



HEARTLAND 2050 REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (H2050 RPAC)

Heartland 2050 is a community driven initiative pulling in stakeholders from across the region to think big and work towards a common vision for our six county region anchored by the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area.

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meeting held at La Vista City Hall Annex Building, 8116 Park View Boulevard, La Vista

MEMBERS:

In-Person: Keith Station, Chris Gibbons, Ashley Rae Turner, Brian Lodes, Bruce Fountain, Chris Shewchuk, Dr. Terry Haack, Kelly Jeck, Jody Holston, Kent Holm, Kristine Stokes, Laura Dietrich, Mark Norman, Meghan Engberg, Mike McIntosh, Travis Gibbons, Vicki Quaites-Ferris **Virtual:** Jeff Spiehs, Stephanie Mueller

GUESTS: Cole Broderson (City of La Vista), Marcus Chaffee (Omaha Documenters), Tammi Palm (City of Bellevue)

MAPA STAFF: Mike Helgerson, Laura Heilman, Sue Cutsforth, Saul Lopez, Carlos Morales, Lindsey Button, Grant Anderson

- A. Welcome and Introductions Keith Station, Committee Chair
- B. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes Keith Station, Committee Chair ACTION
 - a. Members voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes for the April 5 2024, June 7 2024, and August 2 2024 committee meetings.
- C. La Vista City Centre District: Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista
 - a. Bruce Fountain shared the development of the La Vista City Centre development from the original Vision 84 Plan from 2010 to current development as well as future plans.
 - i. Vision 84 Plan: https://cityoflavista.org/704/Vision-84
 - ii. La Vista City Centre: <u>https://lavistacitycentre.com/</u>

D. La Vista Active Mobility Plan: Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista

- a. Bruce Fountain and Cale Broderson shared information about the La Vista Active Mobility Plan currently in development
 - i. Plan is intended to strengthen active mobility options in the City, including walking and biking opportunities
 - ii. Final plan is expected to be adopted in January 2025
 - iii. https://www.cityoflavista.org/2311/Active-Mobility-Plan
- E. Additional Business
 - 1. Heartland 2050 Committee Updates
 - a. Equity & Engagement and Housing & Development: Ashley Rae Turner, Omaha Municipal Land Bank and Jeff Spiehs, Lamp Rynearson
 - i. The Equity & Engagement and the Housing & Development Committees have been holding joint meetings to coordinate their work

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- ii. There is a Heartland 2050 Committee December Social event being planned for Tuesday, December 10th from 3-4:30 pm
 - 1. All Heartland 2050 committee members and the public are invited to this fun event to celebrate the work of the committees during the past year more information coming soon!
- iii. At the last meeting, the group heard from Restoring Dignity about their work to support Omaha's refugee communities
 - 1. https://rdomaha.org/
- iv. At the upcoming meeting, the group will hear from:
 - 1. Clarice Dombeck with the National Redress Movement
 - a. The Redress Movement is a newly formed nonprofit organization that empowers communities across the U.S. to take direct action to redress racial segregation.
 - b. <u>https://redressmovement.org/omaha/</u>
 - 2. Marcus Chaffee, about his work on the Omaha LGBTQIA+ History Mapping Project
 - a. This project will result in a publicly available digital map highlighting significant places for Omaha's LGBTQIA2S+ history
 - b. <u>https://www.preserveomaha.org/ourmap</u>
- b. Infrastructure: Mike McIntosh, Lamp Rynearson
 - i. At their last meetings, the group has heard from:
 - 1. Steven Jensen about the Omaha Streetcar Project
 - 2. Nancy Pridal with Lamp Rynearson about the bond issues on the ballot for the City of Omaha in the upcoming election
 - 3. Robert Larocco about the City of Omaha's Climate Action and Resilience Plan
 - ii. Working groups continue to work on their topics of interest
- c. Natural Resources: Kent Holm, Douglas County
 - i. The committee is reviewing their working groups in order to support implementation of the City of Omaha's Climate Action and Resilience Plan
 - ii. Solid Waste working group continues to work on issues around lithium battery disposal and potential Nebraska legislation about extended producer responsibility for the lifecycles of their products and packaging, as well as solutions for organic waste

2. MAPA Updates

- a. Register now for MAPA's Annual Meeting
 - i. <u>tinyurl.com/COOAnnualMtg24</u>
 - ii. Wednesday, October 9th
 - iii. Featuring keynote presentation by Kevin Belle, Project Manager for the Great American Rail-Trail project
 - 1. <u>https://www.railstotrails.org/site/greatamericanrailtrail/</u>
 - iv. MAPA is also hosting a Trails Workshop with Kevin Belle to discuss trail connections around the Great American Rail-Trail through Iowa
 1. Will be held in Neola, Iowa on October 9th
- b. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is hosting Housing Listening Sessions to capture feedback about the agency's housing programs

