



## Open House Showcases US40 Trail Design Plans

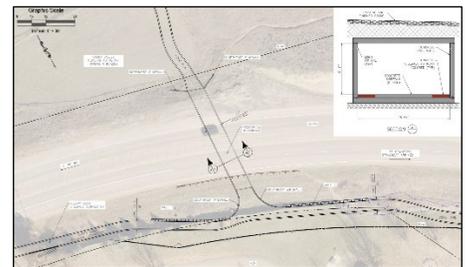
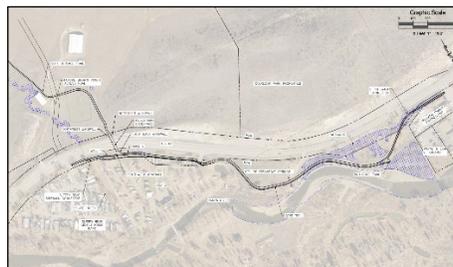
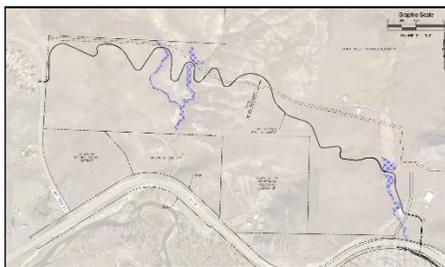
*Event Set for May 11 from 4-6pm at CLEF Community Room*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 6, 2022**-City staff, and members of the consultant team, working on the US40 Trail Extension Project (Core Trail West) will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 11 to showcase current design plans and discuss the overall project.

“This is an opportunity for the community to drop in anytime throughout the two-hour period to see where many of the design decisions landed and where the project is moving toward,” commented City Engineer Ben Beall. “We hope having the event on the west side of town after work will bring out many of the people who will likely be using the trail.”

The city hired SGM Engineering to complete design work this past July. Significant input has been collected and the design team has formulated the current plan to be in position to build the project as soon as funding is secured. The result of the team’s efforts will be available for review in the Community Room of the Combined Law Enforcement Facility (2027 Shield Drive) from 4 to 6pm Wednesday afternoon/evening.

The Core Trail West project would extend concrete sidewalk from Snow Bowl Plaza to the city-owned Fournier parcel where it would intersect a shared use path that would run from the Fournier parcel along the KOA campground and go under US40 near the Sleepy Bear entrance via a pedestrian underpass. At this point the trail would transition from concrete to soft surface and would run from US40 north and then west to connect to CR42 near Silver Spur



The design includes multimodal facilities totaling 2.17 miles linking residents in the neighborhoods on the westside of Steamboat to the overall pedestrian and trail network. The trail is intended to be hard surfaced for the segment south of US40 in a permanent location and will be soft surfaced north of US40 to allow for relocation as future development may occur on Brown Ranch. The project includes extensive property owner coordination, consideration of wildlife and wetland mitigation and/or enhancement, and eventual plans to widen US40.

The city anticipates that project design will be complete in January 2023. There is no current construction funding, so the projected start date is unclear; however, staff is actively seeking funds through various state and federal grant opportunities.

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