



City Council Agenda Item Report

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SUBJECT: Discussion and direction to staff on a possible trail to connect the Garlic Creek Park Trail to the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Staff received a request from Councilmember Haehn to construct a trail to connect the Garlic Creek Park trail to the City's Safe Routes to Schools project where it crosses Garlic Creek into the Elm Grove neighborhood.

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

City staff met on-site and walked the area from the Garlic Creek Park Trail near the Garlic Creek Amenity Center to the Safe Routes to Schools project on the north side of Garlic Creek. A copy of the proposed trail alignment is attached.

The City's procedure for initiating and implementing a new project is as follows.

1. Receive direction from City Council on the scope of the project
2. Design the project.
3. Advertise the project for bids and select a contractor. This step may be skipped if the project is done by Public Works.
4. Construct the project.

To properly construct a new trail, the trail width of 8 feet will need to be cleared of all vegetation to a minimum depth of 6". The concrete trail bed will be formed and a minimum 2" sand cushion will be placed.

The trail will begin at the Garlic Creek Amenity Center trail along Garlic Creek, proceed to the west between the trees in the parkland to the top of the Water Quality Pond berm. The trail will continue along the top of the berm crossing the pond spillway by means of a bridge and continue west to connect to the Safe Routes to Schools trail. The proposed trail is approximately 2,300 feet long.

Councilmember Haehn proposes to utilize volunteers to construct the trail.

The City Attorney has provided the City with a form that will need to be completed if volunteers are utilized to construct any portion of the trail. A copy of the waiver form is attached.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the trail is as follows:

Trail (8' x 2,300')	2,405 SY @ \$ 30	= \$61,350
Bridge over pond spillway	1 EA @ \$10,000	= \$10,000
<u>Contingency (15%)</u>		<u>= \$10,703</u>
TOTAL		= \$82,053

No funds have been budgeted for this project.

4. ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION

No formal action is required.