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MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: SHERYL WALSH-MOLLOY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY BOND PROPOSAL EDUCATION UPDATE
DATE: JULY 2, 2025

We are now three months into our community education campaign for the upcoming bond initiative, and I'd like to share a brief update on our outreach efforts through the month of June. From neighborhood meetings to regional media coverage, we continue to expand awareness and provide residents with clear, accessible information about the initiative. Below is a snapshot of June's activities, and the attached infographic highlights outreach efforts visually.

Printed Materials & In-Person Engagement

- Educational **display banners** remain at the Civic Center, Police Department, and Library, paired with brochures available for the public and at community events.
- **Pole banner signs** have been placed at
- Police officers and firefighters are distributing **wallet-sized info cards** during daily interactions.
- Our kid-friendly **coloring sheet** has been a popular takeaway item at school and family events attended by the public safety team.

Digital Outreach

- The bond webpage (cityofnovi.org/2025bond) continues to serve as the go-to source for residents seeking detailed information.
- Targeted **email newsletters** and **social media posts** are helping drive traffic to the site while answering common community questions.

Video and Visual Content

- A new "**Update Novi**" segment is currently in production to provide another visual update for the community.

Community Outreach & Events

- City leadership participated in three **Public Information Meetings** in June at the Police Station and Fire Stations #2 and #4.
- The bond proposal was highlighted during the **City Open House/Community Fest** on June 5.
- The **HOA Leaders Picnic** at Lakeshore Park offered another opportunity for direct conversation and Q&A.
- We continue to attend **HOA meetings** across the city to engage with residents where they live.

Regional Media Attention

- The proposal has received sustained attention, with stories airing on **WDIV, WXYZ, CBS News Detroit**, and in the **Novi Note** and **Novi News**.
- Additional outreach to local media outlets is planned for mid-July to keep the community conversation active and informed.

Upcoming Outreach

- Public Information Meeting at Fire Station #3 on July 24
- Continued presentations at HOA meetings
- Dedicated e-newsletter
- Weekly Social Media education

As we enter the next phase of our campaign, we will continue building on the momentum of these efforts, using community feedback to guide future messaging and outreach strategies. Our goal remains clear: ensuring every resident has access to accurate, transparent information about what this proposal means for the future of public safety in Novi.

I welcome your thoughts and ideas as we enter this last month of education before the August 5 election.

Buzz Report

July 3, 2025



Hot Topics:

- **West Park Drive Rehabilitation (12 Mile to Pontiac Trail)**

The Department of Public Works received word from MDOT today that the contract for the West Park Drive Rehabilitation (12 Mile Road to Pontiac Trail) project, which was not previously definitively known to be going forward this year, was approved and awarded to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC. Unfortunately, this means we will need to get started very soon and with little notice in order to have the project completed this year. **The tentative starting schedule is setting up traffic control and message boards next week before the first shovel hits the ground, the week of July 14th.**

- **Splashpad**

The park maintenance division has been dealing with an issue with the water pump drive shaft. A contractor for the mechanical components of the splashpad (all covered by warranty) was able to make some adjustments and get the water pressure up to 120 gallons per minute. It's supposed to be at 150 GPM or higher and has fallen as low as 85. The contractor believes the temporary measures will last over the weekend until they can get a replacement shaft from Vortex. (the supplier). Unfortunately, there is a chance it could still fail, which would result in complete loss of pressure and necessitate a shutdown of the splashpad.

- **Lakeshore Beach**

The beach at Lakeshore Park was closed earlier this week due to high levels of E. coli, as indicated by testing results from Oakland County. On Wednesday, July 2nd, the beach reopened after tests were clear and E. coli levels had decreased.

- **August 5th Northville Schools Special Election**

Northville Public Schools' Board of Education has approved an Authorizing Resolution to hold a special election on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Northville Schools have 3 precincts in Novi that will have their proposal on their ballot: precincts 16, 24, and 25 (approx. 7,000 voters).

Their Ballot Proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2025 tax levy. More specifically, it proposes the renewal of the currently authorized millage rate of .9357 mill for a period of ten years (2026 – 2035) to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of instructional technology; etc.

