



## **AGENDA**

Pathways Committee

Thursday, June 6, 2024

10:00 am

5920 Tahoe Dr

**Article 1.** Call to Order

**Article 2.** Approve Current Agenda

**Article 3.** Public Comment (5-minute limit per individual)

**Article 4.** Approve the Minutes from the 3/7/24 Meeting

**Article 5.** Old Business

- a. 2024 Pathway Renovations
- b. Cascade Pedestrian Bridge Update

**Article 6.** New Business

- a. Future Expansion of the Pathway System Discussion

**Article 7.** Any Other Business

**Article 8.** Adjournment

**Minutes**  
Cascade Charter Township  
Pathways Committee  
Thursday, March 7, 2024  
10:00 am  
5920 Tahoe Dr

- ARTICLE I.** Chair Rissi called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.  
Members Present: Scott Rissi, John Driscoll, Rik Brown, Mike Reese  
Members Absent: Jeff Coffey, Kris Taylor (excused), Supervisor Grace Lesperance (excused)
- Others Present: Parks and Recreation Director Melanie Manion, Township Engineer Aric Thorne, Buildings and Ground (B&G) Supervisor Ryan McCarty, and Planning Admin Assistant Madi Dodge
- ARTICLE II. Approve the Current Agenda**
- Motion was made by Member Brown to approve the current Agenda. Supported by Member Reese. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- ARTICLE III. Public Comment**
- Scot Vansolkema (2570 Orange St) raised concern about the deteriorating retaining wall and stairs off the pathway on Thornapple River Drive just past Shagbark Ave. He viewed this as a safety issue. B&G Supervisor McCarty said the retaining wall is the township's responsibility but was unsure of the stairs.
- ARTICLE IV. Approve the 12/7/23 Meeting Minutes**
- Member Reese noticed a few instances where “sidewalks” should be changed to “pathways”, specifically in Article 5.
- Chair Rissi suggested an edit in Article 5 to change “certain” to “believed”.
- Motion was made by Member Reese to approve the 12/7/23 Meeting Minutes with the proposed edits. Supported by Member Driscoll. Motion carried 4 to 0.**
- ARTICLE V. Old Business**
- 1. New maintenance standards for pathways** – Director Manion mapped out the pedestrian pathways in Cascade Township and showed the committee specific areas that will be mowed one mower width on each side. Fire hydrants will be maintained, but weeds around objects such as benches or posts will not be trimmed. Director Manion will be creating formal guidelines for the public to showcase how the pathways are maintained. There will also be an informational article in the newsletter and direct mail to residents affected by the changes.

2. **Cascade pedestrian bridge update** – Engineer Thorne said the plan is to start bidding on the pedestrian bridge improvement in the spring for late summer construction. There will be a concrete barrier implemented on both sidewalks to protect pedestrians from traffic. He is waiting for further updates from consultants.

**ARTICLE VI. New Business**

1. **2024 Pathway renovations** – Engineer Thorne said they had a bid opening for the pathway project and parking lot renovations at Kent District Library and Township Hall. There were seven bidders in total, with the lowest bid being 25% lower than the estimated price. Director Manion noted that funding for the pathways is dwindling.

2. **Officer election**

**Motion was made by Member Reese to have Chair Rissi, Vice Chair Driscoll, and Secretary Brown keep their positions. Supported by Member Driscoll. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

**ARTICLE VII. Any other business**

There was no other business to discuss.

**ARTICLE VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Member Brown to adjourn the Meeting. Supported by Member Reese. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rik Brown, Secretary



