

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: December 6, 2016

Subject: Regional Parks System Visitor Study

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, Recreation Activities and Facilities – Strategy 3

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Division/Department: Community Development/Regional Parks and Natural Resources

Proposed Action

Information item only. No action required.

Background

The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan put forward the commitment to conduct “a region-wide visitor survey every five years to monitor changes in Regional Parks System use” (p. 72). Council and ISG staff will present the results of a survey administered to regional park and trail visitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day, 2016. Data collection occurred in all regional parks and trails open to the public. Presentation will provide an overview of the results related to visitor characteristics, including sociodemographic information, primary recreational activities, among other variables of interest.