

**CLARK COUNTY
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Division, Parks and Lands Division

DATE: February 18, 2020

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve and sign a resolution supporting the Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Concept Plan.

 X Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

In 2016, Clark County received a National Park Service River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program grant to provide technical assistance with a concept plan aligning maps from Washougal to La Center, Washington. NPS and local stakeholders worked together for the last three years to develop a concept plan for the trail.

The goal of the Lewis and Clark Trail project is to build a 50-mile continuous regional trail that will link the southeast corner of Clark County to the northwest corner and beyond, following the Columbia River. Goals for the trail include boosting economic development, supporting alternative transportation and providing a quality outdoor experience for residents and visitors alike.

Clark County has partnered with NPS and other stakeholders to see the trail concept plan to fruition. This resolution shows council support for the plan. The signed resolution will be included in the final NPS report scheduled for release in May of 2020.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None. Council approved the technical assistance grant and scope of work in 2016. This resolution will be part of the final NPS report.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None. The work is contained in the Parks and Lands workplan.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NPS engaged with stakeholders and community members in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The planning process involved over 50 participants representing city governments, area ports, national wildlife refuges, non-profit groups, Cowlitz Indian Tribe members, area parks staff, various advisory groups and interested community members. Additional outreach is planned in 2020 to release the final report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
	X	Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
	X	Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

BUDGET DETAILS

Local Fund Dollar Amount	None
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	None
Account	N/A
Company Name	N/A

DISTRIBUTION:

Council staff will post all staff reports to the web. <https://www.clark.wa.gov/council-meetings>

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Resolution; and (2) PowerPoint

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CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

DATE: Feb 18, 2020

SR# 031-20



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02-22

A resolution supporting the Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Concept Plan

1 **WHEREAS**, the Clark County Council is made of five members, each elected to four-
2 year terms holding legislative authority for Clark County; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Concept Plan documents the
4 unique character of the trail alignment, including the cultural, historical, and geological context
5 of the trail and surrounding area, as well as highlighting the benefits of trail development for
6 residents, local businesses and tourists; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the regional trail is of national historic significance following similar routes
8 of the Lewis and Clark 1805 expedition through Clark County, Washington; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Pubic Works staff sought out public input on the trail design, use and
10 amenities, communicated and partnered with organizations, community members, and local
11 jurisdictions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the concept trail design is ADA accessible when possible, providing a trail
13 experience for all individuals regardless of ability or socioeconomic status; and

14 **WHEREAS**, trails are identified as a major contributor to fitness of communities and
15 promote healthy lifestyles; and

16 **WHEREAS**, regional trail systems invite people to visit communities along the trail,
17 potentially revitalizing local businesses and increasing tourism; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the regional trail will serve as a vital transportation corridor linking the
19 communities of Washougal, Camas, Vancouver, Ridgefield and La Center; and

20 **WHEREAS**, this concept plan will serve as a tool in assisting the local jurisdictions to
21 seek additional funds to complete the trail; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Clark County Council considered this matter at a duly-advertised public
23 meeting and finds and concludes that adoption of this Resolution will further the public health
24 and welfare.

25 **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOVED** by the Clark County Council as
26 follows:

27 The Council hereby supports the Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Concept Plan.

28 ADOPTED this 18th day of February 2020.
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CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

Attest:


Clerk to the Council

By: 
Eileen Quiring, Chair

Approved as to form only:
ANTHONY F. GOLIK
Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
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By: 
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Lewis and Clark Regional Trail

