



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 3
June 2, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

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| TITLE: | Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project 30% Design | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: | Provide the design team input on the design strategy as presented; Provide the design team input on placemaking elements for this project | |
| STAFF: | Paul West, CIP Project Manager Liz Gibson, KPG Psomas Principal Phuong Nguyen, KPG Psomas | |
| COUNCIL LIAISON: | Craig Reynolds | |
| EXHIBITS: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 30% Design with Schedules A, B and C 2. 30% Cost Estimate Schedules A, B and C | |

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

At its April 7, 2022 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed public input and provided direction on the 30% design to the design team at KPG Psomas. The focus of the discussion was on three **Prioritized Improvement Areas** that were given more extensive consideration:

1. Restroom-Playfield Node
2. 72nd Ave SE Overpass
3. West Mercer Way Trail Crossing

Subsequently, the design team developed a 30% design and initial cost estimate. The cost estimate to address the three priority areas above as one project exceeded the currently available construction funding of \$350,000.

DESIGN STRATEGY

City staff and the design team considered the project priorities based on the input received. They decided to develop a recommended base project schedule that would fit within the available construction budget. In addition, staff asked the design team to develop additional schedules of work in priority order that could be constructed provided additional funding. The schedules are presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission here:

(Base Project) Schedule A: System Trail Improvements + Restroom Area Improvements (shown in green)

This schedule installs traffic calming measures along the trail through the Lid Park. Improvements includes: system-wide regulatory signs, pavement markings, shoulder restoration, wayfinding signs, and color surface pavement treatment. This schedule would also construct two scored

concrete intersections at the restroom zone at Feroglia Fields, along with a sidewalk connection, fencing, waste receptacles, bike rack, wayfinding signage and seating.

Schedule B: Roundabout Improvements (shown in blue)

This schedule would construct a scored concrete intersection at the 72nd Overpass near Feroglia Fields, along with a color surface pavement treatment in the center of the intersection and wayfinding signage.

Schedule C: West Mercer Way Improvements (shown in pink)

This schedule would construct a scored concrete intersection at the West Mercer Way intersection, along with bike rack, seating, bicycle maintenance station, information kiosk, waste receptacles, and wayfinding signage.

The design team is seeking input from the PRC to finalize the 30% design for possible approval at the July 2022 PRC meeting. Questions that the Parks and Recreation Commission might discuss:

- Confirm these schedules represent the public priorities for this project
- Are there elements in these schedules that should be promoted or demoted in priority?
- Are there elements missing from these schedules?
- Are there elements that should be removed from these schedules?

ART AND PLACEMAKING ELEMENTS

A central theme of this design process has been that regulatory measures alone will not achieve the desired traffic calming. Trail users will be more likely to engage in thoughtful and generous behaviors if they feel positively engaged or affected by the trail experience. Art and placemaking elements have been considered repeatedly in the design process. The design team will provide a review during the presentation of choices that have been discussed to date.

With the tight budget, placemaking elements are expected to be kept simple. In the 30% design, Schedule A includes colored surface pavement treatments at intersections. These are in addition to recommended pavement markings. These treatments have not been designed. The intention in the 30% design is that they signify that the trail user is coming into a different part of the trail, one that has a unique character, one that deserves special attention. The cost of this treatment could be partially covered by the 1% for the Arts portion of the project budget. The Arts Council would need to recommend that choice or direct a different use of the 1% funds. The Arts Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission also could consider alternate and/or additional placemaking elements that might be added to project schedules. The Arts Council could also recommend 1% funds to support such additional elements. The topic is expected to continue at the Arts Council's next meeting on July 20. The design team will work with the Arts Council to come to resolution on the placemaking scope for this project.

NEXT STEPS

Staff is scheduled to forward the PRC's 30% design recommendation to City Council at the July 19 regular meeting. Staff's request of City Council will likely be authorization to complete the design and bid the project. Staff anticipate bidding the project in late fall 2022. Once the actual costs of the various schedules are known, Council then will be in a better position to decide whether to fund additional work beyond Schedule A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss the 30% design schedules of work.

Discuss the inclusion of placemaking elements in the schedules of work.