

## Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: October 3, 2019

**Subject:** Interim Check-In Pilot: Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

**MPOSC Members:** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, Chapter 5: Planning Policy

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

None; information and discussion only.

### Background

Equity and community engagement are crucial aspects of park and trail master planning that benefit from early feedback and collaboration. This voluntary interim check-in pilots a staff-facilitated discussion with the Commission in partnership with an implementing agency on a draft trail master plan. During this information item:

- Adam Arvidson, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, in partnership with Tracey Kinney, Council staff, will share an in-progress, draft Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, to build understanding of the existing effort and challenges encountered. Specifically, they will share current engagement efforts and solicit feedback and advice from the Commission on next steps.
- Additionally, Council staff would like the Commission's feedback on this exercise, to understand whether future voluntary, collaborative information items would be useful.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Interim Check-In Pilot: Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board advances the Thrive outcome of Equity through strengthening equitable usage of regional parks and trails by all our region's residents, such as across age, race, ethnicity, income, national origin, and ability. Additionally, this information item seeks to advance the Thrive Principle of Collaboration, by recognizing that shared efforts advance our region most effectively toward shared outcomes.