

# COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE DIVISION

<u>Scope Change Request - Boulder Regional Trail Grant</u>		<u>Pam O'Malley</u>	<u>6/12/2020</u>
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## **PURPOSE:**

To request the State Recreational Trails Committee's (the Committee) approval for a Scope and Budget change to an existing State Trails Program grant to the City of Boulder.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division's (CPW) Trails Program, a statewide program within CPW, administers grants for trail-related projects on an annual basis. Local, county, and state governments, federal agencies, special recreation districts, and non-profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands may apply for and are eligible to receive non-motorized and motorized trail grants.

### **Colorado's Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Program**

CPW's Trails Program was created with the adoption of Colorado's "Recreational Trails Act of 1971" codified in sections 33-11-101 through 33-11-112, Colorado Revised Statutes. The Grant Program provides funding for trail planning projects as well as small and large trail construction and maintenance projects. The Grant Program is a multi-agency partnership that includes CPW, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Colorado Lottery, Federal Recreation Trails Funds (RTP) and the Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF).

### **The Non-Motorized Recreation Trails Grant Application Process**

Trail Grant applications are posted on the Internet by August 1st each year. Trail grant opportunities are publicized annually through press releases, newsletters, the state website, and e-mail information networks. Technical assistance for grant preparation is provided by CPW Trails Program staff to potential applicants. The submission deadline for non-motorized Trail Grant applications was the first business day in October.

The Parks and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) has authorized a subcommittee structure to assist the Committee in formulating its grant recommendations. Subcommittees for each grant category and their members are appointed for the purpose of reviewing and ranking grants and compiling funding recommendations for the Committee. Subcommittee members include Committee members, representatives from GOCO, CPW Trails Program staff, and volunteer peer reviewers. Appendix A lists the individual members who served on each subcommittee.

After receiving recommendations from the Committee and approval from the Commission, grants are awarded for non-motorized trails projects on a yearly basis.

## **BOULDER REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRAIL**

The City of Boulder was awarded a State Trails Program grant for \$250,000 in 2019. Funding is from the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trail Program (RTP). The project is a partnership between the City of Boulder Public Works Transportation Division, Open Space Mountain Parks (OSMP) and Boulder County. The Boulder Regional Connector Trail includes construction of an off-street trail for bicyclists and pedestrians. The trail completes a missing link in the city and county off-street trail system and provides regional connections between Gunbarrel, a non-contiguous neighborhood northeast of Boulder, and Boulder's urban center. The trail will also cross Fourmile Canyon Creek via a 60-foot long, single span, prefabricated pedestrian/bicycle bridge. The trail will be located in the area bounded by 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Andrus Road to the north, Airport Road to the west and Boulder Creek to the south in Boulder County. Currently, recreational and commuting cyclists travel on-street and on county roads. This project is the city's contribution to providing safer and more efficient off-street walking and bicycling travel. The trail will be built 10-foot wide, 5,200-foot (0.98 mile) long, with 6-inch concrete.

### **DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY**

The City of Boulder would like to request segmenting the project in two phases wherein they use the grant for Phase 1 to expedite expenditure of grant funds. The grantee says phasing the project is necessary due to budget and staffing cuts due to the pandemic that are impacting the City's ability to deliver this and other projects. This project received an 86.18 (second highest score in the large grant category) from the Non-motorized Recreational Trails Grant Review and Ranking Subcommittee in 2019. If approval is given to phase the project, there would be no uncertainty about their ability to move forward with a useful and meaningful project that can begin this year. The section they will complete will connect with an existing trail off 61st street. They anticipate beginning Phase 2 with their own budget in late 2021.

*Appendix A* is the Change of Scope request from the City of Boulder for the Boulder Regional Connector Trail grant.

*Appendix B* is the Revised Budget request from the City of Boulder for the Boulder Regional Connector Trail grant.

*Appendix C* is the revised project map.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

"In accordance with section 33-11-106 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I move that the State Recreational Trails Committee approve the scope and budget change for the Boulder Regional Connector Trail grant. We recommend approval of the requested changes."

Minor adjustments of project funding levels shall be permitted at the discretion of the Parks and Wildlife Division Director. Any additional federal project money that is received shall be rolled over into the 2021 grant cycle at the discretion of the division director."

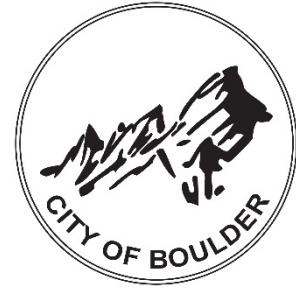
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STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE CHAIR

June 19, 2020  
DATE

# CITY OF BOULDER

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Boulder, Colorado 80302  
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May 15, 2020

Ms. Megan Sims  
CPW Federal Grand Administrator  
13787 South Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: 2019 Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application – Boulder Regional Connector Trail  
Updated Scope and Budget for Phasing of the Boulder Regional Connector Trail

Dear Megan,

This letter is to provide a status update regarding the scope and budget for the subject project. Due to a number of unknown factors surrounding the City of Boulder response and recovery for COVID-19, we would like to explore the possibility of segmenting the project into 2 phases wherein we use the grant for phase 1 to expedite expenditure of grant funds. Phasing the project would allow us to bid Phase 1 of the project in September 2020 and start construction in Oct/Nov 2020.

