



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2017
TO: Mobility Committee
FROM: Julie Anderson, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator
SUBJECT: US 380 Sidepath Project

Staff has been coordinating with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on their plan to widen US 380 from Loop 288 east to the county line. To comply with the 2012 Denton Bike Plan and the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Mobility 2040 Plan, staff has asked TxDOT to include a ten foot sidepath on the north side of US 380 from Mayhill Road to the Greenbelt Corridor in lieu of the planned five foot sidewalk. This would complete a key section of the regional veloweb, which, once Mayhill reconstruction is also complete, will connect citizens from the Rail Trail and Denton County Transportation Authority's A-Train to the Greenbelt.

Cost of construction of the ten foot sidepath is the responsibility of the City. TxDOT has estimated the cost to be approximately \$760,000, which includes retaining wall and pedestrian railing for the portion of the sidepath east of Riverside Drive. Staff reached out to NCTCOG to see if a partnership for funding could be realized. NCTCOG staff is interested in the project, and asked the City to provide a number/percent it was able to fund.

With funds from the Bike Fund and the Parks and Recreation Department, the City offered to NCTCOG twenty percent (\$152,000), an offer that would not negatively prohibit funding of future projects. City staff is also working with Denton County to see if they can contribute ten percent (\$76,000), bringing the total contribution to thirty percent (\$228,000). NCTCOG staff took the City's offer and has presented it to NCTCOG Transportation Director, Michael Morris, for approval.