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- i. Meeting in Omaha is on 10/23 at 1:30 pm at the Benson Branch Library
- ii. Registration is required
- c. MAPA is hosting a free training from FHWA on updates to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; space is limited contact MAPA transportation staff if you'd like to attend.
- d. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Survey Open Now
 - i. <u>www.mapacog.org/projects/ss4a</u>
 - ii. MAPA is leading the development of a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; visit the link about to share your safety concerns with our team
- e. Two Long Range Transportation Surveys are also open now
 - i. The Transportation Management Area (TMA) covers Douglas, Sarpy and the urbanized portion of Pottawattamie County
 - 1. <u>https://lrtp-2050-update.mapacog.org/</u>
 - ii. Regional Planning Affiliation 18 (RPA-18) covers Harrison, Shelby, Mills and the non-urban portion of Pottawattamie County
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- f. Regional Brownfields Coalition Grant
 - i. EPA is opening a grant for Brownfield Revolving Load Fund
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- g. Civil Rights Policy Update
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 - iii. Planning to open a comment period on the draft updated policy in November 2024 with the plan approved in January 2025
 - 1. <u>www.mapacog.org/about/what-is-mapa/civil-rights/</u>
- h. Upcoming Call for Projects
 - i. Two calls for projects will open in October
 - ii. Local units of government including cities, counties and public transit agencies can apply for federal transportation funding
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- ii. On-Call Travel Demand Model RFQ
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- iii. City of Minden, Iowa Housing Developer RFP
 - To submit an application for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery – Housing (CDBG-DR) program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)
- iv. View open RFPs/RFQs or join the mailing list at www.mapacog.org/about/rfp-rfg/

3. Community Updates

- a. Council Bluffs
 - i. Council Bluffs and Mills County have finalized an agreement to annex property for a large new subdivision
 - ii. Iowa Economic Development Authority has named Council Bluffs a Thriving Community for its commitment to creating affordable housing opportunities for residents at all income levels

1. https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=430

- iii. Another large subdivision with approximately 1000 units on 94 acres is being planned
- iv. The Council Bluffs Planning and Environmental Linkages study is looking at options for multimodal transportation along the West Broadway / First Avenue corridor

1. https://www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2571/Linkages-Study

- b. Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association (NPZA) is hosting an online workshop next Friday
- c. La Vista will be hosting a Nebraska Economic Development Association event with Grow Sarpy on May 28-30 2025
- d. The International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) is planning a Midwest Conference in April 2025 and will be looking for presenters
- G. Public Comment There was no request for public comment
- H. Adjourn

Future Meetings & Events:

MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting - October 9, 2024 H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee – December 6, 2024

Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)

October 4, 2024

APA Omaha - Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

This meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Committee will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

MAPA staff have a copy of the Open Meetings Act available for your reference.

MEETING LIVESTREAM

- MAPA is livestreaming public meetings, including RPAC, to YouTube
 - <u>www.youtube.com/@MAPA2222</u>
 - Meetings can be watched live online
 - Find recordings under the 'Live' category or in a specific playlist

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AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
- 3. La Vista City Centre
- 4. La Vista Active Mobility Plan
- 5. Additional Business
 - a. Committee Updates
 - b. MAPA Updates
 - c. Community Updates
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Adjourn



WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Keith Station, Committee Chair

Please add your name and organization to the chat if you are joining virtually

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 5 2024 June 7 2024 August 2 2024

LA VISTA CITY CENTRE

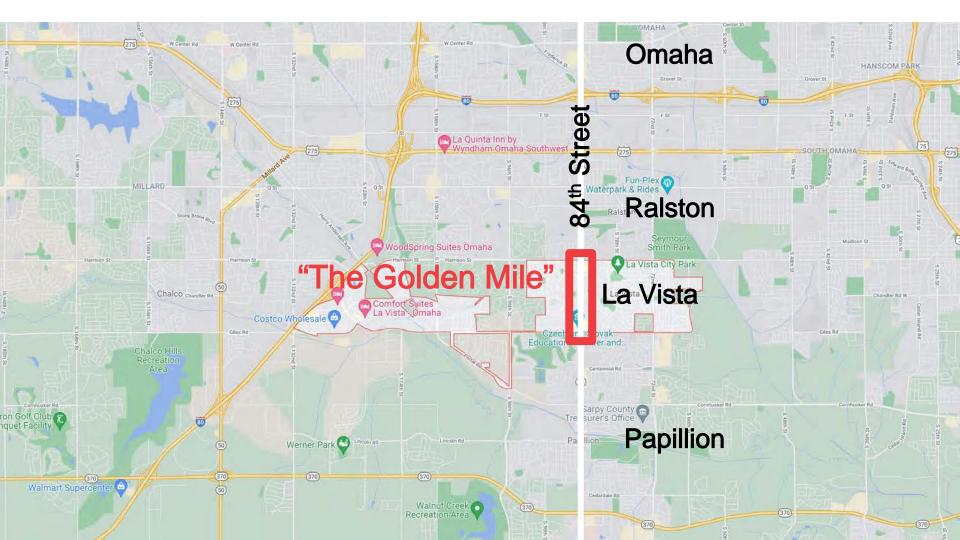
Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista