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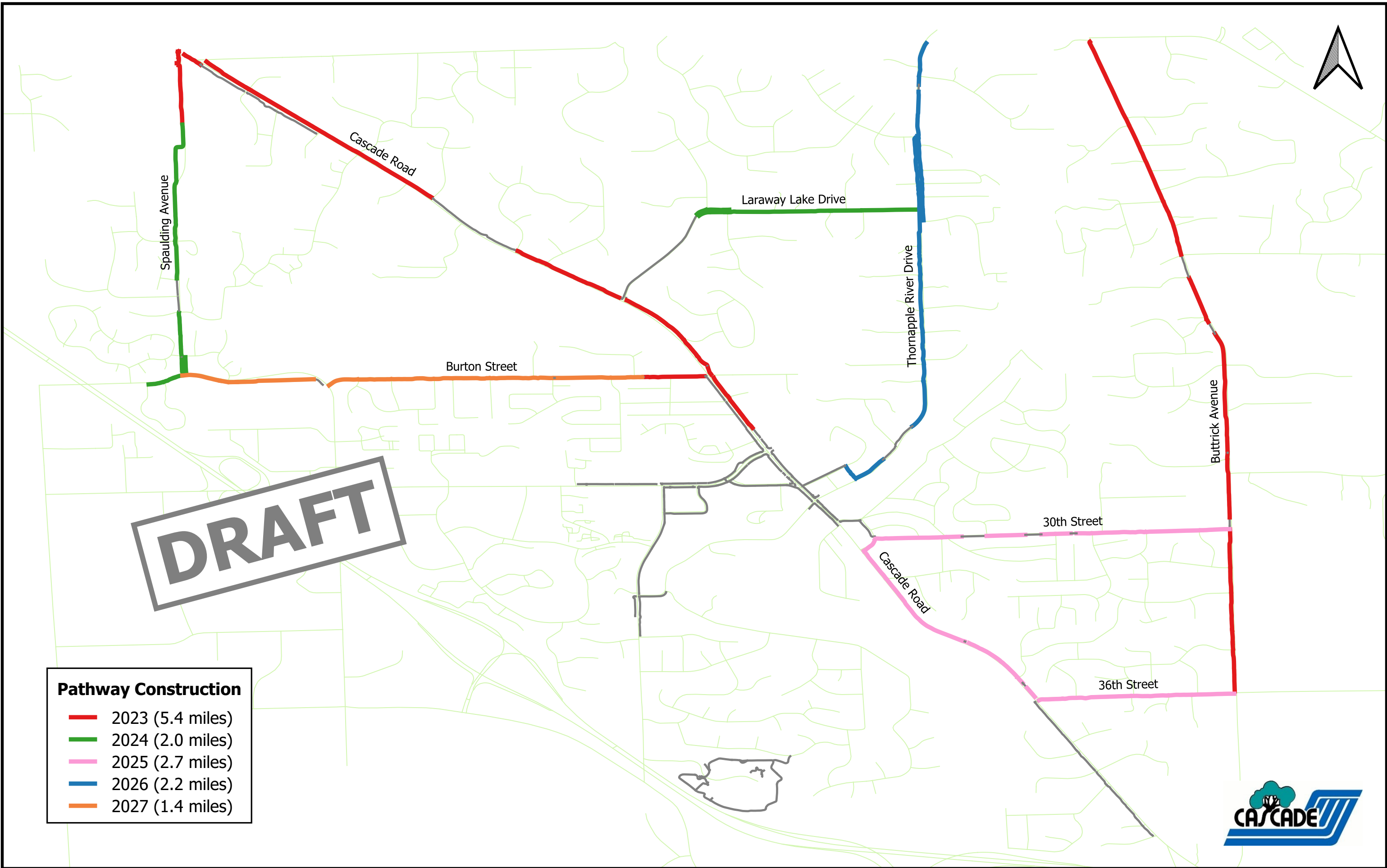
The following documents are included for future pathway project discussion.

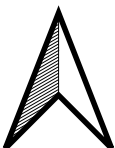
1. Construction Year Map 2023-27 Drafted 12/01/2022
2. Construction Year Map 2025-27 Revised 06/03/2024
3. Projected Costs for 2025-27
4. Map of 2022 Pathway Network Ratings
5. Map of 2024 Pathway Network Ratings







