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Subject: Letter of Support of Sandy Parks & Trails Wayfinding and Visitor Access Improvement project

Dear Members of the Strategic Investment Fund Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Sandy Parks and Trails Advisory Board, we are pleased to express our support for the City of Sandy's application to the 2026 Strategic Investment Fund. This project will update the City's parks and trails maps and implement a coordinated wayfinding system throughout Sandy's growing parks and trail network.

Sandy's parks and trails system has expanded significantly since the last map was produced in 2018, including the addition of Cedar Creek Trail, Cedar Park featuring Base Camp, and Deer Pointe Park. Updated maps and trail signage are essential to help residents and visitors navigate the system safely, locate amenities such as restrooms and parking areas, and fully enjoy the recreation opportunities Sandy provides.

In addition, the updated maps will incorporate new features and pathways at Meinig Park once renovations are completed later this year. Including these improvements will ensure the map accurately reflects the park's updated layout and amenities, helping residents and visitors easily navigate and enjoy one of Sandy's most beloved community spaces.

We believe this project strongly aligns with the Strategic Investment Fund's priorities by improving tourism-related infrastructure, enhancing the visitor experience, and promoting accessible and inclusive recreation. Clear maps and signage will also support the region's tourism economy by helping visitors explore multiple parks and trails, extend their stays, and connect with local businesses.

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board strongly encourages funding for this project and recognizes its long-term value for both residents and visitors. We fully support the City's efforts to improve navigation, accessibility, and the overall enjoyment of Sandy's parks and trails system.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Sandy Parks and Trails Advisory Board