



Charlie Bryan, Chair
Lawrence Transportation Commission
6 East 6 th St.
Lawrence KS 66044

5 February 2018

re: Naismith gap in a spoke of Lawrence Loop, agenda item #7

Mr. Bryan and Commission:

A Naismith Dr. 10-foot wide shared use path (SUP) project is currently in the 2018 Lawrence budget as item #CI 1810, from 18th to 23rd St. (see attachments). The suggestion by Public Works staff for a CDBG-funded sidewalk along the east side of Naismith from 19th to 23rd is at cross-purposes to the current SUP project.

The number one priority of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force Report regarding bikeways is the completion of the Lawrence Loop. The "Bicycle Network Funding" map on page 40 of the Report shows spokes of the Loop, including the Naismith Shared Use Path. This SUP is 2.75 miles long, extending from K.U. south to the SLT Trail (Lawrence Loop). It is fully built except for a 1/2 mile gap from 19th St. to 23rd St. (see attachment). \$296,700 would fill this gap, and complete the first spoke of the Lawrence Loop.

Naismith Drive south of 19th Street



existing goat path

proposed bicycle SUP

Capital Improvement Plan item #CI 1810 is actually a \$782,500 complete street proposal with bus turnouts and shelters, and curb and gutter replacement to widen the 4 motor vehicle lanes with resurfacing. The SUP is proposed for the east side in a wide green space that is part of the right of way.

The staff proposal to build only a sidewalk in that green space is an unfortunate example of single-vision thinking. A shared use path would serve people who walk as well as people who bicycle. Lawrence has no shortage of sidewalk gaps where we can spend CDBG funds, given the 229 miles of missing residential sidewalks. Like any grant, the CDBG funds awarded must be spent on what's in the application. The grant award would require the sidewalk, and lock out any possibility of a continuous Naismith SUP all the way from K.U. to the Lawrence Loop.

Please instruct staff to substitute a different sidewalk gap project in their CDBG application, in place of the 19th to 23rd segment.

Thank you,
Michael Almon

2018-22 CIP on Planning Commission agenda – 26 April 2017:

https://assets.lawrenceks.org/assets/pds/planning/pcagendaAprilFull17.pdf?utm_source=City+eNews&utm_campaign=8624a53c41-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_04_19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_464f3a5a1d-8624a53c41-108163473

Naismith Shared Use Path, 18th to 23rd St. digital page 175

Capital Plan

2018 *thru* 2022

City of Lawrence, Kansas

Department Citizen Input

Contact

Type Unassigned

Useful Life

Category Unassigned

Priority n/a

Status Active

Department Priority

Unfunded X

Total Project Cost: \$782,500

Description

Construct a 10-foot wide by 6-inch concrete shared use path, with wayfinding signs, on the east side of Naismith Dr., from 18th St. to 23rd St.2. Purchase ROW at NE corner of 20th St. and Naismith Dr., and others if needed. Widen motor vehicle lanes to 12 feet, replace inner curbs and gutters, mill and overlay the street, and install bus turn-outs and shelters at 21st St. Naismith Dr. will become a complete street, and the shared use path will be continuous from Sunnyside Ave. to the SLT Lawrence Loop.

Justification

The existing 10-foot wide motor vehicle lanes with painted sharrows do not a bikeway make, but are dangerous, forcing cyclists to conflict with pedestrians on the west sidewalk. For people who walk, the "goat path" on the east side indicates how heavily used and underserved is this corridor. A new shared use path will collect the existing shared use path from Sunnyside Ave. to 31st St. and the SLT Lawrence Loop. Bus turn-outs will avoid the blocking of motor vehicle lanes.

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Planning/Design	100,000					100,000
Land Acquisition	2,500					2,500
Construction/Maintenance	680,000					680,000
Total	782,500					782,500

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Unfunded	782,500					782,500
Total	782,500					782,500

Budget Impact/Other



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13 March 2017

re: Naismith Dr. shared use path and street reconstruction, 18th to 23rd

Mr. Kidney:

The Sustainability Action Network proposes for the 2018 CIP the construction of a 10-foot wide shared use path on the east side of Naismith Dr. from 18th St. to 23rd St., widening all motor vehicle lanes north and south to 12 feet, and installing bus turn-outs and shelters at 21st St. Sustainability Action has for years advocated for safe and convenient bicycle transportation in collaboration with the Pedestrian Coalition, Live Well Lawrence, and neighborhoods.

The 2016 Pedestrian-Bicycle Task Force report gave the City Commission their requested priorities for bicycle and pedestrian projects. One of the key project priorities identified is Naismith Dr. from 19th to 23rd St. Naismith has a feeble attempt to accommodate bicycles by sharrows painted on unduly narrow (10ft) motor vehicle lanes, which are unsafe and unused by bicyclists. Instead, cyclists ride on the 4ft wide sidewalk on the west side. We agree with the Pedestrian Coalition that this situation is unsafe and inadequate for pedestrians or cyclists.

