

Date January 27, 2014

APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHWEST 14TH QUIET STREET CONCEPTUAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department is charged with providing recreational opportunities, leisure activities, and facilities throughout Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, improving the on-street bicycle network by creating this quiet street supports the City's goals to be a Bicycle Friendly Community; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-1046 the Des Moines City Council adopted the Bicycle and Trail Master Plan as a part of the City's 2020 Community Character Plan and the plan identified SW 14th Street as a quiet street connection as one of three priority projects that could have a major impact on bicycling in the City;

WHEREAS, a "quiet street" is a lower-volume, lower-speed street on which motorists and bicyclists share the same space through the aid of signage, pavement markings, traffic-calming elements, intersection treatments, and traffic diversion elements that help to establish it as a preferential route for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that the Southwest 14th Quiet Street project be completed, which will connect the Southtown Trail near Gray's Lake Park on the north to the Blank Park Zoo on the south along Casady Drive and Southwest 14th Street; and

WHEREAS, the conceptual plan was developed in cooperation with staff representing Parks and Recreation, Traffic and Transportation, Community Development, Engineering, Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments, DART, the Blank Park Zoo, and Des Moines Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2013 the concept was presented to the Traffic Safety Committee for informational purposes, with no action to be taken; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2013, the Des Moines and Polk County Trails and Greenways Advisory Committee reviewed the conceptual plan and unanimously recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2013, the Park and Recreation Board reviewed the Southwest 14th Quiet Street conceptual plan and a majority (12-2) voted to recommend to City Council that it approve the plan; and

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WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013, by Roll Call 13-0977, the City Council approved an amendment to the Des Moines 2020 Community Character Plan to incorporate the Gray's Lake Neighborhood Plan as an element. In that plan, it is stated that the neighborhood "strongly supports the creation of the Quiet Street;" and

WHEREAS, the City received a State Recreational Trails grant for the Quiet Street combination with the Southtown Trail, which was completed in 2012 and connects the SW 14th Street quiet street to Gray's Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Des Moines to complete the Southwest 14th Quiet Street to calm traffic and improve the ability of residents to bicycle on the street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the conceptual plan for the Southwest 14th Quiet Street is hereby approved.

(Council Communication No. 14-031)

Moved by _____ to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNE				
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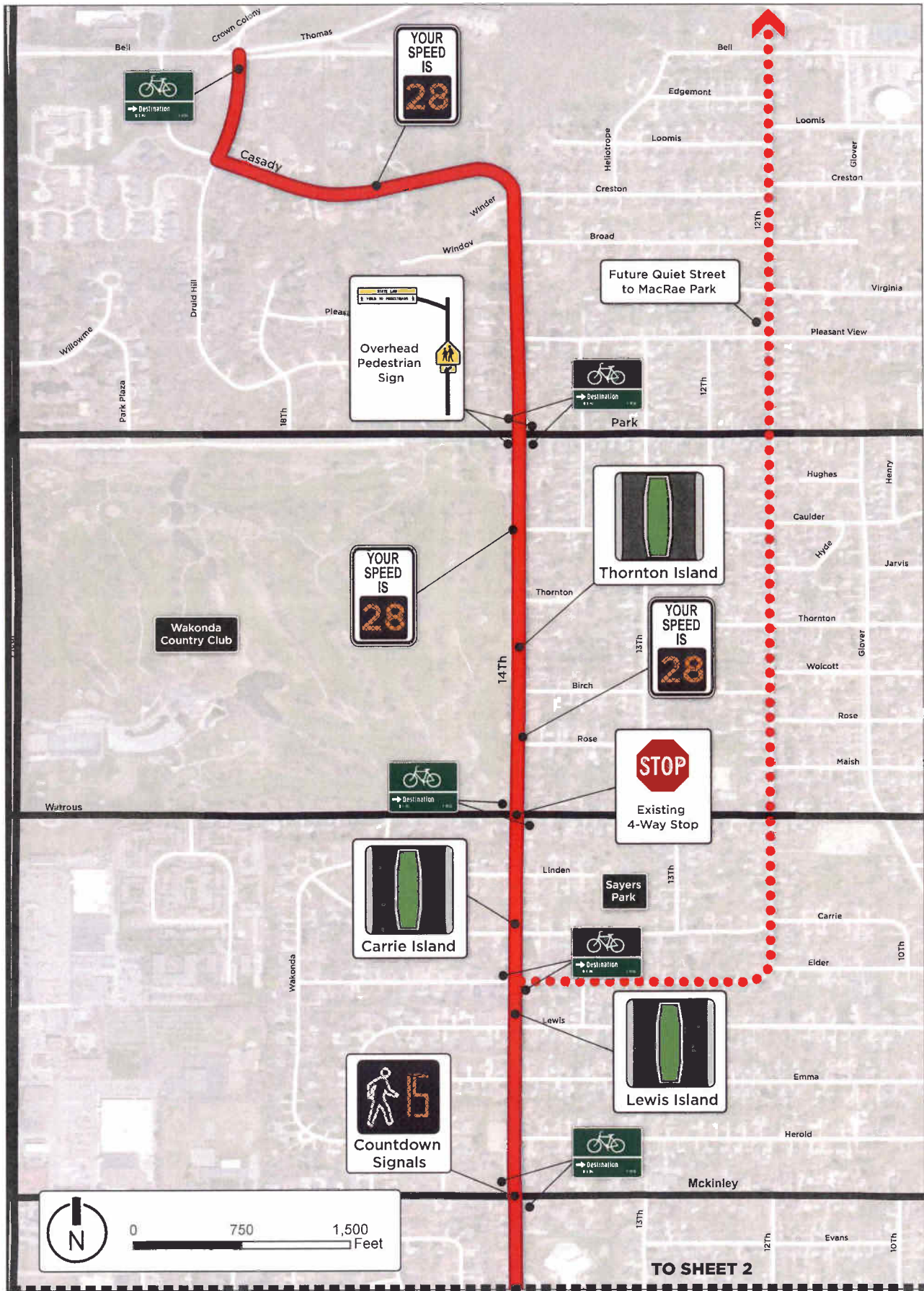
I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

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SW 14TH AND PARK AVE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

SW 14th Quiet Street Project



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