

City Wide Trail Gap Improvements

Holyoke Avenue/Highview Avenue Segment

August 17, 2022 Neighborhood Meeting Summary



City staff held a neighborhood meeting on August 17, 2022, for the proposed trails along Holyoke Avenue/Highview Avenue between Heritage Drive and 185th Street. The Project team shared preliminary design concepts, information regarding the project schedule, and answered questions relating to property impacts. 15 residents attended the meeting. Listed below is a summary of the neighborhood meeting.

Project Highlights:

- The City of Lakeville's Park Bond Referendum includes 3.75 miles of citywide trail construction to complete existing gaps in the overall trail network. The trails are programmed for 2023 construction.
- The Holyoke Avenue/Highview Avenue segment includes a trail along the east side of the road between Heritage Drive and 185th Street, and a trail along the west side of the road between Holland Drive and 185th Street.
- Trails will be constructed along both sides of 185th Street between Dodd Boulevard and Highview Avenue in 2023 as part of the 185th Street Extension Project (185thstreetextension.com). That project will also include pedestrian tunnels under 185th Street and Highview Avenue and a single-lane roundabout at Highview Avenue.

Feedback Received:

- Questions and Comments:
 - Minimal opportunity to voice opinion on proposed improvements, including the Park Bond Referendum.
 - Concerns with loss of privacy and screening and potential drainage impacts to properties.
 - Concerns with safety along Highview/Holyoke Avenues, mainly due to the existing posted speed limits.
 - Lack of crosswalks on Holyoke Avenue for access to Summerlyn Park, All Saints Church, Century Middle School.
 - Support for filling trail gaps and providing connectivity to existing and planned trail systems.
 - Support for pedestrian crossing improvements to be constructed with the 185th Street Extension Project.
- Staff Responses:
 - Public questions and comments would be shared with the City Council.
 - The Project is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and goals for pedestrian connectivity.
 - The Project will be funded through the Park Bond Referendum.
 - The City's Crosswalk Policy establishes guidelines and a consistent uniform approach to improving pedestrian safety at uncontrolled crossing locations using best management practices/safety strategies.
 - The City's draft five-year Capital Improvement Plan (2023-2027) includes completion of an engineering study of the Holyoke/Highview Avenue corridor in 2023. The study will include a review of speed limits, roadway design and pedestrian crossing locations and set the framework for the future roadway improvements.

Next Steps:

- The Project team will complete the final design of the trail improvements this fall. The project schedule will be shared with area residents after the construction contract is awarded.
- A separate neighborhood meeting will be scheduled with property owners along the corridor after the final design is complete to discuss anticipated property impacts.
- Please contact Alex Jordan, Assistant City Engineer at 952-985-4503 or ajordan@lakevillemn.gov with questions.