La Vista's 84^h Street Redevelopment MAPA RPAC Meeting-10/4/24



- The Golden Mile
- Vision 84
- City Centre Public/Private Partnerships to Create Event + Entertainment Focus
- Next Steps and Projects





The Golden Mile



The Golden Mile

- La Vista's stretch of 84th Street from Giles Road to Harrison Street has been the City's main economic center since La Vista was established in 1960. It came to be known as The Golden Mile with businesses such as Wal-Mart, Baker's Supermarket, Gordman's, Hobby Lobby and Summer Kitchen as main draws along the corridor.
- The decline of 84th Street began when Wal-Mart closed in 2006 followed by the closing of Baker's in 2008.
- The City has led significant public planning efforts over several years to chart a new course for the future.

Previous Conditions







Vision 84



City of La Vista A Vision Plan for 84th Street





Vision Statement:

"The Corridor will be the central city core, with a memorable and distinct identity, a vibrant mix of land uses, a sense of community and a high quality of life for residents."

Principles:

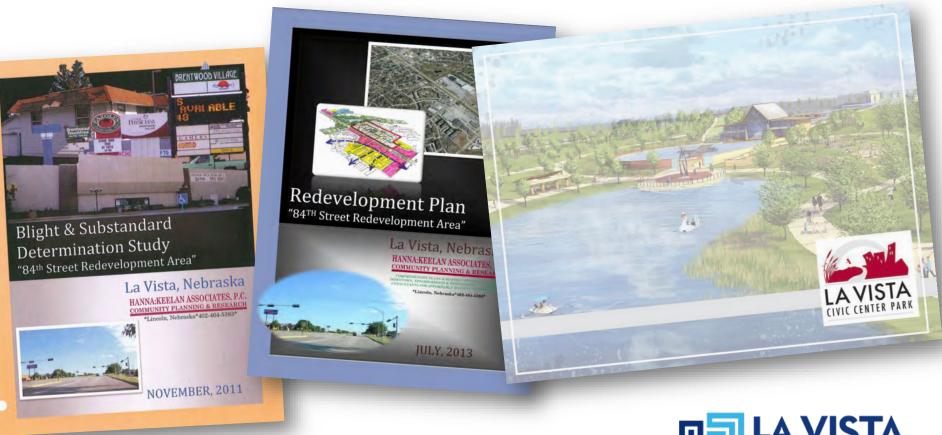
- 1. Make 84th Street economically attractive & sustainable
- 2. Create a distinct, enduring, appropriate built environment
- 3. Attract people to the 84th Street Corridor.
- 4. Create a place to live, work, and play.
- 5. Provide human-scaled quality environments.
- 6. Encourage social interaction and community events.
- 7. Connect to existing neighborhoods.
- 8. Restore and enhance the natural environment.
- 9. Respect and enhance adjacent neighborhoods.



