighborhoods need to be safe for walking and biking, and without sidewalks right now they are not. Please also consider extending the path along 47 between 116 and 101. This is a road between lots of neighborhoods that currently has lots of bikers and walkers and creates dangerous situations for pedestrians, bikers, and cars without a path. Overall, we are VERY supportive of this path and THANK YOU!!! We love that it connects to Baker. This will be great for the environment as we will finally be able to walk and bike from our home instead of needing to drive to places to walk and bike.
Mar 28 21 11:48:58 am	<p>My wife & I live on the trail on land that has been in the family for decades & would not only affect our property immensely but her brother's farm as well. We moved out here to be by her father & enjoy the privacy it has to offer & would not appreciate the trail going through our front yard.</p> <p>I have heard people compare this proposed trail to the one on CR19. There is no comparison. The CR 19 trail is mainly flat, straight with open fields. This road has curves & hills; a cemetery & a pond next to the road; not to mention the trees that would have to be cut & the ditches that would have to be filled. What would be the environmental impact from this?</p> <p>I urge the CITY COUNCIL & PARK COMMISSION members to take a slow drive down Hamel Road & look to the sides of the road 12 -20 feet & think what would have to be destroyed in order for this to be built. It's just not feasible.</p> <p>It's hard for me to fathom the amount of money this is going to take to build this trail by the Park District. But then, I look on a larger scale & look at the light rail spending by Met Council which is totally out of control. It seems like the money could be better spent.</p> <p>The majority of comments for the trail are from people who do not have this proposed trail going through their property. We are against the Hamel Road route & feel there are more viable options that need to be explored.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Mar 31 21 12:37:21 pm	<p>I live in Medina on County Road 19 and bike east on hamel road from the Baker Park trail about once a month in biking weather. I would do it more often but Hamel Road has no shoulder and it is just too nerve racking to do the steep hills with any cars passing. I am very much in favor of the trail connection to Diamond lake trail. It would make a trip to Target and Hamel businesses much safer. It is not clear from the Map if the Hamel Road section would actually be separate from the road. Medina puts the road shoulder on Co Rd 24 as part of their existing trails. That road shoulder is wide enough, but it is not safe for children to ride along the Co Rd 24 traffic. This should be separate, and paved, not crushed limestone or gravel.</p> <p>Walter Steinkraus</p>
Apr 14 21 11:19:01 am	<p>As a member of the Jubert Family that owns the property located at 1182 Highway 55 in Medina (on the north side of Highway 55 and the east side of Tamarack Drive), I want to make several comments about the easterly trail that has been proposed for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.</p> <p>Back in 2012, our family donated all the required City of Medina park dedication for our entire piece of land at the time (approximately 62.5 acres). The 2012 City of Medina park dedication included what is now the Fields of Medina (East), the Lennar Townhome development currently under construction, and the remaining acres the Jubert Family owns along Highway 55 that are zoned as 'commercial.' Our entire park dedication became what is now 'The Park at the Fields of Medina.' It would be unfair to us to take any of our additional land for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail when there are other options available.</p> <p>Another point to consider is that there is a round-about planned on Tamarack Drive (north of Highway 55 and south of Meander Road). This round-about is planned to cut into our land--though it does not show up on the recent Diamond Lake Trail maps.</p> <p>In addition, the Wayzata School District has purchased the land south of Highway 55 and along Tamarack Drive for future use. The construction of the new Wayzata School south of Highway 55 will create the need to upgrade the intersection at Highway 55 and Tamarack Drive with a stoplight.</p> <p>The distance from Highway 55 north to Meander Road is less than one-half mile. If you look at the 'big picture,' you would see that this is a small area where a lot would be going on--cars, walkers, bikers, maybe busses, and then possibly additional trail bikers! Once this stoplight is installed, it will become a busy intersection with residential and commercial traffic. To have a bike path near this intersection would create more congestion and possibly be a hazard to those traveling in this area.</p> <p>The safer route would be the westerly route, because there are more open spaces, the planning for a trail is more open since the land is not already developed or in the design phases. For these reasons, we propose that the more-westerly route through quieter areas, less congestion, and more room for a bridge with ADA compliance is a better option for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.</p>
Apr 14 21 02:55:18 pm	<p>On 18 August, 2020, the City of Medina approved the Tamarack Drive Corridor Visioning Study. When the Wayzata School is built, there will be stoplight with several turn lanes plus a round-about just north of Hwy 55 on Tamarack Drive. This will be a very busy area for both commercial and residential traffic because the frontage areas along Hwy 55 are zoned for commercial use. The westerly route, would be the more favorable route in terms of safety and for ADA access to the bridge. For detailed information regarding the Hwy. 55 and Tamarack Drive intersection and the round-about to the North on Tamarack Drive, see the August 18, 2020 Tamarack Drive Corridor Visioning Study Final Concept Plan, City of Medina Council Meeting, starting at about 32 minutes: https://vimeo.com/464079318.</p>
May 02 21 12:37:59 pm	<p>I am completely in support of this trail. My family rides and runs on many of the Three Rivers Trails every week. I ride my bike on Hamel Road and CR-24 weekly and feel unsafe often and have had some close calls along these road but currently there are few trails connecting the western suburbs to Wayzata and/or Baker park. The grade separated crossing of HW55 is critical - there are few safe ways to cross 55 currently. I would suggest that the trail connects to Elm Creek to create a larger loop and more regional connectivity. I would also prefer either the eastern or western "meandering" northern options vs. the straight N-S path along 116. Thank you.</p>
May 02 21 04:58:06 pm	<p>The City of Medina & the Three Rivers Park District is having an open house for Hamel Road Residents ONLY to hear their concerns about the proposed trail. It was brought up at a virtual meeting how this route came about & the lack of communication to the residents along this new route. The meeting will be held on Wednesday May 5th, from 5:30 - 6:30 at the Baker National Golf Course Clubhouse. If you can't make it please let your voices be heard via email or by phone. Thank you.</p>

May 04 21
04:30:55 pm

Dear Three Rivers Park District
Medina City Council & Park Commission

Following our my comments regarding the DLRT.

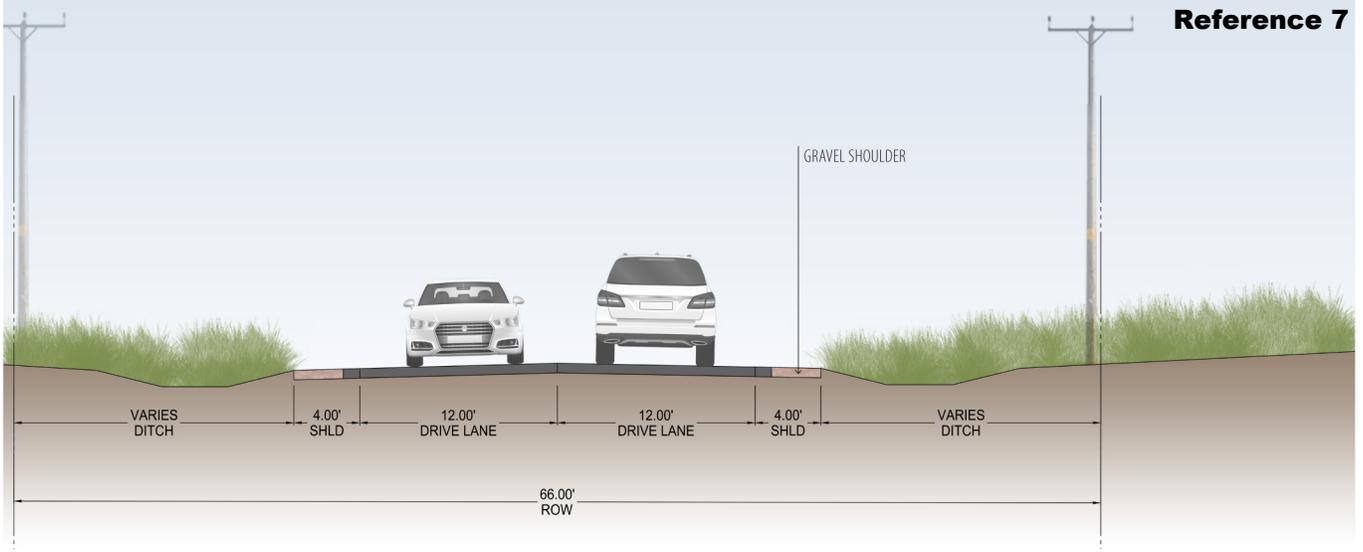
For a number of reasons I am opposed to the Diamond Lake Regional Trail, I have stated a few below.

Years ago my wife and I lived in Minnetonka, our yard abutted up to a trail, we did not think much about it when we purchased the house. It was a mistake on our part thinking that there would not be much interaction between us and the people using the trail. We were wrong, we found out very soon that people did not hesitate to come into our yard when we were doing yard work or sitting on our deck just to make conversation. When we decided to move we agreed that we would move to a town / city that gave us the peace and quiet we were looking for and plenty of open space and away from trails and parks. We found that gratification when we purchased our home on Hamel road in 1991. We have nothing against parks or trails, they serve a purpose for the community. If someone wants to live next to a trail or park that's their prerogative, for us it's a hindrance. Please don't bring it to our doorstep. If we want to go to a park or preserve we'll drive our car.

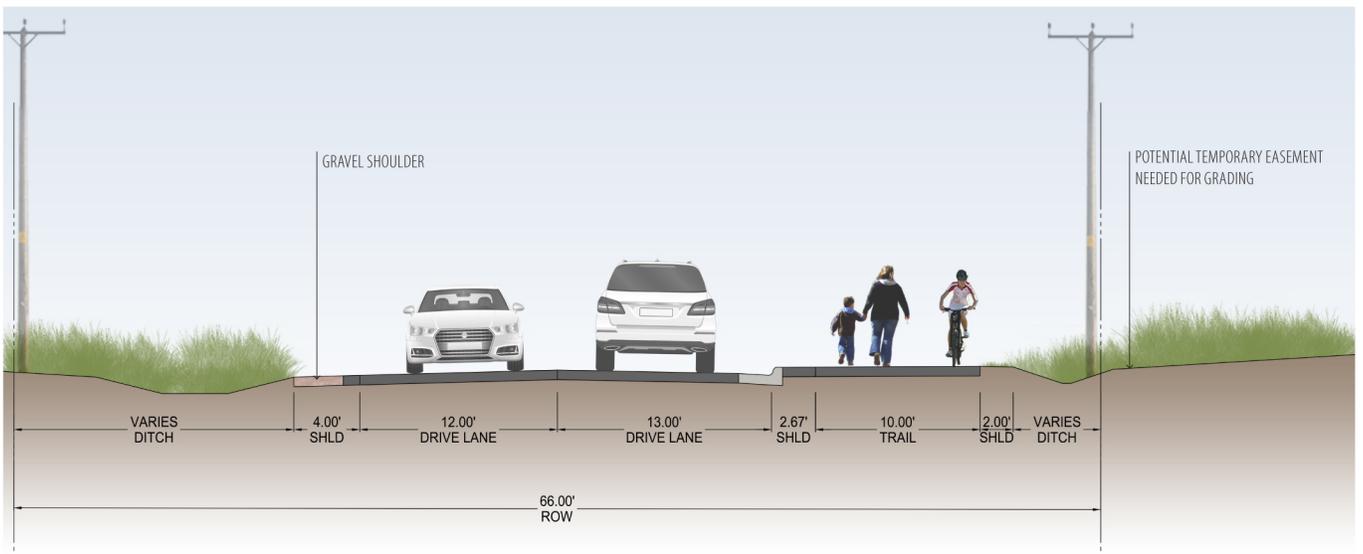
Why would I want to walk to a park that is 4 to 5 miles from my house one way, further for many other people. We have plenty of trails and parks already in this area, we do not need a trail to get to them. It's mentioned in the video that bikers will use the trail, that is highly unlikely. They do not like sidewalks or trails, they prefer to ride on the roads, three abreast at times. Also I have not seen an abundant of people roller blading these past years.

Having the DLRT run along Hamel road is a real safety issue. As you are all aware it's a county road, on any given day there are countless trucks, semi-trucks, UPS and FedEx trucks not to mention all the Hennepin County dump trucks, graders and other implements that travel the road on a daily basis. Not all of the vehicles and trucks obey the speed limit. There are also many hills, curves and blind spots on Hamel Road. Not a safe road to have a trail.

