

MVMP July 31, 2014 Open House – Summary of Comments

State Trail

- Don't change existing trails
- Prefer natural surface
- Paved trail will involve higher maintenance costs; doesn't make sense in floodplain
- Don't widen and chop down trees
- Alignment – keep to south side of “Opus Marsh”
- Need more information and opportunity for input
- Conduct a comprehensive archeological study in alignment area
- Don't be afraid of hard surface trail; will serve persons of all ages and capabilities
- Insufficient funding

Accessibility/Use

- Allow public access at Queen Ave.
- Create public access at Ceridian [note: resident who works at Ceridian gave contact info]
- Create more access points along Old Shakopee (in South Loop)
- Create access point at James Ave
- Ensure ADA standards met
- Improve access for elderly, disabled, people with strollers, etc.
- Uses should accommodate wide variety of interests
- Don't increase parking in neighborhoods (specific reference to Normandale)
- Install more benches along trails

Natural & Cultural Resource Protection

- Preserve wilderness character
- Protect rare species
- Don't cut trees
- Restoration of natural environment
- Allow for wildlife movement
- Preserve and protect historic sites
- Conduct a comprehensive archeological study

Trail Design (general)

- Prefer natural surface
- Consider paving Nine-Mile Creek trail and allow bicycle use

Signage/Information

- Need better access point markers
- Add more mileage sign posts
- Update trailhead signs
- Better communicate to public when new trails become available

Maintenance & Safety

- Install gates where you want to prohibit vehicle access
- Need to separate bike and ped trails
- Repair eroded trails
- Organize volunteer groups to assist in maintenance