



2018 TRAILS MASTER PLAN RFP Q&A

QUESTION: Do we need an environmental consultant on the team for any wetland delineations or review of species of concern? Does Mountain Village already have that info available?

ANSWER: It would not be a bad idea to have an environmental consultant on the team for the stated purposes. We certainly do not want to spend a bunch of time dreaming up trails only to have them deemed unbuildable due to being placed in environmentally sensitive areas. We have personnel on staff well versed in wetlands identification that will be made available for assistance on a limited basis. We also have an inventory of existing delineations, but everything will need to be re-vetted through this planning process.

QUESTION: How has the community of MV been informed of this trail proposal and the need for easements?

ANSWER: This trails master planning effort was commissioned by our town council in a public forum. We have already reached out to the major stakeholders. The community and stakeholders will be getting involved with the process through the public outreach and vision gathering sessions as outlined in the RFP. The need for easements will largely depend on the community's vision.

QUESTION: How critical is it to gain access to easements before the proposal is completed?

ANSWER: Not so critical. The main objective in this process is to identify where easements are required and the associated feasibility of acquiring said easements.

QUESTION: Has the Town of Mountain Village (TOMV) developed a proposed budget range for the development of the Trails Master Plan?

ANSWER: TOMV has fairly robust trails improvement budget for 2018 that will be utilized to fund the master planning process. After reviewing similar efforts by other communities, the Town is expecting proposals to come in between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

QUESTION: Does TOMV have interest in other approaches to active mobility including traffic calming, protected bike lanes, Neighborhood Greenways and other proven strategies to

increase safe and efficient connectivity throughout Town in conjunction with more trails? The Comprehensive Plan states “Identify a primary trail route, along existing roads as much as possible connecting key destinations throughout town. Create this paved, down-lighted and well-marked trail.” This goal of connectivity could be more easily attained with the use of a full suite of active mobility approaches should adjacent land not be easily acquired for trails alone.

ANSWER: Absolutely. We would expect that such approaches would be introduced and more thoroughly discussed through the public outreach portion of the planning process.

QUESTION: Does the City currently have standards for trail construction in place?

ANSWER: No, but this process should address that.

QUESTION: In an effort to be cost conscious and efficient is TOMV open to at least one of the advisory committee review meetings being conducted remotely via video conference?

ANSWER: We would prefer that planning staff be on site locally for all meetings.

QUESTION: Can you provide an estimate on how many miles of trails TOMV currently has in place? Of these trails what percentage are hard surface versus soft (decomposed granite)?

ANSWER: TOMV currently has 7.6 miles of trails, of which .7 is hard surface.

QUESTION: Has TOMV ever conducted user counts on trails? If so will these be made available?

ANSWER: No, we have not. Sorry.

QUESTION: What factors are considered when TOMV chooses to install a hard surface versus a soft surface trail?

ANSWER: We are mainly looking to the community for input on what types of trails they like to see and where.

QUESTION: What is the relationship of Mountain Village's trail plan with regional efforts by TMC?

ANSWER: This master planning effort is TOMV centric. There is an element of regional connectivity that we are looking for in the plan and we envision both TMC and SMART playing a role in this planning process to help put that part of the puzzle together. Both entities have been identified as stakeholders and are aware of what we are trying to accomplish.

QUESTION: Is plan for MV trails only or for regional trails?

ANSWER: See previous question.

QUESTION: Are existing MV trails part of process?

ANSWER: Yes, we would like to look at existing trails and get community input for potential improvements.

QUESTION: Do you by chance have a copy of the "Potential Recreation Projects Plan" referred to in the Town's Comprehensive Plan (pg. 48?)

ANSWER: The Town's Comprehensive Plan can be found at:

<https://townofmountainvillage.com/media/Mountain-Village-Comprehensive-Plan-Revised-June-2017.pdf>

QUESTION: Is there any wiggle room on the December 31st final product due date?

ANSWER: Unfortunately, no. We need a final plan adopted by the end of this year.