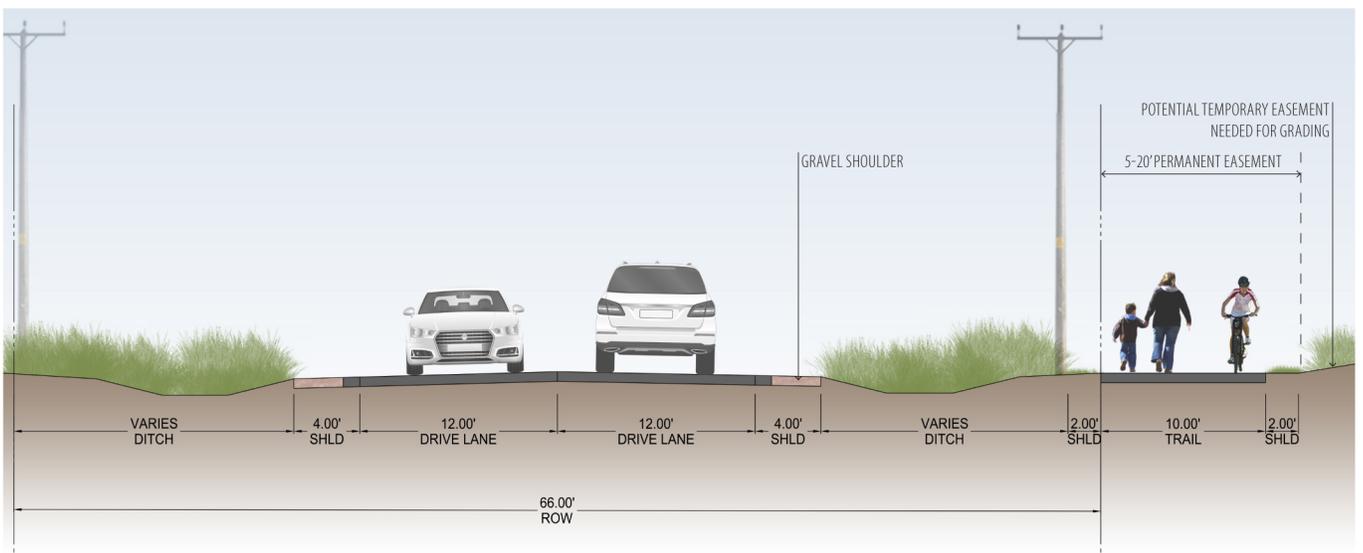
What environmental impact will this trail have on the environment? How many miles of earth will be dug up and reworked? What about the wetlands along the way? How much more drainage will there be with all the hard surface this trail would add.



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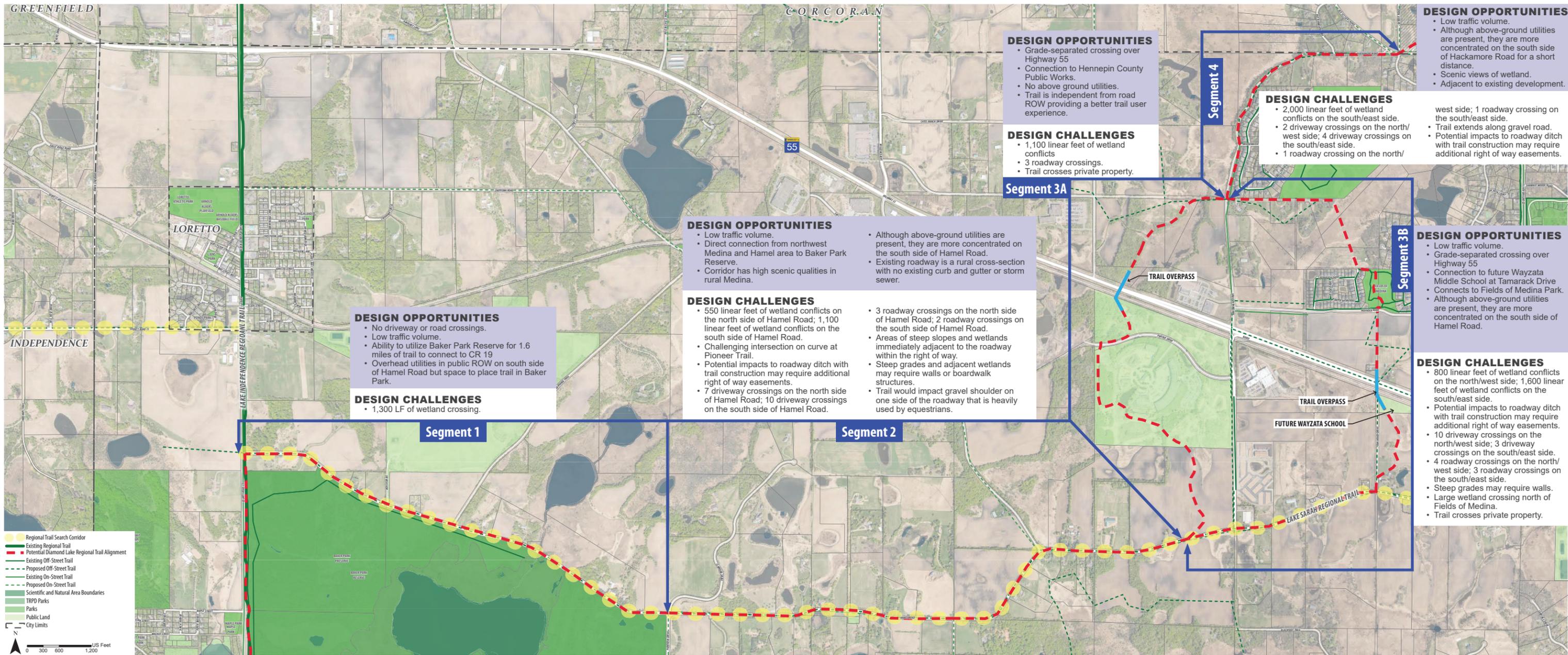


CONCEPT 1: TRAIL BACK OF CURB



CONCEPT 2: TRAIL OUTSIDE OF DITCH

TYPICAL REGIONAL TRAIL SECTIONS ALONG HAMEL ROAD



REGIONAL TRAIL OPTION ALONG HAMEL ROAD

DIAMOND LAKE REGIONAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

Legend

- Regional Trail Search Corridor
- Existing Regional Trail
- Potential Diamond Lake Regional Trail Alignment
- Existing Off-Street Trail
- Proposed Off-Street Trail
- Existing On-Street Trail
- Proposed On-Street Trail
- Scientific and Natural Area Boundaries
- TRPD Parks
- Parks
- Public Land
- City Limits



DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

- No driveway or road crossings.
- Low traffic volume.
- Ability to utilize Baker Park Reserve for 1.6 miles of trail to connect to CR 19
- Overhead utilities in public ROW on south side of Hamel Road but space to place trail in Baker Park.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- 1,300 LF of wetland crossing.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

- Low traffic volume.
- Direct connection from northwest Medina and Hamel area to Baker Park Reserve.
- Corridor has high scenic qualities in rural Medina.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- 550 linear feet of wetland conflicts on the north side of Hamel Road; 1,100 linear feet of wetland conflicts on the south side of Hamel Road.
- Challenging intersection on curve at Pioneer Trail.
- Potential impacts to roadway ditch with trail construction may require additional right of way easements.
- 7 driveway crossings on the north side of Hamel Road; 10 driveway crossings on the south side of Hamel Road.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

- Grade-separated crossing over Highway 55
- Connection to Hennepin County Public Works.
- No above ground utilities.
- Trail is independent from road ROW providing a better trail user experience.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- 1,100 linear feet of wetland conflicts
- 3 roadway crossings.
- Trail crosses private property.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- 2,000 linear feet of wetland conflicts on the south/east side.
- 2 driveway crossings on the north/west side; 4 driveway crossings on the south/east side.
- 1 roadway crossing on the north/west side; 1 roadway crossing on the south/east side.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

- Low traffic volume.
- Although above-ground utilities are present, they are more concentrated on the south side of Hackamore Road for a short distance.
- Scenic views of wetland.
- Adjacent to existing development.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

- Low traffic volume.
- Grade-separated crossing over Highway 55
- Connection to future Wayzata Middle School at Tamarack Drive
- Connects to Fields of Medina Park.
- Although above-ground utilities are present, they are more concentrated on the south side of Hamel Road.

DESIGN CHALLENGES

- 800 linear feet of wetland conflicts on the north/west side; 1,600 linear feet of wetland conflicts on the south/east side.
- Potential impacts to roadway ditch with trail construction may require additional right of way easements.
- 10 driveway crossings on the north/west side; 3 driveway crossings on the south/east side.
- 4 roadway crossings on the north/west side; 3 roadway crossings on the south/east side.
- Steep grades may require walls.
- Large wetland crossing north of Fields of Medina.
- Trail crosses private property.

TRAIL OVERPASS

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FUTURE WAYZATA SCHOOL

LAKE SARAH REGIONAL TRAIL

Segment 4

Segment 3A

Segment 3B

Segment 1

Segment 2

GREENFIELD

CORCORAN

LORETTO

INDEPENDENCE

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LAKE INDEPENDENCE REGIONAL TRAIL

LAKE SARAH REGIONAL TRAIL

BAKER PARK RESERVE

WETLANDS

TRAIL OVERPASS

FUTURE WAYZATA SCHOOL

LAKE SARAH REGIONAL TRAIL

Shurson, Stephen

From: Dusty Finke <dusty.finke@medinamn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:25 PM
To: DLRT
Cc: Jodi Gallup
Subject: FW: 2805 Hamel - Support for DLRT - New Voicemail from WHITMORE W 17634782927 *CityHall
Attachments: voicemail202105121359fromWHITMORE W 17634782927CityHall.mp3
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hi Stephen,
I believe you mentioned Ms. Whitmore as one of the owners along Hamel Road who supported it in that location. She left me the attached voicemail this afternoon to voice support

Thanks,
Dusty

From: voicemail@vonagebusiness.com <voicemail@vonagebusiness.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:59 PM
To: Dusty Finke <dusty.finke@medinamn.gov>
Subject: New Voicemail from WHITMORE W 17634782927*CityHall



Hi Dusty Finke (Ext. 224),

You have a new voicemail



WHITMORE W (17634782927*CityHall)

Received at [600 - City Hall] to [601 - City Hall] to [224 - Dusty Finke] on Wednesday, May 12 2021 01:59 PM (73 seconds)

Your voicemail is attached. To review the voicemail, launch Vonage Business mobile or web app.

If you have any question, please visit our [support site](#).

Regards,

The Vonage Business Communications Team

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Shurson, Stephen

From: Bob Clarke <bob.clarke@centurylink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:19 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Proposed Diamond Lake Trail Route

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello Stephen Shurson,

This is a follow-up to our phone conversation earlier today.

As currently proposed, the route for the Diamond Lake trail cuts through the middle of my property. While I do not oppose the construction of this trail, I do object to the route splitting my property. I would think that a route along the south side of Meander Road would be much more acceptable. I realize that this is a long term project, and things can change, but the current trail path would seem to seriously negatively impact my property's value to most, if not all, potential buyers. Also, if my children choose to keep my place, the current trail route would be detrimental to their privacy and enjoyment of the land which we've owned since late 1984.

Count me as in favor of constructing the Diamond Lake Trail, but with changes.

Sincerely,

Bob Clarke
1234 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340
Ph. (763) 478-6913

Shurson, Stephen

From: Paul Herrmann <pauleh5576@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:45 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Proposed Diamond Lake trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Dear sirs (Stephen Shurson)

Although we have no feeling (positive or negative) regarding the general trail concept, we are ardently against the portion of the trail (as currently shown) which lies north of Meander Road. The course, as indicated, cuts through our property in such a way as to divide what is our "yard" or horse pasture into 2 parcels. Currently the Herrmann and Clarke properties are nicely protected with no access by public travelways, an attribute we highly value.

An example of an alternate route would have the trail paralleling Meander to the West to Arrowhead Drive, then,turn North paralleling Arrowhead, thereby eliminating the necessity of splitting any private property. Kindly add our names to those who strongly oppose the trail as currently depicted.

Paul and Kathy Herrmann
1248 Hwy 55

Shurson, Stephen

From: Katy Bentrott <katy.bentrott@blmtechnology.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:02 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake regional trail project

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To the Park Commission,

"I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

I believe this trail will also add long-term value by offering more ways to explore the natural beauty of the community as a whole and in a manner that promotes the health and well-being of our residents for generations to come. We would also support the addition of boardwalks through the wetland areas to improve the aesthetic and utility for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your help.
Katy

Katy Bentrott

Vice President of Service Solution Sales

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Shurson, Stephen

From: C Sundin <cmsundin@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Kathleen Martin; dino.deslauriers@medinamn.gov; todd.albers@medinamn.gov;
robin.reid@medinamn.gov; joseph.cavanaugh@medinamn.gov;
Kevin.Anderson@hennepin.us; DLRT
Subject: DLRT on Hackamore Road in Medina
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

I have expressed our concerns regarding the plan to route this county trail through our residential neighborhood a couple of times now, to county and city reps. The response I've gotten lacks any interest in or concern for long-time residents in this area. As a taxpayer, I really wish some common sense would be applied to this project. It seems the top priority for this trail is a "park-like" setting with no regard for people who already live in these areas. This lofty goal should not be obtained at the expense of residents.

