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King County Parks

Mission
Steward, enhance and acquire parks to inspire healthy communities.

Vision
Parks, trails, and natural lands for all, sustained with the cooperative efforts of our community.
One of the nation’s most extensive multi-use trail networks

- 175 miles of trails
- Bothell to Auburn
- Seattle to the Cascade Mountains
Regional Trails Vision

- 300 miles
- Connecting 30 cities and 4 counties

Trails connect people to...

✓ nature
✓ recreation
✓ healthier lifestyles
✓ alternative ways to get around region
Why Regional Trails?

- Promote active recreation for health and well-being
- Expand access for all ages and abilities
- Ensure safety for trail visitors
- Build community as gathering space and destination
- Promote economic benefits (e.g. trailside businesses, property values)
- Enhance environmental sustainability
Once completed...

- 11 mile-long trail
- Cedar River Trail to Flaming Geyser State Park
- Connecting people to nature, schools, government centers, neighborhoods, businesses
- Weaving through exceptional landscape of rivers, lakes and natural areas
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Trail History

• Historic railroad corridor between Maple Valley and Lake Sawyer

• King County acquired the corridor in 1990s

• King County developed interim soft surface trail to allow for public use
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Trail History

• Local area experiencing:
  • rapid population growth
  • traffic congestion

• Increased need for different types of recreation opportunities
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Trail History

- 2012 Feasibility Study
- Partnered with Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Covington
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Project History

- 2014-2019 Parks Levy:
  - funded design and development of trail

- 2015 preliminary work:
  - Stakeholder group input
  - Inventory work

- 2016 - Project delayed

- 2017 – Design commences
Preferred Trail Standard

Paved, shared-use trail with soft shoulders and accessory soft-surface trail

Sample trail cross-section. Numbers indicate width in feet.
Key Considerations in Trail Design

- **Safety**, follow professional design guidelines
- **ADA** requirements
- **Increase access** for multiple trail activities
- **Appropriate facility** for current and anticipated future volumes of use
- **Feasibility** and **cost effectiveness** to maintain
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Key Findings from 2015 Engagement Design Requests

• Works for a diverse mix of users

• Maintains natural look and feel

• Connects to local communities through a variety of access points

• Provides a safe and enjoyable experience
Green to Cedar Rivers Trail

Key Findings from 2015 Engagement Design Challenges

• Maintaining rural character
• Providing ADA accessibility
• Widening trail near Lake Wilderness
• Managing conflicts among users, esp competition for soft surface trails
• Addressing potential environmental concerns (e.g. runoff, water quality and slope erosion)
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G2C Trail

- 11 mile-long corridor
- Travels through Maple Valley, Black Diamond, and unincorporated King County
- Intersects with Cedar River Trail
- Connects schools, parks, businesses, churches
North Segment

- 3 miles
- Start: Cedar River Trail
- End: SE Kent-Kangley Rd

- Project features:
  - Benches
  - Native plants
  - Viewpoints
  - Signage
  - Kiosks
G2C Trail Project Timeline

**NORTH SEGMENT**
- Project Start
- Community Meeting #1
- Develop Corridor Alternatives
- Corridor Alternatives Community Meeting
- Develop Preliminary Design
- Preliminary Design Community Meeting
- Begin Permitting
- Final Design
- North Segment Construction Bid
- Begin North Segment Construction
- Construction
- End North Segment Construction

**SOUTH SEGMENT**
- Project Start
- Community Meeting #1
- Develop Corridor Alternatives
- Corridor Alternatives Community Meeting
- Develop Preliminary Design
- Preliminary Design Community Meeting
- TBA
- SEPA
- TBA
- TBA
- Summer/Fall 2018
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Thank You!
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