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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC: JOSHUA M. TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
KYRA CHAPMAN, PLANNER
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MNDOT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024

As the Council is aware, included in the City Council's Visioning document are a couple of projects related to trail and sidewalk extensions. Specifically, they are an 8' bituminous trail through the industrial park and a 6' concrete sidewalk from Settlers Park south to Tikalsky Street SE. Both segments were identified in the City's sidewalk and trail plan as part of the City's current comprehensive plan. Funding for the sidewalk near Settlers Park was intending to use ARPA funds (approximately \$130,000 was anticipated) and funding for the trail in the industrial park was to be paid for by the EDA in conjunction with their 6th Ave./8th Ave. roadway extension project.

The City learned of MnDOT's Active Transportation Grant program and is planning to apply for a grant for each of these projects. The grant funding could provide 100% of the construction costs of each project with the city covering project related costs (engineering, construction observation, etc.). The benefit of the trails is not only for safety purposes to get pedestrians off the roads, but also for encouraging people to walk and bike more. More specifically, it would benefit employees and customers who want to access the industrial district using the trail.

Estimated project costs for each project are as follows:

Industrial Park Trail - \$236,456.25 (\$189,165.00 grant and \$47,291.25 city share)

Settlers Park Sidewalk - \$215,631.25 (\$172,505.00 grant and \$43,126.25 city share)

Staff Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution supporting the MnDOT Active Transportation Grant Applications.

City of New Prague
Proposed Site for the Sidewalk Addition on 6th St NW

Legend
 City Boundary
 Park Boundary

Foundry Hill Trail
 The proposed sidewalk would begin near the existing Foundry Hill Trail. The dashed pink line represents Foundry Hill Trail.

Braith Auto Repair
 The proposed sidewalk would end at the intersection of 4th Ave NW (Trunk Highway 21).

Paul Hanzel Homes
 The red dashed line represents the proposed sidewalk addition.

