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Staff Report

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From: Community Development Director Laura Terway

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SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 18-1003, LE 17-02 Legislative Amendment to Adopt the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan, Amending the Transportation System Plan, Trails Master Plan, and Parks Master Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Approval of the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan: Planning file LE 17-02 and the first reading of the Ordinance 18-1003.

BACKGROUND:

Last month, the City Commission asked staff to address concerns about private property and safety impacts of the proposed trail alignment. Staff prepared a memorandum describing two options for the City Commission to consider: the original alignment as presented last month, and a revised alignment that avoids routing through private properties. Both versions of the plan are prepared and ready for adoption.

The proposal updates and amends the Oregon City Transportation System Plan (2013), the Parks Master Plan (2008), and Trails Master Plan (2004) by adopting the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan. These plans are Ancillary Documents to the Oregon City Comprehensive Plan. These plans have envisioned a trail connection between McLoughlin Promenade and Old Canemah Park, with links to Canemah Children's Park through the Canemah Historic District. The McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan is a concept plan that would refine the existing projects identified in the Transportation, Trails, and Parks plans to determine an alignment for a permanent trail, and to identify an interim trail alignment and safety upgrades.

In 2016, the City of Oregon City, in partnership with the Oregon City Trail Alliance, the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association, and the Clackamas County Historical Society, was granted a Nature in Neighborhoods grant from Metro of \$25,000 to fund a planning effort for the McLoughlin-Canemah Trail (MCT), a segment of the larger Oregon City Loop Trail.

Three trail alignments were considered by an appointed Community Advisory Group. The group's recommendation includes an interim and long term permanent trail alignment. Full details are available in the attached report: McLoughlin-Canemah Trail Plan: Alignment Feasibility and Evaluation Report.

The plan has been approved and recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Natural Resources Committee, and the Planning Commission.