

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: August 1, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Blake McIntosh, Director, Civic Operations

SUBJECT: Foothills Boulevard - 18th Avenue Roundabout Project

ATTACHMENT(S): UNBC Connector Trail Parking Lot – Drawing No. C203

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES the change in scope for the Foothills Boulevard - 18th Avenue Roundabout Project as described in the report dated August 1, 2023 from the Director of Civic Operations titled “Foothills Boulevard - 18th Avenue Roundabout Project.”

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request Council’s approval to change the scope of the approved Foothills Blvd 18th Ave Roundabout Project to add the grading and paving of the adjacent UNBC Connector Trail (Ginter’s Trail) parking lot.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This project will support the Social Health and Well-Being priority by maximizing the quality of life for residents by improving accessibility and connectivity to pedestrian networks.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Foothills Blvd 18th Ave Roundabout Project has an approved budget of \$1.6 million. Project costs are currently projected to be less than \$1.4 million. The remaining \$200,000 budget would be used in 2023 to grade and pave the adjacent UNBC Connector Trail parking lot (attached drawing C203). It would cost approximately \$100,000 to complete these additional works.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Following the construction announcement of the Foothills Blvd 18th Ave Roundabout Project, the City has received public requests to consider adding paving of the parking lot to the scope of the project.

Grading and paving the parking lot will improve site drainage and reduce maintenance of the gravel lot.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The Foothills Blvd 18th Ave Roundabout Project scope requires Council’s approval for revision. The original project scope did not include improvements to the UNBC Connector Trail parking lot. Grading and paving the parking lot will improve site drainage and reduce parking lot maintenance, while also improving accessibility and connectivity to the UNBC Connector Trail.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Blake McIntosh, Director, Civic Operations

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APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/08/16