Brick's Boatworks

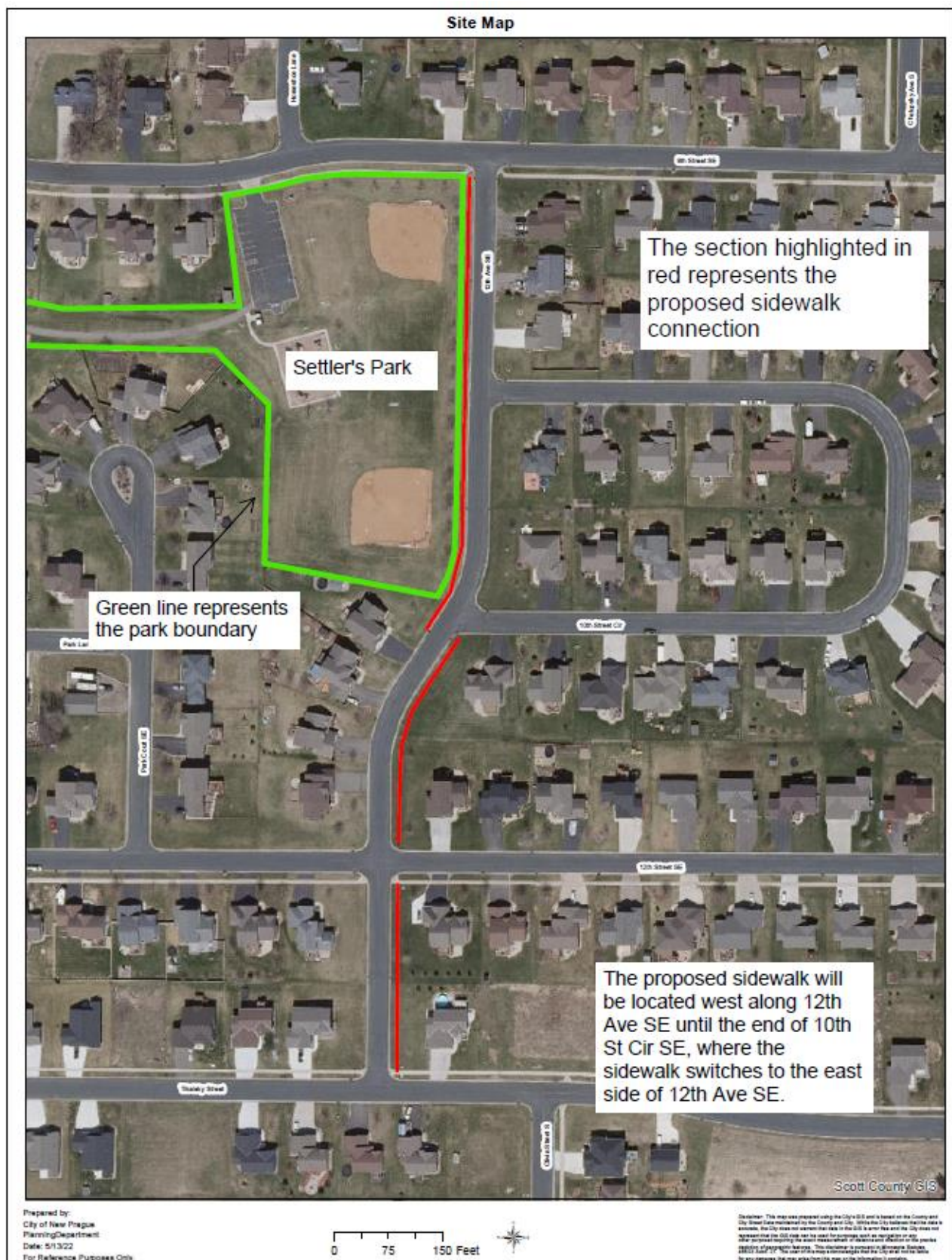
Foundry Hill Park

Scale: 0, 750, 1,500 feet

North Arrow

City of New Prague Planning Department
 Prepared 3/21/2021
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Settlers Park Sidewalk Proposal



