

Application form



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT BASICS

Title

Type

Construction

Planning

Maintenance

Support

Phased project

Yes

No

If yes, Phase #

of

Brief summary

Grant request

\$

Grant ratio¹

%

Match

\$

Match ratio

%

Total

\$

Total

100 %

APPLICANT

Type

Local

County

Federal

Tribal

Recreation and Metro Districts

Non-Profit

Organization

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

General email

UEI #

Lead contact

Title

Telephone

Email

Project manager

Title

Telephone

Email

PARTNER OR CO-SPONSOR

Organization

N/A

Postal address

City

State

CO

ZIP Code

Contact name

Title

Telephone

Email

¹ Grant ratio = grant request / total. Match ratio = match / total.

PROPERTY

Nearest town or city City of Aspen County Pitkin County

Latitude/Longitude 39 11'36.15N, 10650'57.1W Congressional district 3

Name of property owner City of Aspen, Pitkin County, Pyramid Ranch LLC

Trail Corridor controlled by Fee simple Lease Easement
 License ROW Other:

TRAIL

Uses Hiking, walking, running Biking Equestrian

E-bikes allowed? Yes No Snow sports (non-motorized) ADA Accessible
 Other:

Estimate percentage by type (e.g.,) 50% hiking, etc. 75% Biking, 25% Walking, Running

Surface Natural Crusher fines Asphalt Concrete
 Other:

Size of new trailhead (sq. ft.) Length of trail being planned

Length of new trail construction² 5245 lf Length of trail maintenance

Length of inter-connecting trail Length of trail reroute

Length of decommissioned trail Length of restored trail

Length of trail to be signed Length of trail grooming

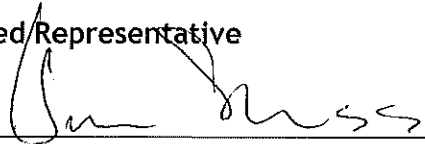
Other:

Estimated amount of paid crew hours: Grant Match:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the applicant entity, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct.

Authorized Representative

Signature  Date 10/03/2023

Name John Spiess Title Open Space and Natural Resources

² Length of trail – use miles, square feet, linear feet

Resolution allocating 4.25 million to project. An additional resolution will be sought at the end of October 2023 approving the construction contract and supplemental budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 124
(SERIES OF 2022)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN,
COLORADO ADOPTING 1) THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; AND 2) THE 2023
BUDGETS FOR TRUSCOTT PHASE II AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND,
ASPEN COUNTY INN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, AND ASPEN MINI STORAGE
WHICH ARE COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, AND
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT THERE TO**

WHEREAS, the City Manager, designated by Charter to prepare the budget, has prepared and submitted to the Mayor and City Council the annual budget for the City of Aspen, Colorado for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9.8 of the Home Rule Charter, the Council shall adopt the budget by resolution on or before the final day established by law as December 15th for certification of the ensuing year’s tax levy to the county; and

WHEREAS, Article 9 of the Aspen Home Rule Charter requires the adoption of an annual budget with the opportunity for the public to participate at a public hearing at least 15 days prior to the statutory deadline for certification of the ensuing year’s tax levy to the county, it is the intent of the Council by adoption of this budget to follow the requirements of City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the budgets as submitted in Exhibits A & B sets forth the amounts to be appropriated for expenditure, and estimated revenues, for each accounting fund for the calendar year of 2023,

SECTION 1:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by City Council, that the budget for the City of Aspen, Colorado for fiscal year 2023, attach hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby adopted. All constituted appropriations amounting to \$172,052,910, and estimated revenues amounting to \$186,656,267, are hereby declared to be sufficient and necessary to pay the expenses and certain indebtedness, and provide for a reasonable fund balance at the close of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, as required pursuant to 29-1-103 (2), C.R.S.