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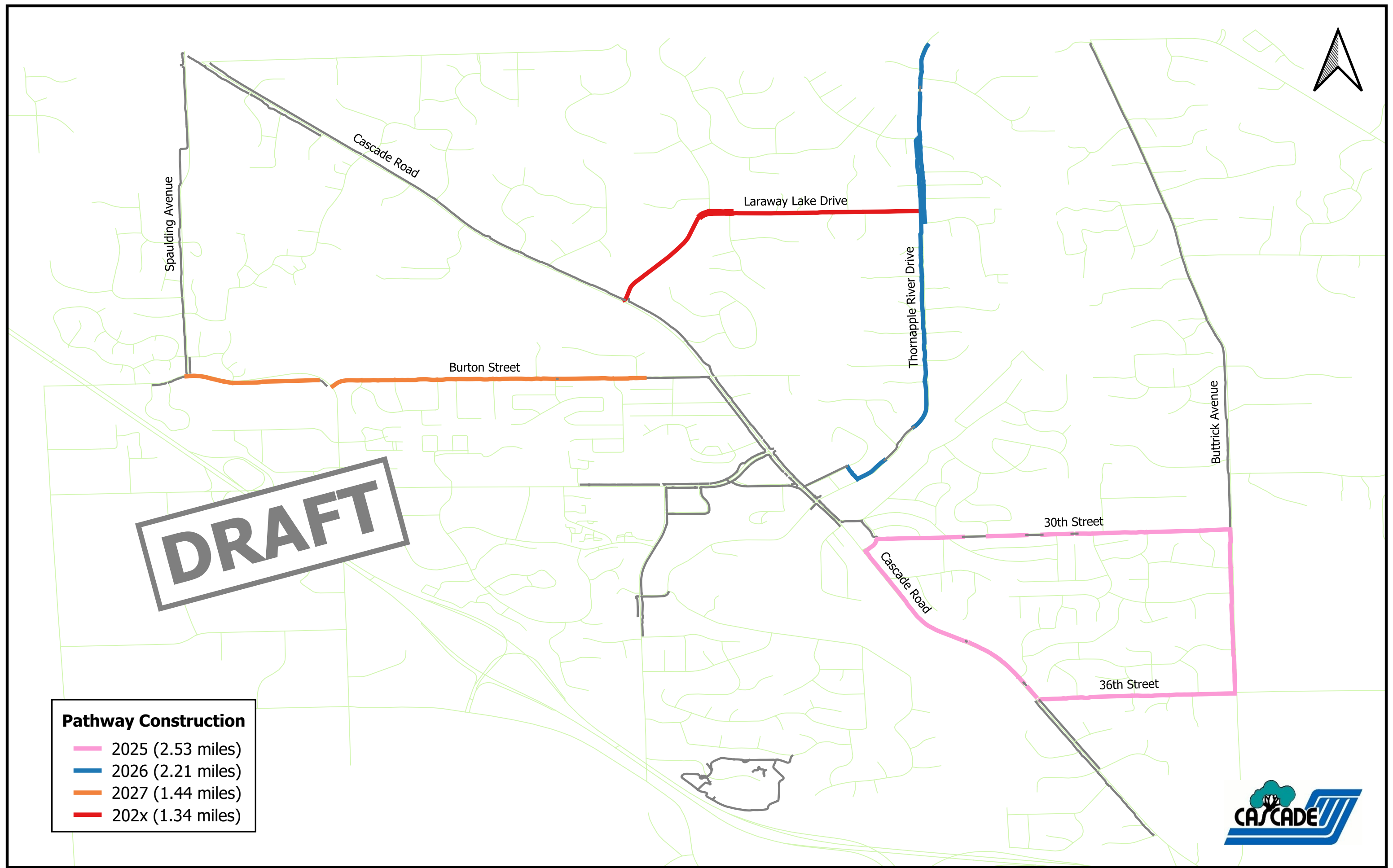
Pathway Construction	
	2023 (5.4 miles)
	2024 (2.0 miles)
	2025 (2.7 miles)
	2026 (2.2 miles)
	2027 (1.4 miles)





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Pathway Construction	
	2025 (2.53 miles)
	2026 (2.21 miles)
	2027 (1.44 miles)
	202x (1.34 miles)

