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"Trail Grant awarded for trail underneath Highway 275"



A grant was recently rewarded to the City of Norfolk that funds 80% of the costs of a trail under Highway 275.

A new trail that will allow bikers, runners and walkers to travel underneath Highway 275 will be 80% funded up to \$250,000 with a Recreational Trails Program grant from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$345,617 with \$47,808 from the City of Norfolk, \$47,808 from the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District and \$250,000 from the Commission.

"There are an estimated 9,000 vehicles that travel on that road each day – including many semi-trucks from industries located along Highway 275. This underpass will improve safety for our citizens to travel from Ta-Ha-Zouka Park south of the city to the Norfolk

Middle School on the north," said City of Norfolk Administrator Shane Weidner.

The new 10 foot wide concrete trail will extend the existing Levee Trail that starts on Benjamin Avenue and take it underneath Highway 275 and along the North Fork of the Elkhorn River for 600 feet before connecting to Victory Road. Engineering design and environmental review of the underpass trail will begin in 2017 with projected construction in 2019.

There are currently about 20 miles of recreational sidewalks and trail throughout the City of Norfolk. A trail map is available at [norfolkne.gov/parks](http://norfolkne.gov/parks) .