



Trails

Background and Purpose

Most of us are pedestrians at one time or another during the course of a day. Whether it's a walk to school or the bus stop, a few steps to our car, or a leisurely stroll around Lake Hastings we walk to get places and to get exercise. Supporting a walkable city that's safe, vibrant, equitable, and healthy is key to our collective quality of life.

Hastings' passage of Complete Streets Policy as well as a general interest in enhancing the community's trail network created the opportunity to develop the Hastings Walkability and Connectivity Study. The plan focuses investments on streets near schools, public parks, and other community amenities. Not only does the study focus on improving access and safety for people walking, it also establishes strategies and actions that prioritize vibrant public spaces and complete streets to make walking and biking a more comfortable and enjoyable experience.

City of Hastings Complete Street Policy (2013)

A Complete Street is designed to be a transportation corridor for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists. The vision of the City of Hastings is to provide a safe and efficient motorized and non-motorized transportation system that creates access to businesses, schools, parks and neighborhoods, promotes health and mobility, and takes into consideration all citizens and all modes of transportation. The policy is to provide a network of interconnected local and collector streets that supports walking and bicycling for all citizens of Hastings, Nebraska. This will be accomplished because all street projects—including design, planning, reconstruction, rehabilitation maintenance, or operations—shall be executed in a way that takes into consideration ways to accommodate and encourage travel by bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

Pioneer Spirit Trail

Hastings, along with other communities across the nation, has recognized the need for an intermodal pedestrian transportation network in the city. The purpose of the Pioneer Spirit Trail is to provide for a pedestrian, bike, and an exercise route between major recreational centers such as Libs Park, Heartwell Park,

Lake Hastings, Hastings College, and the Downtown Central Business District. With the latest addition, connecting the Prairie Ridge Park facility and major shopping centers along North Highway 281.

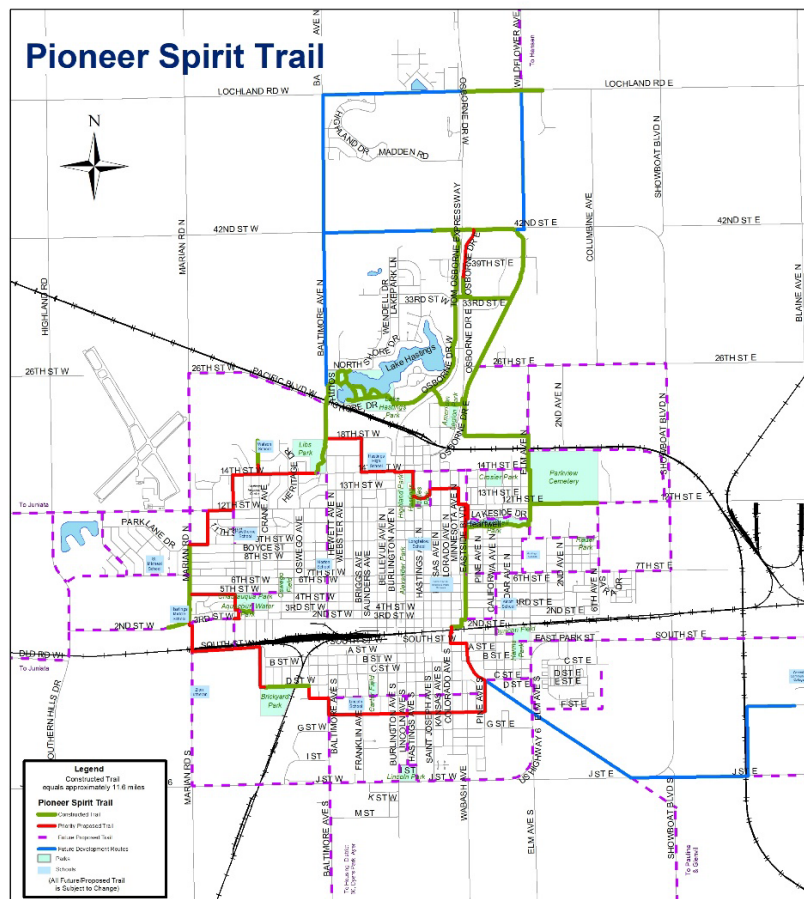
The trail has been predominantly funded by federal funds with local match. As funds are available, extensions will be made in accordance with the Trail Master Plan.

Trail Development

- Priority Proposed
 - Southern Crosstown Connection (2.16 miles) \$1,073,300
 - West South Street Path (1.0 mile) \$492,700
 - Northern Crosstown Connection (2.16 miles) \$927,800
 - Chautauqua Park Connection (0.53 miles) \$284,400
 - 14th Street Link (1.93 miles) \$474,200
 - Prairie Ridge Park Connection (0.34 miles) \$152,900

(Note: These are estimated costs based on the 2019 Hastings Walkability and Connectivity Study)

- Future Development Routes - As the city grows and builds out into currently undeveloped areas, it is recommended future ROW be set aside by the city, adjoining property owners and developers to accommodate future trail routes that connect to the larger network.



Pioneer Spirit Trail



Legend
 Constructed Trail equals approximately 11.6 miles

Pioneer Spirit Trail

- Constructed Trail
- Priority Proposed Trail
- - - Future Proposed Trail
- Future Development Routes
- Parks
- Schools

(All Future/Proposed Trail is Subject to Change)