Vision 84



Vision 84 Follow Up Plans





City Centre-Public/Private Partnership w/ City Ventures



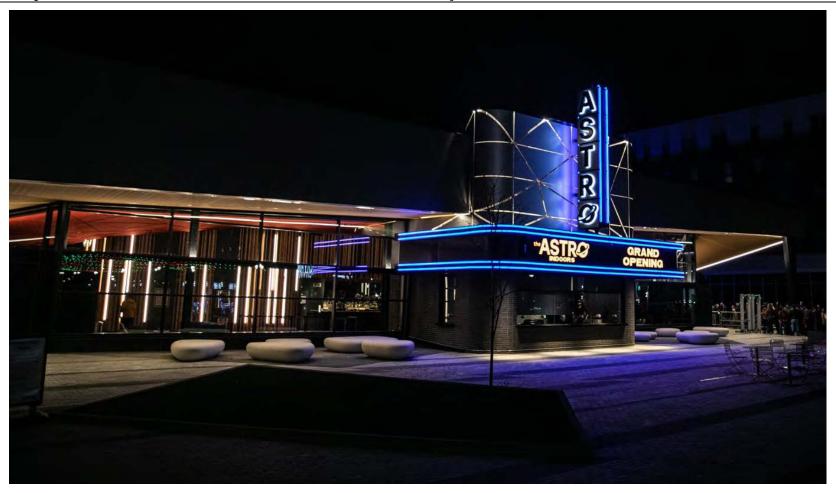
City Centre-Public/Private Partnership



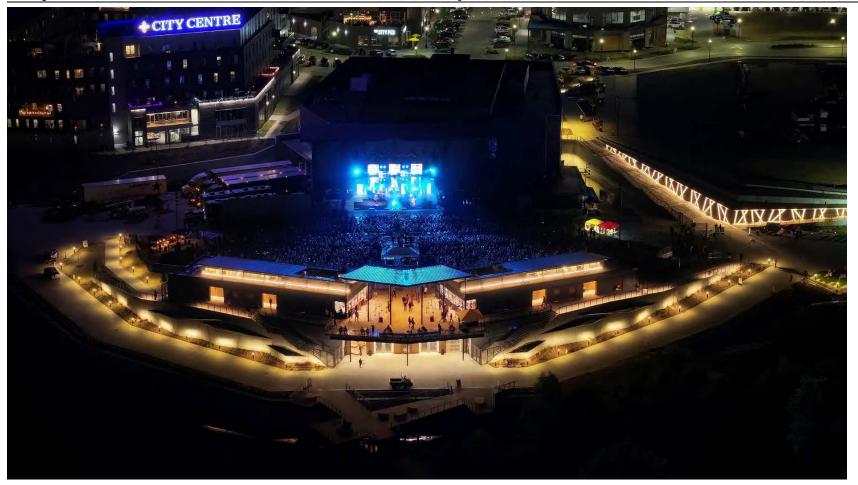




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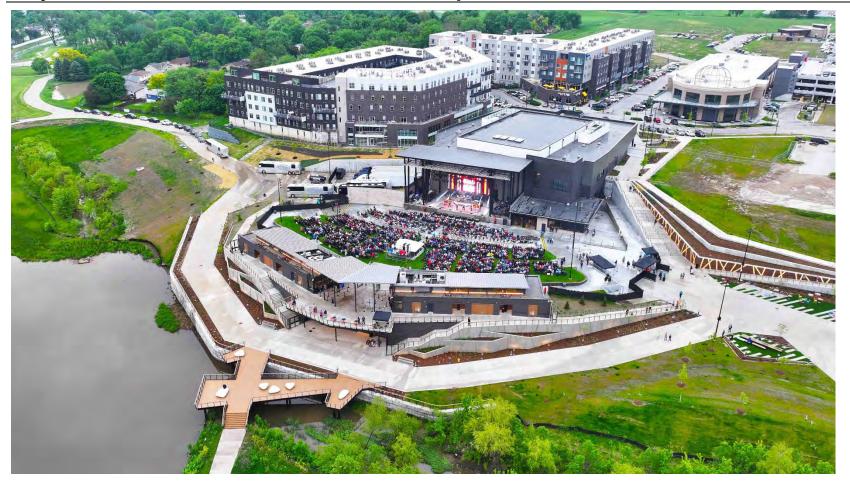


La Vista's first builders designed simple, affordable homes giving the average, working family the opportunity to experience homeownership for the first time. Each home was sold for **\$9,999** with a \$200 down payment, and soon was referred to as a "House of Nines."



"Wall of Nines"

City Centre-Public/Private Partnership



City Centre-Public/Private Partnership



City Parking Garage 2



Next Steps and Projects

84th Street Streetscape





Future Streetscape



Streetscape-Site Furniture + Signage



Next Steps and Projects

Town Square Programming

- **City Centre Commons**
- Entry for events
- Gateway to the Park
- Integrated Wayfinding
- Protective Design
- Non-event interest Water

Barmettler Square

- The Heart of City Centre
- Enclosure through Structure
- Mostly Hardscape
- Flexible Seating
- Temporary Uses: e.g., Bookmobile, Coffee Cart
- The Launchpad/Landmark

Main Street Square

- Green Backdrop
- Enclosure through Trees
- Front Lawn Feel
- Flexible / Sculptural Seating
- Potential for Public Art



Barmettler Square - Proposed

BARMETTLER DRIVE

PLANTING AREAS

PLAZA SPACE

BENCHES

SHADE CANOPIES

FIREPIT

FUTURE

Main Street Square- Proposed

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

> SLOPED PLANT BEDS

> > PLAZ)

MAIN STREET

FLEX TABLES

PUBLIC

CANOPY TREES

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Next Steps and Projects – 84th Street Bridge/Underpass





Next Steps and Projects – Central Park West



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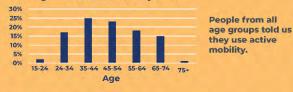
Active Mobility Plan

Help us improve access to our sidewalks & trails!

We heard from nearly **200** respondents.

90% of respondents use active mobility for recreation, health, fitness, school, work, or errands.

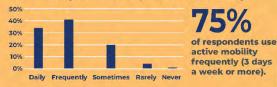
What age are our active mobility users?



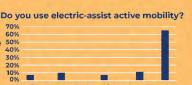
Do you have vehicle access?

90% yes	10% no

How often do you use human-powered active mobility?



17% of respondents use electric-assisted active mobility frequently (3 days a week or more).



Daily Frequently Sometimes Rarely Never

Where are people going?



