

TO: City Council
FROM: Jared VerHey, Capital Projects Manager
DATE: October 7, 2025
SUBJECT: Service Provider Agreement with SCJ Alliance for the Deschutes Valley Trail

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Provider Agreement (SPA) with SCJ Alliance, for the Deschutes Valley Trail project.

This agreement was recommended for approval on the consent calendar at the September 18, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting.

2) Background:

The Deschutes Valley Trail is a multi-use trail from Historical Park to Pioneer Park consisting of seven total segments (A1, A2, B, C, D, Palermo Spur and Deschutes Valley Park Spur). Segment A1 was constructed in 2021. This SPA includes the design for the remaining six segments (A2, B, C, D, Palermo Spur and Deschutes Valley Park Spur).

These six segments of trail extend over two miles, traverse varying and complex terrain features, and navigate through and adjacent to critical areas. The trail will be 10' wide with 2' gravel shoulders on each side and will be designed to meet ADA guidelines for accessibility. This is a complex design project and will require significant cuts and fills, utility relocations, multiple retaining walls, barrier/protective fencing, and bridge structures.

Portions of the trail will be adjacent to the Tumwater Valley Golf course, integrated into the golf cart path, and will require protection of trail users from golf play via barrier/protective fencing. The trail system also consists of three water crossings requiring bridges over a drainage ditch, the Deschutes River, and its side channels.

This SPA will provide the final design, environmental permitting, and construction documents for a complete construction bid package. Work will be developed from previously completed planning and preliminary design documents that were completed circa 2018.

The design fee for this SPA is estimated at \$2,499,216.93 and will include full plans, specifications, and cost estimate. Construction is anticipated to be phased with the first segment beginning late 2026 or early 2027 and the final phase being complete by 2030.

3) Policy Support:

- A. Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity
 - Develop a city-wide trail system.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Request changes to the scope of work and budget.
- ☐ Decline approval.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This project and the funding necessary to complete this work is included in the 2024-2029 Capital Facility Plan (CFP). The Deschutes Valley Trail is identified as General Governmental Project GG-05, Deschutes Valley Trail. Project costs have been updated in the Draft 2026-2031 CFP, which will be brought forward to Council soon.

Total cost for the remaining segments is estimated at \$16.8 million. The City has secured \$5.8 million dollars in Connecting Washington grant funding through the State Transportation Budget and \$2.595 million in federal funding administered by Thurston Regional Planning Council. The remaining funds will come from the Metropolitan Park District, Park Impact Fees, and the General Fund. The City is actively researching and anticipates applying for more grant funding to reduce City funds needed for the project.

6) Attachments:

A. Service Provider Agreement