



MEMO TO: Planning and Public Works Committee of the Whole

FROM: Jeff Aken, Senior Park Planner

DATE: October 10, 2019

SUBJECT: ADA Transition Plan for Parks and Trails: Draft Plan and Priority Project List

I. PURPOSE ☐ For Info Only ☐ Potential Agenda Item ☒ Scheduled for Council Action

II. RECOMMENDATION

Review the ADA Transition Plan for Parks and Trails, which includes the draft final report, priorities and 6-year costing and place on consent agenda for October 15, 2019.

III. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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IV. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

Prior Discussions:

City Council Study Session (2): September 11, 2018, April 23, 2019

Parks & Human Services Committee (5): January, March, April, July, November 2018

Background:

The City contracted with WT Consultants to conduct access audits of all 47 parks and 39 miles of trails to develop a transition plan for parks and trails per Title II of the 1990 ADA. This work includes identifying barriers to access in all areas of parks such as parking, playgrounds, and sports facilities. After auditing all facilities to identify barriers, improvement projects were prioritized with staff, the Parks and Trails Commission, the City Council and the broader community.

In addition, staff engaged a community stakeholder group over the last year, which includes service providers, people with visual and mobility impairments and caregivers to learn about the challenges they face using the park system and what their priorities are.

The feedback gathered identified three top priorities, accessible parking, pathways and restrooms. The community expressed a desire to first focus on making these improvements

at community parks and highly visited parks (Grass Lawn, Perrigo, Farrel-McWhirter and Idylwood, Anderson) and the Municipal Campus where large community events are held. The two-year and six-year project lists reflect these priorities.

Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Transition Plan will become part of a larger citywide document that includes parks, facilities and public right-of-way. Facilities access audits will begin this fall. Then, an overall City of Redmond Transition Plan that reflects priorities from Parks and Trails, Facilities, and public right-of-way will be forthcoming in 2020.

The attached Parks and Recreation ADA Transition plan provides project lists, planning level costs and prioritized projects including the following.

- 2019-2020 projects with \$200,000 funding allocated by the City Council in the current budget based on community priorities.
- 2021-2026 proposed project list focused on community parks and maintenance/small capital projects which will be presented through the biennial budget process.
- A complete list of 716 barriers.

2019-2020 Projects	Projected Cost	Who/What
Enhance, relocate and sign at priority parks	\$23,000	Park Operations Staff/Equipment & Supplies
Idylwood Dock Access Improvements	\$50,000	Contractor
Grass Lawn Restrooms	\$70,000	TBD/Equipment & Supplies
Anderson Park Access Improvements	\$15,000	Contractor and Staff/Equipment & Supplies
Farrel-McWhirter Parking	\$30,000	Contractor
Accessible Picnic Tables	\$12,000	Park Operations Staff/Equipment & Supplies
TOTAL	\$200,000	

Service Delivery

As the transition plan is implemented, service delivery will improve as the parks will be more accessible for all users.

Fiscal Note:

An initial \$200,000 funding request for the implementation of the ADA Transition Plan for parks projects was approved in the 2019-2020 budget. Additional funds will be requested in the biennial budget process to continue making parks and trails more accessible.

V. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Confirmation of the 2019-2020 project list will support the initialization of work on the 2020 project list, including internal staff projects in the winter of 2019/2020 and planning for procurement in late fall of 2019. In the 2019-2020 budget, City Council allocated \$200,000 for access improvements. Confirmation of the long-term project list will support budget planning efforts for the 2021-2022 budget process.

VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Draft ADA Background Report