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Walking trail project gains momentum

The City of Lockhart is currently soliciting bids from companies interested in building the first phase of a hike/bike trail in City Park.

At completion, the first phase of the trail project would give pedestrians accessing the park from the west entrance a 10-foot-wide pathway separate from vehicular traffic that would take them all the way to the pond located at the park's center.

The trail is being built due in part to a grant from the St. David's Foundation. The grant does not require any matching funds from the city.

"We have navigated the state's permitting process and are looking forward to getting this project under construction," City Manager Steven Lewis said. "Walking remains one of the most popular and most accessible forms of exercise and we anticipate this will give our residents another way to enjoy our City Park."

The City will open bids from companies interested in constructing the trail at 10 a.m. February 20th.

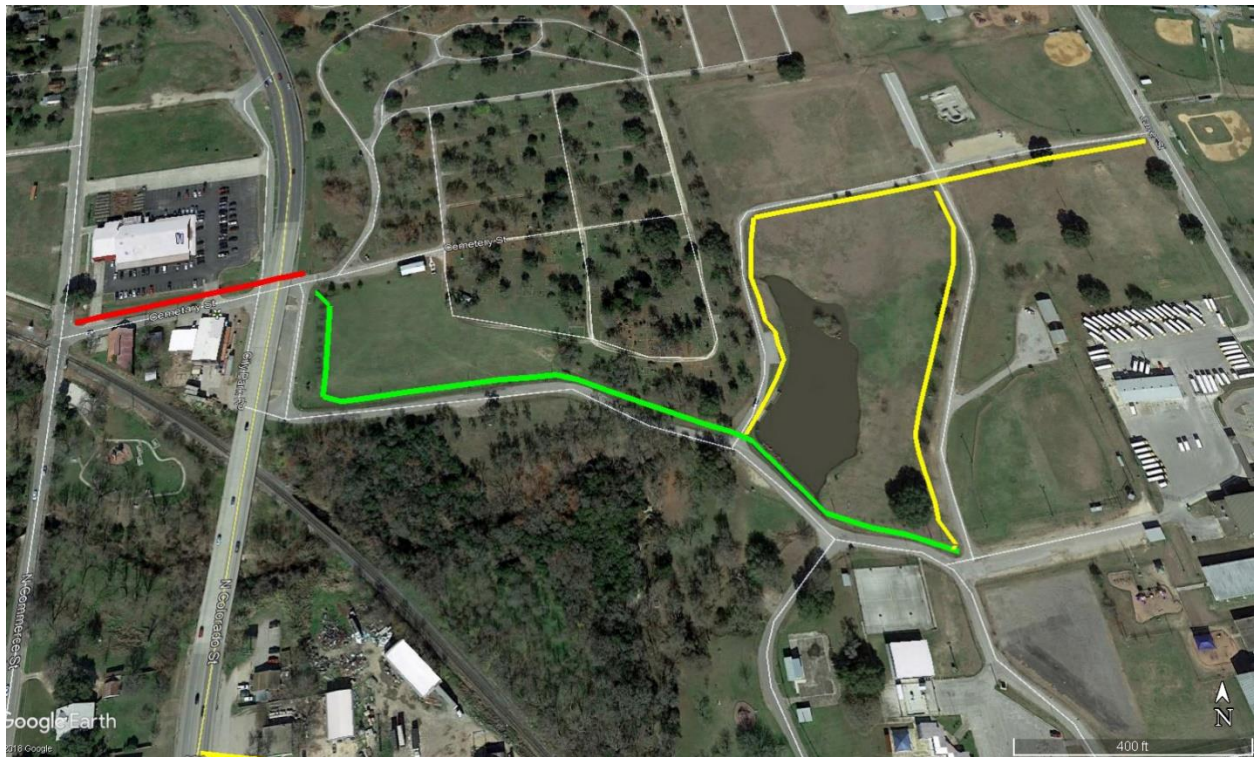
The first phase of the City Park trail will measure approximately 2,100 feet long and has a projected completion date of June 2020.

The second phase of construction involves installing a trail that would provide an eastern pedestrian park entrance and is also being funded in part by a grant from the St. David's Foundation. That six-foot-wide pathway will follow the perimeter of the pond and connect to the first phase of the trail.

Construction on this phase is expected to begin this summer and completion is expected before the end of the year.

The city's existing hike/bike trail, the Lockhart Springs Trail, begins at Pecos Street by Pecos Park and ends at North Commerce Street by Kreuz Market.

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The green line depicts the planned location of the first phase of a project to build a hike/bike trail in Lockhart City Park. The yellow line, Phase 2, will complete a pathway that connects the park's west entrance by Kreuz Market and east entrance on Carver Street. The city's existing hike/bike trail begins on Pecos Street at Pecos Park and ends at North Commerce Street by Kreuz Market.