Poor physical condition of trails, sidewalks, or other active mobility routes

I do not feel safe using trails / sidewalks or other active mobility methods

It takes too long to get to my destination

Lighting / Safety on Improved signage

5 Comments 6

Comment

Increase Amenities

(shade, seating, water)

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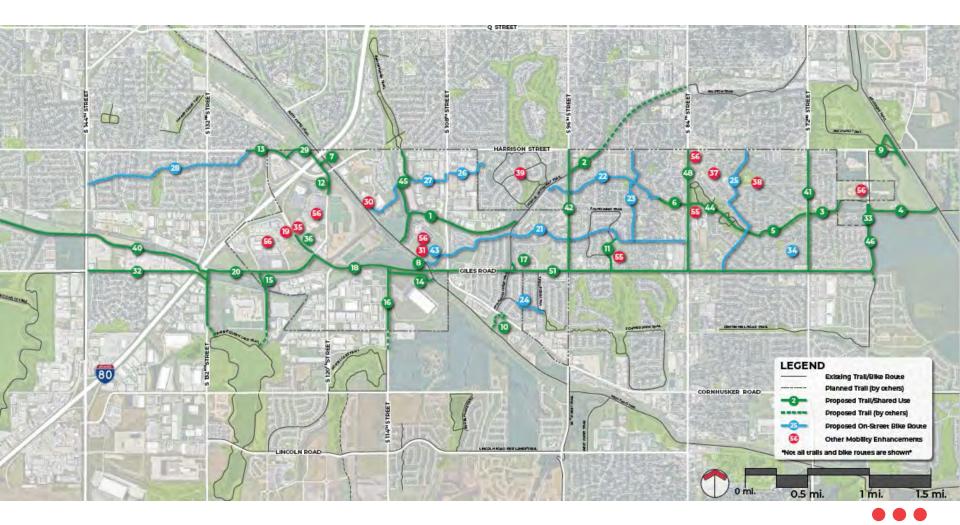
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Public Transit