Phase 1 of the project would include construction of the trail from the west side of 61<sup>st</sup> Street to Andrus Road (see attached map). The trail will remain 10-foot-wide, 6-inch-thick concrete and the phase 1 length will be 2,050-foot-long (or approximately half of the total trail length). The phase 1 section will include construction of the at grade roadway crossing of 61<sup>st</sup> Street, the pedestrian bridge over Fourmile Canyon Creek, installation of four reinforced concrete pipe culverts, and approximately 3,575 foot of wire fence with wooden posts along both sides of the path.

The trail constructed as part of phase 1 of the project provides users an off-street connection to 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Phase 2 will be constructed to complete the connection of the trail between Gunbarrel neighborhood and Boulder's urban center.

Phasing the project is helpful because budget and staffing cuts due to the Covid-19 virus are having a direct impact on our ability to deliver this and other projects. If concurrence is given to phase the project, there would be no uncertainty about our ability to move forward with phase one of this useful and meaningful project in 2020. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Merz".

Lindsay Merz, P.E., PMP  
Transportation Project Manager

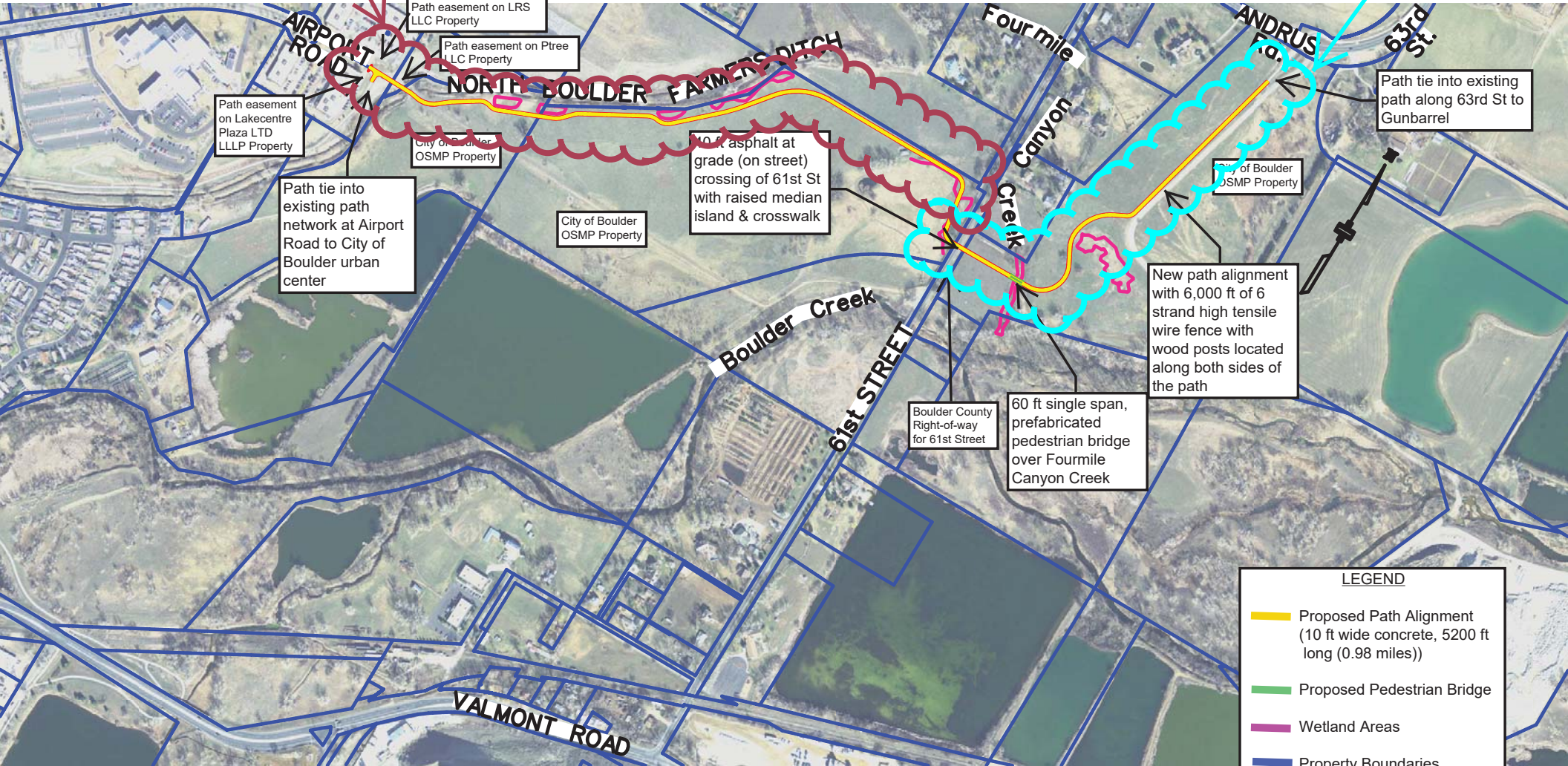
Exhibit B Budget Form - Project Name:					Boulder Regional Connector Trail (Phase 1) (Andrus Rd to Airport Rd Multi-Use Path)				
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Date Secured				CPW Trails Grant Request [A]	Total Project Match [B]	Total Funding (\$) [C]		
<b>CASH</b>									
2019 Non-Motorized Trails Grant	4/12/2019				\$ 250,000.00		\$ 250,000.00		
City of Boulder Bikeways Enhancement Budget	1/1/2018					\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00		
City of Boulder Bikeways Enhancement Budget	1/1/2019					\$ 9,899.55	\$ 9,899.55		
<b>IN-KIND</b>									
							\$ -		
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							\$ -		
							\$ -		
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 539,899.55</b>	<b>\$ 789,899.55</b>		
[CASH] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)	CPW Funds	Total Project Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]	
<b>CATEGORY 1-Contracted Services</b> Identify as: Youth Corps, Engineering, Contractor, etc.									
Engineering	60	Hour	\$ 150.00	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	0	
Material Testing	100	Hour	\$ 115.00	\$ 11,500.00		\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	0	
Construction Management	500	Hour	\$ 100.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	0	
Potholing	5	Hour	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0	
Construction Surveying	2050	LF	\$ 5.00	\$ 10,250.00		\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00	0	
Mobilization	2050	LF	\$ 30.00	\$ 61,500.00		\$ 61,500.00	\$ 61,500.00	0	
Sanitary Facility	1	Each	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	0	
