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Asphalt provides the smoothest surface with no joints for recreational trail uses.



IN 1990 CERRO GORDO COUNTY, with the cooperation of Mason City and Clear Lake, developed a five mile recreation trail between the two cities. After 12 years of nearly year-around use by walkers, runners, bikers, and rollerbladers, the low maintenance asphalt surface is in near-new condition.

Heartland Asphalt constructed the \$270,000 project along the south side of Highway 106. The old electric trolley tracks skirt the highway on the north side, providing an appropriate name for the trail.

The trail was constructed on the ditch foreslope adjacent to the existing granular shoulder. The foreslope was benched to the proper elevation and a 3-inch hot mix asphalt base and a 1.5-inch hot mix asphalt surface were placed in two lifts over the compacted dirt subgrade. The full depth asphalt design made up the typical trail cross-section.

To date, the only maintenance has been to fill a few thermal cracks caused by freeze/thaw conditions. The full depth pavement is in excellent shape and should continue to provide recreational opportunities for many years to come.

"...The much used Trolley Trail has stood up remarkably well."

Fred Heinz

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