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Comments



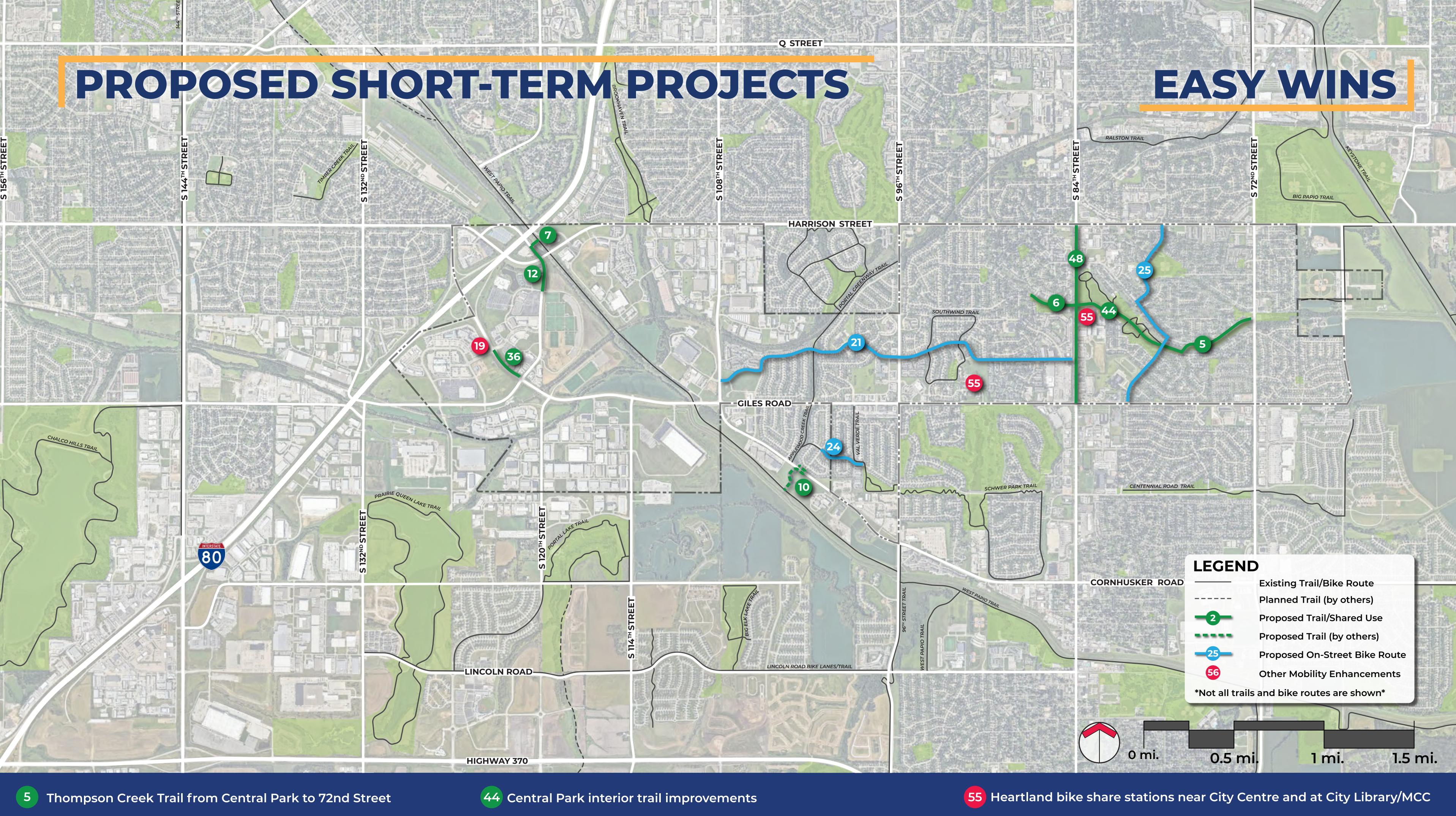
LA VISTA ACTIVE MOBILITY PLAN

Bruce Fountain, City of La Vista

La Vista Active Mobility Plan Preliminary Project Proposals







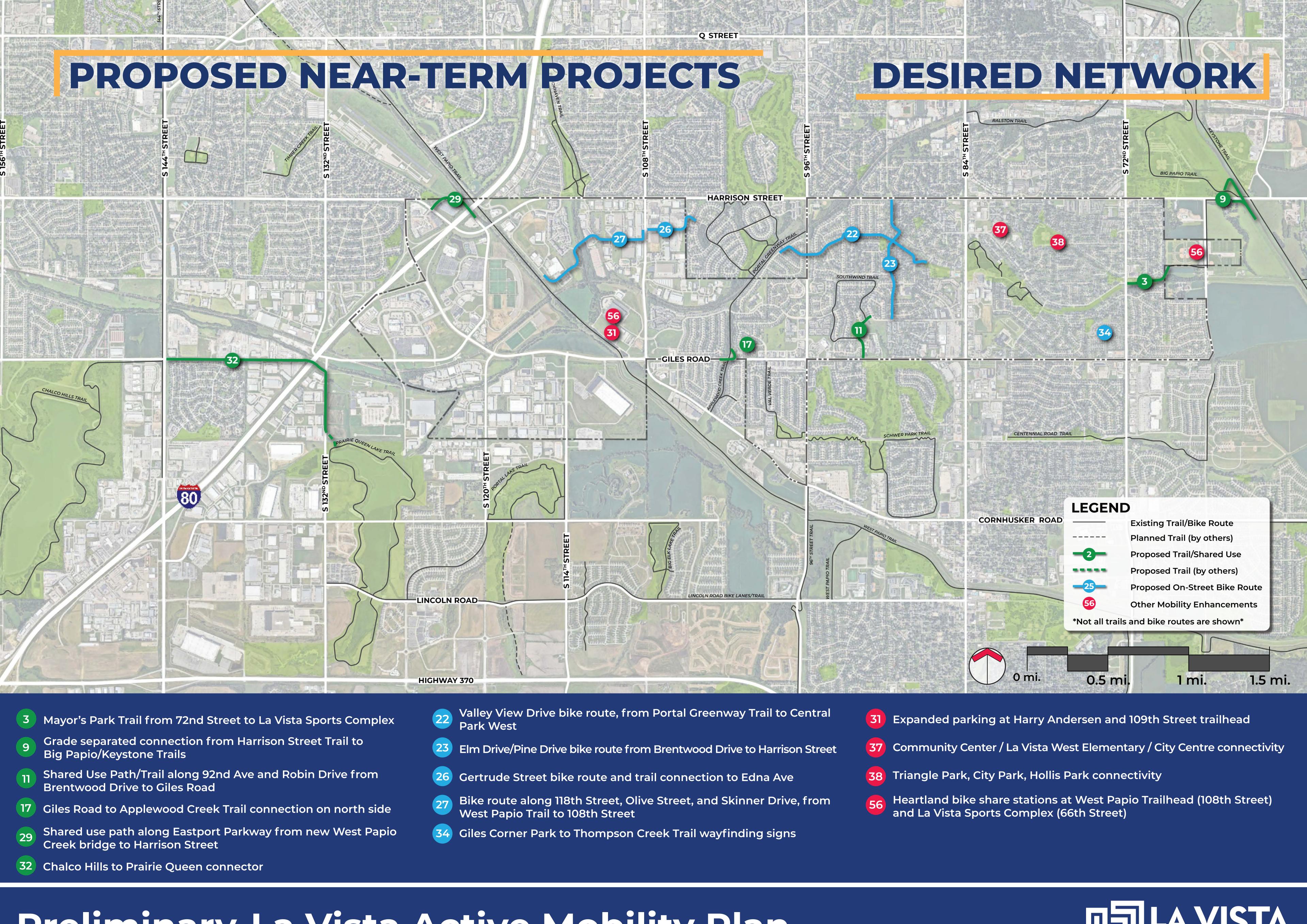
- Central Park to Central Park West Trail extension from 6 **City Centre to Valley View Drive**
- Bridge over West Papio Creek from trail to Southport 7
- Portal Road crossing and West Papio Trail connection 10
- Shared use path along Eastport Parkway from new West Papio Creek bridge
- **36** Giles Road Trail from Southport Parkway to Eastport Parkway

