

VI. CONCLUSION

This plan is intended to foster collaboration between The Friends, the City of Dallas Park & Recreation and Public Works Departments, and the general public and neighboring communities. Extensive evaluation of the needs and desires of many concerned parties has been carried out to arrive at the consensus presented. Specific alignments should be viewed as flexible and some modification can be expected to meet the emerging objectives of residents, businesses, developers and other interested organizations and agencies.

By 2010, the Old Trinity Trail system construction will be well on its way to connecting to 3 rail transit stations between Oak Lawn and Motor Street via more than 12 miles of new multiuse and pedestrian pathways. Accessible from these regional transportation terminals will be the original Trinity River channel, south of Stemmons Freeway,

from Stemmons Park at Oak Lawn to the Trinity Levee Trail and on to Motor Street. With an estimated cost of \$12.2 million, the 2010 system (phase 1 and phase 2) will consist of 5.8 miles of paved multiuse trail, 2.2 miles of granite pathway, and 4.0 miles of additional sidewalks. The first implementation phase of this

prioritized system is programmed and ready to begin engineering.

An initial maintenance endowment has been established to supplement city maintenance in the corridor. Designation as park land should occur as soon as possible.

With development of the

projects recommended in this master plan, a new set of more sustainable land uses becomes practical and functional. Hospitals, medical facilities, Dallas Market Center and Infomart along the north edge of the area will be major destinations as the areas along the trail are



Water and art are among the top objectives of ways to enhance the Old Trinity River corridor as a main trail route between downtown and the Trinity River greenbelt park.

redeveloped into mixed use housing, office and retail markets. The new Trinity greenbelt park on the southern edge will draw people from throughout the area to its new recreational destinations.

The master plan defines a phased build-out that will put functional multi-use trails on the ground in phase 1, connect these to the regional transportation terminals as they become available in phase 2 and, finally enhance the connectivity across the IH-35E corridor and Trinity Parkway in phase 3.

Linkage to existing and programmed trails outside the study area is achieved early in the plan and enhanced as opportunities arise. This will transform an area that is practically impermeable to non-motorized transport into one that supports active lifestyles while fostering access to natural open space, businesses, and infill residences.

Redevelopment of this area presents opportunities to create elements in this community-building, human-powered network that may quickly disappear if left unattended. Implementing this plan will require a range of strategies including the creation of partnerships between City departments, developers and property owners to assemble sufficient rights-of-way, and to dedicate adjacent space where necessary for the development of a given pathway. It will be essential to pursue

a variety of funding opportunities to ensure adequate financing for operations and maintenance.

Through development of this vision, The Friends has begun the journey to create a sustainable urban district with compatible land-use and transportation investments, and strengthened emphasis on access to public transportation facilities and services.

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