

# UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE CONNECTIONS

UPDATING THE COMMUNITY ON THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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## Connecting the Community

### What is the status of Yorkville's Integrated Transportation Plan?



The United City of Yorkville is pleased to provide a status of the Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP) including the Shared-Use Trail Plan and Downtown Streetscape Plan. The project is well underway and many exciting things are happening. Several meetings have occurred, survey results are coming in and exhibits are being drafted at this time. Provided in this newsletter is an update on the overall project and future meeting dates are provided so you can be involved in the process.

### What is the status of the Shared-Use Trail Master Plan?

#### Goals and Objectives are complete...

One of the first steps in this process was to establish goals and objectives. This task has been completed with input from the public, ITP Task Force Committee and City Staff and leaders. Some of the goals\* that have been established are:

- Provide local and regional trail connectivity
- Protect the Fox River and other natural features
- Explore and pursue funding options for trails
- Ensure safety and security on local trails

\*Note: The complete list of goals and objectives can be located on the City's website:

<http://www.yorkville.il.us/IntegratedTransportationPlan.php>

### First Public Workshop held December 4, 2008...

In addition to goals and objectives being completed, the first public workshop was held. There

was a good turnout, and after a brief presentation, the attendees divided into groups and completed a survey, discussed aspects of the plan and provided input on the ITP. Additionally, each group illustrated their ideas on maps and created a conceptual trail master plan identifying desired trail locations and connections. The group also provided input on prioritization of the implementation of the trail system.

Priorities included:

- Focus on completing unconnected local trails (fill in the gaps where trails do not currently connect)
- Make connections to important regional trails (i.e. Fox River Trail ranked the highest and the second highest rated was the Virgil Gilman Trail)
- Add more local trails - create links between residential neighborhoods, schools and parks
- Provide safe walkways and trails for children to walk or bike to schools

Additionally, attendees were provided with a list of potential trail corridors and were asked to prioritize (from most desired to least desired) corridors to travel by bicycle. Below are the results of their input:

Priority # 1 - Route 34

Priority # 2 - Route 47

Priority # 3 - Fox River Corridor

\*Other road corridors that ranked highly at this public meeting and from the online survey are Cannonball Trail, Fox Road, River Road, Van Emmon and Kennedy Road. A complete listing of the questions and results may be viewed at:

<http://www.yorkville.il.us/IntegratedTransportationPlan.php>

### Shared Use Trail Master Plan is being drafted...

After receiving input from area citizens, Task Force Committee members, City leaders and staff, the project team began the process of drafting the master plan. The draft plan will be available at the second public workshop on May 14th, and will be posted the city's website after that date.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 5, 2009:**

TASK FORCE MEETING #3  
4:30 PM

**APRIL 30, 2009:**

TASK FORCE MEETING #4  
4:30 PM

TASK FORCE MEETINGS WILL  
BE HELD AT:  
YORKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
902 GAME FARM ROAD  
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS  
60560  
630.553.4354

**MAY 14, 2009:**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2  
OPEN HOUSE, 4PM - 7PM;  
PRESENTATION @ 5:30 PM

PARK & RECREATION  
BUILDING  
201 W. HYDRAULIC STREET  
YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS  
60560  
630.553.2582

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### What is the status of the Downtown Streetscape Plan?