- **Luna (east side of Main St.) Property Maintenance**

They were given a 90 day (07/03/2025) deadline. The scope of work to be performed:

1. Replace all bollards
2. Remove all planter boxes and replace them with ground-level tree grates. The tree grate style was provided by Rick Meader. City of Novi to replace trees.
3. Repair all concrete.

Staff spoke with a representative from Luna on 5/6/25, and they are on schedule for the deadline.

Development Project Updates:

[Map of Development projects](#)

- **New Businesses**

Last week Novi welcomed **IAV** to the North Equities Office Park (east of M-5 and north of 12 Mile Road). IAV is a German engineering company that specializes in developing and validating technology solutions for the automotive industry, focusing on powertrain, electronics, and vehicle development. IAV has about 55 employees at their Novi location. They join **Gentherm**, who moved to that same office park from Northville earlier this year. Gentherm uses its expertise in thermal management and pneumatic technologies to enhance comfort, health, wellness, and energy efficiency in both the automotive and medical sectors.



- **Feldman Kia PRO**

Approval was given to Feldman Kia by the Planning Commission at their April 9th meeting. This matter appeared before Council at the May 5th meeting.

- **Station Flats**

The owners submitted a new plan, it has not made its way to the website as staff awaits additional materials. We believe the new name is Novi Acres. The planned project in between Target and Sam's has been scuttled and there are no proposals to continue with it in its current form

- **Camelot Parc/Avalon** by Village of Stonebrook

Townhomes for sale with garages, fewer units (currently zoned under a special land use, which council will have a decision)

- **El Car Wash # 2 will take over the Original \$6 Car Wash on Novi Road and 96**

- **Elm Creek PRO (Meadowbrook and 12 Mile development)**

The residential development [proposed by Toll Brothers](#) (two-phased 134-unit multiple-family townhome development) has been halted, and they will not be proceeding with construction. It would appear this is a result of a property dispute between the owners of the parcel.

- **El Car Wash** (Former PNC Bank) – Grand River Ave/12 Mile Rd
UPDATE – Permits have been issued, foundations are in, and the building shell is under construction. *Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2025*
- **Cantaritos Fiesta Mexican Restaurant** (Former Chili's Grill & Bar) – 8 Mile/Haggerty Road
The former Chili's location in the City's southeast corner is planned to soon become a new Mexican restaurant following necessary renovations and upgrades to the interior of the building.

Estimated Completion Date: Late Spring or Summer 2025

- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers** (Former Wendy's) – Novi Rd/Grand River Ave
The Novi Wendy's location at 26245 Novi Rd recently closed as part of a company plan to shutter 140 locations nationwide. The Louisiana-based fast food chain Raising Cane's is planning to take over the space in the near future. **UPDATE** – A preliminary site plan has been submitted for review as of late May.

Estimated Completion Date: Currently Unknown (no submittals to date, project scope unclear)

- **Primrose School** (Former Whitehall nursing home) – 10 Mile/Novi Road
The former Whitehall nursing home at 43455 Ten Mile Rd has been demolished and Primrose School, a 13,586 square feet private preschool and daycare center, is currently being built on the former site. When completed, is estimated to be able to have 202 children during its peak hours.

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2025

Frequently Asked Questions:

None at current

MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: REBECCA RUNKEL, PROJECT ENGINEER
SUBJECT: ITC TRAIL TO BOSCO FIELDS CONNECTOR PATHWAY
UPDATE
DATE: JULY 3, 2025

Mayor and Council –
An update on the
Bosco/ITC connector
pathway. Some new
requirements from the
state have changed the
scope and cost.
- Victor

In 2019, at the recommendation of the Walkable Novi Committee, City staff submitted applications to SEMCOG for two Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants: 1) to construct a pathway connecting Wildlife Woods Park to the ITC Trail, and 2) to construct a pathway that would connect the newly developed Bosco Fields Park at Beck Road and 11 Mile Road to the ITC Trail. The City was awarded a grant for the connection to Wildlife Woods Park but not the connection to Bosco Fields Park.

In 2023, with construction of Jessica's Splash Pad underway at Bosco Fields Park, staff re-submitted the Bosco Field segment. In June of 2024 the City was awarded a TAP grant for the project in the amount of \$578,897 (67% of the total estimated construction cost of \$859,050). City consultant, AECOM, began designing the pathway following City Council approval (September 9, 2024).

