

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3C

APPLICANT: Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the submittal of a Recreational Trails Program grant for the extension of the North Freeway Multi-Use Path between Highway 50 East and East Fifth Street.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Carson City is planning to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant through the Nevada Division of State Parks (Refer to Exhibit A) for the extension of the Carson City North Freeway's Multi-use Path between Highway 50 East and East Fifth Street (Refer to Exhibit B). The grant deadline is March 7, 2014. It is the Board of Supervisors' policy to approve any City grant application submittal over \$25,000. As a result, our department is requesting support from the Parks and Recreation Commission for this project and grant application.

The grant application amount will be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. The final grant amount will be determined based on preliminary cost estimates, available City matching funds, and funds available statewide. If Carson City is awarded the grant, the City would be required to provide a 20% grant match. City staff will be meeting with Jenny Scanland, State Trails Coordinator, to discuss the grant application and available funding. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department through the Open Space Program will be applying in the same grant cycle for a Recreational Trails Program grant for a bridge on the Ash Canyon to Kings Canyon Trail.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the submittal of a Recreational Trails Program grant for the extension of the North Freeway Multi-use Path between Highway 50 East and East Fifth Street.

Rec Trails Program

Funding now available

NEW! 2014 – These funds are the new 2014 allocation. Applications are due by March 7, 2014. These applications are for Education, motorized and non-motorized projects.

- 2014 Recreational Trails Program Grant [Manual](#).
- 2014 Recreational Trails Program Grant [Application](#).

2013 – These funds are from last year's allocation. Applications are due by January 31, 2014. Motorized only projects.

- 2013 Recreational Trails Program Grant [Manual](#).
- 2013 Recreational Trails Program Grant [Application](#).

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a Federal-aid assistance program to help states provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use.

The program provides funding for all kinds of recreational trail uses, such as pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles. Information on Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) registration, go the [Department of Motor Vehicle \(DMV\) here](#).

Each state develops its own procedures to solicit projects from project sponsors, and to select projects for funding, in response to recreational trail needs within the State.

Nevada State Parks administers the RTP in Nevada. Each year the Federal Highway Administration distributes funds to each state based on gasoline tax revenue from registered off-road vehicles in the state. Nevada received approximately 0.6% of the total apportionment or \$1 - \$1.5 million.

Nevada State Parks is allowed to use 7% of the total apportioned funds for administration; this funding enables Nevada State Parks to staff one full-time position to manage the RTP in Nevada. The available amount to be received for the next cycle is announced in winter/spring before the next pre-application period.

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