

**ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**REPORT NO. 2019-09
Date: 8/27/2019**

SUBJECT: Hanover Parkway Bicycle Facilities Alternatives

BACKGROUND:

On August 21, 2019 the Board received a presentation from Sabra & Associates regarding alternatives for bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway. These alternatives span from just south of Greenbrook Drive to past the Spellman Overpass. Bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway would provide a link between Greenbelt East and Historic Greenbelt. The alternatives presented included an on-road option and an off-road shared used path option.

ANALYSIS:

After the presentation of both alternatives, the Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Two of the topics that were heavily discussed during this conversation were the ease with which a cyclist could use each option and the safety each option provided to cyclists.

With respect to the ease of use, the Board discussed how the on-road option includes a small section where cyclists would use an off-road path near the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. The Board felt this may cause some confusion about how to use the bike trail.

The off-road option is a continuous path for the entire corridor which would minimize confusion about use. The Board also felt that the off-road option would offer an increased level of safety for cyclists using bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend that City Council support the production of 30% design plans for the off-road shared use path option for bicycle facilities on Hanover Parkway.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair