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SUBJECT: Agenda Item: CCPTF Pathways

A report submitted to Council by the Civic Center Priority Task Force (CCPTF) in February of 2004 identified pathways located throughout the Civic Center campus as one integral and highly desirous element of the overall plan. The intent of the pathway portion of the plan is to link the main building of the Civic Center with the Community Center, as well as provide hard-surfaced access throughout the site for both utilitarian and recreational purposes such as walking, jogging, biking, and skating.

The current Parks and Recreation Department budget includes funds for the pathway project that will begin this fall. The pathway system will link the main City Hall/Library complex to the Community Center with an 8' wide asphalt pathway allowing non-motorized travel between the two locations that can be used by the general public as well as by City staff. Asphalt pathways will also ring the green space west of the Community Center, connect to the existing sidewalk along Livernois Road, and run along the west side of the ring road around the Civic Center. A smaller series of asphalt pathways will meander through the treed lot at the corner of Livernois and Town Center Drive, which is envisioned as an Enhanced Garden area. Attached please find a schematic of the proposed pathway system.

The development of the pathway system will be divided into multiple phases, with the first phase running between the Library and the Community Center and around the green space west of the Community Center. The first phase is broken into three sections. **Section A** leads from Civic Center Drive directly across from the Library connecting to the loop around the green space to the west of the Community Center. **Section B** is the 3100 lineal foot loop around the green space to the west of the Community Center. **Section C** connects the loop path to Livernois Road sidewalk.

The Streets Department will complete sections A and B this fiscal year. A user survey will be conducted prior to making a recommendation relative to the installation of Section C.

Provided funds are approved and budgeted in future fiscal years, subsequent phases will be implemented. This work will include the asphalt section along the

ring road (approx. 3425 lineal feet) and along the east side of Civic Center Drive (approx. 1220 lineal feet) leading to the intersection of Civic Center Drive and Town Center Drive, as well as the pathway through the Enhanced Garden area (approx. 920 lineal feet).

The pathway system identified in the CCPTF report is an important first step in the implementation of the overall Civic Center master plan. It will establish a link between the main Civic Center/Library buildings and the Community Center and will offer non-vehicular access throughout the entire site as well. The pathways will provide a safe surface for those individuals seeking an area for walking, jogging, bicycling, skating, or just strolling. Additional supporting amenities such as resting areas with benches will be provided at points along the pathway to encourage pathway use. Benches will be purchased and installed to coincide with the construction of the pathway.

Attached: CCPTF Proposed Pathway Schematic

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