

# 2025 Regional Parks and Trails Work Planning

Information Item

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission



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## Foundation for 2025 Work Planning

- **2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan – Section Nine**
  - Four-year work plan for Policy Plan Implementation
  - 17 items organized into five themes (Accountability and Research, Protection and Restoration, Culture, Trails, Finance)
- **On-going Council Parks Work**
  - Day-to-day work for the planning, parks ambassador, and finance staff, including but not limited to:
    - Long-range plan reviews
    - Coordinating equity and outreach work across the region
    - Administering grant programs
- **Agency-identified Regional Topics**
  - Trail System Coordination
  - Strategic Funding
  - Discussion and Exploration of regional policies and efforts (e.g. Sub-classifications, cost-effective research methods, greater advocacy at State level)

# Work Plan Highlights



## Agency-Council Highlights

- Identify shared goals and projects at the regional level (e.g. snowmaking facilities across the region)
- Discuss new strategies to increase funding of the system
- Explore re-launching topic-specific workgroups including Climate and Natural Systems, Trail System Coordination, and Strategic Funding.
- Begin prioritization and implementation of American Indian Advisory Committee recommendations

## Parks Team Highlights

- Imagine 2050 Implementation
- Integrate Art + Policy into Parks Program
- Update Adventure Guide and develop other outreach tools
- Develop Park Visitation Forecasting Tool
- GIS Improvement Project - Policy Plan Housekeeping Amendment

# Discussion



## Questions

- What would you prioritize in the list of projects?
- Are there any topics missing from the work plans?
- What other thoughts or comments do you have about the work plans?



**Thank you**

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