

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4D

APPLICANT: Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To endorse the Public Works Department's submittal of a Recreational Trails Grant application to the Nevada Division of State Parks for maintenance and safety upgrades along the Highway 50 (East) Multi-Use Path between Lompa Lane and East College Parkway / Fairview Drive.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Carson City has applied for a \$186,248 Recreational Trails Grant through the Nevada Division of State Parks (Refer to Exhibit A) for path maintenance and safety upgrades to the Highway 50 (East) multi-use path between the Lompa Lane and East College Parkway / Fairview Drive intersections (Refer to Exhibits B and C). On May 9, 2013, the Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department staff will be giving a joint project presentation to the Nevada Division of State Parks' grant review committee. In preparation for this presentation, our department is requesting support from the Parks and Recreation Commission for this project.

Due to City budget constraints over the past years, City staff has been unable to complete routine path maintenance on the Highway 50 (East) multi-use path between the Lompa Lane and East College Parkway/Fairview Drive intersections. In addition, there are a number of safety, signage, and ADA improvements that need to be made to this aging path facility to minimize conflicts between vehicle movements and pedestrians/bicyclists using the path (Refer to Exhibit D).

If Carson City is awarded the \$186,248 grant, the City would be required to provide a 20% grant match. The City's 20% grant match amount would be \$46,562. The City's grant match is coming from two different funding sources. The first funding source is federal and the \$34,921 (15% match) will come from Community Development Block Grant funds. The second funding source is local and the \$11,641 (5% match) will come from the Public Works Department's Street Funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to endorse the Public Works Department's submittal of a Recreational Trails Grant application to the Nevada Division of State Parks for maintenance and safety upgrades along the Highway 50 (East) Multi-Use Path between Lompa Lane and East College Parkway/Fairview Drive.

Grants available for recreational trails projects

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CARSON CITY, Nev. – Approximately \$1,250,000 in grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration trails assistance program is available for motorized, non-motorized and education trail projects. The Nevada Division of State Parks is accepting applications for eligible projects that include new construction, maintenance, trail related facilities or education projects. A minimum of 30% of funds will go to motorized projects. A maximum of 5% will be awarded to environmental education trail training projects.

Federal, state, city and county governments, special governmental districts, trail organizations and private individuals are potentially eligible for the grants.

Since 1993, the Recreational Trails Program has funded hiking and equestrian trails, trail brochures, trailheads, interpretive trails, OHVA/ATV trails, urban pedestrian/bicycle paths and trail education. Past projects include the Shoshone OHV Trail, the Tahoe Rim Trail, the Mount Charleston Blue Tree Trail and the Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway.

“This is a great opportunity to create or improve trails so more people can get out and appreciate Nevada’s natural beauty,” said Dave Morrow, administrator of Nevada State Parks.

The 2013 Grants Manual and Application packages are available at www.parks.nv.gov. or at the Division of State Parks office, located at 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005, Carson City, Nev. 89701. All National Environmental Policy Act requirements must be met before the submitting an application.

Applications are due April 5 by 5:00 p.m. at the State Parks office. Faxed or emailed copies are not accepted.

For further information or questions, please contact Jenny Scanland at 775-684-2787 or email at jscanland@parks.nv.gov.

The **Nevada Division of State Parks** plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of more than 3.3 million visitors a year. The division was established in 1963 by the Nevada Legislature to form a new state park agency within the **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The division manages and maintains 24 parks, historic sites and recreation areas in Nevada. Nevada State Parks is the Administrator of the Federal Recreational Trails Grant Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Highway 50 East Path Maintenance & Safety Upgrades - Area Map

