

Singletrack Sidewalk Trail 2020-01 Heinrich Demonstration Trail

Response Received After Staff Report Completion

- Who will pay for and install the signs? This should be in the MOU.
- There are current conditions on the North Valley Trail (old railroad bed) that need to be addressed:
 - Trail etiquette Sign needed
 - Who enforces trail rules?
 - The road crossing is unsafe
 - UTVs have been using the trail
 - E-bikes are using the trail
 - The parking area needs expanded.
 - Sanitation – perhaps a porta-potty is needed.
- The proposal is a low impact way to increase safe access to outdoor activities.
- It will expand opportunities for locals and visitors to use the area.
- Good continuation of the existing trail.
- Good test of how this type of path will be used and maintained.
- There is an active badger den within 30-ft of the posted public notice sign, near the parking lot.
- Trails will benefit the county in terms of recreation, health and fitness, transportation, and economics/tourism.

1. Carol Brockmann, Valley County Prosecutor, Sept. 22, 2020
2. Kathy Reginato, Sept. 23, 2020
3. Katy Stoll, 227 Rio Vista BLVD, Sept. 22, 2020
4. Brett Shepherd, Donnelly, Sept. 23, 2020
5. Lida Clouser, Lake Fork, Sept. 23, 2020
6. Jim Giuffre, 721 Lick Creek RD, Sept. 22, 2020
7. Ronald Nahas, California, Sept. 21, 2020
8. Judy Secrist, 267 Moonridge DR, Sept. 21, 2020
9. Wayne Ruemmele, McCall, Sept. 22, 2020
10. Joanie Fauci, Sept. 24, 2020
11. Sally Nutt, Sept. 24, 2020
12. Andy Olavarria, Sept. 23, 2020
13. Dean Cromwell, Sept. 23, 2020

Re: Staff Report - Singletrack 2020-01 (Includes the MOU)**Carol Brockmann <cbrockmann@co.valley.id.us>**

Tue 9/22/2020 11:53 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

the only comment I have regarding the MOU is it isn't real clear who will pay for and install the signs. Other than that it looks fine. Thanks!

From: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:40 AM**To:** Elt Hasbrouck <ehasbrouck@co.valley.id.us>; Dave Bingaman <dbingaman@co.valley.id.us>; Sherry Maupin <smaupin@co.valley.id.us>; Douglas Miller <dmiller@co.valley.id.us>; Carol Brockmann <cbrockmann@co.valley.id.us>; Jeff Mcfadden <jmcfadden@co.valley.id.us>; sstuebner@cableone.net <sstuebner@cableone.net>; Andrew Mentzer <vcedcidaho@gmail.com>**Subject:** Staff Report - Singletrack 2020-01 (Includes the MOU)

Attached is the Staff Report for the Singletrack Sidewalk application that you will hear on Monday, September 28, at 2:00 pm.

Please notice the MOU in the packet of information.

If you have questions please call.

Thanks, Cynda

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Valley County Pathways North Rail Trail Extension

Kathy Reginato <kreginato@yahoo.com>

Wed 9/23/2020 6:36 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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To: Valley County Planning and Zoning,

I hike and bike the Valley County Pathways North Rail Trail every day, often multiple times per day. In addition, I can see the trail's south end clearly from my home, so I observe it constantly. In the 1990's I mostly rode horses on the old railroad grade before it was developed by Valley County Pathways into the Rail Trail, and us locals just called it the old railroad grade.

I do not oppose the old trail being upgraded to its current improved level, but before granting permission to add-on another leg to this trail, there are important factors to consider. There are existing conditions that need to be addressed with the PRESENT trail, BEFORE adding even more complications to it, and the parking area.

1. SAFETY. Currently, there is more than adequate signage of the trail's LOCATION; and who is allowed use of it. But NO signage of trail etiquette. Rather than bicyclists yielding to horses and pedestrians, many bicyclists feel it is a "Bike trail" and THEY have the right of way. This is unsafe and wrong. But who enforces trail rules? Nobody as far as I can tell. Now, there are new warning signs of a trail crossing on the county road, (Nisula). But there is absolutely NO oversight or enforcement of these signs. I cross Nisula using the trail multiple times daily, and people driving 35mph + down Nisula don't even bother to look to see if someone is using the trail and about to cross the road, never mind slow down. Sooner or later there will be an accident, as there is ever-increasing vehicle traffic in what used to be a rural neighborhood with little traffic.

