



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: 02-04-16

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Agenda Title: For Possible Action: To accept the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program for trail and trailhead improvements at the north end of the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

Staff Summary: On November 16, 2015, the Open Space Advisory Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize Staff to submit a grant request to the Nevada Division of State Parks Recreational Trails Program. The grant opportunity gives Staff the ability to pursue funds to install a formal trailhead with amenities. The trailhead would be installed at the corner of 5th street and Carson River Road on the north end of Prison Hill recreation Area.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to accept the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program for trail and trailhead improvements at the north end of the Prison Hill Recreation Area.

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Prison Hill Recreation Area was recently conveyed to Carson City through the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. In addition to the Act, a Conservation Easement was placed on the land identifying allowable uses. Trails and trailheads are acceptable in those documents. Prior to the conveyance, the north end was closed to motor vehicles. A newly installed split-rail fence has assisted in designating a parking area and prohibiting motorized use on the trails. The proposed trailhead is identified in the Unified Pathways Master Plan for Carson City. Staff is still working on the design and cost estimates, but it is anticipated the project will cost more than \$50,000. There are several double-track and single-track trails that are not considered sustainable and are causing erosion. It is anticipated that these trails may be closed or re-routed.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Carson City's Grants Coordination and Tracking Policy

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number: 254-5047-452-0450

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: There is a 20% match for the grant to the Nevada State Parks Recreational Trails Program. The funding would come from the Open Space Division budget. Staff time, mileage and money spent during the design may be used towards the match.

Alternatives

Not to approve submittal of a grant application

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

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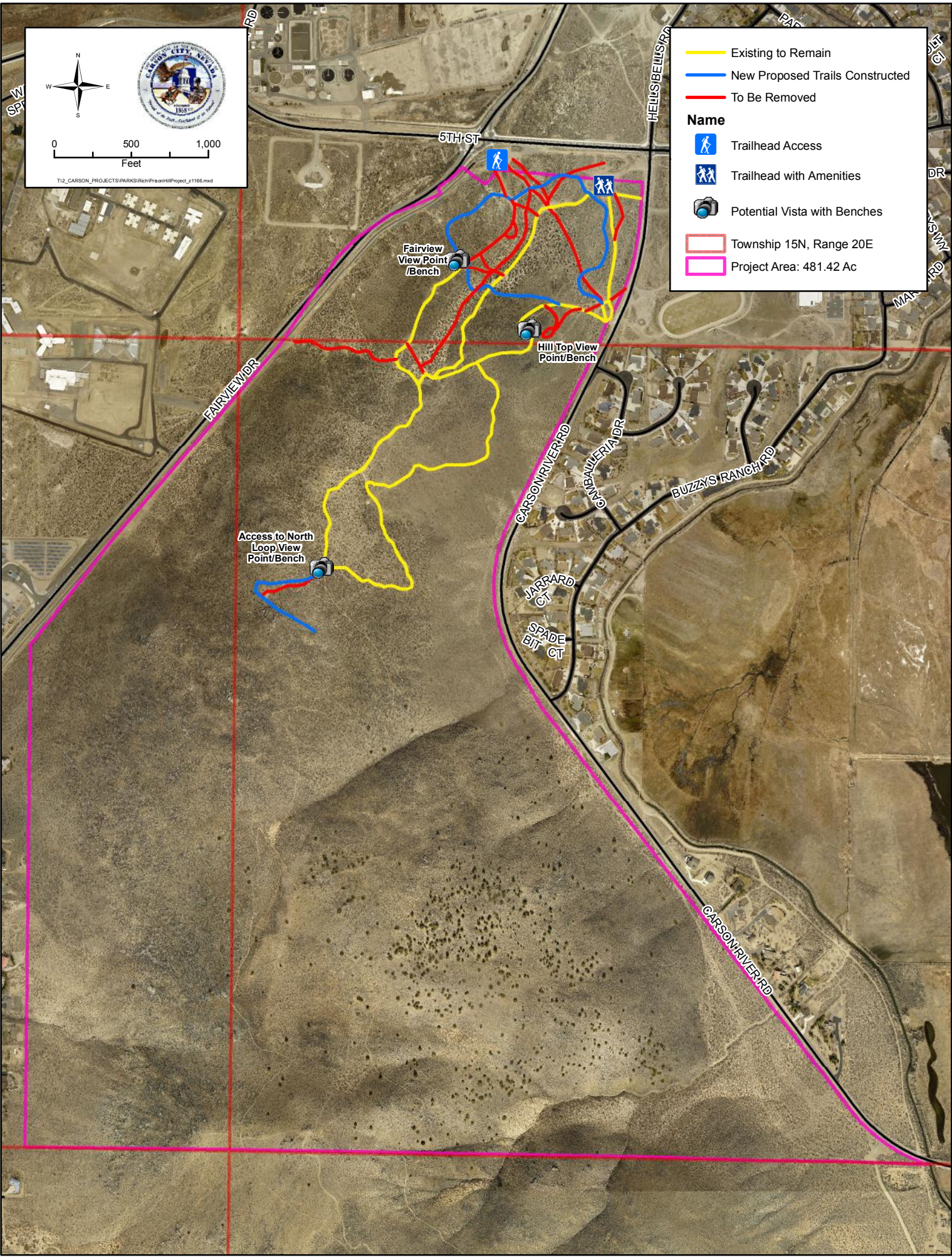
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Existing to Remain
New Proposed Trails Constructed
To Be Removed

Name

- Trailhead Access
- Trailhead with Amenities
- Potential Vista with Benches
- Township 15N, Range 20E
- Project Area: 481.42 Ac



Fairview View Point/Bench

Hill Top View Point/Bench

Access to North Loop View Point/Bench

5TH ST

FAIRVIEW DR

CARSON RIVER RD

GAMALIERIA DR

BUZZYS RANCH RD

JARRARD CT

SPADE BIT CT

HELLS BELLS RD

CARSON RIVER RD