

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: September 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Deschutes Valley Trail and Signage Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

2) Background:

The Deschutes Valley Trail (DVT) has been in planning and design for over 20 years. The first phase was completed in 2017 connecting Tumwater's Historical Park with the Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls.

The next phase will connect the Tumwater Valley Golf course with Deschutes Valley Park. Combining grant funding with Park Impact Fees and funds from the Tumwater Metropolitan Park District, this phase will go out to bid later this year.

Interpretive signage will be a separate phase from the construction project as it does not fit w/in some of the funding criteria being used to build the trail. Development of the signage, including the recognition of the 47th Parallel, will be a part of that public process.

3) Alternatives:

Staff will provide an overview of the trail project, timeline, and construction. Discussion will also include the development of interpretive signage/art and storytelling.

4) Attachments:

None