

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Proposed change in PATS routes and PATS Manual (REVISED July 14, 2008)

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2008

PAYSON GOAL: NEW: EXISTING: X

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Mary McMullen

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: N/A



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

- PATS Map, showing old proposed W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road section highlighted in blue and proposed alternate W. Airport Road section highlighted in yellow
- Copy of 6-18-08 neighborhood meeting notes

POSSIBLE ACTION: Staff recommendation is to move to adopt the proposed change in PATS routes from W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road to W. Airport Road and to update the PATS Manual.

Other options to consider include:

- Leave the current PATS route on Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road in place

Or

- Remove both routes from the PATS and rely on future USFS route approval north of the Payson Airport as the only NW connector.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: West Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Roads are two adopted sections of PATS which have high concentrations of homes and residents in the established neighborhoods of Alpine Village and Woodhill. The initial PATS proposal outlined the following trail section development plans for this area:

- incorporation and signage of existing sidewalk from on N. Oak Ridge Road from N. Rumsey park to W. Sherwood Drive (section 8.7)
- construction of an 8 foot compacted granite pathway as part of the new W. Sherwood Drive road construction up to W. Airport Road (section 9.1)
- incorporation and signage of existing sidewalk from 817 W. Sherwood Drive to 929 W. Sherwood Drive (section 9.2)
- incorporation and signage of existing sidewalk from 800 W. Sherwood Drive to 817 W. Sherwood Drive (section 9.3)
- striping of a 5 foot bike lane on both sides of W. Sherwood Drive from N. McLane Road to 800 W. Sherwood Drive, (section 9.4) (Due to anticipated problems with loss of parking on both sides of W. Sherwood Drive in this area, Town Staff proposed a compromise of a striped pedestrian path down the south side of the road only, which would have retained parking on the north side).

* Amended JUL 17 2008 I.1
7-14-08, 2:20 pm

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Following the proposal of these sections of PATS to the Woodhill HOA on May 9th at the Payson Library and to residents along these routes via a neighborhood meeting held on Wednesday, June 16 at Rumsey Park, almost all feedback on the proposal to incorporate W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road was extremely negative. The

Woodhill HOA did vote to approve the incorporation of these routes, but their level of impact was primarily the installation of PATS signs on existing sidewalks. Primary concerns from both Alpine Village and Woodhill residents were the loss of parking and how that would impact their ability to host visitors, service repairmen, etc., and the congestion parking on only one side of the road that could result. Concern was also commonly expressed about the need to have a trail going right past the front doors of residents that did not want to encourage strangers to look in their houses, garages and yards.

PROS:

- There are existing sidewalks and bike lanes on W. Airport Road already from N. McLane Road heading west until right before the future W. Sherwood Drive connection to W. Airport Road, which provides almost no cost in incorporation and signage into PATS
- Will connect to future W. Airport Road reroute when this occurs, which will entail new detached trail as part of new construction
- Will retain connectivity to the west portions of Payson, just as the W. Sherwood Drive section would
- Will not require a “no-parking” designation
- Will pass primarily through a commercially zoned area of Payson, plus existing USFS land
- Many residents and some visitors use the W. Airport Road sidewalks and bike lanes already for recreation, as it provides beautiful vistas of the Rim and our Town, as well as safe travel-ways
- Will likely have less neighborhood resistance

CONS:

- Will not provide a direct signed trail route as part of PATS into the north side of Rumsey Park from the Alpine Village and Woodhill Subdivisions

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): Please refer to attached meeting notes from the 6/16/08 PATS Neighborhood meeting for the W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road sections. Additional public and PATS volunteer group feedback after the neighborhood meeting consisted of all negative comments regarding incorporation of W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road into PATS, with the exception of one suggestion to keep the route and pursue trail construction through this established neighborhood area instead of striping a lane.

In addition, on Friday, June 13, 2008, the Woodhill HOA Board made a motion and passed it to support the development and signage of the Payson Area Trails System (PATS) Sherwood Drive section.

Mary McMullen and Rick Manchester received many phone calls from concerned residents who were unable to make the 6-16-08 neighborhood meeting, expressing their unhappiness with the proposal.

