

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 54
Series of 2019

TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR A NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT FROM THE COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE STATE TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE PLANNED MULTIUSE TRAIL ASSOCIATED WITH THE WHEAT RIDGE • WARD STATION AREA

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge is a municipal political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for the Non-Motorized Trails Grant program administered by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division State Trail Program; and

WHEREAS, the new Wheat Ridge • Ward Station and surrounding development has created a need for multimodal connectivity for residents and visitors to access recreational opportunities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge has completed 15% design plans for a multiuse trail connecting the new Wheat Ridge • Ward Station to existing and planned green infrastructure throughout the community. The north-south trail would extend from West 49th Place to the I-70 Frontage Road, providing a critical multimodal connection within the community; and

WHEREAS, at the southern terminus of the trail at the I-70 Frontage Road, the City of Wheat Ridge is planning for a public pocket park and public access to two privately owned lake properties; and

WHEREAS, at the northern terminus of the trail at 49th Place, the City of Wheat Ridge is building a bike/pedestrian bridge that will cross the RR tracks and land at the Wheat Ridge • Ward Station platform, the end of line station on RTD's G-Line commuter rail; and

WHEREAS, further to the north from the station, the trail will provide connection to a pedestrian "paseo" and publicly accessible pocket park within The Ridge at Ward Station townhome development, currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge has a consultant under contract to obtain necessary easements and/or right of way for the trail from the private land owners in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge has a consultant under contract to complete preliminary and final design for both the pedestrian bridge and linear park/trail with 30% design documents expected in October, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheat Ridge now submits an application for the Non-Motorized Trails construction program, requesting a total award of up to \$250,000 and providing a local match of at least \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant would further leverage an anticipated \$3,000,000 the City will be investing in the aforementioned bike/pedestrian bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as follows:

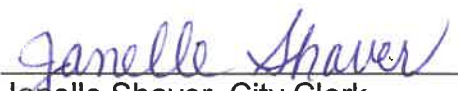
1. The City of Wheat Ridge supports the Non-Motorized Trails Grant application.
2. If awarded, the City of Wheat Ridge strongly supports the completion of the construction of the proposed trail for the benefit of all residents and visitors.
3. The City of Wheat Ridge authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of a grant awarded pursuant to a grant agreement with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program.
4. The project will be owned or controlled by the City of Wheat Ridge for at least 25 years. The City of Wheat Ridge will ensure the project is well-maintained.
5. If the grant is awarded, the City of Wheat Ridge hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 23rd day of September 2019.



Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