The project scope includes a 10-foot-wide asphalt pathway and approximately 600-feet of 14-foot-wide boardwalk spanning the vacant, wooded lot west of Bosco Fields, as well as paving the existing 10-foot wide gravel pathway along the south side of Bosco Fields from Beck Road to the start of the new pathway at the southwest corner of the park (see attached map).

Since the project is receiving federal funding, review and bid letting are performed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). On April 21st staff and AECOM met with MDOT for a Grade Inspection (GI) meeting. The purpose of GI meetings is for MDOT to review and comment on the City's proposed plans prior to final plan submittal. One of the review comments made by MDOT was that the boardwalk did not meet MDOT's loading requirements. The City's standard for boardwalks calls for 3,500-pound vehicle loading, which would accommodate off-road vehicles. MDOT's standard is for H-10 loading, or 20,000-pound truck loading, which would accommodate an ambulance.

Since increasing the loading to MDOT's standard would increase the construction cost significantly, City staff attempted to persuade MDOT to waive the H-10 loading requirement. However, those attempts were unsuccessful, so staff requested additional federal funding from SEMCOG to offset the increase of the H-10 loading requirement construction cost of \$1,450,026. On June 24th, SEMCOG reported their Regional Review Committee approved a funding increase of \$581,123 to help cover the additional

loading costs, resulting in a total of \$1,160,020.40 of TAP grant funds, or 80% of the total estimated construction cost.

Summary of Project Costs

	Original Project Scope (City Standard Boardwalk Loading)	Current Project Scope (MDOT H-10 Boardwalk Loading)
Estimated Construction Cost	\$859,050	\$1,450,026
TAP Funding	\$578,897	\$1,160,020
City Share (Construction)	\$280,153	\$290,006
City Total Cost*	\$632,705	\$838,549

*Total cost includes design, geotechnical investigation, construction administration, crew days, material testing, ROW acquisition, tree replacements, and contingency. Actual cost will depend on bid results (all engineering costs are covered by City).

With the increase in cost share, staff are seeking City Council feedback on funding and preference to proceed with the project. The Mobility Committee supported the project with the new standards and costs (May 26), but additional funding needs to be identified. The project is currently budgeted in the Municipal Road Fund, where Major Road project savings could be transferred to cover the cost at the Council's direction. To date the City has invested ~\$100K into preliminary design.

Final plans are due to MDOT no later than August 22, 2025, to meet obligation deadlines and enter an agreement with MDOT. Currently, Bosco Fields Park is accessible via sidewalk on Beck Road. The sidewalk gap on the south side of 11 Mile Road is expected to be filled during the planned rehabilitation of 11 Mile Road between Wixom Road and Beck Road in fiscal year 2027-28. However, if future expansion in Bosco Fields is a Council goal, this project adds a beneficial connection for non-motorized access to a larger park

ITC Trail to Bosco Fields Connector Pathway



Map Author: Runkel

Date: 2-4-25

Project: ITC to Bosco Path

Version #: 2.0

MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

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-  Existing ITC Trail
-  Existing Gravel Path to be Paved Asphalt
-  Proposed Asphalt Pathway
-  Proposed Boardwalk



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Novi Community School District putting \$425M bond proposal before voters

By: [Charity Meier](#) | [Novi Note](#) | Published June 24, 2025



Stewart Reich, project manager for King Scott Associates, gives members of the Novi school community a tour of Novi High School and rooms that district officials would like to upgrade, including the robotics room, as part of the State of the District address Feb. 25.

File photo by Erin Sanchez

NOVI — The Novi Community School District will seek voter approval of a \$425 million bond proposal to “improve and reimagine” district facilities, according to a press release.

The Board of Education voted 6-0 during its June 12 regular meeting to approve placing the measure on the Nov. 4 ballot.

“Our students have a unique opportunity to experience facilities that match and support their great potential,” school board President Danielle Ruskin said in a press release.

The no-tax-increase bond would allow the district to revamp Novi High School, make some additions and improvements to K-8 buildings, and buy furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology for the district.

Jorgia Basner-May has two children in the district, is the president of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee and sits on the bond committee to give a voice to parents of children with special needs.