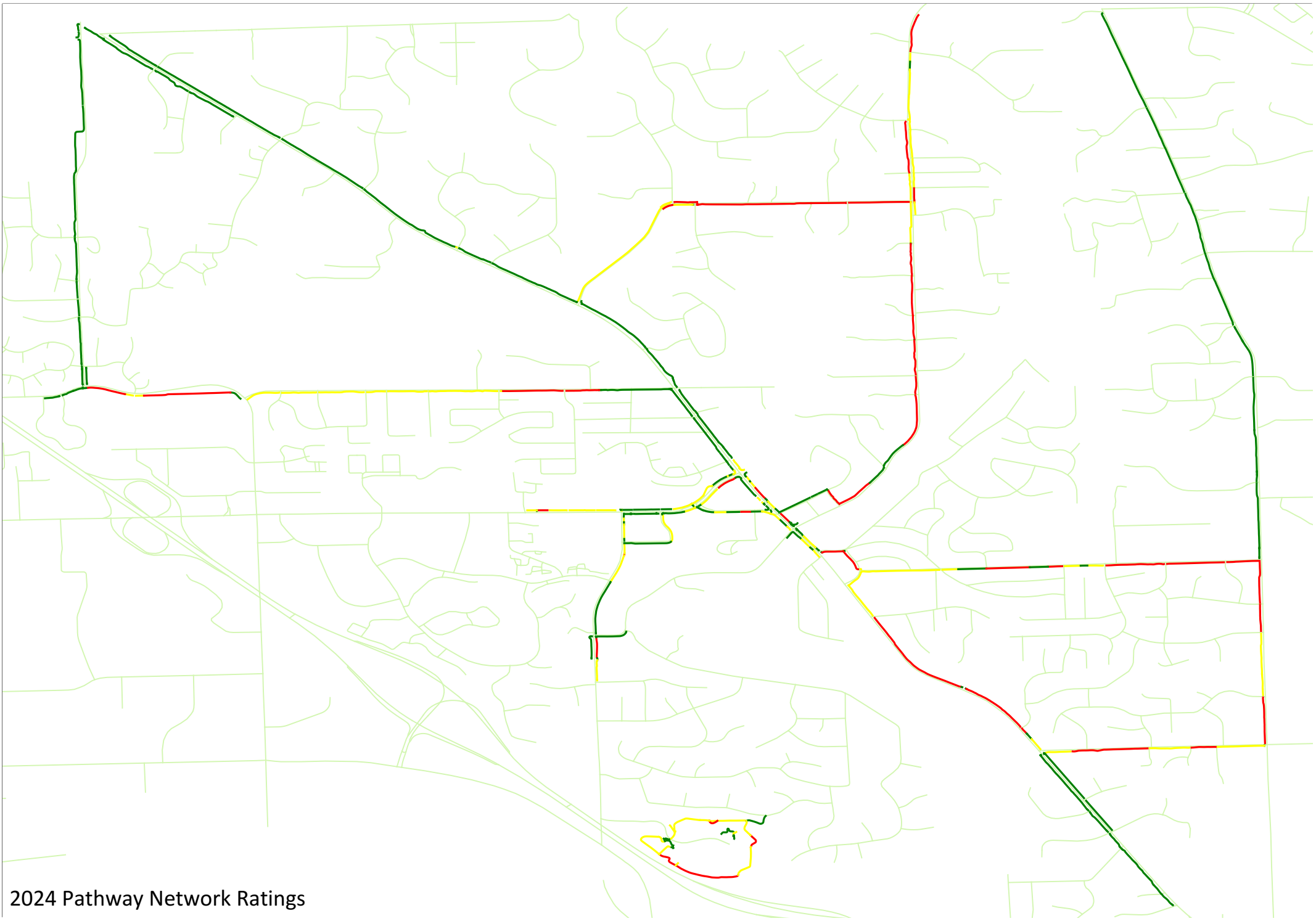


Year	Length		Projected Cost*	Map Code	Note
	Feet	Miles			
2024	6,078	1.15	\$ 563,168		Existing construction year contract
2025	13,341	2.53	\$ 1,291,321		Tentative planned
2026	11,662	2.21	\$ 1,243,215		Tentative planned
2027	7,589	1.44	\$ 958,447		Tentative planned
202x	7,058	1.34	TBD		Potential partnership w/ KCRC road improvements
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,728</b>	<b>8.66</b>			

\* Includes construction services fees (8.7%)







2024 Pathway Network Ratings