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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2015
To: Parks & Recreation Commission
Cc: Holly Spoth-Torres, Parks Superintendent
From: Maeve Nevins, Park Planner
Project: **PRC 2015-03: 2015 Lanie Fleisher Chester Creek Trail Improvements**

PROJECT UPDATE & BACKGROUND

The 2015 Chester Creek Trail improvement project is part of a multi-year, comprehensive trail repair program aimed at addressing safety and security concerns on Parks maintained trails. Funding was provided in part by a 2012 State Legislative Grant for \$150K, a 2013 Municipal Bond for \$1.6 million and a 2014 Municipal Bond for \$1.5 million, totaling \$3.175 million. With this funding Parks and Recreation has completed Phase 1 of rehabilitation and/or replacement of cracked and heaving asphalt, bridge transitions, amenity upgrades and improved signage and wayfinding along this trail corridor.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

During winter of 2014, the Parks and Recreation Department collected the Community's feedback through an on-line survey and public workshop. Over 503 responses were collected from the on-line survey and 75 workshop participants provided feedback. Additionally, 1,000 project flyers were mailed to residents along the 5.5 mile main trail corridor. The consultant engineers conducted an assessment survey of the hazards for the main trail and associated spurs from the Westchester Lagoon to the Russian Jack Chalet, over 5.5 miles of data and video analysis. The valuable public input and engineering assessment has been used to guide Staff in the scoping process of a two-year, multiple-phase maintenance improvement construction project. The project was presented at a second public meeting on Feb. 4, 2014 and also at the Roger's Park and South Addition Community Councils during the winter of 2014. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved Resolution No. 2014-02 in support of this multi-year improvement project on Feb. 13, 2014. Links to meeting presentations are available here: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/ChesterCreekProjectPlan.aspx>

Construction of Phase 1 was completed during the summer of 2014, while Phase 2 went through the final design and permitting process. Once the preliminary plan for phase 2 was developed, several small-scale meetings were held with local bike and pedestrian commuter groups, including the Bike Anchorage Organization, to collect feedback on the impact of construction phasing and potential detour routes. The 2015 Phase 2 conceptual plan was presented to the public on Nov. 20, 2014. Feedback from the meetings resulted in revisions to the proposed construction plan, refining the plan to be completed in two segments for a phased construction implementation over the summer of 2015. Currently the 65% construction plans are going through a "peer review process" within the Municipality of Anchorage and is expected to be completed by early February 2015. On Dec. 16, 2014 the project was approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers for a Nationwide Permit. Staff will be conducting several public outreach meetings over the winter months to educate trail users and others located along the detour routes of the impacts of construction schedules and the detour routes.

PROJECT PLAN

PHASE 1 – 2014 IMPROVEMENTS: Parks Department successfully replaced the *most used* portion of the trail corridor including: the Main Trail section from mile post 0.0 at Westchester Lagoon to mile post 1.0 at Arctic Blvd. tunnel and a ½ mile of spurs including the social path at West Chester Lagoon, Virginia Ct. spur, Arctic Blvd spur, N St. spur, L St. spur and Bunker St. spur.

PHASE 2 - 2015 IMPROVEMENTS

Staff has identified the *highest priorities* by segment and spur for repair in summer 2015. Spurs will be repaired based on priority and budget available during the bidding process.

Phase 2 will include: Main Trail - Mile post 1.0 at Arctic Blvd. Tunnel to approximately Mile Post 4 at Arc of Anchorage.

Spurs may include (in order of priority):

1. Arc Spur (Arc of Anchorage Trails)
2. Nichols St. Spur
3. Maplewood St. Spur
4. A St. Spur
5. E. 20th Ave Spur (Adjacent to Eastchester Park)
6. E. 24th Ave Spur
7. Eagle St. Spur
8. E Street Spur
9. Sports Complex Spur
10. E. 20th Ave Spur (Near Tikishla Park)
11. Tikishla Spur
12. Sunrise Park Spur
13. Loussac Place Spur
14. C Street Spur
15. 23rd. Ave Spur

Link to 65% Construction Plan Set:

http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Documents/TBC_CCT_Phase-II_65.pdf

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Winter 2015:

- Finalize Construction Documents and Permitting of Phase 2, including entire length of main trail and all critical spurs.
- Project will be bid at the end of February 2015.
- The contractor selection is pending final approval by the Assembly.

Spring 2015:

- The final project construction closure schedule will be determined after a contractor selection.
- Detour plan will accommodate *all major summer events* including The Mayor's Marathon, Alaska Run for Men and Women, Big Wildlife Runs and the Zombie Run.