On the east side, the situation is even worse. At Naismith Dr. and 19th St., one of the busiest intersections in Lawrence, heavy pedestrian use has worn a "goat path" south all the way to 23rd St. It's hard to imagine that this persists in a flagship Big 12 college town. Sizable green space exists along most of the east side of the street to fit a 10-foot wide shared use path.

This new shared use path will connect the existing shared use path between Sunnyside Ave. and 18th St. to the shared use paths along 31st St. and the Lawrence Loop. The shared use path, the bus turn-outs, and street improvements will establish this as a complete street.

However, for a fully functional cross-town bikeway, a future redesign of the 23rd and Naismith intersection will locate the shared use path on the east side of Naismith, south of 23rd St.

Therefore, we propose that funds be allocated in the 2018 CIP for the following project:

1. Construct a 10ft X 6in concrete shared use path, with wayfinding signs, on the east side of Naismith Dr., from 18th St. to 23rd St.
2. Purchase ROW at NE corner of 20th St. and Naismith Dr., and others if needed.
3. Remove and replace six trees - one just south of 19th St., two north of 20th St., two between 20th and 21st, and one between 22nd Terr. and 23rd St.
4. Relocate 3 fire hydrants at 20th St., 22nd St., and 22nd Terr. (2 need upgrade)
5. Relocate 2 light poles using the Green Bond project (others can be worked around)
6. Install a bus turn-out and shelter, north-bound and south-bound, at 21st St.
7. Reconstruct inside curbs-and-gutters about 4 feet toward the center, so motor vehicle lanes become 12ft wide to adequately move K.U. and City transit buses and autos.
8. Mill and overlay and stripe asphalt (PCI of 50 and 57.7 are due anyway)
9. Have Westar relocate four utility poles, two north of 23rd St., two at 21st St.

Thank you,
Michael Almon

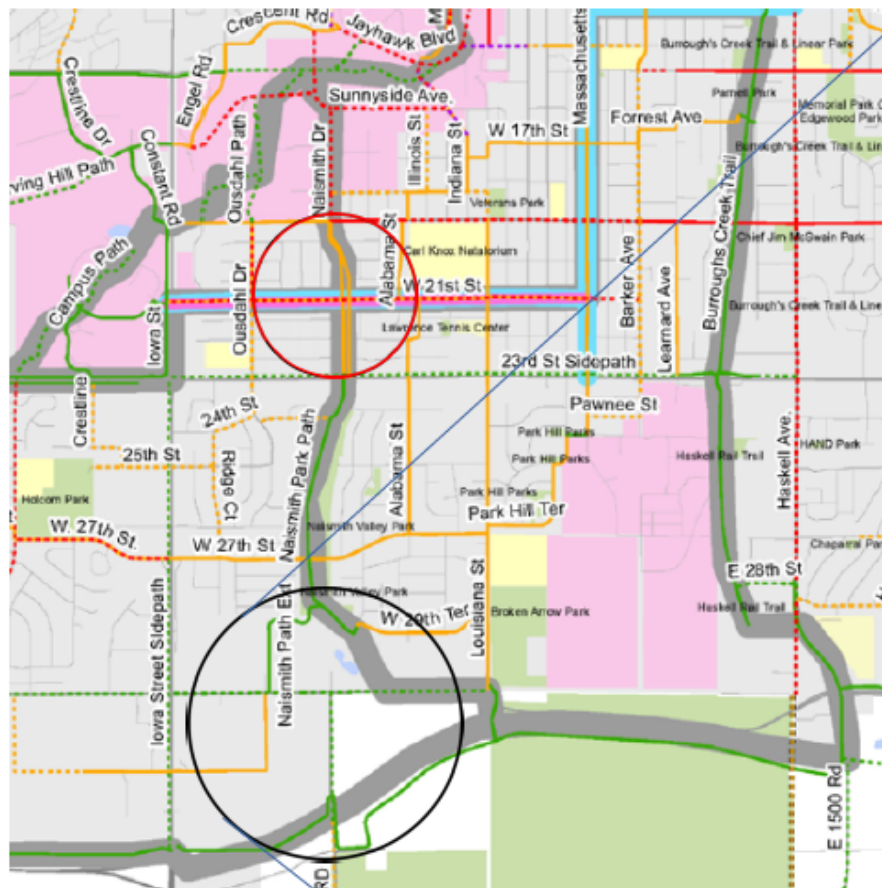
Naismith Shared Use Path – K.U. to the SLT Trail

A 2.75 Mile Spoke of the Lawrence Loop


The Spoke is Fully Built Except a 1/2 mile gap from 19th to 23rd St.

Pedestrian Bicycle Task Force Report
Bicycle Network Funding Illustrations, page 40

South end of Naismith Spoke
past Menards, along 31st St,
south along Michigan St. to
the SLT Trail (Lawrence Loop)



Naismith Spoke of the Lawrence Loop

 = 1/2 mile gap
19th to 23rd

http://lawrenceks.org/assets/agendas/cc/2016/05-03-16/pw_pedestrian_bike_task_force_final_report.pdf