To inform\remind you, our area of Hackamore Road has no public right of way beyond where the gravel road is located now. The existing gravel road is narrow. We are not interested in (now or in the future) any sale of our private property so that a county-wide trail can be put through our neighborhood, in effect bringing in county-wide strangers through our front yard. This would also have a negative effect on our property value.

Again, I would plead that you use some common sense in planning the route for this trail. It does not belong being routed through a residential neighborhood.

Tony & Chris Sundin
1525 Hackamore Road

Shurson, Stephen

From: Jeri Klein <jkklein3@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:29 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

I believe this trail will also add long-term value by offering more ways to explore the natural beauty of the community as a whole and in a manner that promotes the health and well-being of our residents for generations to come. We would also support the addition of boardwalks through the wetland areas to improve the aesthetic and utility for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Medina Neighbors supporting the Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Shurson, Stephen

From: Seth Finck <redseth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:04 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Medina Trail Support

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To whom it may concern,

I live in the Fields of Medina neighborhood (1157 Jubert Trail) and I would like you to know that I fully support the effort to build the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

In addition to allowing more people to gain access to the amazing Baker Park Reserve, it would also allow a much safer way for families living on the North side of HWY 55 to cross onto the southern side. In the upcoming years there will be countless elementary-aged residents growing into middle school-aged bike riders looking to cross HWY 55 to interact with friends in the countless neighborhoods on the other side. We have the ability to act now to provide them with a safe way to cross an extremely busy and dangerous road that will almost certainly only become more busy in the upcoming years. HWY 55 makes it onto the news enough as it is, the trail overpass could greatly reduce the chances of our community living through additional heartbreaking events related to pedestrian-related accidents on the road. I see the trail as something that will provide immense and diverse value to the community of Medina. I strongly support the construction of the trail and I appreciate all the time and consideration you have invested into it.

Sincerely,

Seth Finck

Shurson, Stephen

From: Chris Pederson <madmrchristopher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Kathleen Martin; Jodi Gallup; dino.deslauriers@medinamn.gov; todd.albers@medinamn.gov; robin.reid@medinamn.gov; joseph.cavanaugh@medinamn.gov; Scott Johnson
Cc: DLRT; danny.mccullough@threeriverspark.org
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Support Letter from Chris Pederson
Attachments: MedinaResident_SupportDLRT_Petition.pdf; Diamond Lake Regional Trail Support Letter - Chris Pederson.docx

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Dear Medina City Council, Medina Parks Commission and the Three Rivers Park District,

I am emailing to express my strong support for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina. As a homeowner with young children as well as an active member of the Medina community, I believe the Diamond Lake Regional Trail will add generational value for families in Medina and the greater west metro community as a whole; both in terms of land value and in supporting more healthy, active lifestyles. It will also provide a much needed safe access across Highway 55 to connect north Medina to south Medina as at the moment, it is very unsafe for anyone, young or old to cross, especially those looking to enjoy the beautiful country that south Medina and beyond offers.

Furthermore, this trail will help more easily connect businesses such as those in Uptown Hamel to the northern Medina community in a way that doesn't require driving by car, thus lowering potential traffic, parking needs and car congestion in the future as people will be able to conveniently bike, rollerblade, jog or otherwise walk safely to business along Hamel Road and beyond. This is also true for communities in south Medina having safe and convenient access to parks such as Fields of Medina and businesses located on the northside of Highway 55 such as Peg's Cafe, Target and the Medina Entertainment Center. Incorporating a boardwalk into this trail through the wetlands is also something I hope is considered as it would add a level of value and encourage even more intimate engagement with the natural beauty of the landscape. Plymouth and other neighboring cities have incorporated similar boards walks and see these as exemplary.

I can only hope that the Medina City Council takes into full account the long-term positive impact this will have on a lion's share of Medina's residential population who DO support this trail as well as the local businesses and surrounding areas that will greatly benefit from its county funded construction and maintenance.

Sincerely,

Chris Pederson
4130 Fescue Drive
Medina, Minnesota 55340

PS - I've attached a file copy of this letter as well as a scanned copy of a small sample of neighbors that signed their name in support of this trail. I've talked to many others as well who support it, but thought this documentation of 9-10 unanimously supportive residents would help show additional, documented support.

Shurson, Stephen

From: Richard Rubin <rr@richierubin.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:39 AM
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - MEDINA

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

I wanted to send an email **in total support of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina**. The trail will offer our community a safe and enjoyable way to explore the natural beauty of our surroundings and promote the health and well-being of our residents. This project should absolutely include the boardwalk idea through the wetland areas. I am very much looking forward to using these trails in the future! Please let me know if you have any questions.

If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,
Richard Rubin
4136 Cavanaugh Dr
Medina, MN 55340
952-451-3004

Shurson, Stephen

From: mukharjee kilari <kilarimukh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 5:20 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Support

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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I believe this trail will also add long-term value by offering more ways to explore the natural beauty of the community as a whole and in a manner that promotes the health and well-being of our residents for generations to come. We would also support the addition of boardwalks through the wetland areas to improve the aesthetic and utility for everyone to enjoy.

If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you
Mukharjee Kilari
1037 Jubert Trail
Medina
MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

From: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:41 PM
To: mlamberty22@gmail.com
Cc: Bill & Tamara Freeland; Doug Dunlay; Luann Johnson; Luann Johnson; Tracey Lamberty; Kathleen Martin; DLRT
Subject: RE: Private Property Access For Bike Path
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

This email is to confirm that all your comments will be included in the public record including the email below. You are correct that you did not see your previous email online yet as we are still in the comment period and collecting comments, which will be distributed to the Park Commission and City Council for the Park Commission's upcoming meeting on May 19th.

Jodi Gallup | Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk | City of Medina

Direct: (763) 473-8850 • Fax: (763) 473-9359 • jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov
2052 County Road 24 • Medina, MN • 55340

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com <mlamberty22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>
Cc: Bill & Tamara Freeland <wfreelan@tcfbank.com>; Doug Dunlay <dunlayd@msn.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn16@gmail.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn61@gmail.com>; Tracey Lamberty <tlamberty2011@gmail.com>; Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: FW: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hello Jodi,

I'm following up to make certain the mayor and council members understand our position on this matter. Please include ALL of the following dialogue in the distribution to city council members. I did not see the full detail in the recently distributed packet about the bike path (the updates may have missed the cut-off). We continue to say we have NO INTEREST in allowing a bike path cross our collective private properties. Additionally, Stephen Shurson from Three Rivers told me the Park Commission would not use anyone's property without permission and appropriate market rate compensation however we continue to see the path crossing our properties in the plan.

It's difficult to understand why we should have to attend multiple meetings on this matter when we have communicated our group simply does not want to make our properties available to Three Rivers.

Thank you for your help.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty
4250 Arrowhead Drive

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Mark Lamberty](#)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:41 AM
To: [Jodi Gallup](#)
Subject: Re: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Thank you Jodi.

Please excuse any typos sent by my iPad

On Apr 5, 2021, at 9:38 AM, Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for providing feedback on the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail. Your comments will be included in the public record for this project.

Jodi Gallup | Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk | City of Medina

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2052 County Road 24 • Medina, MN • 55340

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com <mlamberty22@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>
Cc: Bill & Tamara Freeland <wfreelan@tcfbank.com>; Doug Dunlay <dunlayd@msn.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn16@gmail.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn61@gmail.com>; Tracey Lamberty <tlamberty2011@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hello Jodi,

I believe the Bike Path is on the agenda for upcoming meetings. Several of us have communicated with Three Rivers Park District and I have also communicated with Dusty regarding this matter. We are not interested in having our property used for a bike path. Please share our sentiments with the council and planning commission.

Thank you,
Mark & Tracey Lamberty

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 2:13 PM
To: [DLRT](#)
Cc: [Doug Dunlay](#); [Bill & Tamara Freeland](#); [Reid Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Tracey Lamberty](#)
Subject: RE: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hello Stephen,

Thank you for the invitation to attend future meetings. I really do not see the benefit of continuing to discuss this matter. We have NO INTEREST in providing the land for a bike path to travel on our private property. I believe Doug Dunlay shared the same sentiment when he spoke with you. When you and I spoke I heard you say Three Rivers Park District would not cross private land without the landowners

approval and even with approval TRPD would provide market rate compensation for the land. Again, we are NOT INTERESTED. Please share this with you colleagues.

Thank you,
Mark Lamberty

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [DLRT](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:18 AM
To: mlamberty22@gmail.com; [DLRT](#)
Cc: [Doug Dunlay](#); [Bill & Tamara Freeland](#); [Reid Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Tracey Lamberty](#)
Subject: RE: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Thank you Mark for your comments and our conversation yesterday. We appreciate your input. Your email and comments regarding this potential route will be duly considered in our evaluations.

Thank you for mentioning the City owned land that runs N-S next to you property as a possible trail route to would route the trail. We can take another look at the area north of you and east of the Bridgewater neighborhood, but when we looked at this before, the grades for the trail leading up to the Bridgewater neighborhood from the area east would exceed the 5% max grade that our design guidelines require. Alternatively, if we were to extend a trail straight north, it would require a very long boardwalk. This seemed excessive if there was a viable route along Chippewa.

You and your neighbors are also welcome to attend any of our upcoming open houses or virtual meetings listed below to get more information or ask questions, or I am happy to have a one- on-one conversation with you if you wish.

Open House at the Fields of Medina Park (Weather permitting – check project website after noon on the date of the event to confirm)

- Wednesday, April 14 – 5 to 6:30 PM (reschedule date in case of inclement weather is Thursday, April 22 – 5 to 6:30 PM)

Virtual Meetings

- Tuesday, April 13 – 5 to 6 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April13](https://www.threeriversparks.org/Link/Click.aspx?LinkID=13)
- Wednesday, April 14 – Noon to 1 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April14](https://www.threeriversparks.org/Link/Click.aspx?LinkID=14)
- Monday, April 19 – 6 to 7 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April19](https://www.threeriversparks.org/Link/Click.aspx?LinkID=19)

Regards,

Stephen Shurson
Three Rivers Park District
763.559.6766 o
612.290.0096 c
stephen.shurson@threeriversparks.org

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com <mlamberty22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:11 PM
To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Cc: Doug Dunlay <dunlayd@msn.com>; Bill & Tamara Freeland <wfreelan@tcfbank.com>; Reid Johnson <reidearth@earthlink.net>; Luann Johnson <lujohn16@gmail.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn61@gmail.com>; Tracey Lamberty <tlamberty2011@gmail.com>
Subject: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hello Stephan,

This issue continues to arise and it's a non starter. Four of us own the property where the proposed eastern route connects to Arrowhead. Several of us attended the original meeting on this matter at Medina City Hall. We voiced our strong opposition to this path. Since then I've written the Medina City Planner asking him to share our opposition. One potential compromise that is apparently not being explored is to cross our private drive on the narrow strip of land the city acquired, travel through the park the city currently owns and route the path using an existing bridge across the swamp through Bridgewater back to Arrowhead.

As I stated below we've given up our property (Via right of way access on Arrowhead) so that others can use our property for biking and walking. We're not interested to having another bike path travel down our private drive.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty
4250 Arrowhead Drive

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: MARK LAMBERTY <mark_lamberty@outlook.com>

Date: February 27, 2021 at 8:34:25 AM PST

To: Dusty Finke <Dusty.Finke@ci.medina.mn.us>

Subject: Bike Path - March 2nd City Council Meeting Agendas and Feb 16th Draft Minutes

Hello Dusty,

As property owners of 12.3 acres we strongly oppose option 771 and disagree with the comment that it has "less impact to private property". We have one bike/walking path that we accepted on our property along Arrowhead. We should not be subjected to giving up more of our property for public use without appropriate compensation.

Additionally, 771 would require disturbing wetland that simply is not necessary.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty
4250 Arrowhead Drive - Since 1993

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kelsey Wiechman <kelsey.wiechman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 7:43 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail through Medina

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

I believe this trail will also add long-term value by offering more ways to explore the natural beauty of the community as a whole and in a manner that promotes the health and well-being of our residents for generations to come. I would also support the addition of boardwalks through the wetland areas to improve the aesthetic and utility for everyone to enjoy.