SECTION 2:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by City Council, that the budget for the City of Aspen, Colorado, Truscott Phase II Affordable Housing Fund for fiscal year 2023 is hereby adopted with appropriations amounting to \$991,600, and estimated revenues amounting to \$1,199,750. Aspen Country Inn Affordable Housing Fund for fiscal year 2023 is hereby adopted with appropriations amounting to \$366,150, and estimated revenues amounting to \$386,350. Aspen Mini Storage Fund for fiscal year 2023 is hereby adopted with appropriations amounting to \$634,000, and estimated revenues amounting to \$634,000. That all are hereby declared to be

sufficient and necessary to pay the expenses and certain indebtedness, and provide for a reasonable fund balance at the close of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, as required pursuant to 29-1-103 (2), C.R.S.

Adopted this 29th, day of November 2022



Torre, Mayor

I, Nicole Henning, duly appointed and acting City Clerk of the City of Aspen, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the City Council at its meeting held on the 29th day of November 2023.



Nicole Henning, City Clerk

Criteria Questions



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION - CONSTRUCTION

Organization

Project title

1. PROJECT NEED

15 points

- A. Give a detailed description of the project, including information such as miles of new or resurfaced trails, any other trail components/structures, and the restoration/decommission of old reroutes.

- B. Describe the project's urgency and why it is being pursued at this time.

- C. Describe all existing trails/trail systems in the area and the need for additional trail reroutes to be constructed.
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3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

10 points

- A. Give a detailed description of who will oversee the design process and trail construction. Include who will build the trail (staff, volunteers, conservation corps, contractors, etc.)
- B. Outline any CPW State Trails funding received in the last five years and if the project(s) were completed on time, on budget and within scope. For applicants without prior State Trails funding, provide examples of similar grant funded projects. Include project title, year of award, grant amount, and grantor for each.
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8. BUDGET AND FUNDING

10 points

- A. Describe the source of match for the project and when it will be secured. Include in-kind donations and partner contributions.

- B. Describe any consequences if this funding application is unsuccessful (loss of partner funds, staff capacity, expiration of surveys, etc.).
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Non-Federal Environmental Form

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST (for projects outside of NEPA requirements) (Construction and Maintenance Grants Only)

Applicants are responsible to complete this form with county/local government staff or an environmental consultant to address the following environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column.

All applicants will be evaluated for wildlife and aquatic impacts in a separate evaluation process by CPW wildlife staff.

Project Name: Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail

Project Sponsor: City of Aspen

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLEGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plants species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Wetlands/floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Storm water runoff and/or Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Environmental disturbances during construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other important environmental resources to address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a separate sheet if necessary for the following questions.

Please briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

MITIGATION: Please describe how impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated; some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

Grading will take place within the trail corridor to achieve ADA standards. This grading will impact local landforms but the embankments will be stabilized with retaining structures and grades around these structures will be stabilized at 3:1 slopes. All disturbances to ecological resources surrounding the project site will be reseeded with native plant seed. Any invasive species that grow following the trail establishment will be managed by city staff in the years following the project.

BENEFIT: Please describe any positive impacts of the project on sensitive species; some considerations below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act. **All required permits must be acquired prior to submitting a non-motorized trails grant application.**

John Spiess

Printed name of applicant



Signature of applicant

10/3/23

Date

David Coon, Forester City of Aspen

Printed name, title of authority:

County/local government natural resource specialist or hired consultant that completed this checklist must sign here.
The applicant and title of authority must be different.