				\$ -			\$ -	0	
<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>									
City of Boulder Staff Salary	600	Hour	\$ 46.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 27,600.00	0	
				\$ -			\$ -	0	
				\$ -			\$ -	0	
<b>CATEGORY 3-Materials/Supplies</b> Identify as: Signs, crusherfines, native seed, weed barrier, etc.									
Remove & Reset				\$ 32,670.00	\$ -	\$ 32,670.00	\$ 32,670.00	0	
Earthwork & Erosion				\$ 90,195.75	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 70,195.75	\$ 90,195.75	0	
Pavements & Structures				\$ 380,007.55	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 165,007.55	\$ 380,007.55	0	
Traffic Control Devices				\$ 112,976.25	\$ -	\$ 112,976.25	\$ 112,976.25	0	
				\$ -			\$ -	0	
				\$ -			\$ -	0	
<b>Additional Categories</b>									
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<b>USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 539,899.55</b>	<b>\$ 789,899.55</b>		
[IN-KIND] Description of Work	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Total (B*D)			Total Funding (\$)	Balance [should be 0]	
<b>Category 1 - Contracted Services</b>									
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<b>Category 2 - Salary/Wages</b>									
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<b>Category 3 - Materials/Tools</b>									
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<b>Additional Categories</b>									
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<b>IN-KIND SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>					<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 539,899.55</b>	<b>\$ 789,899.55</b>		
<b>30% REQUIRED MATCH</b>						<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>			



**ATTACHMENT 3 - PROJECT SITE MAP**  
**BOULDER REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRAIL**  
 (ANDRUS RD TO AIRPORT RD MULTI-USE PATH)  
 2019 NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION

**Phase 2: Airport Road to west side of 61st Street at-grade crossing**

**Phase 1: West side of 61st Street at-grade crossing to Andrus Road**



Path easement on LRS LLC Property

Path easement on Ptree LLC Property

Path easement on Lakecentre Plaza LTD LLLP Property

Path tie into existing path network at Airport Road to City of Boulder urban center

City of Boulder OSMP Property

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10 ft asphalt at grade (on street) crossing of 61st St with raised median island & crosswalk

Boulder County Right-of-way for 61st Street

60 ft single span, prefabricated pedestrian bridge over Fourmile Canyon Creek

New path alignment with 6,000 ft of 6 strand high tensile wire fence with wood posts located along both sides of the path

Path tie into existing path along 63rd St to Gunbarrel

City of Boulder OSMP Property

LEGEND	
	Proposed Path Alignment (10 ft wide concrete, 5200 ft long (0.98 miles))
	Proposed Pedestrian Bridge
	Wetland Areas
	Property Boundaries