



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 21, 2014
To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Paula Hoff
Subject: Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Pilot Project: Decision Agenda

Requested Board Action

Parks is seeking a recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners on the proposed Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail pilot project. This briefing paper leads the Board through a series of recommendations on the project.

Staff Recommendation

Staff are recommending:

- The proposed schematic design as shown in Attachment 1;
- Evaluation criteria as described in Attachment 2;
- A 15-month pilot.

Background

Parks staff presented the recommended design for the Cheasty Mountain Bike and Pedestrian Trail Pilot project at the Board's April 9 meeting which also included a public hearing. The April 9 briefing paper provides the full background on the project and can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks-and-recreation/about-us/board-of-park-commissioners>.

An additional Board meeting on April 23 provided Commissioners the opportunity to question staff and consultants about the project.

Decision Agenda

Option #1: Recommend the project move forward.

Option #2: Recommend the project not move forward.

If the Park Board recommends moving forward:

Scope Options:

Option #1: Recommend the proposed schematic design for the pilot project that contains a loop pedestrian and bike trail.

Option #2: Recommend a design that includes the proposed schematic loop trail, with the addition of a cross trail to create a safe walking route from Rainier Vista to North Beacon Hill.

Option #2 (a): Recommend doing now (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date, and would have to occur before implementation.)

Option #2 (b): Recommend including in the long-term project (phase 2) if the pilot is successful

Option #3: Recommend a design that includes both the schematic loop trail, with the addition of the skills trails on the south side of the proposed project area, that do not traverse the steep slopes or wetlands (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date)

Option #3 (a): Recommend doing now (realize that no environmental analysis has been done on a cross trail to date, and would have to occur before implementation.)

Option #3 (b) Recommend including in the long-term project (phase 2) if the pilot is successful

Duration of Pilot Options:

Option #1: 15-month pilot project

Option #2: 3-year pilot project

Evaluation Criteria

Option #1: Recommend the Evaluation Criteria for the pilot project as presented (Attachment 2). These are the criteria that Seattle Parks and Recreation feels are reasonable to measure given our staffing and resources.

Option #2: Recommend modifications to the Evaluation Criteria.

Additional Information:

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Project web site: http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/cheasty/gs_bike_trail.htm

Attachments

Attachment 1: Proposed Schematic Design

Attachment 2: Proposed Evaluation Criteria