



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** January 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Review the North Richland Hills Citywide Trail and Route System Plan

PRESENTER: Michael Wilson, Park Planner

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Included in the currently approved Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program Budget, the Citywide Trail and Route System Plan project provides for the preparation of a comprehensive trail and bike route system plan focusing on connecting our existing off-road trail network with schools, parks, transit-oriented developments, commercial districts, and other destinations throughout the city.

Our consultant, Alta Planning + Design, was tasked with analyzing our existing transportation network and developing a list of opportunities for future investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The consultant performed an initial analysis using the City's existing geospatial data, and later incorporated stakeholder input and field observations to refine their recommendations.

The resulting plan is comprised of recommendations for intersection safety treatments, wayfinding improvements, and on-road bicycle facilities that will make our existing trail network safer and more connected. Implementation of these recommended facilities will, however, be dependent upon traffic analysis, available Right-of-Way, and potential impacts to other city services and budgets. Facility types and locations may be attuned as potential projects are studied and designed in greater detail.

The Park and Recreation Board reviewed and discussed the Citywide Trail and Route System Plan at their October 3, 2016 meeting and unanimously recommended to forward the Plan to City Council for their review.

Michael Wilson, Park Planner, will present the Plan and provide information about possible future funding opportunities to perform some of the projects. Staff will also seek the City Council's guidance on the next steps for the Citywide Trail and Route System Plan ranging from simply acknowledging its receipt to formal adoption as a regulating document.