If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kelsey Wiechman

1089 Jubert Trail (Fields of Medina)

Sent from my iPhone

Shurson, Stephen

From: Jon Podvin <Jon.Podvin@genmills.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 4:58 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: Show of Support for Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

I wanted to reach out to share my support of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jon Podvin
Resident at 1053 Jubert Trail, Medina MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

From: Nick Olson <nickkristaolson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 9:09 AM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: Scott Johnson; Dusty Finke; Jodi Gallup; DLRT
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Mayor Martin,

Thanks for the quick response and action. Our address is 1105 Jubert Trail Medina, MN 55340.

Have a great week,
Nick and Krista Olson

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2021, at 8:26 AM, Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. We will add your comments to the public records, but could you please provide your address?

Have a great day.

-Kathy

Kathleen Martin
Mayor, City of Medina
Kathleen.Martin@medinamn.gov

From: Nick & Krista Olson <nickkristaolson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:47 PM
To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Mayor Martin,

We support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nick and Krista Olson

Shurson, Stephen

From: Emilie Knox <emilie.l.knox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 8:57 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - SUPPORT!

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

My name is Emilie Knox and I live in Medina at 1124 Jubert Trail.

I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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Thank you,

Emilie Knox

612-385-6992

Shurson, Stephen

From: Tom Sicheneder <tom.sic@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:51 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Trail Proposal

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello Stephen,

We are writing to voice our displeasure for the proposed route for the Diamond Lake Trail along Hamel Road. Both our properties are part of the Laurent Homestead which has been in the family for decades & this trail would affect them immensely. Having sat in on one of the virtual meetings we learned how the other routes were eliminated & the way this route came to be. There has been a lack of communication with the residents along this route & we are disappointed how this came about.

My wife & I built out here to be next to her father Harold in 2002 & enjoy the privacy this location offers. Her brother lives next door on the farm that Harold originally lived before moving up the hill. As a family we do not see this as a good fit for this area & are asking the leaders involved to turn down this proposal. We have heard it may not be for 20-30 years down the road but things have changed before. We will be attending the listening session at Baker Park Clubhouse on Wednesday to voice our opinions & appreciate the venue so our voices can be heard.

Thank you,

Thomas & Donna (Laurent) Sicheneder
2185 Hamel Road

Daniel H. Laurent
2135 Hamel Road

Shurson, Stephen

From: Nick & Krista Olson <nickkristaolson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:47 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Three Rivers Park Commission,

We support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nick and Krista Olson

Shurson, Stephen

From: Chris Berg <bergyver@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: DLRT; Jodi Gallup; Dusty Finke; Scott Johnson
Subject: Re: I support Diamond Lake Regional Trail Project through Medina

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thanks Kathleen my address is

4185 prairie View Trail

Medina MN 55340

From: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:51 PM
To: Chris Berg <bergyver@hotmail.com>
Cc: DLRT@threeriversparks.org <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>; Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>; Dusty Finke <dusty.finke@medinamn.gov>; Scott Johnson <scott.johnson@medinamn.gov>
Subject: Re: I support Diamond Lake Regional Trail Project through Medina

Thank you for your comments. I have received a number of messages scripted much like yours. We will add your comments to the public records, but could you please provide your address? Please "reply all"!

On Apr 30, 2021, at 6:05 PM, Chris Berg <bergyver@hotmail.com> wrote:

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Berg
4185 prairie View Trail
Medina MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

From: Monica Koo <koomonica@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 5:37 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Koo

Shurson, Stephen

From: matt plec <mattplec@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:07 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To whom it may concern,

I am a newer recent resident to Medina. My wife and I moved in just over a year ago, but I have previously lived in Medina when I was in High school and there was no Target, or Wells Fargo, or Aldi, etc. I wanted to send you an email in support of the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank You,

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Shurson, Stephen

From: Alexandra Loaney <amloaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: DLRT; Jodi Gallup; Scott Johnson; Dusty Finke
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Trail Project

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thanks! My address is 1165 Jubert Trail, Medina, MN 55340.

On Sun, May 2, 2021 at 11:43 AM Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your input. We will share your thoughts with the rest of the council and add it to our compilation of public commentary. Could you please provide your address? Have a nice day.

> On May 2, 2021, at 11:41 AM, Alexandra Loaney <amloaney@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Mrs. Martin,

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> I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina, as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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> Thank you for your time and consideration,

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> Ali Loaney

Shurson, Stephen

From: Alexandra Loaney <amloaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 11:42 AM
To: kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Cc: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Trail Project

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Dear Mrs. Martin,

I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina, as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ali Loaney

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kimberly Bahooora <kimaj22@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: DLRT; Jodi Gallup; Dusty Finke; Scott Johnson
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - Please Support

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Yes thanks. Our address is: 1097 Jubert Trail, Medina 55340

On May 1, 2021, at 7:53 PM, Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. I have received a number of messages scripted much like yours. We will add your comments to the public records, but could you please provide your address? Please "reply all"!

On Apr 30, 2021, at 4:25 PM, Kimberly Bahooora <kimaj22@gmail.com> wrote:

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Kimberly Bahooora

Shurson, Stephen

From: Melissa Szczech <melissa.szczech@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:52 PM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: DLRT; Dusty Finke; Jodi Gallup; Scott Johnson
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Melissa Szczech
4197 Prairie View Trail, Hamel, MN 55340

On Sat, May 1, 2021 at 7:55 PM Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. I have received a number of messages scripted much like yours. We will add your comments to the public records, but could you please provide your address? Please "reply all"!

On Apr 30, 2021, at 7:03 PM, Melissa Szczech <melissa.szczech@gmail.com> wrote:

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Shurson, Stephen

From: Peter K <shpk80@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Kathleen Martin
Cc: DLRT; Jodi Gallup; Scott Johnson; Dusty Finke
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello

My address is 1109 Jubert Trail, Medina, mn 55340

Thanks
Sunghoon

On May 1, 2021, at 7:53 PM, Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. I have received a number of messages scripted much like yours. We will add your comments to the public records, but could you please provide your address? Please "reply all"!

On Apr 30, 2021, at 4:26 PM, Peter K <shpk80@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration."

Thanks

Sunghoon Kim

1109 Jubert Trail

Shurson, Stephen

From: Pat Ottum <patrick.ottum@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:46 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello-

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Pat

Shurson, Stephen

From: Jennifer Kish <kish0032@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 7:54 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hi,

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Kish

Medina resident

Shurson, Stephen

From: Melissa Szczech <melissa.szczech@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 7:03 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Shurson, Stephen

From: Chris Berg <berggyver@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 6:06 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: I support Diamond Lake Regional Trail Project through Medina

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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Chris Berg
4185 prairie View Trail
Medina MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

From: Megan Nielsen <meglnielsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:30 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: In Support of Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

"I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as I think it will provide much needed safe access across State Highway 55 to connect northern Medina to southern Medina.

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Megan Nielsen
1068 Jubert Trail
Medina, MN 55340
Sent from my iPhone

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kelly Pederson <mrskellyp929@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:07 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Fwd: Medina - Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello, I support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail being built through the City of Medina as it will provide much needed, safe access across State Highway 55. This trail will add long-term value by offering more ways to explore the natural beauty of the community and in a manner that promotes the health and well-being of our residents for generations to come. I would also support the addition of boardwalks through the wetland areas to improve the aesthetic and utility for everyone to enjoy.

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Kelly OBrien

Shurson, Stephen

From: Adeel Ahmed <AdeelAhme@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:30 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Trl in Medina

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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THanks
Adeel Ahmed
4131 Prairie Vlew Trl
Medina, MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

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To: DLRT
Cc: kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
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1109 Jubert Trail

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kimberly Bahooora <kimaj22@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:25 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - Please Support

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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Kimberly Bahooora

Shurson, Stephen

From: Addison DeBoer <addison.a.deboer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:21 PM
To: DLRT; kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Project

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To Whom it may concern,

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If this message could be forwarded along to the Medina Park Commission as well, that would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Addison DeBoer

4140 Fescue Dr

Medina MN 55340

Shurson, Stephen

From: Dan Strand <dan@strandindustrialmachinery.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 9:22 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Planning

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Dear Three Rivers Park District
Medina City Council & Park Commission

Following our my comments regarding the DLRT.

For a number of reasons I am opposed to the Diamond Lake Regional Trail, I have stated a few below.

Years ago my wife and I lived in Minnetonka, our yard abutted up to a trail, we did not think much about it when we purchased the house. It was a mistake on our part thinking that there would not be much interaction between us and the people using the trail. We were wrong, we found out very soon that people did not hesitate to come into our yard when we were doing yard work or sitting on our deck just to make conversation. When we decided to move we agreed that we would move to a town / city that gave us the peace and quiet we were looking for and plenty of open space and away from trails and parks. We found that gratification when we purchased our home on Hamel road in 1991. We have nothing against parks or trails, they serve a purpose for the community. If someone wants to live next to a trail or park that's their prerogative, for us it's a hindrance. Please don't bring it to our doorstep. If we want to go to a park or preserve we'll drive our car.

Why would I want to walk to a park that is 4 to 5 miles from my house one way, further for many other people. We have plenty of trails and parks already in this area, we do not need a trail to get to them. It's mentioned in the video that bikers will use the trail, that is highly unlikely. They do not like sidewalks or trails, they prefer to ride on the roads, three abreast at times. Also I have not seen an abundant of people roller blading these past years.

Having the DLRT run along Hamel road is a real safety issue. As you are all aware it's a county road, on any given day there are countless trucks, semi-trucks, UPS and FedEx trucks not to mention all the Hennepin County dump trucks, graders and other implements that travel the road on a daily basis. Not all of the vehicles and trucks obey the speed limit. There are also many hills, curves and blind spots on Hamel Road. Not a safe road to have a trail.

What environmental impact will this trail have on the environment? How many miles of earth will be dug up and reworked? What about the wetlands along the way? How much more drainage will there be with all the hard surface this trail would add.

It's been mentioned that this trail could take years if not decades to accomplish, that statement concerns me. I was told years ago at a city council meeting that the radio tower by Hennepin County was going to be approximately 200 feet high, when it was passed and erected it topped out around 400 feet. With all of the planning and meetings this past year it seems that this segment of the trail is on the front burner and would be completed in the near future and not ten or twenty years from now. What is the timetable for this segment of the trail no matter what corridor is decided?

If I understand correctly some government grant(s) / funding may be used to fund this project, do those grants come with any government regulations or guidelines? If they do I think the citizens of all the cities should be made aware of them. I also heard on the video that tax dollars will also be used to fund and maintain the trail. What is the cost of the

project and how much per year will it cost to maintain it? Do you have any projections on how many people will use the trail. How often will it be used in the winter? One should ask themselves if this is the best way to use our tax dollars.

I'm sure by my comments above you realize that I do not support this trail going along Hamel Road or any other road. I know a large majority of the residents along Hamel Road do not want to bear the burden or publicly support the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

Please let me know if there are other meetings scheduled.

Thank you for your time.

Dan and Beth Strand

Shurson, Stephen

From: Annette Shireman <arshrmn@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:17 PM
To: DLRT
Cc: Dusty Finke
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - Medina, MN - Jubert Property

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Three Rivers Park Manager,

As members of the Jubert Family that owns the property located at 1182 Highway 55 in Medina (on the north side of Highway 55 and the east side of Tamarack Drive), we want to make several comments about the easterly trail that has been proposed for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

In 2012, the Jubert family donated all of the park land for the 62.5 acres required by the City of Medina for the Fields of Medina Park. This 2012 City of Medina park land dedication includes what is now the Fields of Medina (East), the Lennar Townhome development currently under construction, and the remaining acres the Jubert Family owns along Highway 55 that are zoned as commercial property. The Jubert property park dedication became what is now 'The Park at the Fields of Medina.' It would be unfair for the Jubert family to provide any of our additional land for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail when the Jubert family park dedication requirements were met in 2012, and there are other options available for this Trail.

Another point to consider is that there is a round-about planned on Tamarack Drive (north of Highway 55 and south of Meander Road). This round-about is planned to cut into our land--though it does not show up on the recent Diamond Lake Trail maps. For detailed information regarding the Highway 55 and Tamarack Drive intersection and the round-about to the north on Tamarack Drive, see the August 18, 2020, Tamarack Drive Corridor Visioning Study Final Concept Plan, City of Medina Council Meeting, starting at about 32 minutes: <https://vimeo.com/464079318>.