Town Staff recommendation is to designate W. Airport Road as the alternative PATS route in this area of Payson instead of W. Sherwood and N. Oak Ridge Roads.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):

FUNDING:

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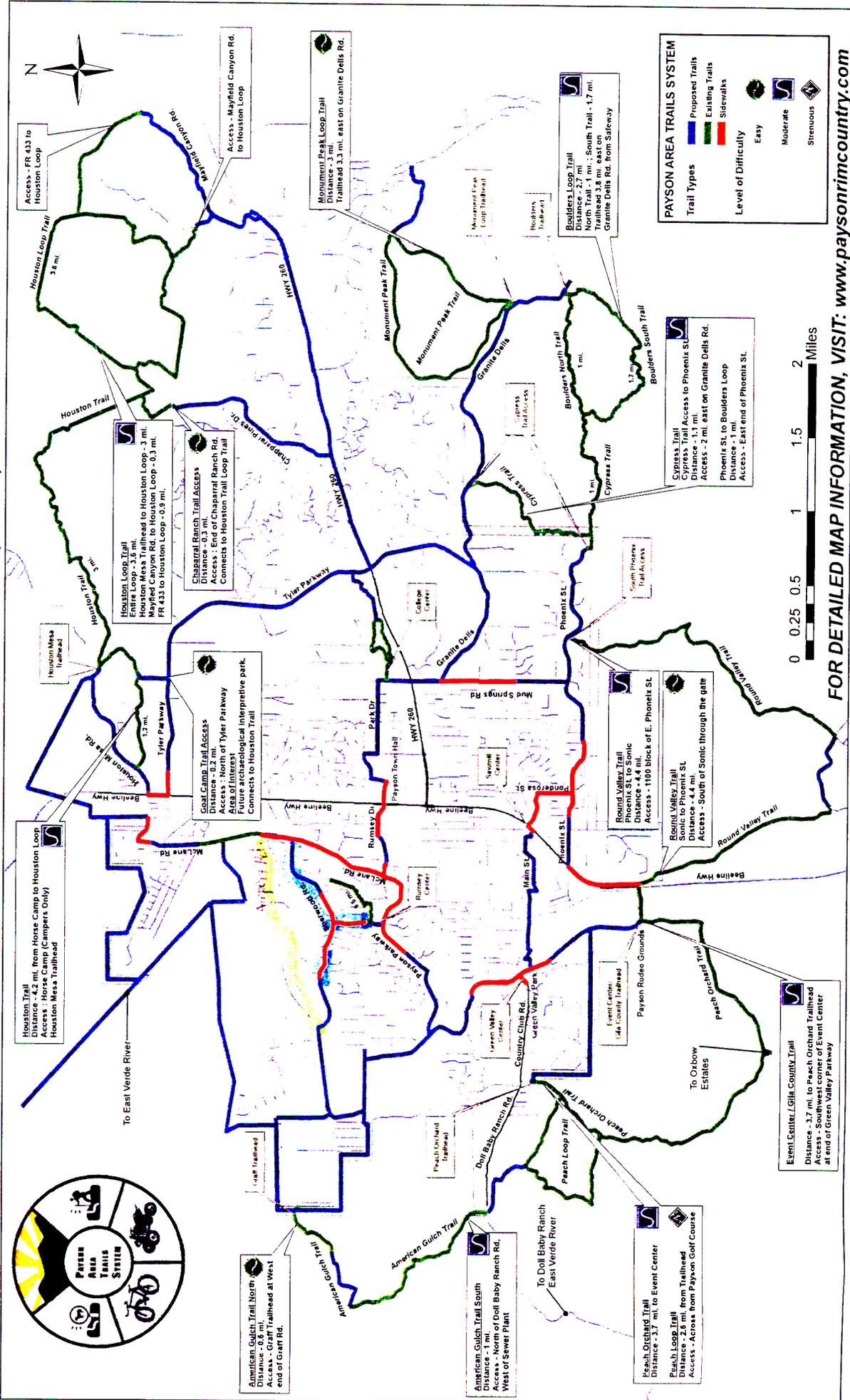
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PAYSON AREA TRAILS SYSTEM (PATS)



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Trail Types

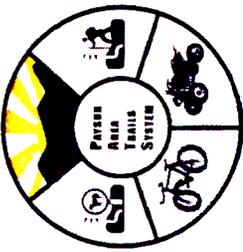
- Proposed Trails (Blue line)
- Existing Trails (Green line)
- Sidewalks (Red line)

Level of Difficulty

- Easy (Green circle icon)
- Moderate (Blue square icon)
- Strenuous (Black diamond icon)



FOR DETAILED MAP INFORMATION, VISIT: www.paysonrimcountry.com



Houston Trail
 Distance - 4.2 mi. from Horse Camp to Houston Loop
 Access - Horse Camp (Campers Only)
 Houston Mesa Trailhead

Houston Loop Trail
 Distance - 3.8 mi.
 Access - FR 433 to Houston Loop

Houston Trail
 Distance - 3 mi.
 Access - FR 433 to Houston Loop - 0.3 mi.