On-going:

- *Public Outreach* includes regular project updates on the *project webpage*, including all relative project history, meeting notes, survey results, engineer assessment, construction plans and detour routes. This information is updated regularly with detour routes and maps posted on the project webpage, Facebook, Twitter and via email news blasts. Community outreach via *public meetings* to occur throughout winter and early spring 2015 along entire trail corridor.
- Project website:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/ChesterCreekImprovements2.aspx>

Attachments:

Project Summary

Phase 2 Construction Phase & Detour Map



Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail

2015 Improvements – Phase 2



Project Background

Main Goal: Address safety and maintenance concerns on trails maintained by the Parks Department

Funding: Total of \$3.175 million – \$150,000 2012 Legislative Grant; \$1.555 million 2013 Municipal Bond; \$1.47 million 2014 Municipal Bond.

Process: Through public input, an online survey and public workshops held in 2013-2014, Parks and Rec collected the community's feedback concerning the areas of highest need.

Main Concerns: Rehabilitation and/or replacement of cracked and heaving asphalt, drainage issues, bridge approaches, amenity upgrades and improved signage

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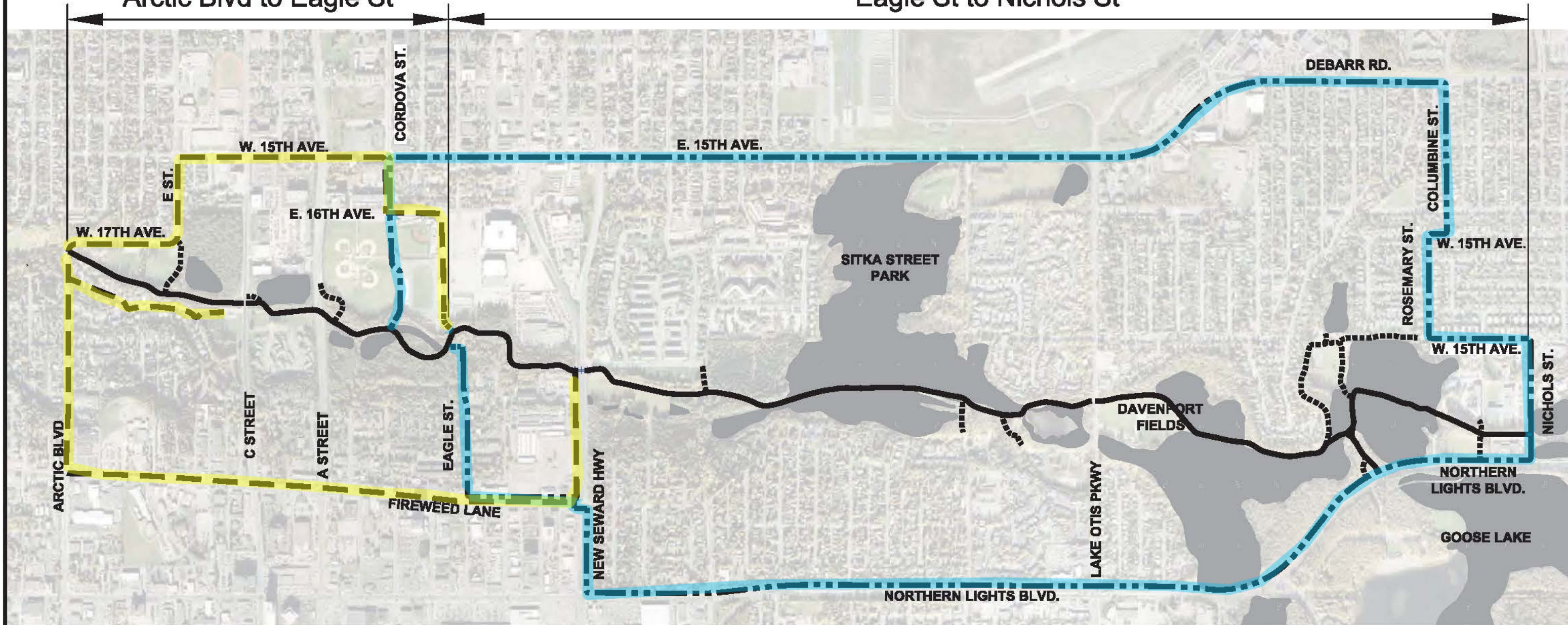
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Questions or comments: please contact Park Planner Maeve Nevins at nevinsmv@muni.org or 343-4135.

Questions about the Trails Initiative? You can email them to trails@anchorageparkfoundation.org

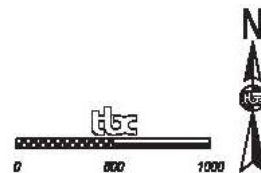
Phase#1
Arctic Blvd to Eagle St

Phase #2
Eagle St to Nichols St



LEGEND

- BASE BID
- ADDITIVE ALTERNATE
- PHASE 1 DETOUR ROUTE
- PHASE 2 DETOUR ROUTE



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