In addition, the Wayzata School District has purchased the land south of Highway 55 and along Tamarack Drive for future use. The construction of the new Wayzata School south of Highway 55 will create the need to upgrade the intersection at Highway 55 and Tamarack Drive with a stoplight.

The distance from Highway 55 north to Meander Road is less than one-half mile. If you look at the 'big picture,' you would see that this is a small area where a lot would be going on--cars, walkers, bikers, maybe busses, and then possibly additional trail bikers! Once this stoplight is installed, it will become a busy intersection with residential and commercial traffic. In this high-density commercial area, even on Saturdays and Sundays, there will be many FedEx & UPS deliveries, semi-tractor trailer deliveries, food service truck deliveries, and Brinks trucks, in addition to all the automobile traffic driving to access these businesses, stores, and restaurants. To have a bike path near this intersection would create more congestion and possibly be a hazard to those traveling in this area.

The safer route would be the more-westerly route, because there is more open land. The planning for a trail is would be easier since the land is not already in the design stage or being developed. We propose the westerly route for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail—it would go through quieter areas, be less congested, and have more room for the bridge with ADA compliance.

Sincerely,

Annette Shireman, 15701 La Bon Terrace, Minnetonka, MN 55345 Jerry Jubert Roger Jubert LuAnn Eisinger Carol Schimnich

Shurson, Stephen

From: jim lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 7:23 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Re: Apr. 19 virtual meeting request

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thank you for opportunity for input.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2021, at 5:57 PM, DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org> wrote:

<https://threeriversparks.zoom.us/j/97791810394?pwd=MkRGc1ppL2t6K1ZUblZxRHU1ZHVDZz09>

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From: Jim Lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:08 PM

To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>

Subject: Apr. 19 virtual meeting request

Please send me link to join Apr. 19 virtual meeting on proposed regional trail connection from Baker Park to north boundary of City of Medina. James S. Lane, 2605 Hamel Rd., Medina, MN 55340. 763/355-2271 (mobile).



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Shurson, Stephen

From: J. Michael Noonan <J.Michael.Noonan@hennepin.us>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 11:52 AM
To: DLRT
Cc: Dusty Finke; Stewart Crosby; Margo Geffen; Chad Ellos; Jordan D Kocak
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail
Attachments: DOC032621-03262021070354.pdf; 13057_DLRT north Medina for Hennepin County.pdf; Arrowhead south.pdf

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Good morning. I am following up from the letter that was send Hennepin County dated March 22, 2021. A copy is attached. In this letter, the request was made for feedback on the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail. Hennepin County had been provided information on alignments under consideration. The information that had been provided is attached. Hennepin County is supportive of a trail alignment through and adjacent to our Medina Public Works property. We support the alignment in concept but recognize the “devil is in the details” on a final alignment, if such proceeds.

We have some preliminary comment to share and look forward to working through these and other details as the project advances. We are sharing these comments for your consideration. St

- Looping south of the wetlands would be better from a back lot security standpoint
- Trail maintenance
- Curves on Prairie Drive could pose a sightline issue for crossing given there seem to be a large number of heavy truck accessing the landscape supply to the west.
- CR 115 has some flooding and drainage issues that may impact routing.
- A grade separated crossing should be assumed for any crossing of TH 55 in this segment.

Please let us know if we can provide anything further. We await further word of next steps and the opportunity of Hennepin County to work with Three Rivers and others on this project.

Thanks

J. Michael Noonan
Senior Department Administrator
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Shurson, Stephen

From: Andy Gagnon <gagnon006@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:11 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To the City of Medina and Three Rivers Parks District,

I support the building of the proposed park trail for the benefit of Medina citizens and neighboring communities. This will add to the quality of life, I feel it will add to property values and there are really no major downsides to the building of the trail in either proposed direction. I do prefer the "western" alternate route around the highway 55 corridor area.

We are willing to pay tax dollars for the building and maintenance of this trail over the next several decades.

Arguments against this such as "this will disturb the peace" or "we have owned this land for a long time" are simply not taking the best interest of the community at hand. If every landowner made this argument we would have no public roads or trails. In discussions with numerous Medina community members regarding the proposed building of this trail I have come across some who are against the building of the trail, but overwhelming the young families with children or active older adults like this proposal for walking, jogging bike rides and a good excuse to be active and outdoors.

Please strongly consider our opinion when making this decision. This is an enormously positive opportunity for our city and community with very few potential drawbacks.

Andy and Christine Gagnon
Medina Residents

Shurson, Stephen

From: Annette Shireman <arshrmn@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:58 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Park - Hwy. 55 and Tamarack Drive

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thank you for letting me know.

From: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Annette Shireman; DLRT
Subject: RE: Diamond Lake Regional Park - Hwy. 55 and Tamarack Drive

Annette,

Your comments are now posted. I guess it does take a little while for comments to post. Evidently, there is a short review process before they are posted. Thanks for sharing your comments.

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From: Annette Shireman <arshrmn@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:42 PM
To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Park - Hwy. 55 and Tamarack Drive

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Annette Shireman
Jubert land at 1182 Highway 55 in Medina.

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Shurson, Stephen

From: Annette Shireman <arshrmn@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:54 PM
To: DLRT
Cc: Carol
Subject: City of Medina - Tamarack Drive Final Concept Plan 8/20

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Stephan,

I just finished talking with my sister, Carol Schimnich, who was on today's virtual meeting from noon to 1 pm. She wanted me to forward to you the City of Medina's Tamarack Drive Final Concept Plan from August 2020:

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Annette (Jubert) Shireman
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Shurson, Stephen

From: Christopher Blattner <christopherblattner@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:21 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Against Bike Trail along Hamel Road

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

To whom it may concern:

I own property on Hamel road and am very concerned about a bike trail along my property. I do not want that trail here along this road. Trails like this invite trash, possible crime, and definitely trespassing. I lived very near to the Lake Wobegon trail in central Minnesota and I am familiar with what these trails bring to the community and I am very much against this trail. My plan is to begin legal action if this is the chosen route.

I cannot begin to tell how concerned I am about this.

If I can help steer this in another direction, I can be reached at [320-267-7526](tel:320-267-7526)

Sincerely,
Chris Blattner
Land and home owner along Hamel Road.

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kim Hofstede <kimberly.hofstede@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 11:20 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail question

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

I live at 4418 Bluebell Trail S in Medina and it looks like the proposed trail would go behind my house along Arrowhead. There is already an existing paved trail there. Would that existing trail be modified or used as-is?

Thanks.

Kim Hofstede

Shurson, Stephen

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 2:13 PM
To: DLRT
Cc: Doug Dunlay; Bill & Tamara Freeland; Reid Johnson; Luann Johnson; Luann Johnson; Tracey Lamberty
Subject: RE: Private Property Access For Bike Path
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello Stephen,

Thank you for the invitation to attend future meetings. I really do not see the benefit of continuing to discuss this matter. We have NO INTEREST in providing the land for a bike path to travel on our private property. I believe Doug Dunlay shared the same sentiment when he spoke with you. When you and I spoke I heard you say Three Rivers Park District would not cross private land without the landowners approval and even with approval TRPD would provide market rate compensation for the land. Again, we are NO INTERESTED. Please share this with you colleagues.

Thank you,
Mark Lamberty

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From: [DLRT](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:18 AM
To: mlamberty22@gmail.com; [DLRT](#)
Cc: [Doug Dunlay](#); [Bill & Tamara Freeland](#); [Reid Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Luann Johnson](#); [Tracey Lamberty](#)
Subject: RE: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Thank you Mark for your comments and our conversation yesterday. We appreciate your input. Your email and comments regarding this potential route will be duly considered in our evaluations.

Thank you for mentioning the City owned land that runs N-S next to you property as a possible trail route to would route the trail. We can take another look at the area north of you and east of the Bridgewater neighborhood, but when we looked at this before, the grades for the trail leading up to the Bridgewater neighborhood from the area east would exceed the 5% max grade that our design guidelines require. Alternatively, if we were to extend a trail straight north, it would require a very long boardwalk. This seemed excessive if there was a viable route along Chippewa.

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Regards,

Stephen Shurson

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From: mlamberty22@gmail.com <mlamberty22@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:11 PM

To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>

Cc: Doug Dunlay <dunlayd@msn.com>; Bill & Tamara Freeland <wfreelan@tcfbank.com>; Reid Johnson <reidearth@earthlink.net>; Luann Johnson <lujohn16@gmail.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn61@gmail.com>; Tracey Lamberty <tlamberty2011@gmail.com>

Subject: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hello Stephan,

This issue continues to arise and it's a non starter. Four of us own the property where the proposed eastern route connects to Arrowhead. Several of us attended the original meeting on this matter at Medina City Hall. We voiced our strong opposition to this path. Since then I've written the Medina City Planner asking him to share our opposition. One potential compromise that is apparently not being explored is to cross our private drive on the narrow strip of land the city acquired, travel through the park the city currently owns and route the path using an existing bridge across the swamp through Bridgewater back to Arrowhead.

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Mark & Tracey Lamberty

4250 Arrowhead Drive

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From: MARK LAMBERTY <mark_lamberty@outlook.com>

Date: February 27, 2021 at 8:34:25 AM PST

To: Dusty Finke <Dusty.Finke@ci.medina.mn.us>

Subject: Bike Path - March 2nd City Council Meeting Agendas and Feb 16th Draft Minutes

Hello Dusty,

As property owners of 12.3 acres we strongly appose option 771 and disagree with the comment that it has "less impact to private property". We have one bike/walking path that we accepted on our property along Arrowhead. We should not be subjected to giving up more of our property for public use without appropriate compensation.

Additionally, 771 would require disturbing wetland that simply is not necessary.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty

4250 Arrowhead Drive - Since 1993

Shurson, Stephen

From: Kim Snow <kimcsnow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:49 PM
To: DAVID CROSBY
Cc: DLRT; Kathleen Martin; jim lane; Wayne Popham; Jenny Goelz; Richard Goelz; Kim C & Buddy Snow; Matthew Ellis; Buddy Snow
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Buddy and I live at 2400 Hamel Road on the same property as my parents David and Kitty Crosby. See below.

We too oppose the proposed route along Hamel road for the same reasons my dad listed below.

Best,
Kim and Buddy Snow

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 25, 2021, at 7:24 AM, DAVID CROSBY <DCROS@msn.com> wrote:

Kitty and I live at 2402 Hamel Road and have had frontage on Hamel Road for over 50 years. Our frontage starts at Pioneer Trail and extends nearly 1/8 of a mile beyond the intersection of Willow Drive and Hamel Road.

We oppose the proposed route along Hamel Road. Already we have plenty of traffic including a lot of bike traffic. Most of those bikers who travel in pelotons of 10 or more would continue to use Hamel Road rather than a bike trail because a bike trail doesn't provide enough room and would not be safe.

Sincerely,

David and Kitty Crosby

Shurson, Stephen

From: Matt Geurink <mdgeurink@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:08 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail - Medina

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

I live in Foxberry Farms and am positive/excited about the proposed trail. We'll use it heavily for walking and regularly for biking. Thank you.

Matt Geurink
1025 Settlers Road
Medina, MN 55340
612-414-5005

Shurson, Stephen

From: Matthew Ellis <matthew.j.ellis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:46 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: DLRT Meeting Request

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Good morning Stephen-

We recently received the mailing for the DLRT. My family and I live at 2562 Hamel Road which is on the route of the proposed DLRT regional trail. Could we arrange a one on one meeting to better understand the need case, routing, and site requirements (e.g. ROW width)?

My wife and I are avid cyclists, and the roads for cycling was a significant factor in why we chose to purchase a home in this location. Our previous house in Maple Grove was located on the Elm Creek trails. So I feel we may be able to provide unique perspectives.

Please let us know some windows of your availability.

Thanks in advance for your time to discuss this matter.

-Matt & Natalie Ellis

Shurson, Stephen

From: Ken Guenther <kenguentner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:06 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thank-you Stephen for your prompt response. I will look forward to reading the master plan when published. I live on the southern edge of Corcoran and did put comments on that portion of the map when it was up. Appreciate your efforts, Ken.

On Mon, Mar 29, 2021 at 11:18 AM DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org> wrote:

Hi Ken,

We are developing the master plan now with this current process. The master plan, expected to be completed later this year, will document our efforts at route evaluations, public engagement, review of precedent planning documents, trail research & trends, design guidelines, operations & maintenance plans and anticipated costs. So to answer your question, we are in the middle of the evaluation of a preferred route now. The drafting of the master plan and subsequent reviews and approvals will follow.