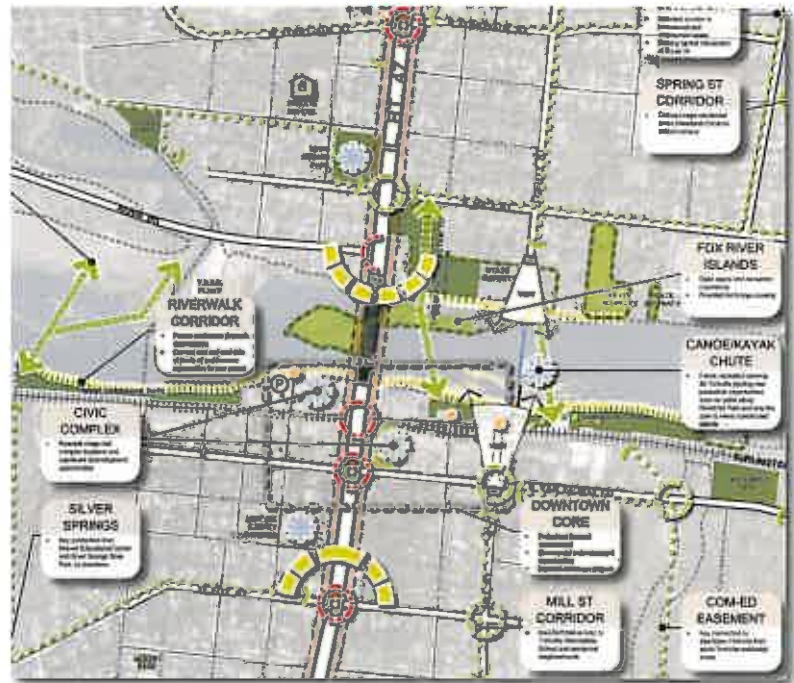
#### Goals and Objectives are complete...

The Downtown Streetscape Plan which includes a Pedestrian System Analysis and Design Standards for Streetscape Elements is well underway. Some of the goals\* that have been established are:

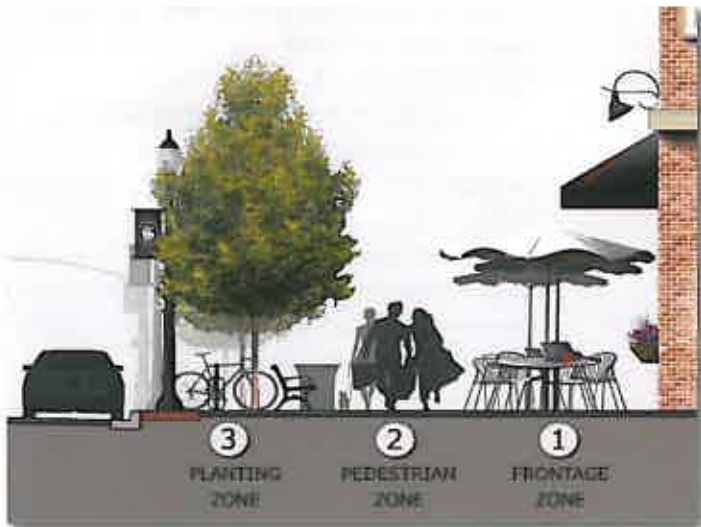
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and circulation in the core downtown as well as providing connections to the greater study area
- Providing guidelines for an overall theme and character to help steer future streetscape development improvements
- Creating design standards for streetscape elements such as signage, lighting, benches, bike racks, planter boxes and sidewalk paving

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PLANNING IN THE CORE DOWNTOWN AREA INCLUDES EXAMINING FUTURE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CORRIDORS AND POTENTIAL FOX RIVER TRAIL CROSSINGS



THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT IS A KEY FOCUS OF THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PLAN

#### Downtown Streetscape Plan exhibits are being drafted...

Exhibits and information are being created for the Downtown Streetscape Plan and will be available for review at the next Public Workshop on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Below is a summary of the information that will be presented:

- Theme and character study - to select a desired style or "look" of the downtown in order to set the stage for future development.
- Visual Preference Survey Results
- Pedestrian System Analysis – The project team is producing a map to demonstrate current and future pedestrian circulation in the downtown area. Associated street cross sections will help to define how development and streetscapes should occur in the future.

#### Can I still get involved in the ITP?

As a resident of the Yorkville area you are invited to participate in the development of the ITP and provide valuable input. The United City of Yorkville continues to offer the opportunity for residents to voice opinions and offer feedback via the online survey on its website:

<http://www.yorkville.il.us/trailsurvey.php>

Plan to attend the two additional Task Force Meetings in March and the Public Workshop being held in May. The Public Workshop is a great opportunity to review and provide input into the exhibits and draft report. Details on the times and locations of these events is shown on the front of this newsletter under **Important Dates**.

#### When will the ITP study be complete?

The ITP study is on schedule and a final report will be complete by June of 2009. The final step in the process will be the Economic Development Committee to recommend approval of the ITP to the City Council. It is anticipated to be on the City Council agenda in July of 2009.

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