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Common Council Item Number: ID#21-3001	Date: 10/18/2021
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Subject: Review and act on an Easement with Cooper Power Systems dba Eaton Corporation for use of a portion of their property to construct and maintain a trail connection to the New Berlin Trail.	

Details: The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, along with the Engineering Department and the City Attorney's Office, have been working with Eaton Corporation for creation of an easement for trail purposes. The easement will be located in the southeast corner of Eaton's property on Lincoln Avenue, and will connect the off-street New Berlin Connector Trail to the New Berlin Trail. This will virtually eliminate bicycle and pedestrian traffic from Lincoln Avenue, which is a safety concern for all involved.

Options & Alternatives:
The City has attempted for several years to extend their lease with Union Pacific further east to make the trail connection, to no avail. Currently, the bicycle and pedestrian traffic uses Lincoln Avenue, which is frequently congested with heavy truck traffic, causing a safety concern.

Financial Remarks:
The City will bid and construct the trail improvements, including relocation of Eaton's property line fencing. Funding for this design and construction project was approved as part of the City's 2021 CIP Budget in the Bike/Ped Improvements org 5533. The City will be responsible for maintenance of the trail, including but not limited to snow removal, sealcoating, shoulder mowing, etc.

Executive Action:
Recommend approval by Common Council of the Easement with Cooper Power Systems dba Eaton Corporation for Trail Access Purposes.

Committee Recommendation:
Approval of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board, with recommendation for approval to the Common Council.

