

Information Item

Public Comment and Engagement Update for the Draft Amendment to the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*

October 1, 2020

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



Public Engagement Timeline

Invite

August - September

Orgs,
MPOSC,
CDC,
IAs

Reaching
out,
Website,
Social
Media

Engage

September - October

Orgs,
MPOSC,
CDC,
IAs

Sharing,
Listening,
Videos

Refine

November

Compile
and
Analyze
Ideas

Revise the
addendum

Approvals

December

Business
item
MPOSC
CDC
MC

Addendum
in effect

Ways to Participate

- Dedicated Website
- Survey
- Press Releases and Articles
- Social Media Posts
- Public Hearing
- Email and Voicemail
- Video Challenge



Image of New Comment Form and Survey

Public Comment Update

Comments: +100

Commenters: 23

- Residents (21)
- Council Staff (1)
- Organization (1)

Majority Support for:

- Bridging Facilities
- Connected Regional Trails
- Natural Resources and Climate Change
- Water Trails
- Access, Accessibility, and Maintenance
- Reconsidering History
- Systems Additions
- Land Acknowledgement



Comment Highlight

Regional Trails:

- Regional trails should connect to regional parks

Future Regional Park System:

- Improved access, accessibility, and maintenance

Equity:

- Support for low/no barrier to participation
- Support for a welcoming/equitable park system

Funding and System Additions:

- Expand with funding and maintenance in mind



Engagement Process

Prioritizing underserved populations
of the Regional Parks System

Enlisting the help of Council
Members and MPOSC
Commissioners

Using Parks Unit and Implementing
Agency staff to reach out to youth
oriented and outdoor recreation
organizations



Engagement Update



Urban Roots:

- Youth & Parks Research Participant
- Two in-person meetings
- Five-youth and two-staff involved
- Developed a letter
- More engaged to sign the letter
- Video challenge accepted!

Mark Your Calendars

October 19:
Public hearing

October 30:
Public comment
period closes

November 5:
MPOSC meeting
Comment
Submissions

November 16:
Joint meeting of
CDC and
MPOSC
Public Comment
Summary and
Recommendation

Thank you

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