

October 31, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council;

Good afternoon, I had a phone call with the Otter Tail County Engineer Krysten Foster last week, she is supporting the request of the use of the right-of-way for Otter Tail County Road 4 for a possible reroute for Otter Country Trail Association into the city of Vergas, being we lost one crucial landowner which is the reason for the reroute.

We will be going from our existing trail just to the Northeast of Otter Tail County Road 130, then crossing to the South side of Otter Tail County Road 4 right before Lawrence Lake, thence following it all the way into the City of Vergas MN, and stopping the intersection of South First Street and then ending. We will be using both sides of Otter Tail County Road 4 from Otter Tail County Road 35 for safety reasons.

Another option would be to use Otter Tail County Road 4 from our existing trail, then crossing to the South side of Otter Tail County Road 4 to the Northeast to the intersection of Otter Tail County Road 35. Thence using the North right-of-way of said road to the intersection of Otter Tail County Road 36, and again using the North right-of-way to the intersection of South Town Line Road, then heading North on South Town Line Road to the intersection of East Scharf Road, then going west of East Scharf Road to the intersection of East Frazee Street to be able to get to local businesses.

Of the two options listed I would prefer option 2 as a safer route in and out of the City of Vergas, MN, but ultimately this is your decision to make. Please see the two exhibits I have included, I greatly appreciate all your help with this matter.

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