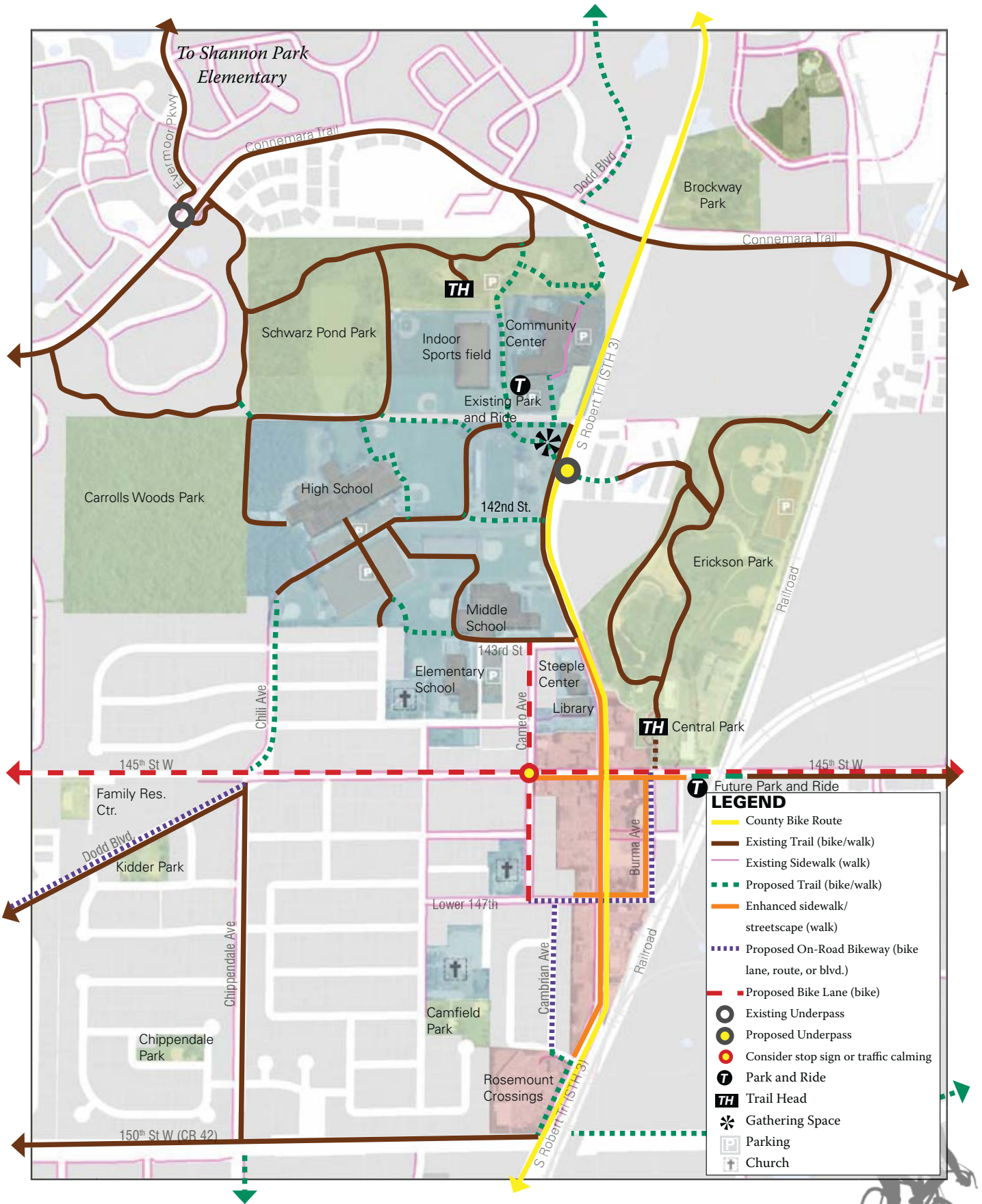


DOWNTOWN AND SCHOOL CAMPUS DETAIL



Trail connections, which follow the Safe Routes to School recommendations, are suggested to facilitate movement to and through the school campus. Due to slopes, wet areas and athletic fields in these areas, detailed study of trail alignments will be needed prior to implementation.

In front of the high school, a pedestrian-bike plaza is recommended along with re-routing of traffic through the parking lots in the main parking lot to reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflicts. 142nd Street in front of the high school would be blocked at the parking lot entrances on each end and traffic would flow along the outside of the lot. More information on this recommendation can be found in the Rosemount High School Safe Routes to School plan.

Community Center Access

Today, trails and sidewalks fall just short of the front door of the Community Center. Suggested improvements include extending the existing trail to the high school and providing a link through the existing south parking lot to the front door. This could be achieved adjacent to the parking area, or, if there is excess parking, by eliminating a row of parking. From the north, a trail is recommended along the existing access road. More detailed study will be required to determine the exact alignments of these connections.

Underpass Crossing of Highway 3

An underpass at Highway 3 is recommended to connect the schools and community center to Erickson Park. An underpass in this location would provide a safe and a direct link to the school campus from the residential areas in the eastern portion of the City.

The plan also identifies an opportunity to create a gathering space for trail users at the underpass of Highway 3 - a prime location for an enhanced experience and amenities such as a trail kiosk, benches, landscaping and other features.

Trail Head Locations

Two trail head locations are recommended, one on each side of Highway 3. West of Highway 3, a trail head is recommended at the existing Schwarz Pond Park parking lot to access the extensive existing trail system in Erickson, Schwarz Pond and Carrolls Woods parks. The trail heads could be simple as a kiosk with maps and trail information or have more walk-bike facilities such as bike parking, restroom access, maps, benches, water and vehicle parking. The trail head in Central Park would orient people to the Downtown area and serve as the primary trail head for the planned Rosemount Interpretive Corridor Trail that would connect to Spring Lake Regional Park Reserve and the Mississippi River.