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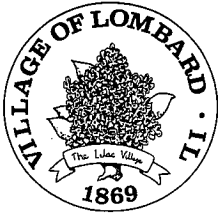
To: Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee
Through: Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works *Wes Anderson*
From: Nick Hatfield, PE, Civil Engineer NH
Date: October 31, 2006
Subject: Proposed Lilac Bikeway

Please see the attached memorandum and maps from the staff liaison to the Ad Hoc Trails Committee, which recommends the establishment of the Lilac Bikeway. Also attached, is correspondence that responds to questions that arose after Public Works staff drove the proposed path. The proposed Lilac Trail follows the same basic bicycle trail as outlined in the Village of Lombard Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted on November 7, 1997. Prior to recommending this to the Village Board, staff requests that the Committee review the overall concept of establishing a bicycle route. Items that should be looked at include any potential transportation and safety impacts of such a route so that it is understood what guidelines will be followed when designing and signing the route, what the potential maintenance requirements are, and what, if any, are the associated liabilities of such a route.

This item will be on the November 6, 2006 agenda. The meeting is held at the Village Hall in the Community Room at 7:00 PM. This is a public meeting and public participation is encouraged.

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attachments

cc: David P. Gorman, PE, Development Engineer
Jack Cook, Chairman, Ad Hoc Trails Committee
David Hulseberg, AICP, Asst. Village Mgr./Dir. of Community Development



MEMORANDUM

TO: Wesley B. Anderson, PE, Director of Public Works

FROM: David P. Gorman, PE, Development Engineer *DPG*

SUBJECT: **Proposed Lilac Bikeway**

DATE: September 25, 2006

The Ad Hoc Trails Committee recommends the establishment of a community-wide bicycle route to be known as the Lilac Bikeway. The attached plan shows the proposed route. The route is based on the attached Pedal Plan in the 1998 Comprehensive Plan. The route links schools and parks through the different neighborhoods.

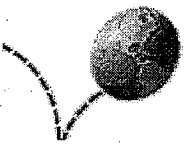
Village Code §71.14 allows bicycles on sidewalks so the route is intended primarily for off-road travel. Forty-three signs at twenty-two locations (facing either direction) would be required to denote turns.

Please present the proposed plan to the Traffic & Safety Committee for their recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees. I can be reached at 620-5973 if you have any questions.

DG:dg Lilac Bikeway

attachments: proposed plan and Pedal Plan

cc: David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Asst. Village Manager/Dir. of Community Development
William B. Heniff, AICP, Senior Planner
Jack Cook, Chairman, Ad Hoc Trails Committee



David Gorman/VOL
10/09/2006 08:35 AM

To Nick Hatfield/VOL@VOL
cc John Johnson/VOL@VOL, Wes Anderson/VOL@VOL, Dane
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Subject Re: Lilac Bikeway Questions

Nick -

- Village Code Section 71.03 states that typical traffic rules apply to bicycles so the one-way road traffic would apply to bicycles too. Section 71.14 states that bicycles are allowed on sidewalks, except in the downtown, provided that they yield to pedestrians. Therefore, sidewalk riding would be expected during those one-way hours. (Dane - any other clarifications?)
- There's a north-south pedway easement over the path through NUHS. (You can see it in Looking Glass.)

Thanks for handling this with T&S. Call me if you have any other questions.

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To David Gorman/VOL@VOL
cc John Johnson/VOL@VOL, Wes Anderson/VOL@VOL
Subject Lilac Bikeway Questions

Dave,

In preparation for the T&S Committee for this item, John J. and I drove the path on Friday and have one question and two areas that are one-way traffic during school hours.

- 1) Hammerschmidt is one-way northbound from New to Madison on school days
- 2) Elizabeth is one-way north from Garfield to Loy on school days (8-9am 3-4pm)
- 3) Is there an agreement with NHSU to allow the bike traffic through their property?

John is checking with Dane to see if the one-way would be applied to the bike trail users. Give me a call when you have a chance sometime over the next week to discuss further.

Thank you,

Nick Hatfield, P.E.
Public Works Dept.
Village of Lombard