“Novi (High School) is so outstanding, and now I think we’ll have a building that reflects that,” Basner-May said.

The district highlighted the following projects that would be paid for through the bond:

Novi High School

- A new academic innovation hub and updated learning spaces.

- Safety, parking lot, circulation and wayfinding improvements.
- A performing arts lobby addition and an extensive auditorium remodel.
- An expansion and remodel of the Black Box Theatre and band/orchestra rooms.
- A new activity center to support school and community programs, including new multisport courts, an indoor track, a turf field, a natatorium, and a competition gym.
- A new main entry and improved building navigation with natural light.
- Interior finishes; heating, ventilating and cooling; and other school infrastructure improvements.

Novi K-8

- A Novi Middle School STEM addition and secure athletic wing entrance.
- A new turf field and concession complex at Novi Middle School.
- Orchard Hills Elementary classroom additions and an extensive remodeling and reconfiguration of the facility, including parking and circulation drives.
- Interior finishes, HVAC, site improvements and playground improvements at elementary school buildings.

Furniture, fixtures, equipment and technology

- Smartboards computers.
- Classroom & media center furniture.
- Playground equipment.
- New buses.

“One of the main reasons we decided to go out this November is because we have a unique opportunity to maintain our millage, while making these investments in our students. Historically, we have made several small additions to the high school in reaction to our growing community that have not necessarily been intentionally connected. By taking a more comprehensive and holistic approach this time, we will be able to proactively unify every facet of our high school campus. While it is important to continue improvements with our district, we must be good stewards of the funds the community entrusts us with,” Superintendent Ben Mainka said in a press release.

Monies generated from the bond could only be used for improvements to the NCSD facilities. According to state law, proceeds generated from the bond cannot be used to cover salaries for teachers, administrators or staff. The funds are also prohibited from being directed to cover routine maintenance expenses or other operational expenses for the district.

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: REGINA SWICK, GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ANALYST
SUBJECT: TRANSIT USAGE – 1ST QUARTER 2025
DATE: JULY 3, 2025

Building on the correspondence that was sent in February, I'm providing an update on the community's use of the fixed-route bus service via SMART. As a reminder, we now have three fixed routes operating in the City, with Route #805 having been re-established, in addition to the Twelve Mile and Grand River routes.

We continue to work with Oakland County and SMART to obtain more detailed data, such as per-stop ridership and riders per hour, that will support our transit planning and service evaluation. We remain committed to pursuing consistent access to these data points to inform and improve our planning efforts.

SMART Ridership Data: Q1, 2025

Route		Qtr.	Change	Per Day	Per	Per
		Riders	since last Qtr.	Qtr.	Week	Hour
305	Grand River	7,993	(1,674)	167	615	10
740	Twelve Mile	3,303	(135)	69	254	4
805	Grand River Park	299	14	6	23	0

People's Express (PEX)

Between July 2024 and March 2025, the City-supported transportation program provided an average of over 2,500 rides per month, with the majority serving residents aged 55+ and individuals with disabilities. Notably, the data shows a consistent increase in ridership over this period, reflecting growing community demand and reliance on these services.

This upward trend highlights the critical role of accessible transportation in supporting medical needs, including an average of 775 medical rides and over 100 dialysis-related rides per month, and reinforces the importance of sustaining and enhancing transit options for our residents.

PEX Ridership Data: Q3, 2024- Q1, 2025

Yr/Mo	Total # Rides	Rides for 55+ & people with disabilities	Amount Billed to the City	Medical	Dialysis
24-Jul	1,951	1,577	\$ 3,154	731	87
24-Aug	2,367	1,957	\$ 3,914	918	103
24-Sep	2,414	2,016	\$ 4,032	845	89
24-Oct	2776	2,341	\$ 4,682	924	101
24-Nov	2495	2,095	\$ 4,190	731	98
24-Dec	2369	1,919	\$ 2,383	586	188
25-Jan	2716	2303	\$ 4,606	748	84
25-Feb	2820	2377	\$ 4,754	722	95
25-Mar	3266	2623	\$ 5,246	774	115
AVE	2,575	2,134	\$ 4,107	775	107

Novi Ridership: Q1 2024- Q1, 2025