Signature of authority

10/3/23

Date

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

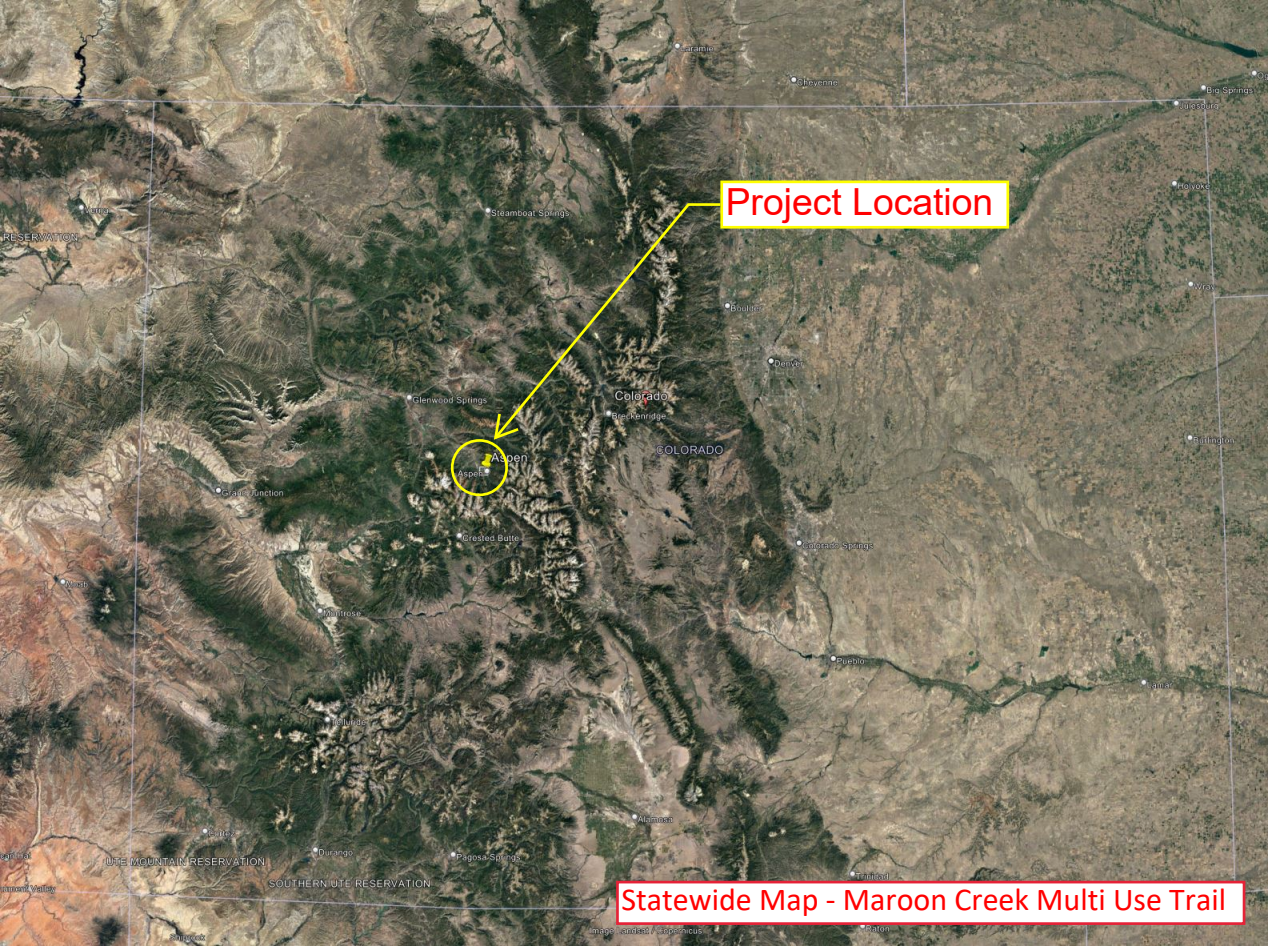
Project Budget



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT

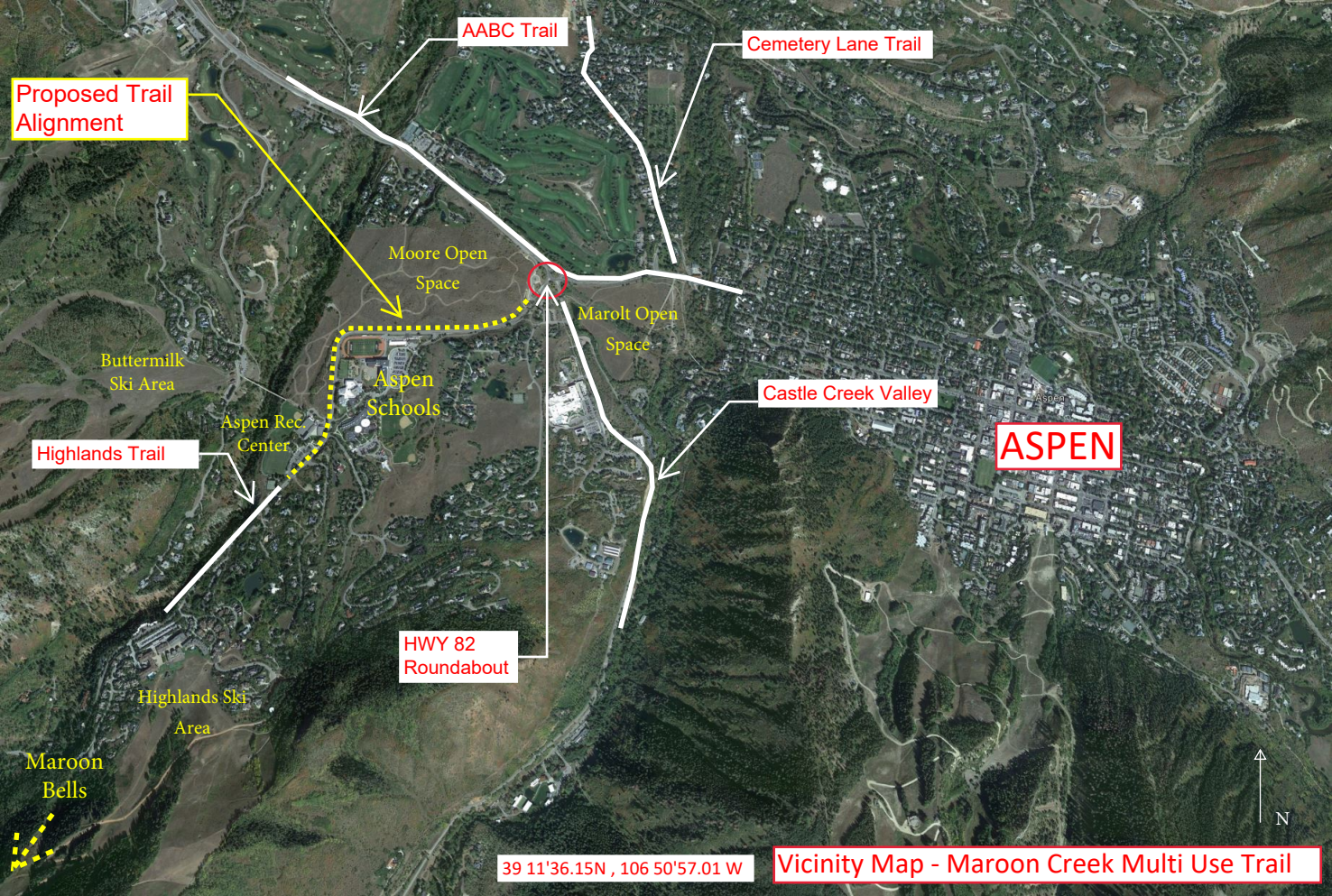
Project details				Match details					
CPW Grant #				Source of match	Type	Date available	Amount		
Organization	City of Aspen			City of Aspen	Cash	Oct-23	\$ 5,640,666.20		
Project title	Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail								
Grant Request (auto populates)	\$	250,000.00							
Local match	\$	5,640,666.21	Min. Match	\$	62,500.00				
Project Total	\$	5,890,666.21					Match Total	\$ 5,640,666.20	
Description	Qty	Unit type	Cost per unit	Total	Type	CPW Grant	Local match	Balance	
Contracted Services									
Removal and Resets	1	LS	\$ 287,931.00	\$ 287,931.00	Cash		\$ 287,931.00	\$ -	