City of New Prague Gaps in the Existing Sidewalk and Trail System

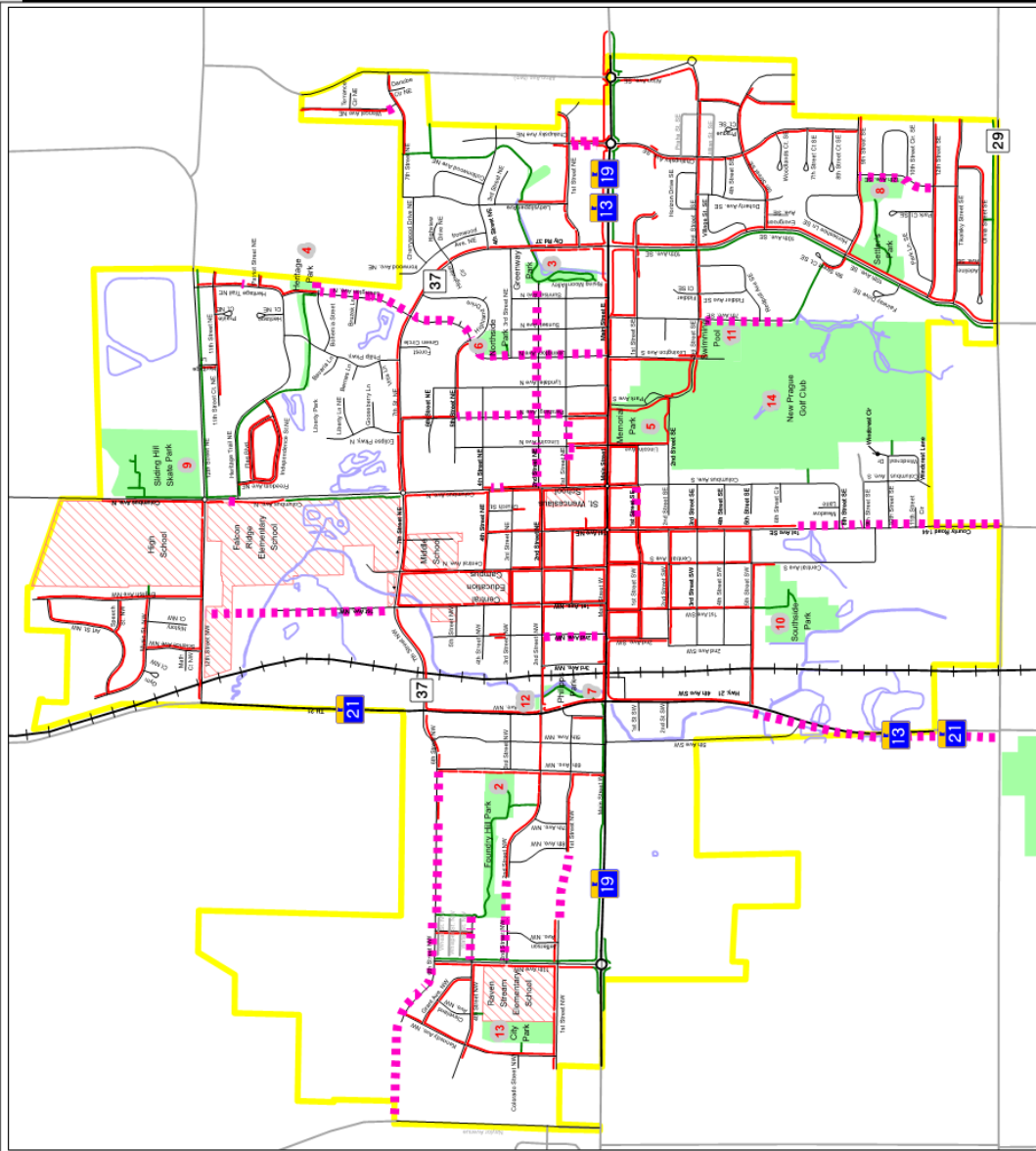
Map 8-8

1. Future Athletic Complex
2. Foundry Hill Park
3. Greenway Park
4. Heritage Park
5. Memorial Park
6. Northside Park
7. Phillips Park
8. Settlers Park
9. Sliding Hill Skate Park
10. Southside Park
11. Swimming Pool / Baseball Field
12. Yackly Cabin Park
13. Unnamed Park
14. New Prague Golf Club

- Parks
- Schools
- Water
- City Limits
- Existing Trail
- Existing Sidewalk
- City Streets
- County Roads
- State Highways
- Railroad
- System Gaps in Sidewalks/Trails



Current to: September 2021
Prepared by: Engineering Department
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Existing Gaps in the Sidewalk Map

RESOLUTION #24-01-16-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORTING MNDOT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, \$13.2 million in Active Transportation funding is available, with a minimum of \$50,000 and a cap of \$1,000,000 for each project; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague's 2023 Visioning document identified the establishment of two trail/sidewalk connections to make it easier for residents to walk or bike for safety and health benefits such as for the benefit of those using non-motorized transportation and to help alleviate greenhouse gas emissions. The projects will complete missing connections for non-motorized vehicles in the city and allow users to remain off-street. The projects to be completed in 2024 are known as the 6th Street NW trail extension which would install an 8' bituminous trail on the north side of 6th Street NW from TH21 to the west end of the City's industrial park and the 12th Ave SE sidewalk extension which would install a 6' wide concrete sidewalk from 9th Street SE south to Tikalsky Street SE; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague previously identified these two projects in the City's Comprehensive Plan for trail/sidewalk gaps; and,

WHEREAS, all municipal applicants must have a resolution of support from their City Councils; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague is a Municipal State Aid City and does not require a sponsoring agency; and,

WHEREAS, the New Prague City Council fully supports the two applications for Active Transportation Grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Prague understands it is responsible for all project costs not covered by Active Transportation Grant funds including but not limited to consultant engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction administration and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the Active Transportation grant awards; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of New Prague, Minnesota, that:

1. The City agrees to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of said improvements.

2. Full support is given to the applications for the Active Transportation program and construction of the projects.
3. The City agrees to pay all costs associated with the projects beyond the grant awards.

Passed this 16th day of January, 2024.

Duane J. Jirik, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Joshua M. Tetzlaff, City Administrator