



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 5A

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 18, 2023

Staff Contact: Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator, gberggren@carson.org

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Review and discussion regarding Samuel Gaskell's Eagle Scout Project to realign a segment of trail on Prison Hill. (Gregg Berggren, gberggren@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Mr. Samuel Gaskell will discuss his Eagle Scout Project at the Prison Hill Recreation Area. Samuel recently expressed to staff his interest in helping with a trail project. His PowerPoint presentation will share his proposal to reroute a steep and erosive segment of existing trail to make it more sustainable and user-friendly.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

Mr. Samuel Gaskell will discuss his Eagle Scout Project at the Prison Hill Recreation Area that will reroute a steep segment of existing trail to make it more sustainable and user-friendly. Trails Coordinator Gregg Berggren is the staff lead who is assisting with planning and project implementation.

EXHIBIT A – Prison Hill Trail Segment Realignment

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

Prison Hill - West Loop Reroute Project

Samuel Gaskell

Introduction

My name is Samuel Gaskell. I am currently involved in Boy Scouts as a Life Scout, the second highest rank. I am currently working on becoming an Eagle Scout, which involves planning and executing this project.

This project involves rerouting a section of trail on the West Loop on Prison Hill.

Project Details

The project will be done by volunteers and lead by myself. It will involve marking the location of the trail, cutting brush and other plant material from the path, moving sand and rock to create a trail, and covering the old trail with brush cut from the construction of the new trail, in order to direct hikers onto the new segment of trail.

Tools: Tools used will be loppers, shovels, pick-mattocks, and Mcleods.

Trail Details: The new trail will be approximately 400 feet and have one turn. The grade will be approximately 9%.

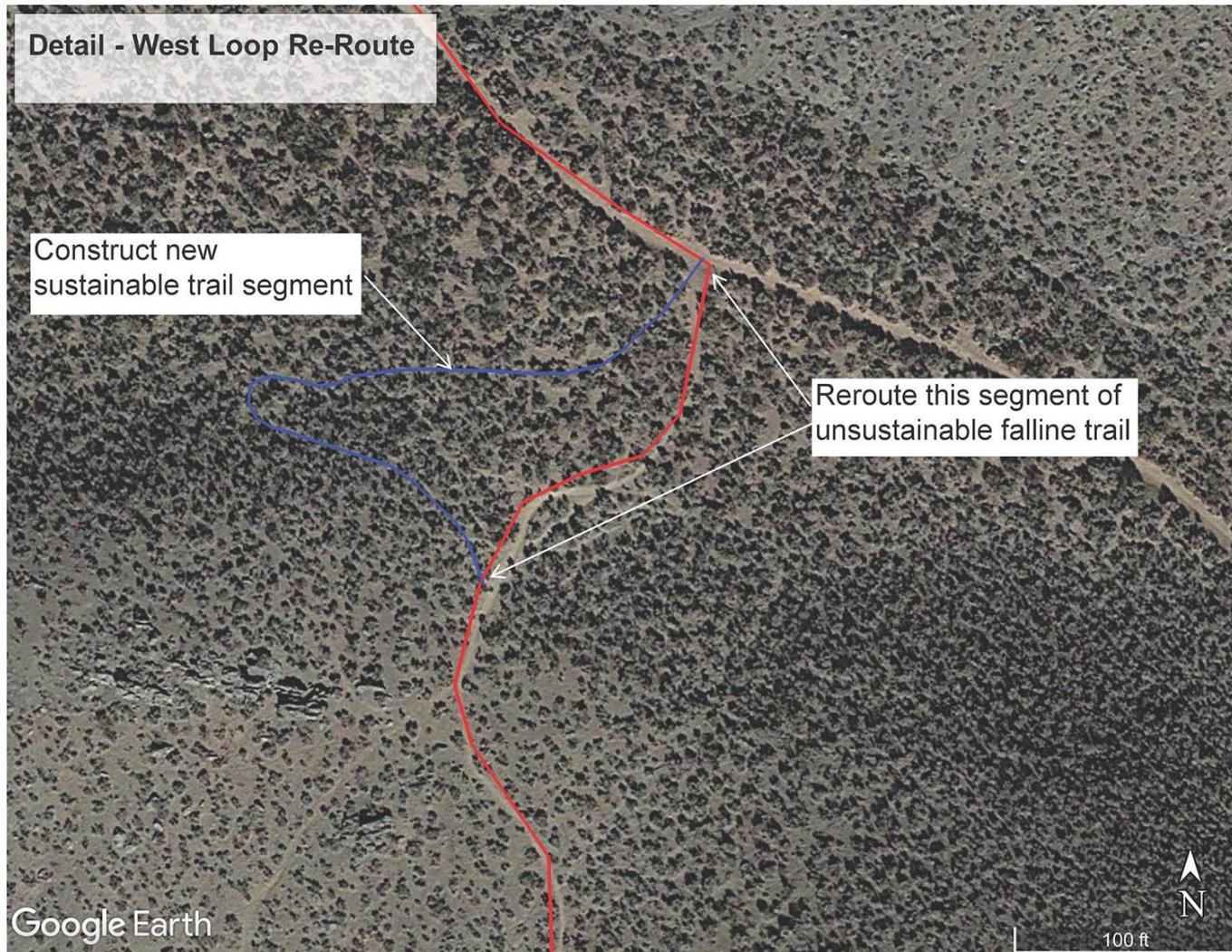
Why this project is needed

The project is needed because the current section of trail which the project will replace has a very steep 20% grade, and does not shed water well. This means it is dangerous and not sustainable. The new trail will be much safer and easier to walk on, and will last longer because it will not be as steep, so water will not travel down it.

View of trail project area from larger Prison Hill View.



View of new trail segment in relation to old trail.



Images



**Trail Path, near start,
facing west.**



**Current trail. Steep, water damaged, and
slippery.**



**Path of proposed trail, lower section,
facing Northeast.**



**Path of proposed trail, upper
section, facing Northwest.**



Near ending of proposed trail, facing West.



Central portion of proposed trail, facing Northwest.



**Beginning of proposed trail,
facing East.**



Beginning of proposed trail, facing West.

Safety Procedures

Volunteers will be asked to come with long pants and long sleeve shirts, closed toe shoes, eye protection, and gloves. They will need to wear hard hats, which will be provided.

Volunteers will also be asked to bring sunscreen and water.

At the start of the project, safe tool handling procedures and techniques will be discussed with all volunteers. Other things such as potential hazards, what to do if someone is hurt, and reminders to wear all PPE, sunscreen and to drink water will be discussed.

Project Partners

- **Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator, Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space**
- **Paul Sinnott, Technical Advisor, Muscle Powered**

Presentation Conclusion, Questions

Thank you for your time and hearing my presentation.

Questions