Vision and Goals

A vision and a set of goals for the Master Trails Master Plan and Implementation Study have been developed through the Trails Advisory Committee. They are listed below:

VISION

Prepare a Trails Master Plan that reflects the needs of Midwest City citizens. The plan should be feasible and provide a prioritized strategy for implementation.

GOALS

SAFETY
Lighting as appropriate
Design standards – clearances, line-of-sight, materials,
Make sure user groups are compatible for a given trail
Design for trail user type and for safety
Enforcement of trail user type
Look at how to design trails and plan for safety and crime prevention

COMMUNITY
Look at economic development value for Midwest City / branding / active lifestyles
Floodplain/creek protection / beneficial use
Natural Resource protection
Involve Stakeholders / Key destinations / Invite to public meetings
- Tinker
- Reed Ctr.
- Rose State
- Hospital
- Public Schools
- Waste Management
- Park Board
- Del City, OKC, OK County, Choctaw
Incorporate trail requirement into subdivision regulations
Consider public art / placemaking at trailheads, rest areas, play areas, and other features
Build Public/private partnerships; look at sponsorships

LONG TERM CONSIDERATIONS
Identify Maintenance and staffing standards
- Standard annual maintenance cost

- Material lifespans
- Security / staffing $

Develop Phasing strategies and priorities
Develop construction/Implementation strategies
Economics - budget the construction over time

CONNECTIONS

Look at connecting to neighboring communities
Connecting to trail system/sidewalk that extend South of Tinker to 29th and on to Draper
Look at providing a Pedestrian / bike crossings over I-40
Connect to ACOG Metro Trails
Connections North towards North Canadian River
Connect with Choctaw/Del City/OKC trails system
Connect to schools
Connect Parks

VARIETY OF TRAIL TYPES AND USER GROUPS

Develop classifications and design standards for trails by creating a 'menu' of typical cross sections and intended uses for different trail types/user groups.
Look at providing trail types for the following user groups:
- Sidewalk
- Trail (jogging/pedestrian/bicycling)
   - Design for more high speed / regional trails vs. internal / multi-use applications
   - Design for Transportation function → connectivity
   - Look at capacity to host events (cross country; already host 2 races)
- within Roadway
- Rail with Trail
- Equestrian (look at Eastern OK County; 36th and 23rd)
- Separate from vehicular traffic (long term issue – bridges/overpasses)
- Need for separation of uses?

Look at screening (trails)considerations
Anticipate and address user types and potential conflicts; resolve through design standards as possible:
- International signage-graphics
- Ride to work
- Walk to school
- Cyclists / tap into local interest?
- Current trails not conducive for heavy usage of bike & pedestrians - 10' wide (Hefner trails 20'±)
- Consider line of sight / turns
- Maintain an interesting user experience
- Fitness stations / casual areas / trailheads

Designate various levels of use possibly (High/med/lower)