Earthwork- Including the creation of the trail platform and the excavation for retaining walls	1	EA	\$ 612,694.00	\$ 612,694.00	Cash	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 487,694.00	\$ -	
Erosion Control: To include the installation of erosion control material which will protect adjacent landscapes	1	EA	\$ 133,594.00	\$ 133,594.00	Cash	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 8,594.00	\$ -	
Surfacing	1	LS	\$ 546,812.00	\$ 546,812.00	Cash		\$ 546,812.00	\$ -	
Utilities	1	LS	\$ 70,030.00	\$ 70,030.00	Cash		\$ 70,030.00	\$ -	
Electrical	1	LS	\$ 222,302.00	\$ 222,302.00	Cash		\$ 222,302.00	\$ -	
Structures (Walls, railings signs)	1	LS	\$ 1,100,197.00	\$ 1,100,197.00	Cash		\$ 1,100,197.00	\$ -	
F/A Labor and Equipment	1	LS	\$ 45,543.00	\$ 45,543.00	Cash		\$ 45,543.00	\$ -	
Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 335,700.00	\$ 335,700.00	Cash		\$ 335,700.00	\$ -	
Traffic Control	1	LS	\$ 164,718.00	\$ 164,718.00	Cash		\$ 164,718.00	\$ -	
				\$ -				\$ -	
Materials/Supplies									
