LOCATION: The project called the APPLEWOOD CREEK TRAIL involves construction of a new 0.7 miles trail and is located in La Vista, NE, Sarpy County. The trail would be located in an area defined as the Portal Greenway in the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The proposed trail would connect the two existing trails in the Portal Greenway, which currently terminate in the Cimarron Woods and Portal Ridge neighborhoods. The trail would start behind the home near 7602 South 101st Street and end behind the home near 8409 South 103rd Street. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the Applewood Creek Trail project is to improve and expand alternative transportation options and recreation opportunities in the City of La Vista (City), and to improve connectivity or access to other local and regional trails. The project is consistent with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency’s (MAPA) Long-Range Transportation Plan, the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the City’s Capital Improvement Program. The need for the new trail project is to complete the existing trail network in the Portal Greenway by providing a connection between the existing trail segments that terminate in the Cimarron Woods and Portal Ridge neighborhoods. The connection would need to cross Giles Road; therefore, providing a convenient and safe crossing of Giles Road would be important to promoting use of this trail.

SCOPE OF WORK: The improvements on this project consist of a new 10-foot wide concrete trail with earth shoulders. A 14-feet wide by approximately 70-feet long pedestrian bridge would be constructed for the trail to cross Applewood Creek. The trail would cross beneath Giles Road in a new 12-feet-wide by approximately 160-feet-long box culvert. Work would also occur at the existing box culvert at Giles Road that conveys Applewood Creek. Pavement removal and replacement would occur for sidewalks, trails, roadway (Giles Road), and curbs and gutters.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: The proposed project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2022.

RIGHT-OF-WAY: This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to construction phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: The trail corridor is anticipated to impact wetland resources along the project. The trail is also anticipated to impact publicly owned parks or recreation areas. The back side of this handout describes anticipated impacts to the parks and recreation areas.

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC: This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Phasing requirements for the trail under-crossing beneath Giles Road would temporarily impact access to nearby intersections. Giles Road traffic would be reduced to one-lane in each direction between approximately South 107th Street and South 99th Street/Val Verde Drive. Access to South 101st Street and South 103rd Street from Giles Road would be partially or fully closed during construction of the project. Alternative access is available. Details will be determined during final design.

ESTIMATED COST: The project is estimated to cost $2.5 million dollars which includes design, inspection, additional right of way, and construction costs. The project would be funded with 80% Federal Transportation funds and 20% local funds provided by the City of La Vista.

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SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION – The Applewood Creek Trail project is funded with Federal transportation funds. Due to the use of these funds, the project must adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and “Section 4(f)” of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act. “Section 4(f)” evaluates impacts to public parks, recreation areas and wildlife or waterfowl refuges, and historic sites during the development of transportation projects. The proposed trail is anticipated to impact portions of Portal Greenway, Sanitary Improvement District (SID) 237 Trail and Sanitary Improvement District (SID) 276 Trail which are considered Section 4(f) resources. Descriptions of anticipated impacts to each Section 4(f) resource are described further below.

Portal Greenway – The Portal Greenway is a planned open space greenway park along Applewood Creek that is publicly owned and open to the public, therefore, it is considered Section 4(f) property. The project would result in a use of Portal Greenway due to the trail construction. The trail would enhance the use of Portal Greenway by providing greater access to the area.

SID 237 Trail – The Applewood Creek Trail would connect to the existing SID 237 Trail and require reconstruction of a portion of the existing trail. The existing SID 237 trail would remain open during construction of the Applewood Creek Trail.

SID 276 Trail – The Applewood Creek Trail would connect to the existing SID 276 Trail and require reconstruction of a portion of the existing trail and its connection to the sidewalk along the south side of Giles Road. The connection to the SID 276 Trail from Giles Road would be closed during construction of the Applewood Creek Trail. Alternate access points to the SID 276 Trail between Giles Road and Portal Road are available and will remain open during construction of the Applewood Creek Trail.

A component of NEPA and the Section 4(f) evaluation is to gather public comment on the project and comments on the anticipated impacts to these resources. Therefore, please use the comment sheets provided to comment on the project in general or on anticipated impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Comments can also be relayed to the members of the project team as identified on this information sheet.
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