2. This summer for the first time, I have observed multiple side X side ATV's using the trail for personal recreation. Apparently they cannot read signs that it is a no motor-vehicles trail, but who stops them?

3. I have already addressed the problem with regular bicycles. But I have also seen E-Bikes using the existing trail where they are not allowed. I do not think e-bikes belong on the existing trail for the same reasons as regular bikes. This is Not a bike trail. It is a multi-use trail and bicyclists need to yield to all foot traffic. It would be wrong to allow E-Bikes on the proposed new leg of the trail, because then they will ALSO use the existing trail where they are not allowed!

4. PARKING. The existing parking area is adequate for the current use, but it cannot handle additional use. No more than 1 horse trailer and 3-4 cars can reasonably park in the existing parking area.

5. SANITATION. This year there has, for the first time, appeared used toilet paper and some human waste on the side of the trail near the parking lot. This is completely unacceptable! Nobody wants to see used toilet paper lining any trail! So perhaps it is time for a Port-a-Potty.

6. In conclusion, most of us neighbors have stopped using this trail in our neighborhood due to negligent use by tourists and non-local people who are just here for the day to use a nice trail don't care about the neighborhood. We have no recourse except to ask you, the Planning and Zoning Dept. to help us control the deteriorating situation.

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Reginato

On Thursday, September 10, 2020, 2:32:49 PM MDT, Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us> wrote:

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Kathy Reginato <kreginato@yahoo.com>

Wed 9/23/2020 4:33 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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To Valley County Planning and Zoning,

Something I forgot to include in my email is that for years there has been an active Badge Den within 30 ft. of your "Public Notice" sign near the parking lot, out in the field. We noticed that there was not so much activity there this spring/summer. Perhaps because of increased usage of the Trail Parking lot? Does Valley County Pathways care about Badgers? Or only more trails for tourists?

Respectfully, Katherine Reginato

Valley County Pathways Project

Kathryn Stoll <kt_latham@hotmail.com>

Tue 9/22/2020 7:45 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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I support the VCP project on Heinrich, as well as the greater vision of this organization, as it will expand the opportunities for locals and visitors of all fitness levels to enjoy the fun of safely riding on dirt and will enhance physical and mental well-being. This project is a very low impact way to increase access to the outdoor lifestyle we enjoy in Valley County.

Katy Stoll
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McCall

Support for single track sidewalk along Heinrich Lane

Donnelly Pathways <donnellypathways@gmail.com>

Wed 9/23/2020 5:54 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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Dear P&Z Board,

I wanted to write to you in support of the County's Single Track Sidewalk Ordinance and the Heinrich project.

This project is a straight forward and beneficial pathway, which continues the North Valley Trail towards neighborhoods who would like to access this.

As our community ramps up development of more smart corridors, as outlined in the County Pathways Plan, this pathway will be a great example to model the next phases.

regards,

Brett Shepherd
Donnelly, ID

Donnelly Community Pathways Group
-a volunteer community organization
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Join us! Just email telling us your interest and you'll be added to our group emails and efforts!

Singletrack Sidewalks

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Wed 9/23/2020 7:46 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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This letter is to support the Singletrack Sidewalks project in Valley County.

My name is Lida Clouser and I have lived in Lake Fork, Idaho for the last 20 years. I am a mother, outdoor enthusiast and a small business owner. Having non motorized trails connecting communities near McCall is very important to me, my family and to my business. While I am looking forward to having a safe way for my children to get to school and for myself to leave no carbon footprint when biking to get groceries, I would like to add additional matter on the list. My local business focuses on low impact tourism and guided bicycle tours. Safe access to public lands, its backroads and its natural beauty is crucial to the continuity and success of my endeavors. Establishing Singletrack Sidewalks system in Valley County will help my small business to succeed in many ways.

Thank you for helping to establish non motorized public trails and ensuring a safe and healthy ways of transportation for local public, visitors and businesses alike!

Please consider using the following statistic when arguing for non motorized trails use:

“Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, many people are flocking to the outdoors. Since then, increased public land use has sustained at around 75% higher than in previous years, and most Americans say that having safe spaces to walk, bike and be active outside right now matters more than ever.” (Data provided by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy)

Thank you again for all your efforts,

Sincerely,

Lida Clouser , Pelican Cycling Adventures
Lake Fork, ID

Support for the 4,000 foot demonstration trail along N side of Heinrich Lane

Jim Giuffre <jgiuffre1@gmail.com>

Tue 9/22/2020 2:25 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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Dear Valley County P&Z,

I am writing in regard to the public hearing scheduled for Sept. 28th.

