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Council approves trails corridor

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Carroll City Council members Monday voted to direct the city's trails planner to chart a new eastern corridor for the proposed system.

The new plan scrubs Griffith Road north of U.S. 30 from the system and instead moves bikers, walkers and other users through eastern Carroll with an off-street trail next to Plaza Drive to Bella Vista Drive, north on-street to East 11th Street, behind some houses on East 11th Street and then through Northeast Park to East 18th Street.

When completed the route will link Carroll's homes, schools and businesses to the Sauk Trail and a developing North American system.

"Carroll will be connected to Coon Rapids which will be connected to Guthrie Center which will be connected to Des Moines," said Mayor Jim Pedelty.

The trails plan will use a mix of on-street and off-street routes. Pedelty has said parts of the system could be developed as soon as this summer. Craig Erickson, a landscape architect with the Des Moines firm of Shive-Hattery, will revise the trails plan.

The proposed plan also envisions a trail running from Randall Road to West Street, cutting down to Graham Park with an a connection going south on Clark Street. East Anthony Street, Bella Vista Drive south of U.S. 30 factor into the plan.

In related action Monday night the council removed a trails provision from the Griffith Road sanitary sewer and watermain extension project.

Councilman Bob Eich questioned why the trail wasn't plotted to run across U.S. 30 on Bella Vista Drive. Instead it shifts to the east so a crossing can be made at Griffith Road where a planned traffic signal system is expected to be in place.

"I'm not going to tell people pushing strollers they can cross the highway at Bella Vista" where there are no lights, Pedelty said.

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