The current route in Medina along Hamel Road was not an original route that we had considered. After public opposition arose to the proposed routes through southern Medina, the City asked us to consider this proposed route along Hamel Road. So we have begun a “mini” engagement period just for this segment. The webpage for this master planning project can be found here: <https://www.letstalkthreerivers.org/diamond-lake-regional-trail-master-plan>

You are welcome to add your comments to the webmap in the webpage about this Hamel Road option, or send your comments back to me at this email address. You are also welcome to attend any of our upcoming open houses or virtual meetings listed below to get more information or ask questions, or I am happy to have a one- on-one conversation with you if you wish.

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From: Ken Guenthner <kenguenthner@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:43 PM

To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>

Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

Hi:

I am trying to locate the Diamond Lakes Regional Trail Master Plan on the Three Rivers web site. Where is the feasibility/planning document itself? I am only able to locate general summaries, but not a master planning document.

Thanks,

Ken Guenthner

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Shurson, Stephen

From: Mark Lamberty <mlamberty22@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 9:00 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: Re: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Thanks, it would be great if all of us write and perhaps call him on this matter. It's frustrating to me that we voice our opposition to using our private road. Stephon tells me that the park commission would not move forward with this plan without our approval and appropriate compensation and yet he invites us to continue discussing it. It's like they just want to drag it on until we're not paying attention and then they move forward with it like we're all on board.

Please excuse any typos sent by my iPad

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Shurson, Stephen

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Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2021 8:37 AM
To: DLRT
Cc: Douglas Dunlay
Subject: Diamond Lake trail Mater Plan

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

I own the 4292 Arrowhead Dr Medina , MN property .

I talked to Stephen last week by phone. Good discussion but i don't support the current proposal that has the bike route going across the wet lands directly onto my property and down our private road that we share with 3 other neighbors. This is very intrusive and would be very disruptive to all 4 neighbors. I recommend using the existing trail along Arrowhead Dr and by connecting to it via Meander road.

I am not against Bike trails but need to be sensitive to property owners , cost to build and disturbance to wet lands and eco system.

Thanks

Doug Dunlay

Sent from my iPad

Shurson, Stephen

From: Ken Guenthner <kenguenthner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:43 PM
To: DLRT
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hi:

I am trying to locate the Diamond Lakes Regional Trail Master Plan on the Three Rivers web site. Where is the feasibility/planning document itself? I am only able to locate general summaries, but not a master planning document.

Thanks,
Ken Guenthner

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Shurson, Stephen

From: Chris Graham <chris@grahamjewelers.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:40 AM
To: DLRT; María Tejada Molina
Subject: New Trail

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello,

Can you please give me more specific details of where the trail would run along Hamel Road. I am assuming it would run along the horse trail on the south side of the trail.

I am generally in favor of this trail as I use trails often and commute by bike to work. As you well know Hamel road is currently used as a trail when in fact it is a narrow dangerous road. I myself have been hit by a car on Hamel road. That being said, I would like to know more details about the trail.

Sincerely,

Chris Graham & Maria Tejada Molina
4072 Hamel Rd, Hamel, MN 55340
612-709-6928

Shurson, Stephen

From: robert.kieval@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:20 AM
To: DLRT
Subject: RE: Feedback on proposed trail
Attachments: IMG_7397.jpg

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hi Stephen, thanks for your note. I disagree with your assessment. As shown in the attached (especially the area circled in red), the route is right along the green area. In fact it's the only remaining green area in the vicinity. Any development and increased traffic adjacent to a natural area will necessarily disrupt it, its inhabitants and its visitors.

Thanks,

Rob

From: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 09:50
To: robert.kieval@gmail.com; DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Subject: RE: Feedback on proposed trail

Thank you Rob for your comments. We appreciate your input. Your email and comments regarding this potential route will be duly considered in our evaluations.

I would like to point out that the eastern route was intended to be within the right-of-way of Chippewa Road, adjacent to the nature area, but not through it. So it would not be any more impactful to the park than the current road is.

You and your neighbors are also welcome to attend any of our upcoming open houses or virtual meetings listed below to get more information or ask questions, or I am happy to have a one- on-one conversation with you if you wish.

Open House at the Fields of Medina Park (Weather permitting – check project website after noon on the date of the event to confirm)

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Virtual Meetings

- Tuesday, April 13 – 5 to 6 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April13](https://www.threeriversparks.org/ThreeRiversParks/link/April13)
- Wednesday, April 14 – Noon to 1 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April14](https://www.threeriversparks.org/ThreeRiversParks/link/April14)
- Monday, April 19 – 6 to 7 PM: [ThreeRiversParks.link/April19](https://www.threeriversparks.org/ThreeRiversParks/link/April19)

Regards,

Stephen Shurson

Three Rivers Park District

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stephen.shurson@threeriversparks.org

From: robert.kieval@gmail.com <robert.kieval@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:46 AM

To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>

Subject: Feedback on proposed trail

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From: DAVID CROSBY <DCROS@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:24 AM
To: DLRT; Kathleen Martin
Cc: jim lane; Wayne Popham; Jenny Goelz; Richard Goelz; Kim C & Buddy Snow; Kim C & Buddy Snow; Matthew Ellis
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Kitty and I live at 2402 Hamel Road and have had frontage on Hamel Road for over 50 years. Our frontage starts at Pioneer Trail and extends nearly 1/8 of a mile beyond the intersection of Willow Drive and Hamel Road.

We oppose the proposed route along Hamel Road. Already we have plenty of traffic including a lot of bike traffic. Most of those bikers who travel in pelotons of 10 or more would continue to use Hamel Road rather than a bike trail because a bike trail doesn't provide enough room and would not be safe.

Sincerely,

David and Kitty Crosby

Shurson, Stephen

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:11 PM
To: DLRT
Cc: Doug Dunlay; Bill & Tamara Freeland; Reid Johnson; Luann Johnson; Luann Johnson; Tracey Lamberty
Subject: Private Property Access For Bike Path
Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

Hello Stephan,

This issue continues to arise and it's a non starter. Four of us own the property where the proposed eastern route connects to Arrowhead. Several of us attended the original meeting on this matter at Medina City Hall. We voiced our strong opposition to this path. Since then I've written the Medina City Planner asking him to share our opposition. One potential compromise that is apparently not being explored is to cross our private drive on the narrow strip of land the city acquired, travel through the park the city currently owns and route the path using an existing bridge across the swamp through Bridgewater back to Arrowhead.

As I stated below we've given up our property (Via right of way access on Arrowhead) so that others can use our property for biking and walking. We're not interested to having another bike path travel down our private drive.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty
4250 Arrowhead Drive

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: MARK LAMBERTY <mark_lamberty@outlook.com>
Date: February 27, 2021 at 8:34:25 AM PST
To: Dusty Finke <Dusty.Finke@ci.medina.mn.us>
Subject: **Bike Path - March 2nd City Council Meeting Agendas and Feb 16th Draft Minutes**

Hello Dusty,

As property owners of 12.3 acres we strongly oppose option 771 and disagree with the comment that it has "less impact to private property". We have one bike/walking path that we accepted on our property along Arrowhead. We should not be subjected to giving up more of our property for public use without appropriate compensation.

Additionally, 771 would require disturbing wetland that simply is not necessary.

Mark & Tracey Lamberty
4250 Arrowhead Drive - Since 1993

Shurson, Stephen

From: jim lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:57 AM
To: DLRT
Cc: DAVID CROSBY; Wayne Popham
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Engagement Opportunities

Categories: Hamel Rd feedback

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James S. Lane, III
2605 Hamel Road
Medina, MN 55340-9785
763/473-1075 (office) or 763/355-2271 (mobile)

May 12, 2021

Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

To members of the City of Medina Park Commission:

Last year Three Rivers Park District began master planning for a new north-south regional trail from Dayton and Rogers on the north to Orono, Long Lake, and Wayzata on the south. The public, including residents of Medina, was invited to submit comments on a preferred north-south trail route. According to the April/May issue of *The Medina Message*, following your meeting with residents of one or more possible north-south routes, the Park Commission and City Council requested that the trail plan remove optional routes through the southern portion of the City (I understand that Orono also has communicated its lack of interest in a trail through their city). But then, and without prior notice to Hamel Road residents, the Park Commission and City Council pivoted away from Three Rivers' long noticed north-south location concept and decided to seek public support for a regional trail that connects Baker Park Reserve with portions of Medina to the east and north, specifically along Hamel Road.

The existing trail on the east side of County Road 19, which extends all the way from Baker Park on the south, through Loretto and across State Highway 55, is a suitable option for achieving your revised trail location objectives. Hamel Road is not.

I have lived on Hamel Road for fifty years and know many current residents. The purpose of this letter is to assure you, based upon multiple interactions in recent weeks, that there is little or no support whatsoever among residents for a regional trail along Hamel Road. None. Based upon that overwhelming sentiment, I respectfully request that you extend the same courtesies to your constituents who are residents of Hamel Road that you extended earlier to residents of Hunter Drive and Tamarack Drive by removing a Hamel Road option from your further consideration when making preferred trail location recommendations to Three Rivers.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

Very truly yours,

s/ Jim Lane

Jodi Gallup

From: DAVID CROSBY <DCROS@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Jodi Gallup
Cc: Jim Lane
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

I have received a copy of a letter that Jim Lane, our neighbor of over 50 years, has sent to The Medina Park Commission.

Both Kitty and I located at 2402 Hamel Road support his opposition to the proposed trail along Hamel Road. Our area is zoned rural residential so development on the scale east, north, south and west of us is not feasible. Even over a 30 year time frame I have a hard time believing there will be any pedestrian traffic in our area. Most bikers would never use the trail because of speed restrictions.

We own about 105 acres and our daughter has built a house on our property. After we pass away, she will continue to own the land so at least this particular area will not be developed.

Sincerely,

David and Kitty Crosby

On Apr 29, 2021, at 5:17 PM, Gavin Salsbery <gsalsbery@summitsalon.com> wrote:

Hi Kathy,

I hope you're doing well. 😊 I just wanted to send a quick memo to let you know that I support the Diamond Lake Trail coming through the Fields of Medina park. I can only imagine how this will add to the quality of life for the residents of Medina and our growing community. This seems like the type of development that would be a benefit for a lifetime for Medina. I'm not fearful of crime, additional traffic flow or the impact it will have in my backyard. I sure hope it connects to my backyard park someday. That would be fantastic!

Best wishes,

Gavin

Gavin E. Salsbery

Home

1081 Jubert Trail
Medina, MN
55340

Business – Urban Eve Salon Boutique
190 Westfalen Trail
Suite 300
Medina, MN
55340

Take care.

Gavin

From: C Sundin <cmsundin@msn.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:05 PM

To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>; Dino Deslauriers <dino.deslauriers@medinamn.gov>; Todd Albers <todd.albers@medinamn.gov>; Robin Reid <robin.reid@medinamn.gov>; Joseph Cavanaugh <joseph.cavanaugh@medinamn.gov>; Beth Nielsen <beth.nielsen@medinamn.gov>; Peter Galzki <peter.galzki@medinamn.gov>; Cindy Piper <cindy.piper@medinamn.gov>; Ron Grajczyk <ron.grajczyk@medinamn.gov>; Justin Popp <justin.popp@medinamn.gov>; Tim Sedabres <tim.sedabres@medinamn.gov>; Braden Rhem <braden.rhem@medinamn.gov>

Subject: DLRT on Hackamore Road

I am very disappointed (but not surprised) that once again, south of 55 Medina is deemed the treasured part of the city and their concerns are addressed with the proposed trail route decision moved to north of 55 only. I did comment on Hennepin County's web page with my concerns so will not restate here. It is obvious what putting a county-wide trail through a rural residential neighborhood will do to the quality of life here.

I do want a straight answer as to where you intend on putting this trail on my stretch of Hackamore Road (house number 1525) and how wide it will be. I was told eminent domain would not be used. There is no city right of way here beyond where the roadway is now.

I do not believe this trail is a decade or more off. We need to start considering a large berm in our front yard and a security fence.

Chris and Tony Sundin
1525 Hackamore

From: mlamberty22@gmail.com <mlamberty22@gmail.com>
From: Luann Johnson <lujohn61@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 3, 2021 5:13 PM
To: mlamberty22@gmail.com
Cc: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>; Bill & Tamara Freeland <wfreelan@tcfbank.com>; Doug Dunlay <dunlayd@msn.com>; Luann Johnson <lujohn16@gmail.com>; Tracey Lamberty <tlamberty2011@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: FW: Private Property Access For Bike Path

Hi Jodi,

My husband Reid Johnson and I agree with everything Mark Lamberty has stated in the previous email. We are against any park paths going through our private property. I have lived in my residence since 1985 and paid property taxes for 36 years. We are out of state and not able to attend the meeting. Please represent our thoughts to the council on our behalf. Thank you. Luann and Reid Johnson

On Sat, Apr 3, 2021, 4:30 PM <mlamberty22@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Jodi,

I believe the Bike Path is on the agenda for upcoming meetings. Several of us have communicated with Three Rivers Park District and I have also communicated with Dusty regarding this matter. We are not interested in having our property used for a bike path. Please share our sentiments with the council and planning commission.