Removal and Resets	1	LS	\$ 36,696.00	\$ 36,696.00	Cash		\$ 36,696.00	\$ -	
Earthwork	1	LS	\$ 168,574.00	\$ 168,574.00	Cash		\$ 168,574.00	\$ -	
Erosion Control	1	LS	\$ 19,421.00	\$ 19,421.00	Cash		\$ 19,421.00	\$ -	
utilities	1	LS	\$ 73,075.00	\$ 73,075.00	Cash		\$ 73,075.00	\$ -	
Electrical	1	LS	\$ 8,950.00	\$ 8,950.00	Cash		\$ 8,950.00	\$ -	
Structures (Walls, railings signs)	1	LS	\$ 279,347.00	\$ 279,347.00	Cash		\$ 279,347.00	\$ -	
Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 4,714.00	\$ 4,714.00	Cash		\$ 4,714.00	\$ -	
Traffic Control	1	LS	\$ 47,428.00	\$ 47,428.00	Cash		\$ 47,428.00	\$ -	
								\$ -	
Additional Categories									
General Conditions fee	1	LS	\$ 478,138.50	\$ 478,138.50	Cash		\$ 478,138.50	\$ -	
Construction Fee	1	LS	\$ 623,658.90	\$ 623,658.90	Cash		\$ 623,658.90	\$ -	
Contingency	1	LS	\$ 631,142.81	\$ 631,142.81	Cash		\$ 631,142.81	\$ -	
				\$ -				\$ -	
TOTAL				\$ 5,890,666.21		\$ 250,000.00	\$ 5,640,666.21		

