



# Granbury Planning & Zoning Commission

## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** November 14, 2022

**Item Number:** D.1

**SUBJECT:** PLAN-2022-01, Request of the City of Granbury for a Granbury Active Transportation and Recreation Plan.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Granbury Active Transportation & Recreation Plan serves as the City's first comprehensive plan addressing mobility and recreational needs of the community through a network of active transportation infrastructure.

**What is Active Transportation** - Active transportation is human-powered transportation that engages people in healthy physical activity while they travel from place to place. People walking, bicycling, using strollers, wheelchairs/mobility devices, electric scooters, skateboarding, and roller-blading are all engaged in active transportation.

Multi-use trails, sidewalks, and on-street bikeways are essential features in a city's sense of place and create an enjoyable user experience. Infrastructure built for pedestrians and cyclists help create a resilient, healthy, and quality environment. They also provide alternative forms of transportation to create connections between community centers, residential areas, schools, parks, and other destinations of a city. Leveraging trails, bikeways and sidewalks as vital elements of a city's infrastructure can increase quality of life and activate economic development for the enhancement of the community.

### **Active Transportation & Recreation Plan Vision**

1. **COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY** - Develop a comprehensive network of trails, sidewalks, and bikeways that connect users to significant destinations throughout the city.
2. **ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY** - Provide pedestrian and bicycle facilities that serve users of all ages and abilities and create a user experience that is comfortable, safe, and accessible.
3. **IDENTITY** - Create an active transportation and recreation system that reflects the character of Granbury and improves awareness and legibility of active transportation and recreation routes.
4. **REGIONAL RECOGNITION** - Become a regional leader in active transportation and recreation that serves and attracts users within and outside of Granbury.
5. **PARTNERSHIP & FUNDING** - Strengthen and pursue partnerships with outside communities and agencies to efficiently and strategically implement the trail and bikeway system.

### **The plan consists of 4 key components:**

- **Existing Systems** - Assessment of existing off-street trails, bikeways and sidewalks.
- **Needs Assessment** - Assess the needs of the pedestrian and bicycle system to help uncover locations where there are opportunities to improve the existing pedestrian and bicycle network

- Recommendations - Recommendations to ensure residents throughout Granbury have access to facilities that support bicycling and walking. Residents and visitors will benefit from improved walkability and access to recreational opportunities by addressing critical trail and sidewalk gaps. Plan identifies and recommends 57.7 miles of new active transportation and recreation facilities over time.
- Implementation - Provides for the implementation of the plan considering prioritization, public interest, feasibility and assessment of environmentally sensitive areas.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

N/A

### **PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION**

N/A

### **SUGGESTED ACTION**

Staff recommends acceptance of the plan. The Active Transportation and Recreation Plan will be used for guidance in updating City Codes and Ordinances and guiding future policy decisions based on the recommendations and findings of the Plan.

### **STAFF CONTACT:**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

- [Granbury Active Transportation & Recreation Plan DRAFT 11.09.22](#)