Thank you,

Mark & Tracey Lamberty

From: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Mark Spindler <spindlermw@gmail.com>
Cc: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>
Subject: RE: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Update

Thanks, Mark. Much of the information you are requesting below is on the City's website (including all written comments we have received to date)) and in our meeting minutes from our public work sessions. Why don't you take a look at those materials and then contact Jodi Gallup (our Assistant City Administrator who works closely with our Parks Commission) if you have any lingering questions. Jodi does a fantastic job keeping our website up to date and I think you'll find much of the information you have requested posted there.

From: Mark Spindler <spindlermw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:14 AM
To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Update

Kathleen,

I am a resident of Medina and think the Three Rivers park district has done a phenomenal job over the years creating trails and park systems that enable residents and non-residents alike to enjoy the outdoors and beauty that nature has to offer.

I received the email below and was surprised that the City Council objected to the trail traveling north-south through Medina. I must admit, I don't know much about the Diamond Lake Trail project and thus the purpose of my email. Please reply or forward on to someone who can reply to the following:

1. Where was the proposed trail going to be routed?
2. What were the objections by residents of a trail through Medina?
3. Why the objection to South of Hamel road and not North of Hamel Road?
4. How many residents objected to the proposal?

I believe most Medina residents live in Medina because of the beauty it has to offer and it would seem the Medina countryside has a lot to offer in the way of a potentially beautiful trail. I don't see how routing the trail along a road right-of-way accomplishes that. It would surprise me if most residents wouldn't be willing to share a bit of Medina with the Three Rivers Park District.

Please either reply to this email or forward to someone who can.

Regards,

-Mark Spindler

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Three Rivers Parks** <nsl@threeriversparks.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 5:14 PM

Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Update
To: <SpindlerMW@gmail.com>

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diamond lake regional trail update

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From: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:01 PM
To: jim lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>
Cc: Wayne Popham <Wayne@pophamlaw.net>; Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>; Scott Johnson <scott.johnson@medinamn.gov>; Dusty Finke <dusty.finke@medinamn.gov>; DAVID CROSBY <DCROS@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Engagement Opportunities

I disagree with the suggestions imbedded in your last email.

The Council's current position reflects neither acquiescence nor a lack of outreach. Indeed, the Council agreed to consider the Hamel route only if there was "outreach" to those persons residing along Hamel Road, which would permit the Council to determine if there was any inclination on the part of those residents to entertain a route in this area, recognizing that this route would be as impactful to Hamel Road residents as alternative routes were to citizens along Hunter, Tamarack and other southern connections. We did not approve the Hamel route nor suggest it was appropriate. In fact, we added an option to not approve any route. This Council has always sought citizen input; we do not engage in top-down management and we welcome input from all our residents on matters having community-wide significance. Thus, in our last meeting, we directed staff and the Three Rivers Park District to seek comments from residents in the vicinity of this route alternative as a condition to further Council deliberations. I believe the minutes of our last few Council sessions on this top reflect the care with which the Council has addressed this topic. You can find the recordings from our public meetings concerning the trail on the city's website via this link <https://medinamn.us/diamond-lake-regional-trail/>.

Have a nice evening.

From: jim lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021
To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail Engagement Opportunities

Kathy: I don't understand how a deliberate, carefully planned Three Rivers listening process that lasted more than a year suddenly could be turned on its head by Medina city staff with acquiescence by council and park commission without any outreach or attempted communication with potentially affected Hamel Road residents. There aren't that many of us. But city just hatched this latest route change without any warning or prior notice. Terrible policy practice. Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2021, at 5:17 PM, Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Jim. We appreciate your comments, and I am passing them along to City staff to include in our compilation of resident input.

From: jim lane <jameslane2605@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:57 AM
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From: Martha Van de Ven <marthavandeven@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 7:51 AM
To: Kathleen M. Martin <kmm@mgmlp.com>
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Dear Kathy,

I appreciate your and the Council's willingness to listen to citizens' concerns about the LDRT. Unfortunately, I have another meeting at 7 on the 16th so I will not be at the City Council meeting to hear your discussion of Agenda Item #8A. Please consider another alternative:

- do the easterly section crossing highway 55 into Hamel to allow folks north of 55 access to all the amenities of Hamel, and the folks in the developments south of Hamel access to the LDRT ;
- route the trail from Arrowhead north to County Road 50 and then west along County Road 50 to the Three Rivers Park trail along County Road 19.

This alternative would allow Hamel Road west of Tamarack to not be a "designated" bike trail. Without such designation and additional asphalt, bikers would still use Hamel Road as they do now as a City road, as well as horseback riders. This alternative would allow horseback riders to continue to enjoy riding along Hamel Road, accessing private trails north and south of Hamel Road.

I would welcome chatting further about this.

Thank you,

Martha

612-916-0823

Jodi Gallup

From: Chriss Renier <chriss.renier@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Sara Hogan
Cc: Jodi Gallup; Randall Hogan
Subject: Re: Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Excellent commentary, Sara! Thank you so much. I had not thought about the riding ring issue, but I, too, have an outdoor ring very close to the road, "hidden" only by a couple rows of evergreen trees. You are absolutely correct in your concerns about the effects on horses in the ring presented by groups of bikers and others whizzing past. Your well-stated concerns serve to heighten the concerns I have expressed already. Hamel Road is definitely not suited to the kind of mixed traffic that is being proposed/invited. Definitely not in keeping with the neighborhood's Rural Residential atmosphere. The proposed multi-use trail should not be permitted along Hamel Road.

Chriss
612.750.0314

On Wed, May 19, 2021, 3:20 PM Sara Hogan <sbgh@mac.com> wrote:
Dear City of Medina Park Commissioners and City Council:

I own the horse farm located at 1982 Hamel Road. I would like to register my strong opposition to the bike, skate and pedestrian trail that has been proposed to run adjacent to my property. I am in total agreement with the concerns expressed by Chriss Renier in her letter to the commission of May 14, 2021.

I have an additional concern based on the location of my property. The outdoor riding ring is in front of the property in fairly close proximity to the road. The location of the ring pre-dates my ownership of the property. In the twelve years since I purchased the property, I have already witnessed an increase in the amount and speed of the vehicles passing by. The proposed trail would take away the buffer zone between my ring and the road. Since horses are flight animals, they can react unpredictably to new stimuli, thereby posing a danger to both themselves and their riders. At present, they are fairly accustomed to seeing car traffic and the occasional bicycle traffic while working in the ring. However, I fear that increased activity in the form of more bicycles, skaters and pedestrians very close to the ring could be disastrous. Having non-equestrian pedestrians, bikers, and skaters near our front pastures could be dangerous for our horses as well. Additionally, building a new ring at another location on the property to accommodate the trail would be a significant financial expense that I should not be required to make.

In view of these concerns, I urge you to reject the Park District's proposed East-West trail from any further consideration.

Sara Hogan
612-590-2430

Sent from my iPad

**CHRISS RENIER
3392 Hamel Road
Hamel, MN 55340**

May 14, 2021

City of Medina Park Commission
2052 County Road 24
Medina, MN 55340

Re: Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Dear City of Medina Park Commissioners:

On May 5, 2021, Three Rivers Park District representatives hosted an information session at Baker Park Golf Course to describe/discuss the District's proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail. I appreciated the gesture, albeit at the 11th hour, as it is essential that Hamel Road residents in particular understand the proposed East-West trail route and its impact on the Rural Residential character of our neighborhood. The significant number of people in attendance reflected the extreme concern that my neighbors and I share re the District's proposal.

The purpose of my letter is to voice my strong opposition to the proposed East-West trail along Hamel Road from County Road 19 to some yet-to-be-determined point west of Hamel. My opposition is based on 1) the unacceptable safety risks posed by creating a multi-purpose, public trail along a dangerous stretch of road and 2) the dramatic negative impact on the Rural Residential character of our neighborhood.

Frankly, I was disbelieving that such a trail would even be proposed along such a narrow, curving, hilly stretch of roadway, not to mention at the very foot of my driveway directly opposite Baker Park Golf Course on the north side of Hamel Road. The stretch of road from Parkview Drive to County Road 19 is unquestionably one of the most dangerous in Medina. In fact, hazard markers are posted along the curve of the road just east of my driveway, and a "hidden entrance" sign is posted as well to alert drivers as they round the sharp curve. Bike accidents have happened along that curve, and barely a quarter mile west of my driveway a fatal accident occurred at yet another hilly twist of the road. In recognition of the inherent danger of the roadway, when my late husband purchased our property over 40 years ago, he set about quickly to relocate the driveway to a safer location farther west. Add to these inherent dangers the fact that more and more cars drive along this route daily at high speeds, in an attempt to go between Highway 12 and Highway 55, and you have a route that is completely unsuitable for biking, hiking, and skating as well.

City of Medina Park Commission
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It appears that most if not all of the proposed trail route along Hamel Road goes through the heart of Medina's Rural Residential zone, as designated by Medina's Comprehensive Plan. The City of Medina has deliberately identified territory that is zoned Rural Residential, as a means of respecting and preserving the rural beginnings of the area, while also promoting commercial and high-density residential living in other parts of the City. By definition, and regulation, the Rural Residential designation means that the population is less dense than in other areas of the City. That is by design, and landowners choose to live here for that very reason. It would be in direct conflict with the spirit and intent of a Rural Residential zone to construct a thoroughfare through the zone, thereby encouraging ongoing, unlimited bike, foot, and skate traffic through a neighborhood whose rural character the City has intentionally sought to preserve.

In view of the 2 points I have raised above ...concern for safety and preserving Rural Residential character...I urge you to reject the Park District's proposed East-West trail from any further consideration.

With thanks,



Chriss Renier
612.750.0314
Chriss.renier@gmail.com

From: Christopher Blattner <christopherblattner@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:53 AM

To: Website Inquiries <city@medinamn.gov>

Subject: New submission from Contact Us

Name

Christopher Blattner

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christopherblattner@me.com

Phone

(320) 267-7526

Comments

I am writing to say that I do not want the bike trail along Hamel Road! I plan to fight against this very hard. I purchased my property for the peacefulness that this area offers. I have lived around bike trails in the past and I know what it brings to peaceful communities, and it does bring garbage and trespassing. I do not want this bike trail near my property nor do I want it along this road. Please do not approve this action!

Chris Blattner
3085 Hamel Road.

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May 15, 2021

City of Medina Park Commission
2052 County Rd. 24
Medina, MN 55340

Re: Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Dear Park Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to reject the Three Rivers Parks District proposal of using Hamel Rd. as an east-west trail route for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

My reasons are:

- 1.) The current road is dangerous as it is. To expand the right-of-way with a trail would make the trail equally as dangerous. Right of eminent-domain would be necessary on all the properties on the chosen side of the road. Many of those properties would have the trail right outside their windows.
- 2.) The current area is zoned Rural Residential. Adding a trail would negatively impact the Rural Residential character of our neighborhood.

My hope is you will see fit to vote no to the proposed trail access.

Thank you very much,

The Piper's

Cindy & Tad Piper

Jodi Gallup

From: Sara Hogan <sbgh@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Jodi Gallup
Cc: Chriss Renier; Randall Hogan
Subject: Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear City of Medina Park Commissioners and City Council:

I own the horse farm located at 1982 Hamel Road. I would like to register my strong opposition to the bike, skate and pedestrian trail that has been proposed to run adjacent to my property. I am in total agreement with the concerns expressed by Chriss Renier in her letter to the commission of May 14, 2021.

I have an additional concern based on the location of my property. The outdoor riding ring is in front of the property in fairly close proximity to the road. The location of the ring pre-dates my ownership of the property. In the twelve years since I purchased the property, I have already witnessed an increase in the amount and speed of the vehicles passing by. The proposed trail would take away the buffer zone between my ring and the road. Since horses are flight animals, they can react unpredictably to new stimuli, thereby posing a danger to both themselves and their riders. At present, they are fairly accustomed to seeing car traffic and the occasional bicycle traffic while working in the ring. However, I fear that increased activity in the form of more bicycles, skaters and pedestrians very close to the ring could be disastrous. Having non-equestrian pedestrians, bikers, and skaters near our front pastures could be dangerous for our horses as well. Additionally, building a new ring at another location on the property to accommodate the trail would be a significant financial expense that I should not be required to make.