My name is Jim Giuffre and I own a cabin in McCall at 721 Lick Creek Rd.

I am in full support of the demonstration trail. My spouse and I often ride a tandem bike often along Norwood road and Heinrich Lane, after doing a loop from Farm to Market to Lake Fork, and then back into McCall via the bike path along Norwood.

Thank you for considering my support for the trail.

Jim Giuffre

New Pathway along Heinrich Lane

Ron Nahas <RNahas@rafnah.com>

Mon 9/21/2020 3:51 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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Dear Cynda,

I would like to voice my support for a new bike lane along Heinrich Lane and eventually connecting to Lake Fork. Biking has become the fastest growing outdoor activity in the McCall area. Connecting through to Lake Fork would be a boost for businesses at Lake Fork and a wonderful safety improvement for cyclists. I urge the Planning Commission to support the pathways group.

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Demo Trail

JUDY SECRIST <judyorbobsecrist@msn.com>

Mon 9/21/2020 9:51 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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Please consider this email a letter of support for the Valley County Pathways Singletrack Sidewalk DEMO Trail. This demo trail at the end of the North Valley trail will extend the distance that Valley County residents and visitors can SAFELY bicycle or walk. It will provide the public the opportunity to see the benefits of the safety, health benefits, and recreational possibilities of car free transportation. This would be a great opportunity for not only those of us who live in Valley Country, but for those who choose to visit our area. This is a great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Judy Secrist

267 Moonridge Drive

McCall, Idaho

Sent from my iPad

Support for singletrack sidewalk

Wayne Ruemmele <wayne@cimbarides.org>

Tue 9/22/2020 10:35 AM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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Dear Cynda and Valley County P&Z,

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed singletrack sidewalk demonstration project by Valley County Pathways. This first project will serve as a test of how these low-cost non-motorized pathways can be built. It will also be a good test of how these paths will be used and maintained.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wayne

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Wayne Ruemmele

President

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From: joanie fauci <joanie4c@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>
Subject: NVRT demonstration trail support

Hello Cindy,

Please accept my letter of support for the North Valley Rail Trail demonstration trail.

I think this will be a nice addition to the existing trail. I'm sure it will prove successful. And, I am hopeful that easements and continued trail extensions can be made to connect the existing trail to Cascade.

Bicycling enthusiasm has been increasing for the past few years. With the pandemic of 2020, bicycling use has sky rocketed. The more trails and other safe routes for bicyclists the better.

Thank you,
Joanie Fauci

From: Sally Nutt <nuttsally3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>
Subject: Valley County Pathways demonstration pathway

Dear Valley County,

I am writing in support of the proposed demonstration pathway along Heinrich Lane. It is a great location and opportunity for the public to utilize and learn about single track use in Valley County.

Thank you. Sally Nutt

Demo trail VCP

aolava1 <aolava1101@gmail.com>

Wed 9/23/2020 2:42 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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I would like to voice my support for the 4000 foot demo trail along Heinrich Lane from the current south end of the North Valley Rail Trail. The mission of Valley County Pathways has been to develop trails that connect communities. This trail allows VCP the opportunity to show Valley County residents the type of trails that can bridge rural setting with our communities. The health benefits as always are furthered when trails are close to neighborhoods and residences. This trail will enable individuals to become involved and participate in the trail development process throughout the county. Trails enhance the area's recreational and safe route access for all who use it. Thank you for your consideration.

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Andy Olavarria

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breath away.

La vida no se mide por el numero de respiraciones que tomamos, sino por el numero de momentos que nos quitan el aliento.

Proposal to build single-track sidewalk demonstration trail along Heinrich Lane

Dean Cromwell <dcromwell@frontier.com>

Wed 9/23/2020 2:52 PM

To: Cynda Herrick <cherrick@co.valley.id.us>

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To Valley County Planning and Zoning:

As a full-time Valley County resident, I am writing to voice my support of the proposed single-track sidewalk demonstration trail that will be discussed at the P&Z meeting next week. I think this will be a great addition to our collective Valley County communities. It is a great starting point for the proposed 70 miles of single-track sidewalks throughout Long Valley to connect our communities, from Cascade to McCall, with an additional link to New Meadows so trail users could connect to the Weiser River Trail. These trails will have a tremendous benefit to the county in terms of recreation, health and fitness, transportation, and economic/tourism benefits.

Thanks,

Dean Cromwell
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