

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JANUARY 7, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
AUTHORIZE SOUTHPORT-WEST TRAIL PAPIO CONNECTOR GRANT APPLICATION METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY(MAPA)	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	CALE BRODERSEN ASSOCIATE CITY PLANNER

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency for funding assistance for the design and construction of the Southport-West Papio Connector pedestrian bridge and trail segment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant application is for funding assistance in future years. If awarded, a request for the required local match will be proposed in future CIP and budget requests.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

A resolution has been prepared for Council to express support and authorize the submittal of a grant application for funding assistance for the design and construction of the Southport-West Papio Connector in 2029. The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) has an open call for projects to solicit grant proposals for funding from the Federal Highway Administration through the regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) with an application deadline of January 17, 2025.

The Southport-West Papio Connector project would include a pedestrian and trail bridge from the heavily trafficked West Papio Trail over the West Papio Creek between Interstate-80 and Harrison Street, and a short trail segment to connect with the CHI Multisport Complex and the rest of Southport East. This project received a large amount of public support and was identified as a priority project through the City's Active Mobility Plan.

There is currently no means of accessing Southport East or Southport West via a sidewalk or trail from the rest of La Vista. With many entertainment and commercial offerings that have a regional draw, there is desire from La Vista residents and visitors to be able to access the area safely with alternative modes of transportation. This project will improve safety for these users and promote economic development in the area.

The attached sketch shows the proposed project location.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE WEST PAPIO SOUTHPORT CONNECTOR.

WHEREAS, the City of La Vista recognizes the importance of providing safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure to promote active transportation, community connectivity, and public health; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pedestrian bridge and trail improvements will address critical connectivity gaps, provide enhanced recreational and economic development opportunities, and align with the City's Comprehensive Development Plan and Active Mobility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) has an open call for projects to solicit grant proposals for funding from the Federal Highway Administration through the regional Transportation Alternatives Program and Carbon Reduction Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista hereby support the submission of a grant application to MAPA for funding assistance to develop the pedestrian bridge and trail improvements as part of the West Papio Southport Connector.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

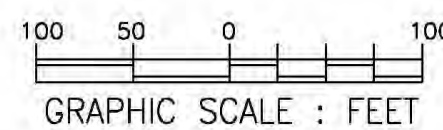
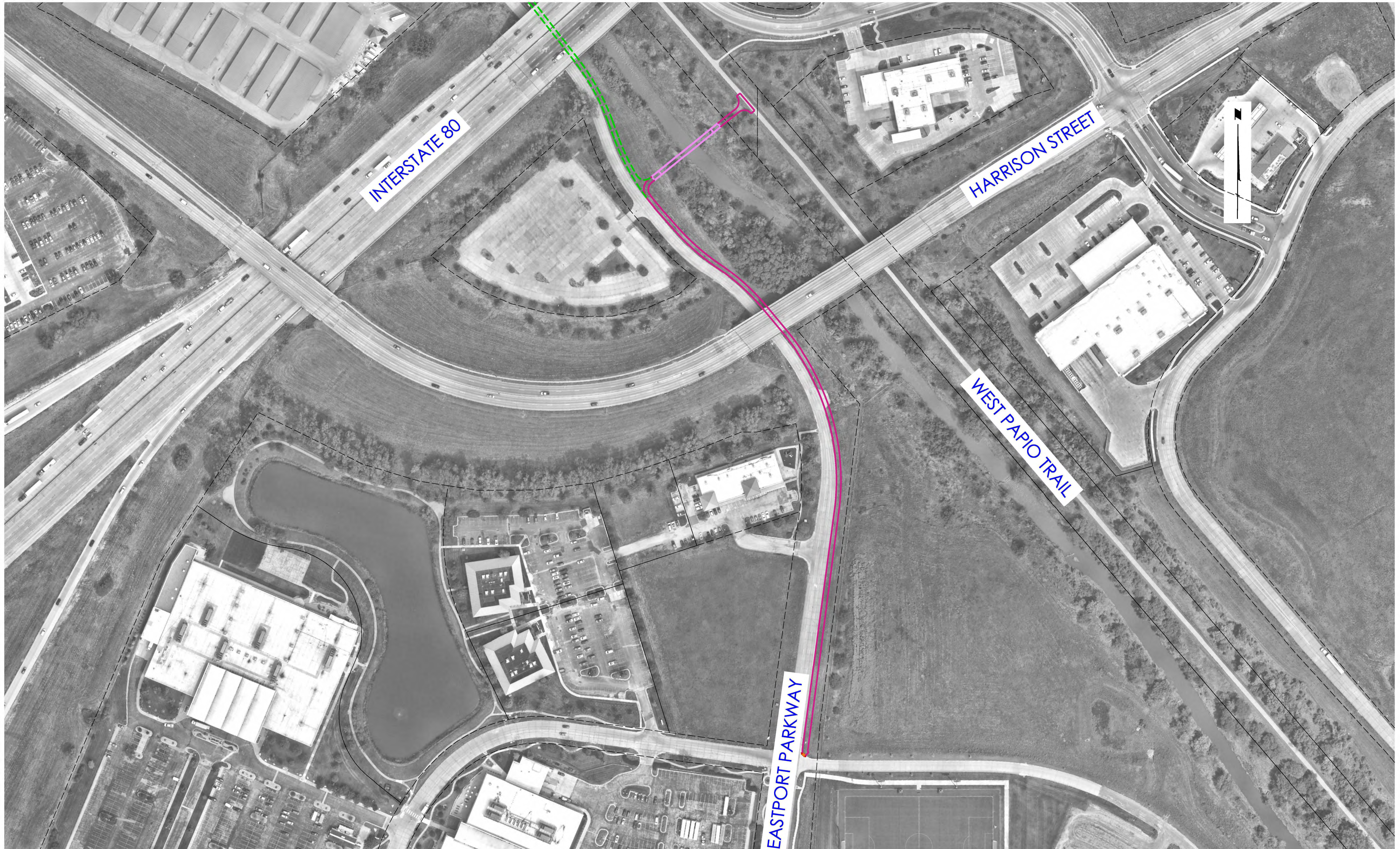
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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

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City Clerk

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