In view of these concerns, I urge you to reject the Park District's proposed East-West trail from any further consideration.

Sara Hogan
612-590-2430

Sent from my iPad

From: Christopher Blattner <christopherblattner@me.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:06 PM

To: Jodi Gallup <jodi.gallup@medinamn.gov>

Subject: Vote no for the Bike trail along Hamel Road

Dear Councilers,

I am hoping you will follow the recommendation of the Parks Commission, to remove the Hamel Rd. as the proposed route of the Diamond Lake Trail.

Virtually none of the land owners want this along their property. There was a tabulated sheet presented by the Three rivers commission that showed more favorable positive responses than negative responses. This tabulation misrepresents the actual land owners property rights. Since when do others opinions override the desires of the actual property owners and the amount of property tax that each of these property owners pay?

Some also say that the bikers who use the road now will then have a trail. The bikers that use the road now will continue to use the road regardless if there is a bike trail....and that is typical of the type of bikers that ride on roads.

Please vote not for this bike trail. I do not want it along my property! I pay well over \$75,000 in property taxes and I should not have to have a bike trail along my property.

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Chris Blattner

CHRISS RENIER
3392 Hamel Road
Hamel, MN 55340

May 24, 2021

City of Medina Council Members
2052 County Road 24
Medina, MN 55340

Re: Proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Dear City of Medina Council Members:

I urge Council Members to follow the recommendation of the Medina Park Commission and reject the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road. A multi-use trail along narrow, curvy, hilly Hamel Road poses unacceptable safety risks on many levels that have been described in detail to Park Commissioners. Moreover, such a trail would deal a devastating blow to Hamel Road property values and the Rural Residential lifestyle in which Hamel Road landowners have invested.

Citing just one example of safety risks, I own a horse farm located at the most dangerous hill/curve along Hamel Road, just west of Parkview Drive. In fact, hazard markers are posted along the sharp curve, and there is a "hidden entrance" sign as well. My riding ring is located immediately after the "hidden entrance"/aka my driveway. The ring, constructed at great expense 24 years ago, occupies the only suitable site on my property. It is protected from fast-moving Hamel Road traffic only by a couple rows of closely-spaced evergreens. The addition of a multi-use trail along that same stretch of roadway is a very scary proposition. It would further reduce the limited buffer between my riding ring and the road to a dangerous degree, increasing the risk of accident to drivers, bikers, and runners, not to mention riders and their startled horses. As it is, I can barely pull out of my own driveway without being T-boned by traffic speeding around the curve and over the hill!

All of us who own property in Medina have "invested" in Medina and its welfare. We own "stock" in Medina, as it were. Some folks, like the residents of the Rural Residential zone, as identified by the City's Comprehensive Plan, own more "shares" than others, and they pay the high taxes that go along with owning larger tracts of land.

Additionally, we Rural Residential landowners accept significant restrictions on the use of our land, and we have accepted that the City does not provide such services as sewer, water, gas lines, etc.,... negatively impacting our property values....because we have opted for a Rural Residential lifestyle. We ask that you not further penalize us by requiring us to bear the financial and lifestyle costs of an unwanted thoroughfare through our rural neighborhood.

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Because there is a lower population density in Rural Residential Medina, by design and regulation, the numbers in favor vs against the proposed trail along Hamel Road are skewed significantly. However, we landowners along Hamel Road are more heavily invested in Medina than sheer population numbers would suggest. If the residents of Rural Residential Medina were to "vote their shares", as appropriate, the vote against the proposed trail would be overwhelming. Hamel Road landowners in particular are adamantly opposed to the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road.

Bottom line: I respectfully but strongly ask the Council to firmly reject the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road. Honor our rural heritage. Please, do not encourage scores of bikers, runners, and skaters to stream through our Rural Residential neighborhood for their pleasure while we pay the price.

With thanks for your consideration,

Chriss Renier
612.750.0314
chriss.renier@gmail.com

Jodi Gallup

From: Chriss Renier <chriss.renier@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:16 PM
To: Todd Albers
Cc: Jodi Gallup; Tad & Cindy Piper; Jim Lane; Kathleen Martin; Dino Deslauriers; Robin Reid; Joseph Cavanaugh; DAVID CROSBY; Wayne Popham; Tom Sicheneder; christopherblattner@me.com; chad.abraham@psc.com; Randall Hogan; Sara Hogan; slerum@q.com; Doug Otten & Cheryl Bazinet; Richard & Jennie Goelz; kimcsnow@gmail.com; trish.edlund@gmail.com; Tad & Cindy Piper
Subject: Consequences of the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road

May 25, 2021

Todd...

Thank you for reaching out to me yesterday to solicit my comments and perspective re the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road. The negative consequences of this proposed trail are many and extremely significant. I am glad to know that you and other Council Members recognize that it is not a foregone conclusion that there must be a paved, multi-use trail through Medina, anywhere! "No!" is an acceptable, and in fact the recommended response to the Three River Park District's proposal to construct a biker, walker, skater "hi-way" along the last remaining 2-mile stretch of pristine Medina countryside. Honor our rural heritage! Medina does not owe the Park District a regional trail! Other, larger, and even less rural communities have already rejected the proposal.

I have attached a couple photos, taken today, that make my blood run cold when I contemplate what the proposed DLRT could mean for the landowners along Hamel Road. I took the attached 2 photos in Wayzata this afternoon. Just click on the link at the end of this email to view the photos. They show a paved multi-use trail along Lake Street in Downtown Wayzata. There is a 2-way biking trail separated from a similarly-sized walking/running/skating trail. Is this the sort of multi-use trail that TRPD is proposing to construct along Hamel Road?!!! That would be a total "No Go!" The possibility is truly frightening!! The width of such a trail along Hamel Road would be almost as wide as the existing road. It would require removing scores of mature trees all along my property...(the environmentalists would not like that!!)... would run through/along my driveway, and would run at the very edge of my riding ring! Then there is the matter of debris and generalized trash that would be thrown into my remaining yard...my front yard!...by passersby. In short, the value of my property would be cut in half!!

Yesterday you commented that there is no need for the I-94 of biking/walking/skating thoroughfares in the heart of Rural Residential Medina. Nor is it in keeping with the concept of a Rural Residential neighborhood, which Medina's own Comprehensive Plan has endorsed. This is not Downtown Wayzata, where the multi-use trail occupies 50% of a city/commercial street, and does not run through residents' front yards.

I appreciate your continued consideration of my concerns re the proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail along Hamel Road. The stakes for the landowners along Hamel Road are very real and very high. They are not to be dismissed. I urge you and the other council members to reject the proposed DLRT. Just say, "No!"

Thank you for listening, Todd. Please, feel free to call me ...anytime...with your questions/comments or if you have any trouble viewing the attached photos.

Chriss Renier
3392 Hamel Road
612.750.0314

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/mePx9dPvc7UbTLJu9>

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To: Mayor Kathleen Martin and Medina City Council

Date: May 26, 2021

Re: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

I urge the Medina City Council to remove Hamel Road as an optional trail location when it meets on June 1 to consider Three Rivers Park District's master plan for a proposed Diamond Lake Regional Trail.

From the outset of its public engagements several months ago, Three Rivers' stated objective was to determine a preferred North – South trail route from Dayton and Rogers on the North to Orono, Plymouth, and Wayzata on the South. Orono reportedly has expressed little or no interest in cooperating in such planning or determining a preferred trail location.

Only recently, and initially without prior notice to Hamel Road residents, the Medina Park Commission and City Council pivoted away from the originally noticed North-South location concept and instead sought public support for a trail that connects Baker Park Reserve with portions of Medina to the east and north, specifically along Hamel Road. Three or more subsequent engagement sessions made clear to Three Rivers and its SRF consultants that there was little or no support for a Hamel Road option.

The SRF record of a meeting at Baker National Golf Course on May 5, 2021, reflects the following:

Purpose of Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents of ...Medina that lived or owned property along Hamel Road an opportunity to learn and provide feedback about the proposed route alternatives being reviewed in Medina.

Summary of Meeting. In general, there was overwhelming opposition to the concept of a trail adjacent to Hamel Road

As I stated in a recent letter to the Medina Park Commission, there is an existing paved regional trail on the East side of County Road 19 from Hanover and Corcoran on the North, across State Highway 55 at a signaled intersection, and South through Medina and Loretto to Baker Park. If a North-South regional trail remains a Three Rivers objective, the existing County Road 19 trail, which was constructed only a few years ago at considerable expense to Hennepin County property owners and taxpayers, meets Three Rivers' stated North-South location objective.. Hamel Road does not.

Three Rivers is a special taxing district, and its largest revenue source is the property tax levied against property in suburban Hennepin County. Medina residents already have been taxed and have paid handsomely for the existing County Road 19 trail.

On May 19 the Medina Park Commission recommended that Hamel Road be eliminated from the City's consideration of preferred trail locations for the Diamond Lake Regional Trail. As a resident of the City for fifty years, interested citizen, and former member of the park and planning commissions and city council, I support that recommendation and urge that the City Council take action that is consistent with that recommendation when it next meets on June 1 to consider the matter. You previously listened to strong opposition to proposed trail locations from residents of Hunter Drive and Tamarack Drive. We who live on Hamel Road expect no less and request that you extend the same courtesies to us.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Jim Lane

From: Tom Sicheneder <tom.sic@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

Hello Mayor Martin,

We are writing again in hope that you follow the recommendation of the Parks Commission to turn down the Diamond Lake Regional Trail proposed by the Three Rivers Park District. You could say we are passionate of where we live & would hate to see what change the trail would bring to this area if it came through.

We moved out here for the space & privacy & are asking you to help preserve the rural character Medina has to offer. The land that we live on has been in the family for decades & would be deeply affected. With ditches on both properties, it would more than likely be necessary to go with the trail outside of the Right Of Way.

Having listened in on some of the virtual meetings & attending the open house we are more than ever convinced that this route is not a good fit with all the challenges & unknowns that lie ahead. This stretch of road has hills & curves with ditches, a cemetery & a pond, which is totally opposite of the CR19 trail which it has been compared to. In our opinion there is no comparison between the two routes. Driving down Hamel Road it is hard to believe this trail will be feasible without using the tool of eminent domain.

We appreciate you giving us the venues for letting our voices be heard through this time of uncertainty. Thank you for listening to our concerns & for giving up your time along with everything you have done for the city, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Best regards,

Tom & Donna (Laurent) Sicheneder
2185 Hamel Road

Dan Laurent
2135 Hamel Road

From: DAVID CROSBY <DCROS@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Kathleen Martin <kathleen.martin@medinamn.gov>
Subject: David and Kitty Crosby

As you know, we oppose the trail along Hamel Road. Other Medina residents along Hunter and Tamarack rejected plan A & B. We hope the Council rejects plan C and gets the Park looking at a more densely populated area!

Sincerely,

David and Kitty Crosby

From: Geoffrey Gage <geoff1224@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:29 AM
To: DLRT <DLRT@threeriversparks.org>
Subject: Diamond Lake Regional Trail

To whom it may concern: We reside at 2660 Hamel Rd, and, the proposed Diamond Lake Trail would immediately, drastically and negatively effect our property in many ways. Accordingly, we strongly oppose the plans:

1. Our light stone pillar entryway would likely need be torn down.
2. We would need to bear the expense of putting in a gate for privacy.
3. We believe trail walkers will walk up our private driveway, as it is dirt, would mirror the look of a trail, and, walkers would be interested in having a closer look.
4. We would be forced to completely stop on Highway 24 every time we want to turn into our driveway, likewise, exiting/going out, looking for bikers and walkers. This would be a dangerous situation.
5. We walk daily along Highway 24, and it is just fine as it is now. It is hard to understand what a trail would add.
6. Baker Park and countless walking trails already in existence are minutes away already, and far more picturesque then a Highway side path would be.
7. A significant amount of currently existing natural beauty and animal habitat would need be destroyed to put in a path.
8. A path with one side running along a highway frequently travelled by very fast drivers is dangerous and doesn't make sense.
9. The loose line is not far so it is hard to understand the need for another trail.

We're sure there are numerous other reasons a trail would be of huge detriment to both the area we live (Hamel Road/Medina) and our property, however, will leave it at the aforementioned. We sincerely hope our letter and sentiments will be considered in any forthcoming discussion, and, appreciate any attention given, including the time it has taken to review this letter now. Thank you.

Sincerely, Geoff and Kelly Gage
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Medina, MN 55340
612-940-6458