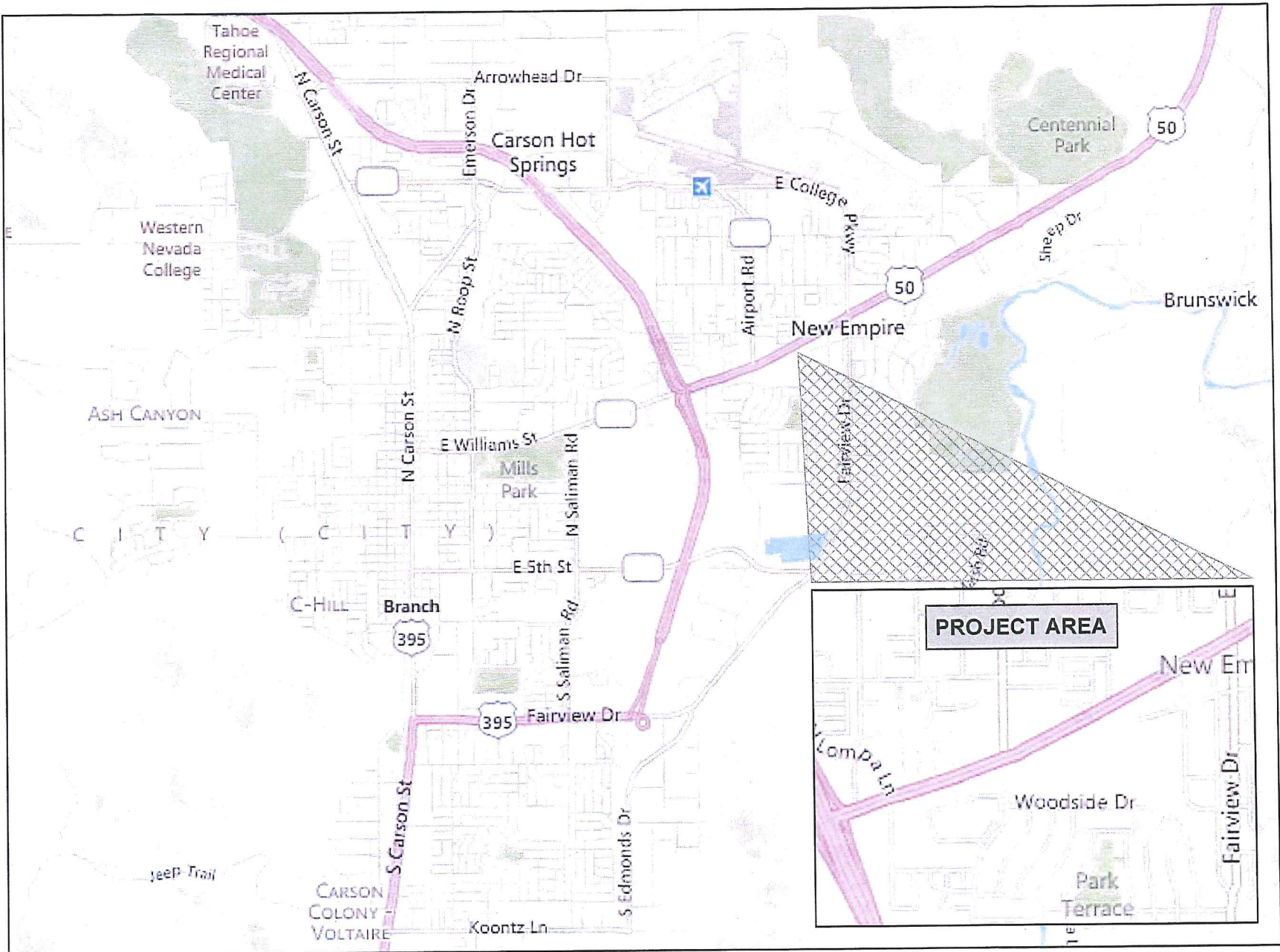


Exhibit B

Highway 50 East Path Maintenance & Safety Upgrades



Exhibit C

Attachment X – Photographs of Project Area



Typical Damage to Asphalt Proposed to be Replaced with Concrete



Example of Drive Area for Proposed Crosswalk Striping



Asphalt Deterioration Along Edge of Path



Example of Existing Concrete Path



Example of Existing Section with Buffer and Landscaping



Looking East Toward College Parkway at East End of Project Limit – Area Proposed for Slurry Seal