

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 23, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Resolution No. ____ (For Possible Action): Resolution adopting the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan developed by the Truckee Meadows Park Foundation's Trails Coordinator.

From: Karina Mercier, Project Manager

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

On March 9, 2022 Council allocated \$50,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) funds to support a Trails Coordinator position for the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation. The Trails Coordinator filled the critical role of a dedicated staff member to coordinate the implementation of the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan. In combination with the Plan and Report, the Regional Trails Plan will enable the City of Reno to participate in an organized and integrated approach to management of existing trails and creation of new trails as well as serve as a focal point for all to check in with a collective vision for a connected regional trail system. The plan's objective is to establish the framework leading to meaningful new projects that meet the goals of this regional trails plan. Adoption of the Regional Trails Plan is a recommendation identified in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. At its August meeting, the Recreation and Parks Commission supported the plan and recommended it move forward for Council adoption. Staff recommends Council approval of the resolution adopting the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	N/A	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

March 9, 2022 - Council allocated \$50,000 in ARPA SLFRF Funds to support the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation's Trails Coordinator Position

Background:

The Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan builds on the foundation of the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation's 2021 Plan and Report and is a framework for the improvement of the trail and pathway systems of the Truckee Meadows region. The plan describes a future trail network concept and defines the strategies for implementing the TMT program. The goal of the plan is to provide a holistic view of the region that develops enhancements and connectivity from within, as well as to the outside, leading to meaningful new projects that meet the goals of this regional trails plan. The plan was reviewed by the Recreation and Parks Commission on August 20, 2024 and was recommended to move forward for Council review and adoption.

Recommendation 3 of the PROS Master Plan's Top Five Recommendations is to Identify and Acquire Land for New Parks, Recreational Facilities and Trails/Open Space/Preservation Areas. There are multiple recommended strategies within this goal that support the TMPF's efforts related to the Regional Trails Plan. Recommended strategy #10 under this goal calls for City Council adoption of the completed Truckee Meadows Trails Plan and Report. This action is also supported in the PROS Plan's overarching goals. Implementation strategies within Goal 6 (Restore and enhance the Truckee River Corridor), Goal 7(Expand the existing trail system and add trail amenities to improve accessibility and connectivity), and Goal 8 (Provide active stewardship of Reno's natural resources, open space and cultural resources) support the adoption of this plan.

Financial Implications:

None at this time. The previously Council allocated ARPA SLFRF funds have already been expended to fund the Trails Coordinator position starting in 2022.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approval of the resolution to adopt the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve the resolution to adopt the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan

Attachments:

Resolution Adopting the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Plan
Truckee Meadows Trails Plan