Preliminary La Vista Active Mobility Plan

- 48 84th Street Trail (along both sides) from Giles to Harrison
- 21 Brentwood Drive bike route, 84th to 108th
- On-street bike route on West Centennial Road, Applewood Creek Trail to Val Verde
- 25 Bike boulevard along Edgewood Boulevard, Parkview Boulevard, and 78th Street, Giles to Harrison
- [19] Giles Road / Southport Parkway at-grade crosswalk improvements







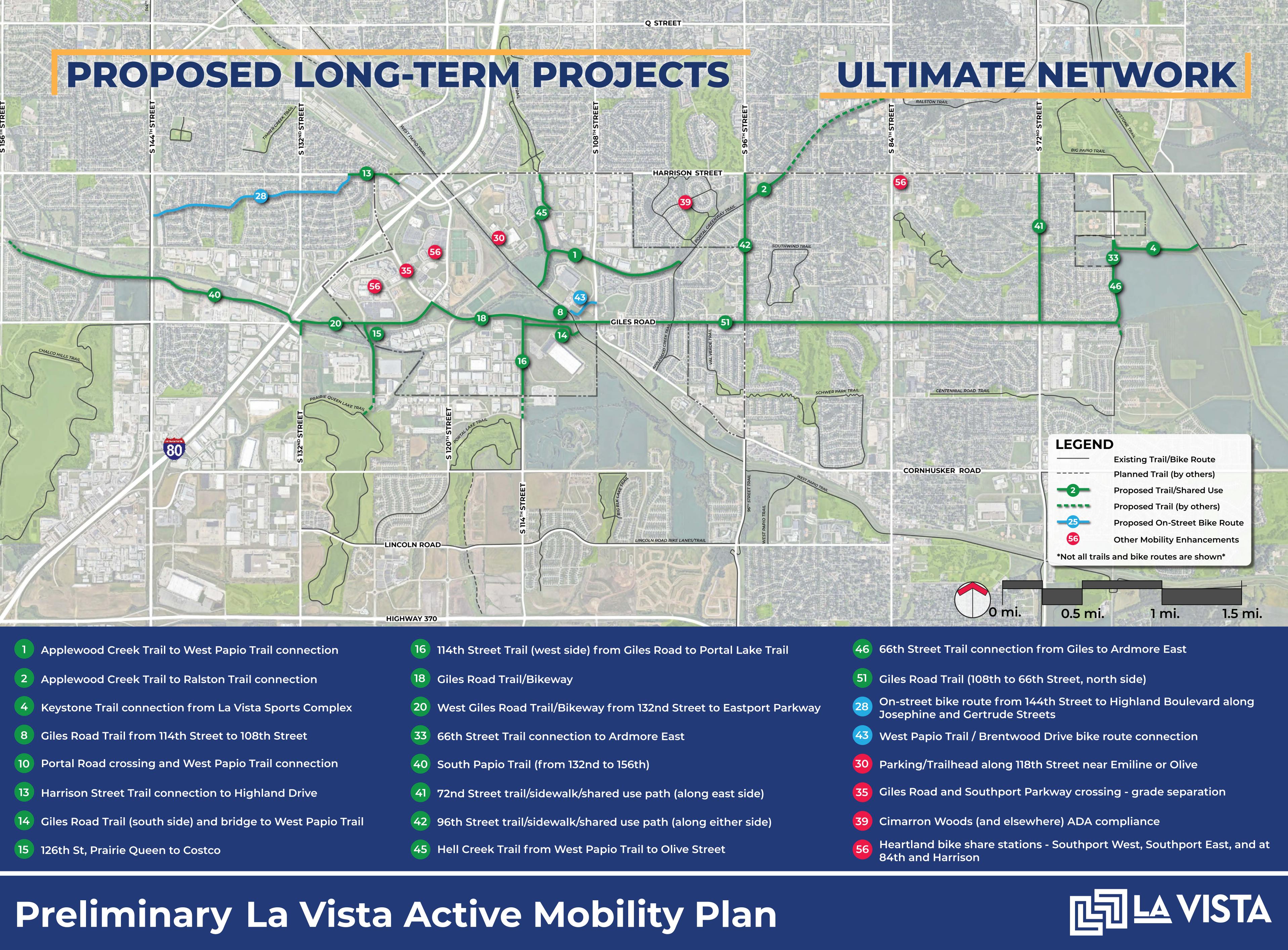
3	Mayor's Park Trail from 72nd Street to La Vista Sports Complex
9	Grade separated connection from Harrison Street Trail to Big Papio/Keystone Trails
1	Shared Use Path/Trail along 92nd Ave and Robin Drive from Brentwood Drive to Giles Road
17	Giles Road to Applewood Creek Trail connection on north side
29	Shared use path along Eastport Parkway from new West Papio Creek bridge to Harrison Street
32	Chalco Hills to Prairie Queen connector

