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To: Parks & Recreation Committee, City Council

Subject: WisDot TAP Grant – River Trail Planning Study

Date: June 9, 2022

The City's River Trail which connects to Viking Park is planned to be the City's connection to Dane County's Lower Yahara River Trail. The Lower Yahara River Trail currently connects Madison to McFarland. The next phase of the trail which connects Fish Camp County Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park will be constructed in 2023. Once the construction is completed, the County will focus their attention on the next phase which is the section from Lake Kegonsa State Park to the City. The County leaves it to the local government unit to determine how the trail will transverse and connect through the City. However, it is in their Park and Open Space Plan map to connect through downtown. Additionally, the City's 2018 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan's map has the trail connecting through downtown and Mandt Park.

A planning study is needed due to the importance of the trail and the obstacles that potential routes have in the way. The attached photos show the many obstacles. The planning study will look at different routes to connect the trail from Cooper's Causeway and extend it to Mandt Park. Pedestrian safety, cost, and constructability will also be identified.

The cost estimate for the study is $35,000 and the WisDOT TAP Grant would provide an 80% cost share. The City would be responsible for $7,000 in matching funds which would be programmed into the 2023 Capital Improvements Program budget. A grant application was submitted on June 3rd and we were notified by the Madison Area MPO that the project will be recommend to the DOT for funding. A resolution supporting the project is required for the grant application to be complete.

CITY OF STOUGHTON, 207 S. FORREST STREET, STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Supporting and authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to submit an application to WisDOT for Federal funding under the 2020-2024 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for a River Trail Extension Planning Study

Committee Action:

Fiscal Impact: $7,000 matching funds

File Number:	**Date Introduced:**

WHEREAS, Dane County's Lower Yahara River Trail will connect to the City's River Trail in the near future, and

WHEREAS, Dane County and the City of Stoughton have the trail extending to Mandt Park in their planning documents, and

WHEREAS, there are many obstacles for the trail such as narrow park width, the crossing of Main Street, and the Cooper's Causeway railroad underpass that require a planning study which would address pedestrian safety, routing, and costs, and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate for the planning study is $35,000 which 80% of the cost would be covered by the grant, and

WHEREAS, the planning study would be completed in 2023 and would be programmed into the Capital Improvement Program budget, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton hereby supports the River Trail Extension planning project and authorizes the Director of Parks & Recreation to submit an application under the 2020-2024 WisDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the project.

Council Action: ☐ **Adopted** ☐ **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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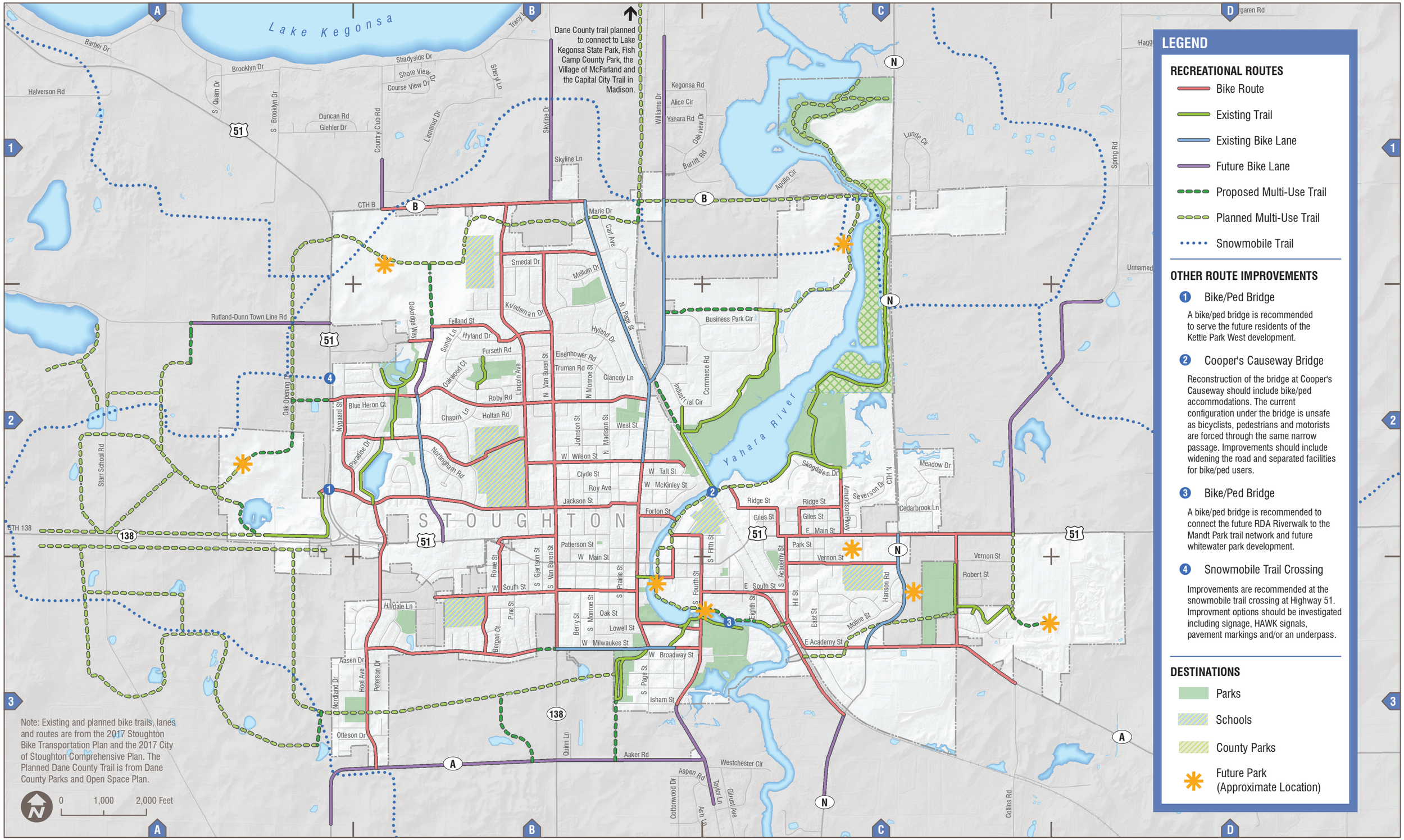
Tim Swadley, Mayor Date

Council Action: _____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** _____



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Recreational Routes

Stoughton Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

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MAP 5

Cooper's Causeway Ped Bridge

Cooper's Causeway RR Underpass

Narrow Section of Division St Park

Division St Park Boat House

W. Washington St (On-Road Section)

Main St (US 51) & Water St Intersection

Main St (US 51)

Water Street (On-Road Section)