Match Total Column 'J' at top must be the same as Match Total Column 'I' at bottom



Project Location

Statewide Map - Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail



Proposed Trail Alignment

AABC Trail

Cemetery Lane Trail

Moore Open Space

Marolt Open Space

Buttermilk Ski Area

Aspen Schools

Castle Creek Valley

ASPEN

Highlands Trail

Aspen Rec Center

HWY 82 Roundabout

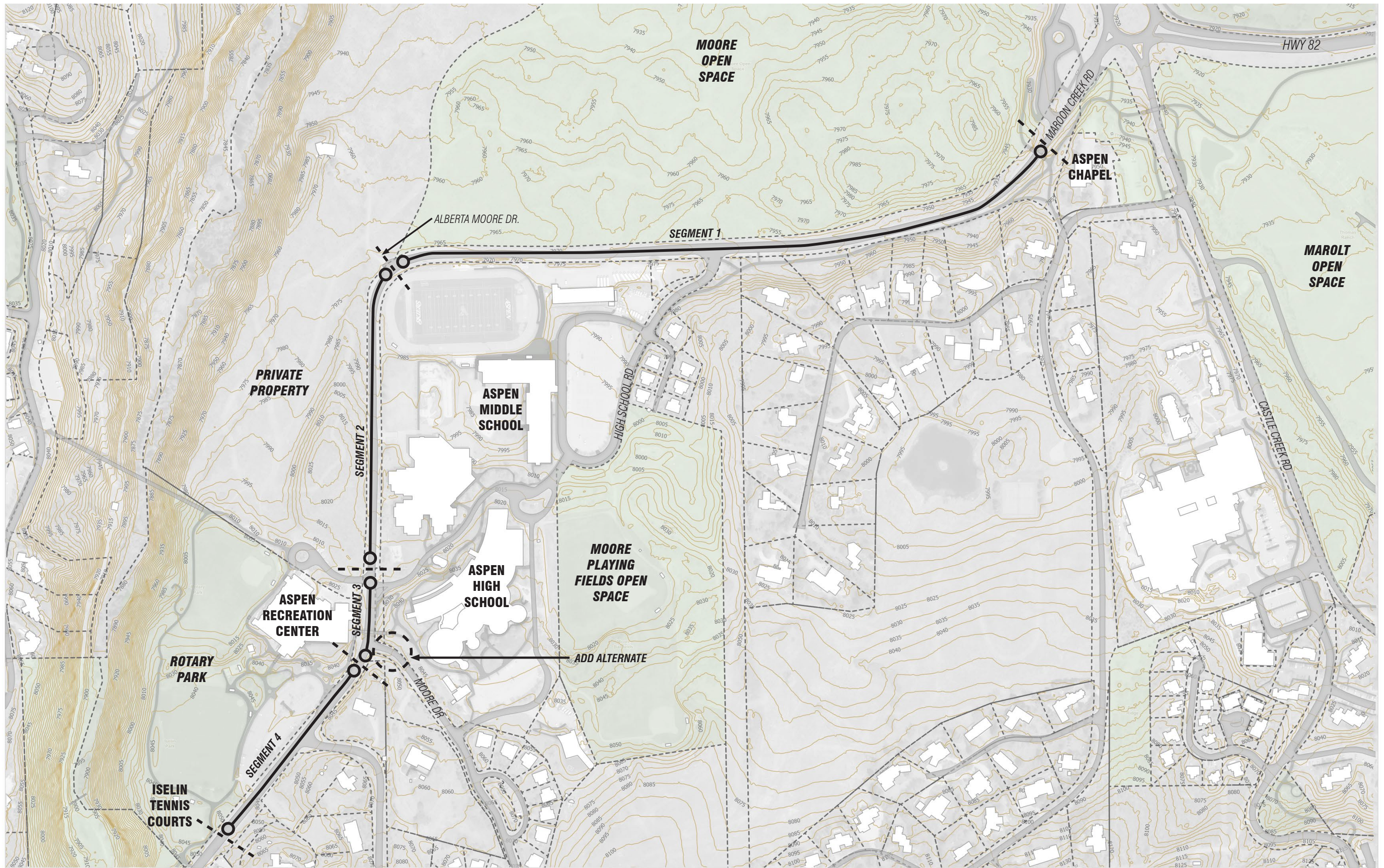
Highlands Ski Area

Maroon Bells



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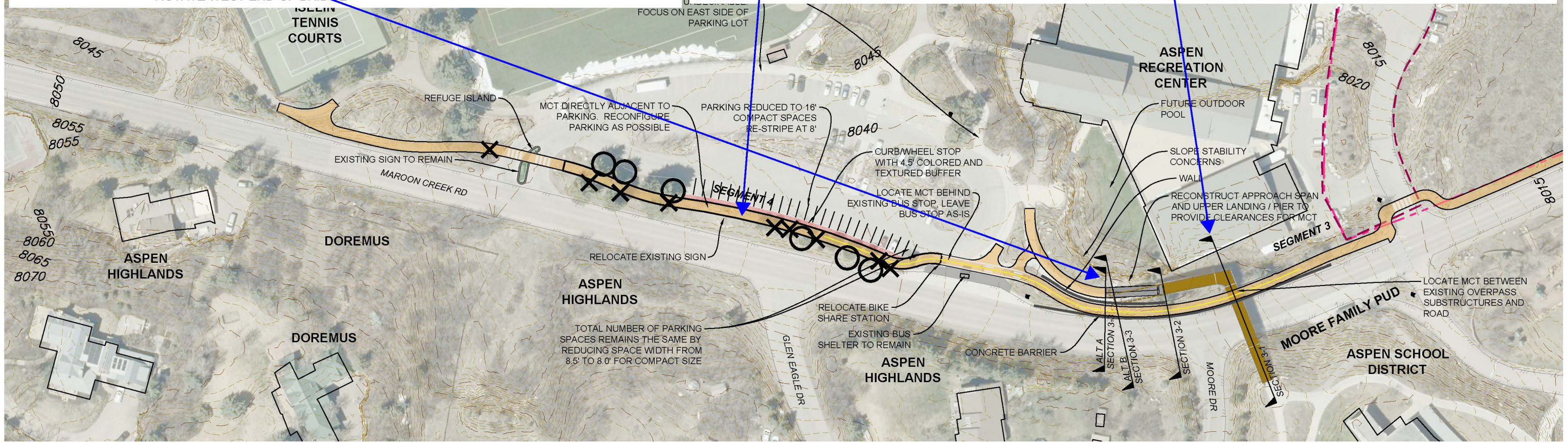
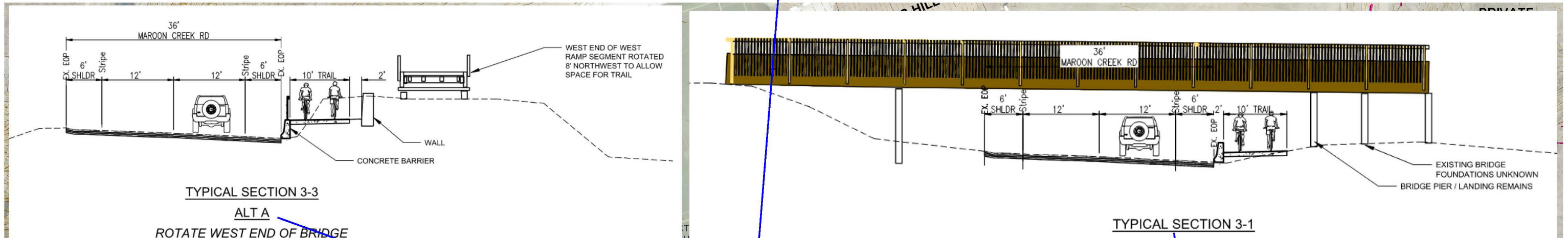
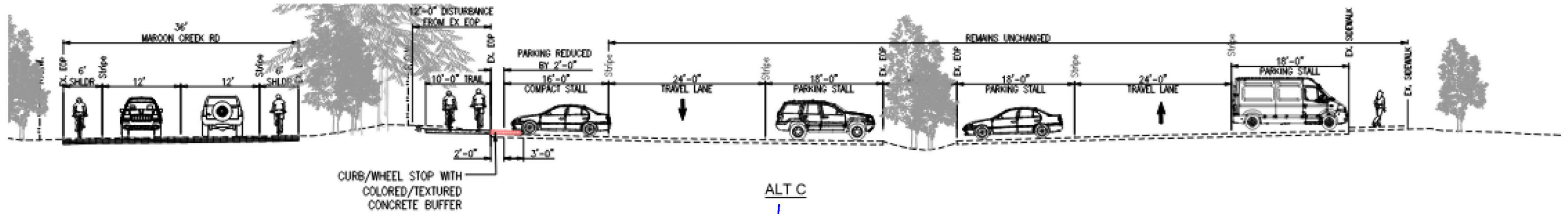
Vicinity Map - Maroon Creek Multi Use Trail



MAROON CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL: REFERENCE MAP



MAROON CREEK MULTI USE TRAIL: SITE PHOTO LOOKING SOUTH MAROON CREEK ROAD



MAROON CREEK MULTI USE TRAIL: SEGMENTS 3 & 4



September 11, 2023

Letter of Support for the Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Aspen School District to express my support for the planned Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail. This trail will provide a safe alternative to the existing trail network that crosses the school campus. Over the past several years we have seen a significant increase in the number of riders using this route as well as an increase in the speed of travel. Riders, both local and tourists, consistently have difficulty navigating the campus network and often end up in locations that are not intended for the public. This in addition to concerns about school safety and public access to our campus have put pressure on us and the City of Aspen to find alternate solutions for this popular non-motorized corridor. Working with the City of Aspen we have identified an alternative alignment that allows us to maintain the school connections to the community while providing a direct route to the Aspen Recreation Center and Maroon Bells.

