



Briefing Paper CENTENNIAL TRAIL GAP PROJECT BOONE AVE TO PETTET DRIVE

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Project Overview

The City of Spokane is working on a 2020 construction project that would complete a missing section of the Centennial Trail in the West Central Neighborhood. The project would provide a needed link between already completed sections of the Trail, connecting the trail at Boone Avenue & Summit Boulevard to the trail at Pettet Drive and West Point Road. It also will replace crumbling sidewalk and curbing in the neighborhood and enhance connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists to bus stops, parks, schools and the West Central Community Center.

History

The route has been signed and mapped as part of the Centennial Trail for many years. Funding for the project was procured by the City, in collaboration with the Friends of the Centennial Trail.



This route appears in City plans dating back a decade, when it was included in the 2009 Bike Plan as a shared route. It also is included in a 2015 Bike Plan update and in a 2017 Comprehensive Plan update. The construction project was added to the City's six-year transportation plan in 2017. City staff briefed the Council on plans to seek project grant funding in early 2018, and funds were acquired late that year. The funds are specific to this route.

Project Elements & Status

Detailed project design work began in late 2019, and construction is expected to begin in summer 2020, lasting about three months.

This Centennial Trail project will include:

- A widened trail section along the route with widths varying between 10 and 12 feet.
- A maximized buffer between the street and trail along Summit Boulevard.
- A buffer between trail and slope wherever possible.
- Safety railing in short sections where there is danger of falling off of the bluff. The railing will be designed to maintain views.
- Erosion counter measures on the bluff.
- Conversion of West Point Road to a southbound one way street between Mission and Pettet.

As a result of input from property owners adjacent to the trail section at a meeting in November, the City will accommodate the enhanced trail by narrowing street widths as needed. Property owners were asked whether they would prefer that option or one that would use existing right of way that may extend past the sidewalk. The City also is working to accommodate owners' preferences around parking and landscaping.

Additional Connectivity

Some residents are interested in extending the trail from Summit Boulevard through a route that would include a bridge to the south side of the Spokane River. There is mention of a project like this in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Building the current project in West Central does not preclude an additional project like this. And, it would enhance the City's trail network.

The City is exploring ways to integrate this project into additional planning documents so funding eventually could be sought for such work. Because of the need for a bridge spanning the river and other construction challenges, this project likely will be expensive. The City could consider phasing the project to allow portions to move ahead.

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