

TRAIL PASSAGE NORTH TO SOUTH ROUTE

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Necessity of New Passage

- Local businesses – provide access to businesses by ATV* riders from the north and the south
- ATV riders – open up Northwoods routes that include travel from south of Thunderbird and from north of Holiday Drive

*The term 'ATV' includes ATV/UTV's in this document

Challenges Addressed by New Passage

- With no other options ATV riders are using either STH 70 or the existing multi-use trail

Impact of New Passage

- Businesses at both ends of town will have an opportunity to share in revenue from riders
- ATV riders will include the St. Germain area in trip planning
- Property owners will be protected from liability risk
 - State law protects property owners if they allow use of their property (berry-picker law)
- Bikers and pedestrians will have increased protection (wider trail, signage for speed/‘share-the-road’/multi-use)

Rider Observation

FB post from a rider visiting from down state in response to recent Lake Tomahawk trail opening:

“Great news for Lake Tomahawk! But has St. Germain passed opening up or connecting the 100yrd or stretch of trail from the Thunderbird down so we don't have to go ALL the way around to use other trail systems? LEGALLY? Seems like other towns and communities are moving right along?

.....Is that not a public road that dead ends? And yet riders can still cross 70 on the other side? I get it...just don't git caught? Seen, and talked to, way to many riders and they just do it anyways...but I guess when there's a will there's a way!!!”

Existing Easements Granted by Land Owners

- Layered easements with one on top of the other
 - 10' wide utility easement across all properties
 - 15' wide Town of St. Germain multi-use trail easement across 2 J&J Services properties and 29September property
 - 29September property access easement across J&J Services south property on multi-use trail

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Proposed Solution

Holiday Drive

Holiday Drive to J&J Services Driveway

- Move pedestrians from the 4' paved pedestrian-only/snowmobile trail over to Sunrise Lane
 - Town may opt to create a pedestrian path along the east side of Sunrise Lane
 - Bikes are already routed onto Sunrise Lane
- Extend the existing ATV trail south from Holiday Drive to J&J Services driveway – will be ATV/Snowmobile trail
 - Follow the existing snowmobile trail

J&J Services driveway



J&J Services Driveway to Parkway Dr

- Include ATV's on multi-use trail for ~950'
 - Per National Recreational Trails System entire 52 miles of 'bike/hike' trail is already designated as a 'multi-use' trail (12 miles in St. Germain)
- Obtain 20' easement from property owners on top of existing 15' easement across 2 J&J Services properties and 29 September property
- Widen the multi-use trail to be 16' (add'l 8') for ~950'
 - Asphalt blended into existing 8' path to be seamless



J&J Services Driveway to Parkway Dr (cont.)

- At the request of property owners install split rail fencing along west side of multi-use trail to protect J&J Services irrigation system and 29 September business signage (~375')
- Add signage to impose 10 mph speed limit
- Add signage to indicate this is a multi-use trail
- Until passage of fog-line law revision, install signage to identify this section as dawn-to-dusk for ATV usage
- Preliminary cost estimate - \$35K - \$45K – funding solution to be driven by St. Germain ATV Club

Existing 15' easement
showing multi-use trail
within the easement



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Multi-Use Trail Precedents

Multi –Use Trails

- Tuscobia State Trail



A mix of history and scenic beauty, the Tuscobia State Trail is a 74-mile abandoned railroad grade that provides four seasons of fun.

Depending on the time of year, section of the trail, and your particular interests, activities on the multiple-use Tuscobia State Trail include hiking, ATV & UTV riding, snowmobiling, horseback riding, bird watching, fishing, mountain biking and canoeing.

There is NO small game hunting allowed along the trail. Deer hunting is allowed on the trail from November 15 to December 15. It is strongly recommended that trail users wear blaze orange during gun deer season.

Running through Barron, Washburn, Sawyer and Price counties, you can find plenty of activities to keep you busy on the Tuscobia State Trail.



Eagle River Shared Use Trail

- Runs along west side of State Highway 45 (north/south connection).
- Bridge Width 12'
- Bridge Length 510'
- Dirt Trail on North and South Ends of Bridge
- Heavy traffic / no signage





Conover to Land O' Lakes Shared Use Trail

- Runs on railroad bed from Conover to Land O' Lakes.
- Trail width is thirteen feet.
- Trail is unpaved but graded.



Shared Use Signage Explained

- Horses on Trail
- ATVs on Trail
- Triangle says:
 - Bicycles should watch for Pedestrians & Horses.
 - Pedestrians should watch for horses.
 - ATV should watch for pedestrians, horses and bicycles.
- Bottom Sign says: This is a shared-use trail system.

Safety Considerations

- Statistics 2017-2020 - one reported incident involving ATV's with bicycles or pedestrians
 - 2017 (Richland/Richwood County) - operator hit the gas pedal instead of brake and struck a pedestrian behind the UTV
- No incidents reported in Vilas County on any multi-use trail
- In addition to signage, will utilize pavement markings (i.e. '10 MPH', 'Slow Down', 'Bicycles / Pedestrians in Roadway', 'Share the Road')
- REMEMBER: ~950', 10 mph speed limit, signage indicating shared multi-use trail

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Questions?