

## **2021 Capital Improvement Programs**

### **Ongoing Projects**

#### **1. Bear Creek Regional Park Restroom Replacement**

The replacement of the main park restroom was identified in the 2014 park master plan. The new restroom will feature expanded restroom facilities and storage. The design of the new restroom will be completed in 2020 by TDG Architecture. The existing building will be demolished in spring 2021 with construction scheduled to be completed by June 2021. The construction budget is \$450,000 with funds provided by \$312,000 from Conservation Trust Funds, \$63,000 from 1A Funds, and \$75,000 from regional park fees.

#### **2. Hanson Trailhead Renovation Project**

The Hanson Trailhead and the surrounding areas were severely damaged by flooding in 2015. Damages include erosion / scouring of the embankment, a large loss of embankment soil material, loss of riprap, loss of a section of the Fountain Creek Regional Trail, and extensive damage to the pedestrian bridge abutments. Design of the repair began in 2018 and was completed in 2020 and includes moving the bridge south, adding a second span, trail construction, and various creekbank and riparian restoration activities. Construction is scheduled to start in winter 2020 and be completed by spring 2021 to take advantage of low seasonal water flow rates. Funding for the construction includes \$2,157,549 from the following funding sources: \$819,091 from FEMA, \$354,291 from El Paso County Disaster Recovery Fund, \$750,000 from the Fountain Creek Watershed District, \$209,167 from El Paso County Parks, and \$25,000 from the City of Fountain.

#### **3. Falcon Regional Park – Phase II**

Phase I improvements were completed in 2015 and included the construction of two baseball fields, plaza, and parking lot. Phase II improvements include the construction of an additional baseball field, multi-use field, and parking lot improvements. Design of these improvements was completed in 2020 by NES and construction is planned to start in fall, 2020 with completion by spring, 2021. Funding for the construction of Phase II includes \$955,134 from the following sources: \$375,336 from Great Outdoors Colorado, \$269,956 from Regional Park Fees, and \$226,025 from Ballot Question 1A, and \$83,817 from Conservation Trust Funds.

## New Projects

### **1. Fox Run Regional Trail**

The Fox Run Regional Trail is a planned three-mile regional trail that connects Fox Run Regional Park to Baptist Road. The County owns real property and easements along the entire corridor. The construction of the trail requires site-specific design to address roadway crossings, encroachments from adjoining residential properties, and navigating along active utility and drainage corridors. Additionally, there will be direct coordination required with several metropolitan districts, utility providers, and residents along the planned regional trail corridor. El Paso County secured a State Trails Planning Grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife in 2020 to fund the final design, engineering and development of construction documents. Upon completion of this effort, the County will apply for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant to support the construction of the trail.

#### Funding Sources

Regional Park Fees	\$ 50,000
State Trails Grant	<u>\$150,000</u>
 Total	 \$200,000

#### Estimated Costs

Trail Construction	\$200,000
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#### Project Timeline

Complete Design & Engineering	July, 2021
Submit Grant Application	October, 2021
Grant Announcement	March, 2022
Bid Construction	April, 2022
Trail Construction	June – August, 2022

## **2. Ute Pass Regional Trail**

The Master Plan for the Ute Pass Regional Trail was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 15, 2015. The Ute Pass Regional Trail is a planned 11-mile trail corridor between Manitou Springs and the El Paso / Teller County Line. The trail has been developed in sections starting in 2003. Currently 4 miles of the trail remain in the Cascade / Chipita Park area. The Master Plan identified a preferred trail alignment for the trail that includes utilizing public right-of-way by following Chipita Park Road, Fountain Avenue, and CDOT frontage roads, before following French Creek and connecting to the existing Ute Pass Regional Trail. The trail will be concrete or asphalt along public roads and gravel along French Creek. A trailhead is planned within public right-of-way along Spring Street that will include parking, restroom facility, and various site amenities. El Paso County secured Federal Highway monies from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) to fund the design and construction of a 3-mile segment between Winnemucca Road and Fountain Avenue by 2022.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Capital Improvement Funds	\$171,000	\$114,000
CDOT (TIP/TAP)	<u>\$754,000</u>	<u>\$414,000</u>
Total	\$925,000	\$528,000

<u>Estimated Costs</u>		
Construction	\$925,000	\$528,000

### Project Timeline

Design / Engineering / Secure ROW	July, 2019 – May, 2021
Bid Project	June – July, 2021
Project Construction	August, 2021 – March, 2022

### **3. El Paso County Fairgrounds Walkways**

El Paso County updated the County Fairgrounds Master Plan in 2015 which identified existing facilities that need upgrades to improve functionality, protect infrastructure, and enhance user experiences. A site survey was completed in early 2020 which provided critical information for future renovation and construction projects at the Fairgrounds. The project includes the development of plans and specifications for walkways throughout the Fairgrounds to connect various facilities. Focus will be placed on the addition of paved paths throughout the Fairgrounds with emphasis on user-friendly ADA access throughout the property.

