Trail Development

The intent is to develop the right-of-way over time as a multi-use trail forming a major north/south backbone connecting schools, parks, healthcare facilities, workplaces, and commercial areas. The corridor connects the University of Toledo, the University Parks Trail, Wildwood Preserve Metropark, the Ottawa Park Trails, several City of Toledo parks and schools, and the W.W. Knight Nature Preserve in Wood County. The path crosses the Maumee River, offering a chance to build a highly visible, landmark bridge that will allow new waterfront access for bicyclists and others. The Chessie Circle Trail corridor also links to local, regional, and statewide trail systems.

As Norfolk Southern currently has an easement that allows operation of their trains in the middle section of the corridor, the initial trail development is occurring in the northerly and southerly reaches of the corridor. The City of Toledo, in partnership with the University of Toledo has developed a plan that connects the northern and southern sections of the trail. A critical element of this plan calls for formal abandonment and acquisition of a section known as the Clinton Secondary, a section already removed from active rail service. The Clinton Secondary can provide connection between the University of Toledo’s Main Campus and its Health Science Campus.

Project Milestones and Completion Schedule

Major milestones and estimated dates of completion of the path improvements by section are as follows. The approach for improving sections of the corridor by segment hinges on the availability of sufficient funds for construction. The actual sequencing of the corridor development may vary depending on funding opportunities from federal, state, local, and institutional sources.

Segment One: Wood County Port Authority, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, and Wood County Park District

1. Remove Maumee River Bridge ................................................................. 2017
2. Paving Maumee River to Glanzman ...................................................... 2016
3. Maumee River to W.W. Knight Preserve ............................................. Future
4. W.W. Knight Nature Preserve to Bates.................................................. Future

Segment Two: University of Toledo and City of Toledo

1. University of Toledo
   a. Bancroft to Oakwood.......................................................................... Future
2. City of Toledo
   a. Paving Jackman to University Hills (stone base applied in 2014) ...... 2021
   b. Monroe to Bancroft ........................................................................... Future
   c. Temperance Junction to Jackman...................................................... Future

Segment Three: University of Toledo Campus Interconnects

1. Oakwood to Glanzman............................................................................. Future

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