In addition to addressing our safety concerns within the campus we are excited that the trail project will upgrade the existing pedestrian infrastructure that crosses Maroon Creek road. Our campus connection to the Aspen Recreation Center is important and we are happy to see that the project will improve the safety of this at grade crossing while maintaining the bridge crossing above.

We are excited by the opportunity to back a year-round multi-use trail within the Maroon Creek corridor and hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can support this work as well through a 2024 Non-Motorized Trail Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David E. Baugh'.



David E. Baugh, Ed.D
Superintends of Schools

235 High School Road | Aspen, Colorado 81611

(970) 300-2128

dbaugh@aspenk12.net



Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 U.S. Hwy. 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

September 13, 2023

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Pitkin Open Space and Trails to express my support for the planned Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail. This trail will provide a vital connection between the Highway 82 corridor and the Maroon Creek Valley. Pitkin County and the City of Aspen have enjoyed a great working relationship for many years and this trail is another example of a partnership that promotes non-motorized connectivity between and across public lands. In recognition of the value of this trail and the partnership between our organizations the Pitkin County Open Space and Trails Board has pledged \$500,000 toward the construction of the trail.

More than ½ of the trail will be adjacent to or within Pitkin County Open Space. Staff as well as the Open Space and Trails Board have worked closely with the City to evaluate alignments that balance the user experience with wildlife values on the property. The alignment that has emerged through the design process provides an efficient connection to the Highlands trail with minimal impact to the open space.

We are excited by the opportunity to back a vital non-motorized connection within Pitkin County and hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can support this work as well through a 2024 Non-Motorized Trail Grant.

Sincerely,

Gary Tennenbaum
Director, Pitkin County Open Space and Trails



Forest Service

Aspen-Sopris Ranger District

**620 Main St
P.O. Box 309
Carbondale, CO 81623-0309
970-963-2266**

Date: September 26, 2023

Subject: Letter of Support Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of USFS to express my support for the planned Maroon Creek Multi-Use Trail. This trail will provide a vital connection between the Highway 82 corridor and the Maroon Creek Valley. Since the winter of 2022 the City of Aspen, Pitkin County and the USFS have been working together on solutions for the rapid increase of bicycle use on Maroon Creek Road.

In 2022 Pitkin County completed a bicycle count on Maroon Creek Road and found that there were 42,000 trips up and down the corridor between May and October. This number of riders can lead to a number of safety concerns in the corridor and as a collective we have been working to find solutions.

We recognize that many of our visitors to forest service land begin their journey in Aspen. We understand that this section of the corridor is often confusing for visitors to the area, and we are excited by the grade separated direct solution that this trail provides. This portion of trail that the city is proposing to build will provide an important portal for riders making the journey to the Maroon Bells.

We are excited by the opportunity to back a year-round multi-use trail within the Maroon Creek corridor and hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife can support this work as well through a 2024 Non-Motorized Trail Grant.

Sincerely,

Kendra Head
Developed/Dispersed Recreation Manager
Forest Service
White River National Forest, Aspen-Sopris Ranger District



Document checklist



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION – CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE

PROJECT DETAILS

Organization _____

Project title _____

DOCUMENTS

PRE-APPLICATION - SEPTEMBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Scope of work	Applicant's own	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Project map	Applicant's own	PDF

FULL APPLICATION - OCTOBER

Document	Source	Submission format
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Application form	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Timeline	CPW template	PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Budget	CPW template	Unprotected Excel file
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Photographs & maps	Applicant's own	Merged PDF (5 pages max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Letters of support	Various	Merged PDF (5 letters max)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Resolution	Applicant's own	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Environmental forms	CPW Template	Signed PDF
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Formal EA or NEPA*	Federal Template	Web link or PDF

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

11. Required match funding secured (including cash match funds)
12. Construction projects have been evaluated for permits and, if required, permits obtained.
13. Project area is owned by a public land agency or has an easement that designates the area be open to the public for at least 25 years.
14. Conservation/Youth Corps or other organization will be used on the project.
Name of organization: _____
15. Volunteers will be utilized on the project
Name of organization: _____

*Must be completed prior to application presentations in January.