



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 2
April 7, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Aubrey Davis Park Trail Safety Improvement Project Public Engagement and Design Input	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive the report on public engagement and provide the design team input on the design as presented	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
STAFF:	Paul West, CIP Project Manager Liz Gibson, KPG Psomas Principal Phuong Nguyen, KPG Psomas	
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Craig Reynolds	
EXHIBITS:	1. Conceptual Design Approach 2. Public Engagement Summary	

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

Mercer Island City Council charged the PRC with developing a recommendation for the 30% design of the Aubrey Davis Trail Safety Improvements Project at its March 2, 2021 meeting. See [Agenda Bill 5819](#). The Public Works Department developed a Request for Qualifications and interviewed qualified firms with participation from the PRC chair. KPG Psomas Inc. was selected to provide design services on this project.

Design work began in Fall 2021. The Design Team developed a Conceptual Design Approach (See Exhibit 1). **Baseline Treatments**, such as pavement markings and signage would form the backbone of the improvements and be installed at several locations in the project area. In selected locations, the **Baseline Treatments** would also include redefining the mixing zones to improve traffic flow. Some of these mixing zones would receive a second level of improvements. **Placemaking Elements** would be added to communicate a change in use and cue trail users to pay attention to their surroundings.

Three critical mixing zones were identified as **Prioritized Improvement Areas** for more extensive design consideration:

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

These three areas were the primary focus of the public engagement process led by the Design Team starting on January 31 and ending on March 17, 2022. The process gathered public input through an online Open House event, an online public survey and commentary on the [Let's Talk project page](#). Exhibit 2 summarizes the results of that process.

The PRC will consider the Design Team's recommendation on the first two **Prioritized Improvement Areas** and discuss in detail the third area between the restroom and Feroglia Fields. The Design Team hopes to receive

sufficient input from PRC so it can complete a recommended 30% design for presentation at the May 5 PRC meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive the Design Team's presentation and discuss the designs for the three *Prioritized Improvement Areas*.
Provide input to the design team for development of a draft 30% design product.