

CITY OF NOVI

COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE
2023 ACTIVE MOBILITY PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF NOVI**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on March 18, 2024, at 7 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Fischer, Casey, Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, Staudt, and Thomas (7).

ABSENT: None (0).

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember Smith and supported by Councilmember Thomas.

WHEREAS, encouraging healthy, active lifestyles through pathway and sidewalk connectivity is a focus for the City of Novi, as evidenced by over 300 miles of existing public pedestrian and bicycle facilities within the City, and as shown by being a six-time winner of the *Promoting Active Communities Gold Award*, and *Promoting Active Communities Silver Award* from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council took the opportunity to build on the implementation and prioritization reports of the Walkable Novi Committee prepared since 2006, and to recognize the successful implementation of a number of key goals of the 2011 Non-Motorized Master Plan, by approving funds to produce an updated plan now referred to as the 2023 Active Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the resulting 2023 Active Mobility Plan includes a comprehensive study of the non-motorized facilities in the City of Novi, including an evaluation of existing facilities and recommendations for future sidewalks, sidepaths, in-road facilities, mid-block crossings, and connected regional trails, as well as design standards, an implementation plan, a maintenance and operations strategy, and potential funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the resulting 2023 Active Mobility Plan contains recommendations that are categorized into three sections: - the Near-Term Network, Long-Term Network, and Major Corridor Guidelines, that when taken together provide specific actions and guidelines to implement a comprehensive network that can support healthier lifestyles,

improved air and water quality, an improved quality of life for community members, and a more equitable, energy efficient and sustainable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Active Mobility Plan supports the City Council's goal to *Work with neighboring communities to complete connections through Novi to local trail systems (Airline/Huron Valley, Hines Drive, I-275 when complete) to make Novi businesses an appealing rest stop for cyclists using the trails;* and

WHEREAS, the Active Mobility Plan supports the City Council's goal to *Pursue partnership with Northville for a Trail connection from Novi to Northville, possibly near the railroad bridge on 8 Mile (e.g. presentation at the Walkable Novi Committee);* and

WHEREAS, a safer, accessible, and family-friendly Non-Motorized network provides far-reaching benefits to the community, including in the areas of public health, environmental sustainability, reduced traffic congestion, economic activity, quality of life, cost savings and community building; and

WHEREAS, public input on the Active Mobility Plan was received at two joint community open houses with the Master Plan for Land Use update, local events such as the *Superhero Showcase, Tuesday Tunes, Summer Songfest*, and a workshop at Lakeshore Park, through a web-based survey and input map, and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Walkable Novi Committee reviewed the draft plan, provided comments, and offered feedback; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, received comments, and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge the value of the information contained in the 2023 Active Mobility Plan and hereby adopt the 2023 Active Mobility Plan as a tool for short-term and long-term planning for the improvement of the City's non-motorized network, including sidewalks, pathways, trails, boardwalks, and bike lanes.

AYES: Gurumurthy, Heintz, Smith, and Thomas (4).

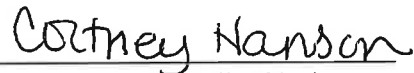
NAYS: Fischer, Casey, and Staudt (3).

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this 18 day of March, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.



Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi