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To: Mayor and City  
Council members

Great success from our  
engineering team on securing  
this grant to further the system of  
pathways in Novi; for sharing in  
presentations at 2/25 meeting.  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** ROB HAYES, DPS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER *RH*

**SUBJECT:** METRO CONNECTOR TRAIL PHASE I GRANT AWARD

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 20, 2012

SEMCOG recently notified DPS's Engineering Division that the City of Novi has been awarded a \$741,200 Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for Phase I of the Metro Connector Trail project. As one of 12 communities in southeast Michigan to be awarded TAP grants, Novi's award is the third highest amount awarded of the \$6.3 million disbursed to SEMCOG communities for FY12/13 (see attached list of approved projects).

Phase I is being designed now and will entail the construction of a 0.7 mile long, 10-foot wide pathway along the east side of Meadowbrook Road from the existing terminus of the I-275 pathway (just south of I-96) to the north side of Twelve Mile Road (see attached map). Phase I is depicted in the CIP as a FY13/14 construction project.

Phase II of the project will consist of a 1.6 mile long, 10-foot wide pathway on the east side of Meadowbrook from Twelve Mile Road to Thirteen Mile Road, and on the south side of Thirteen Mile Road from Meadowbrook to M-5. The CIP lists Phase II as a FY15/16 project.

Once completed, the Metro Connector Trail will provide a vital and long overdue link between two MDOT-owned trails: the I-275 Metro Trail and the M-5 Trail (which is now complete between 13 Mile Road and Maple Road in Commerce Township). It will also serve as a key link to the regional trail system, promote recreational and alternative transportation options for the surrounding area, and provide the first non-motorized crossing of I-96 in the City of Novi.

Together with the \$741,200 in Federal funds, the City of Novi will provide a local match amount of \$185,300 to fund the project's \$926,500 overall construction budget. The award of this TAP grant is yet another example of the City of Novi's commitment to leveraging Municipal Street Fund dollars to capture increasingly scarce transportation grant revenue.

As a federally funded project, the Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for administration of the project through the Local Agency Project office. The current schedule for Phase I of the project calls for a winter bid letting with construction start in early spring 2014.

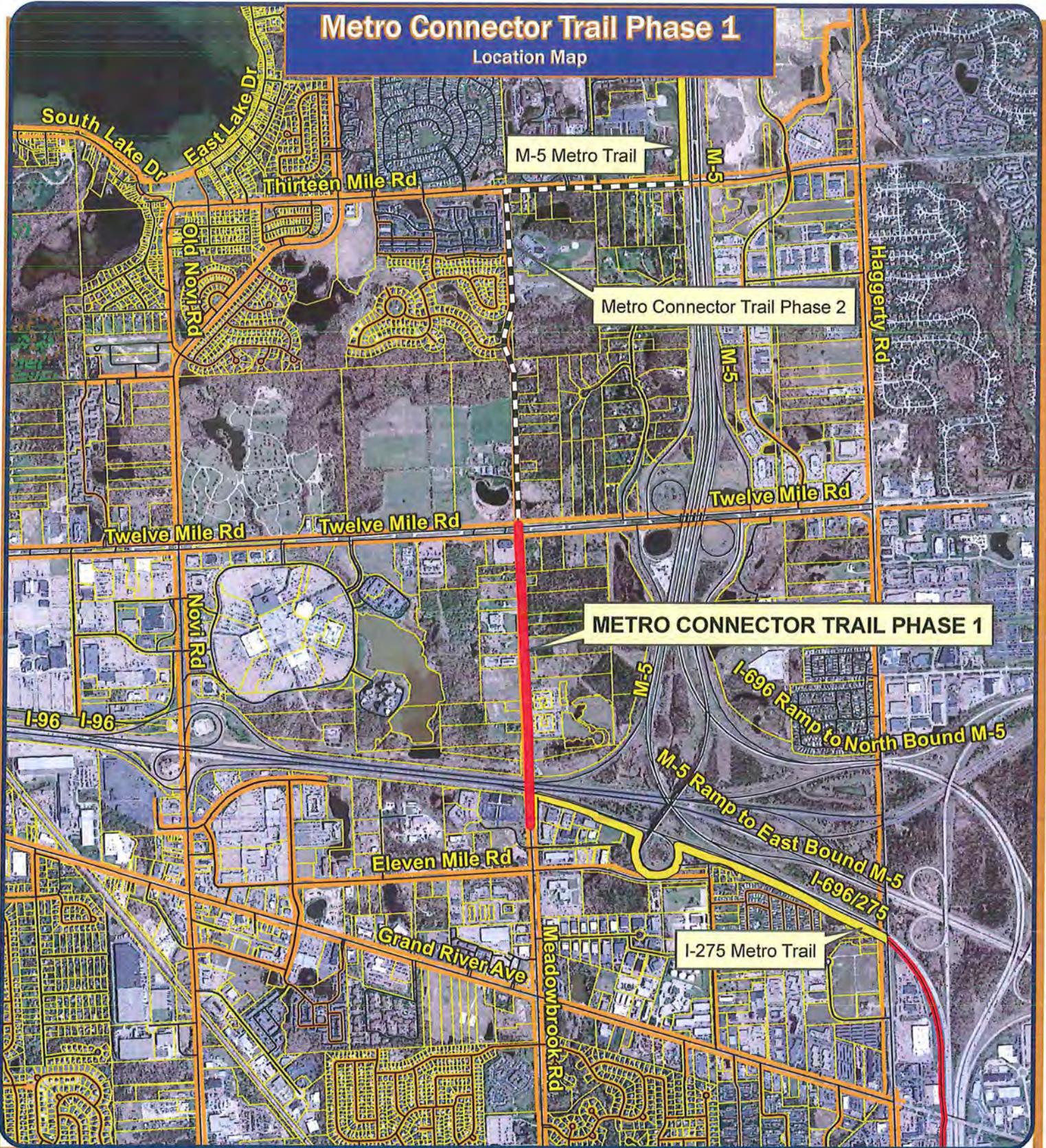
cc: Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager  
Brian Coburn, Engineering Manager  
Ben Croy, Civil Engineer  
Barb McBeth, Deputy Community Development Director

## Transportation Alternatives Program List of Fiscal Year 2013 Approved Projects January 29, 2013

Applicant Name		County	Project Name	Grant Request
A	City of New Baltimore	Macomb	Connection to the County Line Rd. Path	\$183,016
B	City of Monroe	Monroe	North Dixie Highway Median	\$80,000
C	City of Auburn Hills	Oakland	Opdyke Pathway Gaps	\$267,475
D	City of Auburn Hills	Oakland	Downtown Riverwalk Squirrel Ct Improvements	\$194,589
E	City of Ferndale	Oakland	Livernois Complete Street	\$118,094.40
F	City of Ferndale	Oakland	West Nine Mile Streetscape Improvement (Livernois to Pinecrest) Phase IV	\$590,134
G	City of Novi	Oakland	Metro Connector Trail	\$741,200
H	City of Rochester	Oakland	Safety Crossing	\$99,970
I	St. Clair County Road Commission	St. Clair	Bridge to Bay Trail on Desmond Landing	\$211,339
J	City of Port Huron	St. Clair	Bridge to Bay trail - 10th Street to Military Street	\$250,614
K	Ypsilanti Twp (Road Commission for Washtenaw County)	Washtenaw	Grove Road trail reconstruction	\$763,000
L	City of Allen Park	Wayne	Ecorse Road Streetscape	\$626,883
M	City of Dearborn	Wayne	Proposed Rouge River Greenway Extension Project- UM Dearborn Connection	\$242,830
N	City of Dearborn	Wayne	Rouge River Gateway Trail Extension Phase I	\$302,000
O	City of Detroit	Wayne	West Vernor / Woodmere to Clark Streetscape	\$1,000,000
P	City of Detroit	Wayne	Congress Streetscape	\$636,310
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$6,307,454</b>

# Metro Connector Trail Phase 1

Location Map



Map Author: Croy  
 Date: 9/17/12  
 Project: Metro Connector Trail Phase 1  
 Version #: v1.1



## Legend

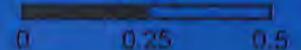
— Existing Pathways & Sidewalks



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