



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 3A

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: December 16, 2019

Staff Contact: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator
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Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Discussion regarding the 90% design plans for trail construction on the Carson River Trail System Phase II project.

Staff Summary: This item is to solicit comments on the 90% design plans from the public and the Committee. The project schedule is to complete final construction documents by the end of December 2019 and begin construction in spring 2020.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 20 minutes

Proposed Motion:

N/A

Previous Action

April 18, 2016: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Land Management Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Program and to allocate \$50,000 towards a cash match.

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Carson River Trail System Phase II project, funded by the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), consists of three trail segments: east side of the Prison Hill Recreation Area, the Mexican Ditch Trail connection to and through Silver Saddle Ranch, and the Old Buzzy's Ranch. April 18, 2016 was the last formal discussion with the Committee on this project. In August 2017, Carson City received the grant award; and in April 2019, Lumos and Associates was selected as the design team.

Through staff reports and project updates, the Committee has provided comments to staff who forwarded them to the project manager and design team. Design components included: environmental studies (wetland delineation as well as biological and botanical review), field visits and alignment analysis, geotechnical investigation and floodplain analysis. In addition to the contract with Lumos and Associates, staff conducted bird surveys and has been working on a conservation plan for the grazing operations on the Old Buzzy's Ranch. The planning and design also referenced the Carson River Master Plan regarding recommendations on buffer zones from the Carson River and maximized the distance where possible; and the Charrette Summary for the Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River to "Minimize new land/resource disturbance and make any development (trails, recreation) as environmentally-sensitive as possible." Attached to this report is the initial conceptual design. The 90% design plans are also attached.

Just prior to this meeting, there will be an open-house for the public to review maps and ask questions. The open house will be located in the Bonanza Room of the Community Center from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm.

Conceptual Design (April 2016)



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RIVER TRAILS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FIGURE 1**

