

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 47681 – HIGH POINT-RAYMOND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CITY OF MADISON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – REMOVING THE JEFFY TRAIL EXTENSION FROM THE HIGH POINT-RAYMOND NDP

Sponsors: Barbara Harrington-McKinney, David Ahrens

Motion to amend the plan as follows:

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The extension would occur through the former Smithies property, purchased and developed by the City for that purpose, and would establish a southern outlet for the neighborhood. Residents cite concerns about safety, traffic volume and loss of open space in their opposition.

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Jeffy Trail

The NDP recommends Jeffy Trail be extended to Raymond Road as planned since 2005. The extension is consistent with City policies, planning best practices and is required by the City's land division ordinance. The extension will provide a southern outlet for the neighborhood, enhance connectivity and improve emergency access to the area. Providing multiple outlets balances neighborhood traffic across multiple streets instead of concentrating it on a few. While more streets will have some traffic, fewer streets will carry higher volumes.

While the general path of the road has been previously determined, the specific design of the roadway has not and is recommended to incorporate design techniques that slow traffic speeds. It is also recommended that the street have a high-quality bike facility replacing the 300 feet of temporary path installed to link the neighborhood to the Ice Age Junction path. As part of the plan, conceptual alternatives have been created to assist and guide detail street design to be completed by City Engineering. One alternative includes on street bike lanes until the existing path ; another includes an off-street multi-use path parallel to Jeffy. It is recommended that the new sections of Jeffy Trail be designed as narrow as possible to slow vehicular traffic and minimize space requirements for the road. On-street parking is not recommended to be included.