#### Funding Sources

County Major Maintenance Funds	\$ 10,000
Grant Funding – CDBG	<u>\$165,000</u>
Total	\$175,000

#### Estimated Costs

Construction Plans and Specifications	\$ 10,000
Construction	<u>\$165,000</u>
Total	\$175,000

#### Project Timeline

Design / Construction Plans	September, 2020 – January, 2021
Bid Construction	February – March, 2021
Project Construction	April – June, 2021

#### **4. Santa Fe Open Space**

The Santa Fe Open Space Master Plan is currently in development and is scheduled for consideration and / or endorsement / approval by the Park Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners in 2020. The proposed Phase I Improvements include the construction of a 3,000' 4'-8' wide Tier I/III trail along the southern border of the open space and approximately 6,000 feet of Tier IV single track multi-use trails will be constructed throughout the central and northern portions of the open space. An overlook area will be constructed near the open space's high point, along one of the Tier IV single-track trails, to include an interpretive panel that informs the reader of the locations of various landmarks along the southern Front Range, all viewable from the overlook. The project also includes the installation of approximately 1,400' of 4-wire wildlife friendly fencing along the property's eastern boundary.

##### Funding Sources

Capital Improvement Funds	\$115,000
Regional Park Fees	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
 Total	 \$165,000

##### Estimated Costs

Tier I Trail Construction	\$ 55,000
Tier IV Trails Construction	\$ 75,000
Overlook Construction	\$ 15,000
4-Wire Wildlife Friendly Fencing	\$ 10,000
Kiosks, Trail / Entrance Signage	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
 Total	 \$165,000

##### Project Timeline

January, 2021 -	Complete Master Plan
February, 2021 -	Prepare Plans and Specifications
March – April, 2021 -	Bid Construction
May – August, 2021 -	Construction

## 5. County Fairgrounds Barn Replacement

El Paso County updated the County Fairgrounds Master Plan in 2015 which identified existing facilities that need upgrades to improve functionality, protect infrastructure, and enhance user experiences. The proposed improvements included the removal and replacement of the small animal barns that are located west of Owens Livestock Arena. The existing, dilapidated wooden barns will be replaced with 10,000 – 13,000 of square feet of new multi-purpose barns which will be designed to provide multi-use opportunities for community activities throughout the year. If financially feasible, a storm shelter will be created below the barns.

### Funding Sources

County Capital Improvement Funds	\$200,000
Regional Park Fees	\$150,000
Grant Funding	\$250,000
Naming Rights Program	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
 Total	 \$650,000

### Estimated Costs

Construction Plans and Specifications	\$ 90,000
Construction	<u>\$560,000</u>
Total	\$650,000

### Project Timeline

Create Barn Advisory Committee	August, 2020
Determine Scope of Barn Construction	Fall, 2020
Secure Architect	December, 2020
Complete Plans and Specifications	January – July, 2021
Seek Naming Rights Sponsor(s) / Grants	Spring, 2021
Complete Ground-Breaking	July, 2021 (during County Fair)
Bid Construction	August - September, 2021
Project Construction	October – March, 2022

## **6. Fox Run Regional Park Improvements**

Fox Run Regional Park is a 414-acre regional park located within Black Forest along Baptist Road. It is one of the most used parks in the County Park system featuring athletic fields, natural trails, playgrounds, and off-leash dog park. Depending on final construction costs, it is proposed to install a new leach field, remodel the restroom and install fixtures at the Oak Meadows restroom to improve sanitary conditions of the restroom and to meet ADA requirements. Also, the Pine Meadows playground has been deemed beyond its useful life and is in need of replacement and/or upgrades. Depending on costs either a new playground will be installed, or individual playground components will be replaced.

### Funding Source

Regional Park Fees	\$ 200,000
Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 264,000
Trust for County Parks	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$ 479,000

### Estimated Costs

Restroom Upgrades	\$ 350,000
Playground Upgrades	<u>\$ 129,000</u>
Total	\$ 479,000

### Project Timeline

Finalize Design	March, 2021
Bid Construction	April – May, 2021
Construction	June – December, 2021