



Trail Updates from Partners in Linn County

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All information approved by each person named below.

A. Linn County Conservation Department (Randy Burke):

1. Cedar Valley Nature Trail:

- North of Center Point to Urbana paving is complete. Small sections will temporarily close for minor repairs. Tunnel underpass (under the Interstate) has been improved with lights. Warning flashers still need additional adjustments.
- Linn County and Black Hawk County have been awarded a Destination Iowa Grant and State Recreational Trails Grant to fund paving the remaining trail in Linn and Black Hawk counties. The 10 miles in Black Hawk County should bid this fall / winter 2022. The 6 miles in Linn County is 6 months behind this schedule. The paving is anticipated to be completed as early as the end of 2023 in Black Hawk/Buchanan Counties and the paving including bridges in Benton County will be completed by 2024.

2. Morgan Creek Trail formerly known as the Highway 100 Trail:

- Phase I of the Morgan Creek Trail located on the east side of the Cedar River from 42nd Street passed Xavier High School to the River will be bid in November with paving in 2023.
- Phase III of the Morgan Creek Trail west of the Cedar River from Covington Road to Worcester Road will be bid in late fall/early winter with construction anticipated in 2023.
- A study has recently been completed regarding the Cedar River crossing and alignment for the Morgan Creek Trail. Unfortunately, the old Railroad piers are not suitable for use in the River Crossing without significant repairs. Further study is required. Funding has yet to be obtained for this portion.

3. Grant Wood Trail:

- Waldo's Rock Park to Oxley Rd trail paving started August 8, 2022 and is expected to complete in September 2022.
- The section from Oxley Road to Creekside Drive will be bid on August 16, with work to start late fall or early Spring 2023.
- LCCD is currently working on a trail study for improvements from Creekside Drive to Paralta Road and on to Springville Rd. Staff is working

with Springville and the Iowa DOT on trail improvements from Paralta Road with an overpass on Highway 151 into Springville. Completion of the last segment into Springville is likely at least 5 years or more from now. A public open house will be held this fall to discuss the future trail improvements.

- Eventually the trail will extend further east to the Jones County line where it will meet up with a trail that Jones County will build west from Martelle. This portion is more than 5 years from now.

B. City of Marion (Keshia Billings):

1. 10th Ave Sidepaths:

- Construction is underway providing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Project includes counters that will be integrated with LCTA's Trail Counter information. This project is expected to be open in the Fall of 2022.

2. Grant Wood Trail (formerly known as the Lindale Trail):

- The bridges over Indian Creek and 7th Avenue were recently completed interconnecting the trail to the east and west and connecting to the Indian Creek trail below. The gateway feature (artistic columns) will be installed in the coming years after the bridge project is accepted by The Federal Highway Administration.
- The remaining ¼ mile of paving west of the bridges is expected to be completed in 2022. Marion Parks and Recreation and Marion Public Works are collaborating on the work.

3. CEMAR Trail:

- Phase 5 of the CEMAR trail from just east of 1st Avenue through the Faulke Woods area to Highway 100 will start after completion of the Sanitary Sewer Project scheduled for construction in 2023. Remaining property acquisitions are a priority.

4. Indian Creek Trail:

- The Indian Creek trail from Donnelly Park to Boyson Road has recently been completed. Several additional sections have already been graded. Waiting on bridges to go from 10th Street to Tower Terrace Road. Project includes counters that will be integrated with LCTA's Trail Counter information.

5. Lucre Road and Bridge Sidepaths:

- Work is fully funded through Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2025/2026. Funding from LCTA will accelerate the design.

C. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association (Robert McKilup):

- Beverly Park: Several additions have been made to the trail system this summer, including a new trail naming and signage project.
- Wanatee Park: Much of the trail is open on the east side of the park.
- Sac and Fox Trail System: Work continues on the development of the Aspen Trail (near East Post Road). Work will be completed in 2022. A mile of trail has already been constructed.
- Confluence Trail (Boyson Park): The trail has been reopened.

