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Star Middle School Pathway City of Star

Star Middle School was built in 2018, when the City of Star's population was just over 10,000. Since then, the population has more than doubled, to more than 22,000 residents in 2025. With this substantial growth, the number of students walking and biking to school increased significantly as well.

However, students going to Star Middle School were forced to cross busy roads and walk and ride on dirt shoulders and over canal bridges along Pollard Road. These unsafe conditions led to two separate instances where children were injured while riding their bikes to school.

To address this significant safety issue, Star Mayor Trevor Chadwick worked with adjoining landowners to obtain a 0.25-mile-long easement at no cost to the taxpayer. At the same time, the city applied for, and received, a \$250,000 grant from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council to construct a concrete pathway.

The new Star Middle School Pathway provides a safe route to school for the city's children. Thanks to the mayor's diligent efforts, partnership with community-minded landowners, and grant funding, this project was accomplished at virtually no cost to city residents.

This pathway project serves as a shining example of the positive impact of persistence and collaboration and will help keep Star's youth safe for years to come.