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Re: Bronson Creek Community Trail

Steve,

Thank you for your call on Friday regarding the section of Bronson Creek Trail near Findley Elementary School (circled on the attached Trails Functional Plan map).

As we discussed, the brown highlighting on this section indicates that the alignment of the trail will be subject to a future study. That means, that the alignment of the trail has not been determined. As noted in the Trail's Functional Plan (TFP), "much of the district's remaining [to be constructed] regional and community trail systems are located within creek corridors and other environmentally sensitive study areas." This is the case with this section of the Bronson Creek trail. In accordance with the TFP, these segments of trail need to undergo a feasibility analysis taking into consideration criteria in both the Trails and Natural Resources Functional Plans to determine an appropriate trail alignment. The TFP points that possible outcomes of a feasibility analysis include a recommendation that:

- The trail, or portion of the trail, be located outside of the resource area (possibly as an on-street connection):
- Construction of the trail will require additional natural area mitigation along the trail corridor; or
- The trail not be constructed at all.

Because of the uncertainty of whether the trail can be constructed and, if it can be constructed, the uncertainty of its alignment, neither the land acquisition for or the construction of this segment of the trail are included in our system development charge 20-year capital improvement plan. As such, there is currently no plan or funding for the acquisition of land for or the construction of this trail.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Rustad, J.D.

Superintendent of Planning

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Doug Menke, General Manager (THPRD) Keith Hobson, Director of Business and Facilities (THPRD)