D. City of Cedar Rapids (Ron Griffith):

- O Avenue NW Bikeway - The project is complete with new bike lanes from Edgewood Rd NW to Ellis Blvd NW.
- 12th Ave SE Bikeway - The project will be completed in Fall 2022. Bike lanes were added between 7th St SE and 19th St SE as part of a multi-phase roadway improvement project.
- 15th Ave SW Bikeway - A shared use lane is part of the reconstruction from C St SW to 4th Ave SW. The project will be completed in 2022.
- 8th Ave SW Bikeway - Project includes bike lanes on some portions of the project from 15th St SW to 10th St SW. Expected to complete in 2022.
- Cottage Grove Pkwy SE - Urban shoulders which can be used for biking, walking and running are part of the Paving for Progress improvement project from Forest Dr SE to 34th St SE. The project will be completed in 2022.
- Grant Wood Trail (formerly Lindale Trail)
 - Phase I - A new 10' wide trail is being constructed from Council St NE to the existing trail near the C Ave NE and Blairs Ferry Rd NE intersection. A majority of the trail has been graded and paved. The construction of the underpass of Blairs Ferry Road has started but was delayed by utility conflicts. The crossings of Rockwell Dr. NE and C Ave NE will be completed over the next 2 months. A rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) will be installed at Rockwell Dr NE. Signal work and crosswalk improvements are scheduled for C Ave NE. Completion of the trail is expected by late October 2022.
 - Phase II - The segment from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Council St NE is in the design phase. The final alignment has not been approved. The City is working with the Iowa DOT and the Canadian National Railroad on several alternatives. The preferred alignment is along the railroad right-of-way, which is still active from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail to about halfway between Center Pt Rd NE and Council St NE.

- 6th St. NW/SW Trail & Bikeway
 - Buffered bike lanes are part of the roadway improvement project from 33rd Ave SW to Wilson Ave SW. The project is expected to be completed in Fall 2022.
 - Bike lanes will be built with the 6th St NW extension project from 1st Ave W to F Ave NW. The extension project is a continuation of Ellis Blvd NW, which has existing bike lanes from F Ave NW to Penn Ave NW. The project will be completed in 2023.
 - Approximately 0.3 miles of 10' wide trail was constructed on the east side of 6th St SW as part of a roundabout and $\frac{3}{4}$ access improvement project just south of 76th Ave SW. This is complete and open.
- Cherokee Trail
 - The new trailhead parking on Sharon Lane NW adjacent to Cherry Hill Park has been completed. About half of the paving of the Bicycle Boulevard on Sharon Lane NW is complete. Additional pavement work on Sharon Lane NW and Gordon Ave NW is underway. The project will be completed in 2023.
 - Design work for Phase III from Edgewood Rd NW to 13th St NW has started with construction expected in 2024 and 2025.
- Tower Terrace Rd NE
 - Grading work has started on the section between C Ave NE and Alburnett Rd (Marion). The finished roadway includes a 10' wide trail on both sides of Tower Terrace Rd NE. The grading project is broken into two segments and will take at least two years to complete. Paving will occur as a separate project once the grading has been completed.
 - A new interchange with I-380 is under construction, led by the Iowa DOT. A trail will be continued through the interchange with connections to Miller Rd NE and Center Pt Rd NE along Tower Terrace Rd NE. The trail will be on one side only for this stretch.
- Cedar Valley Nature Trail south of Sokol Park (16th Ave SW)
 - Gravel section damaged by Derecho restoration work will be paved by November 2022.
 - Bumps between the landfill and Prairie Creek Bridge to be repaired by September 5, 2022. The trail will be kept open with flaggers.
- Flood Control (East)

- Work along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail (CVNT) will begin this fall between 16th Ave SE and the Crandic Railroad. The trail will close and a detour put in place along 2nd St SE.
- Shaver Rd NE to 10th St NE - Upon completion of the Shaver Rd bridge, work is expected to begin to rebuild the CVNT along this stretch including a new trail bridge over McCloud Run.
- Cedar Lake - Levee construction along the west side of the lake includes a 15' wide paved trail on top of the levee and a non-paved aggregate walking trail between the base of the levee and the lake. Existing portions of the Cedar Lake Loop Trail that are being used by construction traffic will be rebuilt as part of the project.
- Flood Control (West)
 - 16th Ave SW to Riverside Park - In 2023, a trail will be constructed on the river side of the wall recently built between 16th Ave SW and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. The trail will be extended through Riverside Park and tie into C St SW at approximately 13th Ave SW.
 - 2nd Ave SW to E Ave NW & F Ave NW bridge - the Cedar River Trail between 1st St W and the river will be closed and rebuilt due to Flood Control work. The bike lane between 2nd Ave SW and 1st Ave W will be eliminated with the project. Construction will start in Fall 2022 and be completed by the end of 2023.

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