Preliminary La Vista Active Mobility Plan



tral	31 Expanded parking at Harry Andersen and 109th Street trailh
treet	37 Community Center / La Vista West Elementary / City Centre co
	38 Triangle Park, City Park, Hollis Park connectivity
om	Heartland bike share stations at West Papio Trailhead (108th and La Vista Sports Complex (66th Street)





46	66th Street Trail connection from Giles to Ardmore East
51	Giles Road Trail (108th to 66th Street, north side)
28	On-street bike route from 144th Street to Highland Bouleva Josephine and Gertrude Streets
43	West Papio Trail / Brentwood Drive bike route connection
30	Parking/Trailhead along 118th Street near Emiline or Olive
35	Giles Road and Southport Parkway crossing - grade separat
39	Cimarron Woods (and elsewhere) ADA compliance
56	Heartland bike share stations - Southport West, Southport E 84th and Harrison



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Equity & Engagement - Ashley Rae Turner Housing & Development - Jeff Spiehs Infrastructure - Mike McIntosh Natural Resources - Kent Holm





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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA

FEATURED SPEAKER

PROJECT MANAGER RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9TH, 2024



Register now! tinyurl.com/COOAnnualMtg24

TRAILS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 9TH, 2024 10 am to 12 pm

FEATURED GUEST **KEVIN BELLE** PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN RAIL-TRAIL





NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING listening sessions

Join the discussion.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development invites housing stakeholders to a listening session to capture feedback, insight and ideas as they pertain to the agency's Housing Programs.

This is an opportunity to share your housing development perspective and experience to help identify ways in which programs and processes can better address the growing need for affordable housing in Nebraska.

Registration is required to participate.

Click on the following link to register for the session that best fits your location and schedule: <u>https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/housing/#registration</u>.

Registration required by 5 P.M. Central Time on Friday, October 18th.

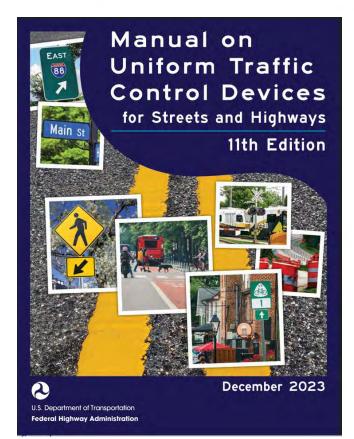
Wednesday, October 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. (Central Time)
 Location: Lincoln Nebraska Cattlemen, 4611 Cattle Drive, Education Room
- 1:30 p.m. (Central Time)
 Location: Omaha Omaha Public Library Benson Branch – 6015 Binney Street

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming listening sessions, please contact Lynn Kohout at <u>lynn.kohout@nebraska.gov</u>.

Upcoming Training

- Free Training on MUTCD Updates
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently updated the MUTCD and states must adopt the updates by January 2026.
- Tuesday, October 22nd, 9 am to 4:30 pm Council Bluffs Public Library
- **Space is limited!** If you'd like to attend, contact Jim Boerner, MAPA Transportation Planner jboerner@mapacog.org 402-444-6866 x3231



SAFETY SURVEY OPEN NOW

- MAPA is developing a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - Improve traffic safety through projects which reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on the local road network
 - Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska, and the cities of Council Bluffs, Carter Lake, Crescent and McClelland in Iowa
- Community Input Survey Open Now! Scan QR code or visit website below

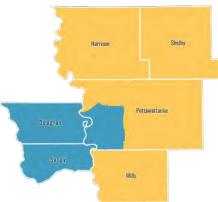
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LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION SURVEYS OPEN NOW





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REGIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION GRANT

- EPA opens \$232M for Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund grants
 - Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant
 - A brownfield is any property with potential environmental contamination
 - Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) provide no-interest or low-interest loans for eligible brownfield cleanups, subgrants for cleanups, and other necessary programmatic costs to manage the RLF
- Applications are due by November 14, 2024
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APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Shelby

Pottawattamie

Mills

Harrison

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MAPA Newsletter Signup

- MAPA sends an electronic newsletter via email every other month
- To join the email list, fill out the form at <u>www.heartland2050.org/contact/</u> and check the email newsletter box, or contact any MAPA staff member!





The trust fund awarded a total of \$355,015 in grant



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WORKWELL-



The following organizations will receive funding: • Potaevultamic Co. General Assistance - 530,227 for continued lumbry.

to provide deposit and first momitle central scalatance. Connections Area Agency on Aging - 845,000 for housing repairs and removations on units to percease scalarability barriers for sectors.

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Habitat for Humanity - \$33,000 for down payment assistance for these Habitat homebourne

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COMMUNITY UPDATES



UPCOMING EVENTS

Council of Officials Annual Meeting October 9, 2024

RPAC Meeting December 6, 2024