

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

DISCUSSION OF MULTI-USE LIFELINE TRAILS IN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS

Summary Statement:

At the January 13th Council meeting, Mayor Roelle requested that staff agendize the discussion of requiring Multi-Use Lifeline trails within industrial and commercial areas. Figure C-6 of the Circulation Element of the General Plan identifies the location of Lifeline and Feeder trails. The purpose of Lifeline trails is to provide connectivity between residential areas with equestrian uses to equestrian amenities and BLM trailheads. As currently represented on Figure C-6, Lifeline trails extend through commercial areas and extend around the north, south and east perimeter of the North Apple Valley Industrial Specific Plan (NAVISP). Multi-Use Lifeline trails are, typically, located on the north and west sides of the street, unless otherwise indicated within the Circulation Element.

The combination of horses and industrial development could create possible conflicts due to the number of large trucks and types of industrial uses. Horses may be spooked walking along a trail adjacent to a roadway that has a semi-continuous stream of semi-trucks. The railroad line along Quarry Road is also a possible conflict with horse and rider. Commercial areas throughout Town are scattered along the major corridors. The Lifeline trails that connect the north/south and east/west portions of Town currently travel through these commercial areas. This is due to the need for connectivity of the trails and the ability to cross major roadways at controlled intersections. Relocating the Lifeline trails around commercial areas would make it difficult for riders to safely cross major roadways, thereby, disconnecting the trail system. However, relocation of the trail system away from industrial areas can be accomplished as discussed below.

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Recommended Action:

Direct the Equestrian Advisory Committed to review the proposed modifications to Figure C-6 with the direction to remove the Lifeline trails from the industrial areas of Town. Direct staff to include the EAC recommended Lifeline trail system as part of the General Plan Update.

Proposed by: Planning Division **Item Number** _____

Town Manager Approval: _____ Budget Item Yes No

Town Council Meeting: January 27, 2009

The Council is aware that the Town is in the process of a comprehensive General Plan update, which includes the Circulation Element. This is the appropriate time to review any possible changes to the location of Lifeline trails as part of the update process. Staff has already received a recommendation from the Equestrian Advisory Committee (EAC) to modify Figure C-6, eliminating the Lifeline trail along Quarry Road, which is along the north side of the NAVISP and relocate the trail along Stoddard Wells Road. The Committee also relocated the Lifeline trails west of Dale Evans Parkway to also continue along Stoddard Wells Road. This trail would eventually connect to Outer Highway 15, which connects to the existing underpass of the I-15 providing connection to Victorville. These changes are shown on the attached modified Figure C-6.


In addition to these changes recommended by the EAC, staff has provided modifications on the attached modified Figure C-6, which would reduce the conflict of Lifeline trails and industrial uses, while still providing connectivity of the trail to the east and west areas of north Apple Valley. Staff proposes to remove the Lifeline trail along Waalew Road and Central Road and add a Lifeline trail along Otoe Road which would connect westerly to the trail around Bell Mountain. The addition of the trail on Otoe Road would also provide connectivity to the County area to the east. Otoe Road changes to Cahuilla Road at the County line and, if continued through the County area, would connect the Town Lifeline trails to Fairview Valley. Due to existing development on Otoe and Cahuilla Roads, the trail would be more appropriate if located on the south side of the street.

Eliminating the Lifeline trails around the perimeters of the NAVISP will reduce any conflict between horses and industrial uses. Staff considered the proposed land uses recommended by the General Plan Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission as part of the General Plan update and the location of the High Desert Corridor when considering the appropriate location for these Lifeline trails.

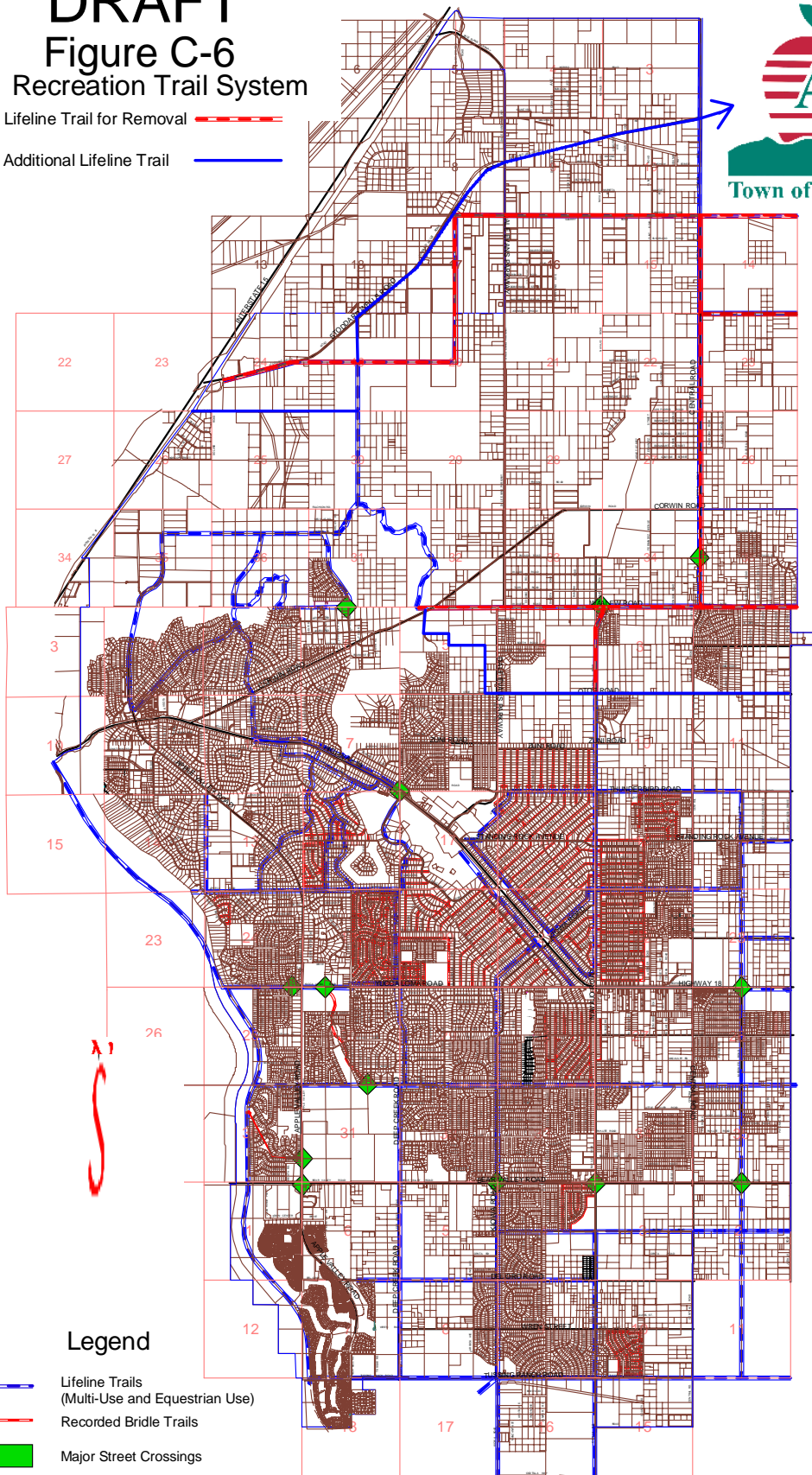
Attachment: Draft Figure C-6

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Figure C-6 Recreation Trail System

Lifeline Trail for Removal 

Additional Lifeline Trail 



Legend

-  Lifeline Trails (Multi-Use and Equestrian Use)
-  Recorded Bridle Trails
-  Major Street Crossings