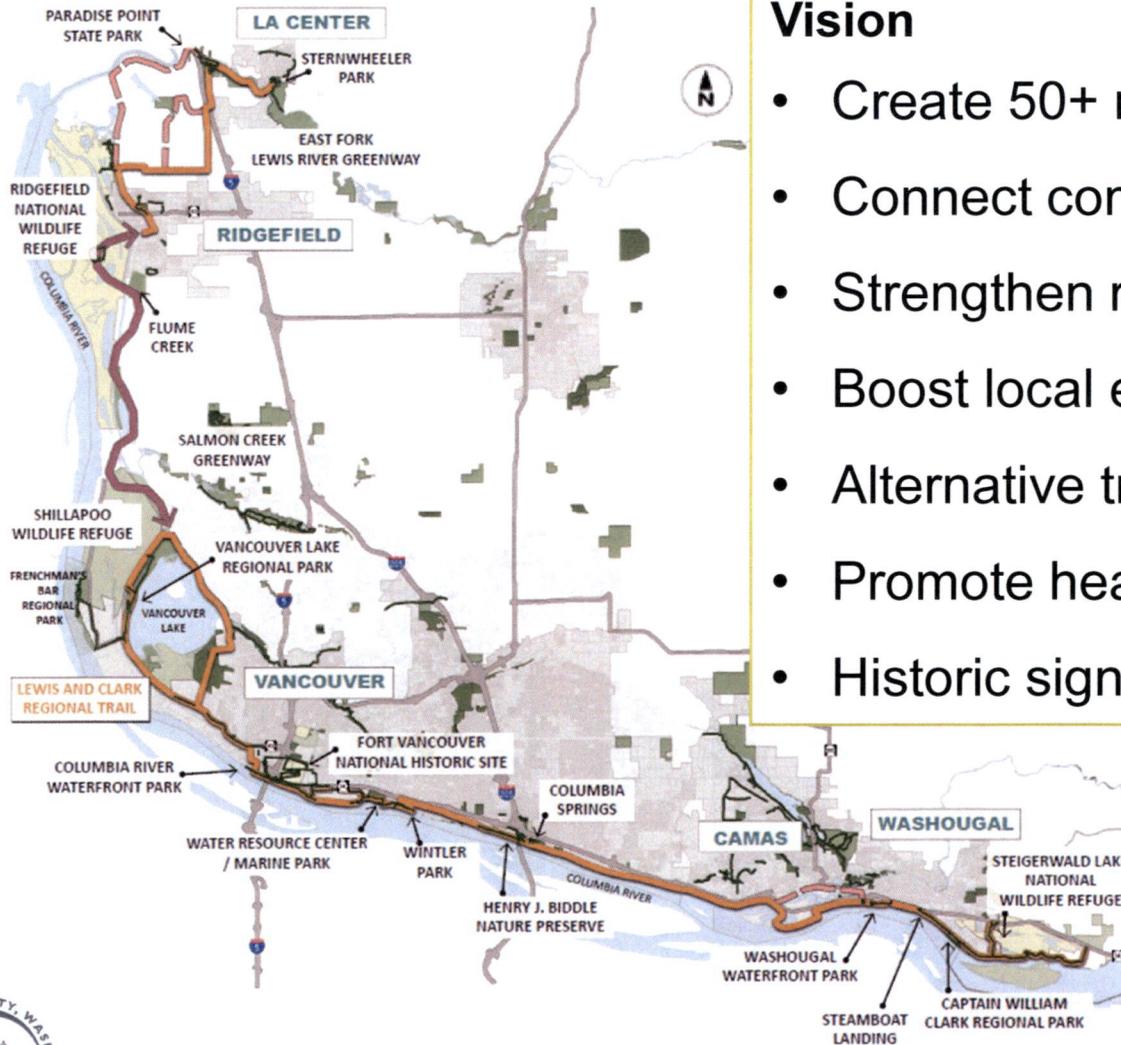
Request: Approve and sign resolution to support the Lewis and Clark Regional Trail Concept Plan.

Public Works, Parks and Lands Division

February 18, 2020



Concept Report



Vision

- Create 50+ mile regional trail
- Connect communities
- Strengthen regional partnerships
- Boost local economy
- Alternative transportation corridor
- Promote healthy recreation
- Historic significance



Project Background



Year	Description
2006	Identified in top priorities of Regional Trail and Bikeway Systems Plan
2015	Regional Trail declared as a collaborative project.
2015	Clark County applied for National Park Service Technical Assistance (<i>NTCAP</i>)
2016	Clark County received award to create a master plan
2017	January: Initial stakeholders meeting November: Trail Charrette that includes 70+ participants
2018-2019	Multiple meetings held regionally to discuss and review map alignments
Dec. 2019	Draft of Concept Plan shared with stakeholders for review and comment



2020

January to March:

- National Park Service finalizing plan
- Plan to include signed resolution from County Council

April

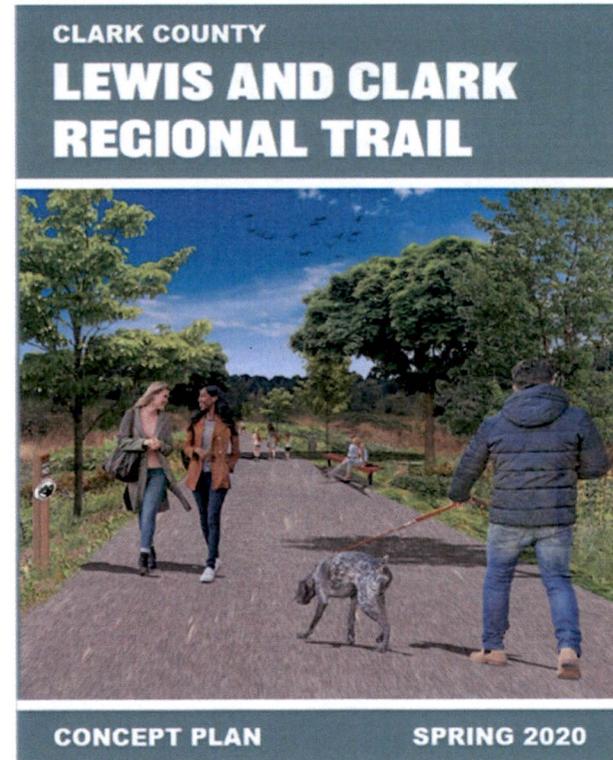
- Report Release
- CVTV Close-up

May

- Parks Foundation Luncheon

June 7, 2020

- National Trails Day



Community Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!
National Trails Day
June 6, 2020

*Volunteer, explore, and
share your adventure!*

As you plan next year's activities,
save room for **National Trails
Day!** We have some big plans for
June 2020. Mark your calendar,
and visit [www.clark.wa.gov/
public-works](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works) for more information
coming soon!

