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February 3, 2009

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Mike Herring, City Administrator

FROM:

Brian McGownd, Public Works Director City Engineer

Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks & Recreation

SUBJECT: Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Plan

As you may recall, at their January 8, 2007 meeting the Public Works/Parks Committee of City Council authorized Staff to partner with Trailnet, Inc. on the submission of a grant application for federal funds for the development of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities Plan. The plan will identify potential trails and on-street bicycle connections throughout the City. The grant would fund 80% of the cost to develop the plan, with 10% funded by Trailnet, and 10% funded by the City. The City's share would be approximately \$10,000. Since this project was anticipated to start in 2009, the current parks budget includes \$10,000 for this project.

Trailnet submitted a grant application to East-West Gateway Council of Governments in January of 2007, and were notified in June of 2007 that their application was approved. It is important to note that the grant application included developing a plan for several municipalities, with Chesterfield being one of them. We have been in contact with representatives from Trailnet and have been told that they are now ready to begin the project within Chesterfield. With it being over two years since this project was discussed, with your concurrence, we would like to discuss this matter at the next Planning & Public Works Committee meeting prior to forwarding to City Council for their approval.

Also, with this being a unique project involving trails and roadways, it is imperative that the Planning & Public Works Department and the Department of Parks & Recreation work closely together, along with Trailnet to develop the plan.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please let me know.

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