Goat Camp Trail Access
 Distance - 0.2 mi.
 Access - North of Tyler Parkway
 Area of Interest
 Nature Interpretive Park
 Connects to Houston Trail

Chaparral Bench Trail Access
 Distance - 0.3 mi.
 Access - End of Chaparral Ranch Rd.
 Connects to Houston Trail Loop

Houston Loop Trail
 Distance - 3.6 mi.
 Access - FR 433 to Houston Loop - 0.3 mi.

American Gulch Trail North
 Distance - 0.8 mi.
 Access - Graff Trailhead at West end of Graff Rd.

American Gulch Trail South
 Distance - 1 mi.
 Access - North of Doll Baby Ranch Rd.
 West of Sewer Plant

Peach Orchard Trail
 Distance - 3.7 mi. to Event Center
 Access - South Valley Trailhead at end of Green Valley Parkway

Event Center / Gila County Trail
 Distance - 3.7 mi. to Peach Orchard Trailhead
 Access - South Valley Trailhead at end of Green Valley Parkway

Round Valley Trail
 Distance - 4.4 mi.
 Access - South of Sonic through the gate

Cypress Trail
 Distance - 1 mi.
 Access - East end of Phoenix St.

Boulder's Loop Trail
 Distance - 2.7 mi.
 North Trail - 1 mi. ; South Trail - 1.7 mi.
 Trailhead 3.8 mi. east on Granite Dells Rd. from Safeway

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Notes from PATS Neighborhood Meeting – W. Sherwood Dr. and N. Oak Ridge Rd.
June 16, 2008, 5:30PM at Rumsey Park, Ramada #5

Town of Payson Staff Attendees

Mary McMullen, Rick Manchester and LaRon Garrett

Neighborhood Resident Attendees

Marion & Ken Buckingham – 712 W. Sherwood Drive

Peter Aleshire – RoundUp Reporter

Don Evans – cymru@npgcable.com

Sue & Alfonso Munoz – 474-4009

Gerry & Sandy DeGrand – 468-1224

Al & Rae Strenk (?) – 468-8802

Comments/Concerns

- Does it have to be 24 hour no-parking?
- Concern over where visitors/servicemen will park
- How will garbage trucks pick up garbage in no-parking zone?
- No parking zone on south side will congest north side of Sherwood
- North side of Sherwood has all of the hydrants, school bus stops
- Worry over people in their yards, looking at their things to steal, etc.
- Future site for lots of races/group rides, etc – too busy
- Feel since they are taxpayers and have lived there a long time, their parking should not be removed
- Low visibility around corners if people are parking all on one-side

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Town Considerations

- Although a small group of people showed up to the neighborhood meeting, Mary M. has received several more calls and emails ranging from “concerned” to “outraged” at the incorporation of a PATS route on W. Sherwood Drive. This includes an email from Su Connell, a former resident on W. Sherwood Drive, expressing the wish that an alternate be considered for the good of the neighborhood.
 - One letter to the editor has been written and published in the Payson Roundup as of 6/24/08 by Don Evans in opposition, and he wrote another version which he sent to the Payson Town Council on Monday.
 - With recent changes to W. Airport Road plans due to the land exchange west of the Payson Airport, a rebuilding and slight reroute of W. Airport Road enables PATS to build sections of trail adjacent to new roadway in the future. Mary M. suggests considering W. Airport Road as an alternate PATS route instead of W. Sherwood Drive, as both areas would be either incorporating existing sidewalk or existing roadway until trails can be built, and W. Airport Road would not involve a “no-parking” designation or go through a heavily residential area. Existing sidewalk on W. Airport Road heading west from N. McLane Road could be signed with PATS signs as a “travel-way,” and trail could be built where the sidewalk ends when W. Airport Road is rebuilt.
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Solutions

- Town Staff to suggest via CDR that the PATS be rerouted from W. Sherwood Drive and N. Oak Ridge Road to W. Airport Road