

MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: REBECCA RUNKEL, PROJECT ENGINEER
SUBJECT: ITC TRAIL TO BOSCO FIELDS CONNECTOR PATHWAY
DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Mayor and Council –

Please see an update on the Bosco connector that the City received a grant award for, from SEMCOG.

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The design of a connector pathway between Bosco Fields and the ITC Trail is currently underway. Engineering consultant, AECOM, is assisting the City with designing the pathway. In June 2024, the project was awarded \$578,897 in funding through SEMCOG's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). To receive the funding, the project must be obligated in fiscal year 2025. The City plans to have the project ready for MDOT's September bid letting, with construction expected to start in spring 2026. Current construction costs are estimated at \$856,163.

Current Construction Estimate (60% design)	\$859,163
Additional Estimated Costs*	\$240,475
TAP Funding	(\$578,897)
TOTAL-OUT-THE-DOOR COST** 204 Municipal Street Fund	\$520,741

*Additional costs include ITC easement fees, construction administration & inspection, material testing, tree replacements, and contingency.

**Does not include design costs, which are already encumbered.

Per feedback received when this first came to City Council staff has been able to identify funds in one of the road funds in FY 25-26. The proposed CIP for next year will show this as a project in the road funds.

The project scope includes paving the existing 10-foot-wide gravel pathway along the south side of Bosco Fields from Beck Road to the new connector pathway, which will start at the southwest corner of the park. The new pathway will span the vacant, wooded lot west of Bosco Fields and consist of a 10-foot-wide asphalt pathway, with approximately 600 feet of 14-foot-wide boardwalk crossing a wetland area.

Since the removal of 18 trees is required to build the new pathway and boardwalk, the City's Landscape Architect, Rick Meader, developed a replacement plan, enclosed. The plan includes the planting of 46 trees which are native to Michigan. Due to state bat protections, the trees must be removed prior to April 14, 2026. The pathway is expected to be complete by June 30, 2026, with tree plantings to occur during the fall planting season.