

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: Tuesday, June 27, 2023
SUBJECT: Palermo Trail Briefing

1) Recommended Action:

General Government Committee recommends the authorization of funding from park impact fees for the development of the Palermo Trail Project.

2) Background:

The City of Tumwater's watershed through the Palermo Valley has had an informal trail system for several decades. As a part of the development of the Deschutes Valley Trail Plan, the Palermo Trail system was identified as a spur trail to move pedestrians from Tumwater Valley to the Capitol Blvd area. The City had a trail head parking lot constructed for this connection several years ago and it is being relocated as a part of the Capitol/Trosper Road improvement project. Constructing the trail in coordination with the timing of the street improvements will limit continued construction impacts to the neighborhood.

Improvements to the Palermo Trail system will provide improved and dedicated access from Tumwater Valley and the Palermo neighborhood to Capitol Blvd. Increased use and pedestrian traffic will also improve the City's ability to manage the trail and limit the unintended uses that occur in the watershed.

3) Policy Support:

Council Goal: Bike and pedestrian system improvements

4) Alternatives:

Authorize the Palermo Trail project to be funded from Park Impact Fees
Recommend changes to existing plan
Do not recommend project funding

5) Fiscal Notes:

Park Impact Fees/Deschutes Valley Trail: \$500,000.

6) Attachments:

- A. Engineer's Estimate
- B. Site Map