

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE CONNECTIONS

UPDATING THE COMMUNITY ON THE INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN



IMPORTANT DATES:

JULY 7, 2009:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING:
7:00PM**

**MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:
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REGARDING THE ITP AT
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Connecting the Community

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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. Many exciting things have occurred through the planning process and the project is nearing completion. Provided in this newsletter is an update and status on the overall project.

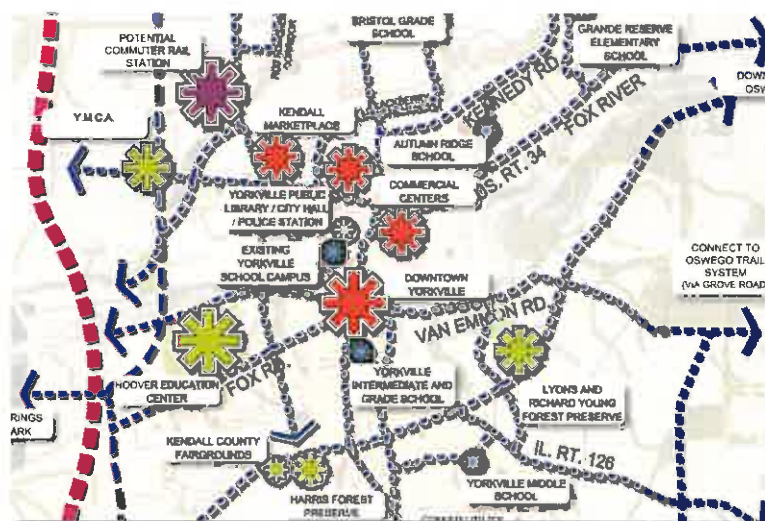
**What is the status of the Shared-Use Trail Master Plan?
Draft plan and report are complete...**

After collecting input through the ITP process from Yorkville citizens, Task Force Committee members, City staff and leaders, the project team created a draft of the Shared Use Trail Master Plan and Report (80% completion). A few of the highlights of the Master Plan and Report are:

- Key connections and corridors throughout the study area have been identified and located
- High, medium and low priority corridors have been identified (see below for more detail on which corridors are being identified as high and medium priority)
- Connection opportunities to currently constructed trails are provided
- Gateway and Way finding locations have been developed

Trail corridor priorities have been identified...

The project team has compiled input through the ITP project and prioritized trail corridor routes accordingly (high, medium and low). The following is a list of some of the high and medium priority routes.



KEY DESTINATIONS (NODES) AND CORRIDORS FOR POTENTIAL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THESE NODES ARE DEMONSTRATED IN THE ABOVE GRAPHIC

High Priority Corridors (shortened list)

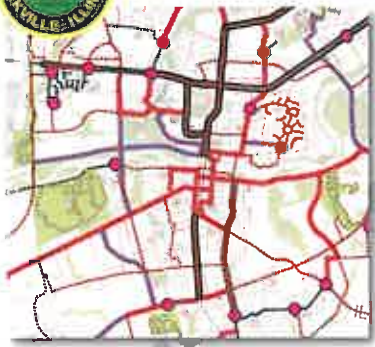
- Illinois Route 47
- US Route 34 (west of Illinois Route 47)
- Game Farm Road
- Kennedy Road
- Fox Road
- Van Emmon Road
- Cannonball Trail
- ComEd Easement (parallels Illinois Route 47)

**Note: The high priority corridors will be further refined showing Phase 1, Phase 2, etc.*

Medium Priority Corridors (shortened list)

- US Route 34 (east of Illinois Route 47)
- River Road
- Illinois Route 47 (north of Cannonball Trail intersection)
- Galena Road

**Note: To view the entire Master Plan showing all priorities, please reference the City's website:
<http://www.yorkville.il.us/IntegratedTransportationPlan.php>*



LEFT: THE ITP PROJECT IDENTIFIES PRIORITY CORRIDORS AND KEY CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING TRAILS

Remaining steps of the Shared Use Trail Master Plan are as follows:

- Create a phasing plan and cost estimates for the high priority trail corridors
- Identify locations of off-road versus on-road trails
- Finalize the implementation plan for inclusion in the final report

What is the status of the Downtown Streetscape Plan?

The Downtown Streetscape Plan which includes the Pedestrian System Analysis and Design Standards is nearing completion as well. A draft of the report and various exhibits has been created focusing on the downtown area. Below is a list and summary of the exhibits:

- **Pedestrian System Analysis** – The project team has produced a map demonstrating the condition of sidewalks within an approximate 10 minute walk of downtown Yorkville. The intent is to identify key corridors for improvements and select certain segments designated for improvements.
- **Conceptual Street Cross Sections** – As part of the downtown study, proposed street sections have been drafted to assist in improving walk ability in the downtown.
- **Downtown Study Area Analysis and Recommendations** – Information and an exhibit have been completed demonstrating how the Shared Use Trail system connects to the downtown. Additionally these exhibits show opportunities, constraints, and key areas to focus future improvements.
- **Theme and Character Study** – A theme was selected through the ITP process and conceptual sketches have been drafted. Additionally, design standards such as styles of street lights, benches, paving patterns and colors are being finalized in order to set a unique theme for the downtown area.
- **Gateway and Way finding Signage** – The project team has created a map demonstrating areas for Gateway, Way finding and Directional Signage.

What will the final ITP report include?

The final ITP report will document the process and demonstrate the findings of the study. Most importantly the report will provide recommendations and ideas for implementation of the ITP project. Below is a brief outline of the report.

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Vision Goals and Objectives
- **Chapter 3:** Data Collection & Analysis
- **Chapter 4:** Public/Stakeholder Participation & Input
- **Chapter 5:** ITP Recommendations & Concept Development
- **Chapter 6:** Plan of Implementation

Can I still get involved in the ITP?

Online survey still available...

The United City of Yorkville is still accepting feedback via the online survey on its website (<http://www.yorkville.il.us/trailsurvey.php>) for residents to voice their opinions. This survey will be available until May 28, 2009.

Future Economic Development Committee and City Council Meetings...

The ITP will be presented and discussed at an upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting and City Council meeting to which the public is welcome (details on front page). Please show your support of this exciting project by attending one or both of these important meetings.

When will the ITP study be complete?

The ITP study is on schedule and following the public workshop on May 14th the report and associated exhibits will be finalized by June of 2009.

