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**TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHRIS MCGINNIS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/TOWN ENGINEER**

**RE: RESOLUTION 25-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY FOR THE COUNTY COMMONS/ADVENTURE PARK PATHWAY MAINTENANCE**

**DATE: JANUARY 28, 2025**

**Summary & Background:**

The Town of Frisco has been working to improve connectivity between the PRA and County Commons. In 2023, the Town constructed a new pathway, connecting the main Rec Path to the path which led from the Highway 9 underpass and dead ended at Recreation Way. To further improve connectivity, the County and Town are collaborating to add a sidewalk connection in 2025 from the County Commons Summit Stage transit stop, a connection from the underpass to a parking lot and the Blue River Rec Path (path behind the hospital), and a soft surface trail connection to the Blue River Rec Path (path behind hospital).

The trail connections will be located on County property, but will also benefit the Town by providing better access between Transit service and the PRA. Because of the mutual benefit, the Town and County have agreed to share certain maintenance and financial responsibilities. Per the IGA, the Town will contribute \$25,000 to the construction of the pathways and will complete snow removal through the underpass and on the sidewalk connecting the Transit Stop. The County will manage the project and plans to construct the improvements in summer 2025.

The Town of Frisco has been enhancing connectivity between the Peninsula Recreation Area (PRA) and County Commons. In 2023, the Town constructed a new pathway linking the main Recreation Path to an existing path that extended from the Highway 9 underpass to Recreation Way. Building on this progress, the Town and County are partnering on additional connectivity improvements scheduled for 2025. These include:

- A sidewalk connecting the County Commons Summit Stage transit stop.
- A pathway linking the Highway 9 underpass to a parking lot and the Blue River Recreation Path (located behind the hospital).
- A soft-surface trail connecting to the Blue River Recreation Path.

These new connections will be located on County property but will benefit both the County and the Town by enhancing access between transit services and the PRA. In recognition of this mutual benefit, the Town and County have agreed to share certain financial and maintenance responsibilities.

Under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), the Town will contribute \$25,000 toward the construction of the pathways and will handle snow removal for the underpass and the sidewalk connecting the transit stop, while the Town and County will share maintenance responsibilities of the pedestrian underpass. The County will oversee project management and is scheduled to complete construction in summer 2025.

The Town proposes to complete snow removal on the new sidewalk connecting the transit stop to the rec path. Since the Town already completes snow removal on the rec path to Peak One Blvd, and since the sidewalk will provide connectivity between transit services and the FAP, it is proposed for the Town to extend the snow removal limits to the new sidewalk.

The new 10-foot recreational path connecting to the County Commons parking lot and an existing recreational path spur, is not proposed to be plowed in winter, as the existing spur is not currently plowed in the winter.

### **Analysis:**

The proposed connectivity improvements between the Peninsula Recreation Area (PRA) and County Commons reflect a strategic investment in infrastructure that benefits both the Town of Frisco and Summit County. By addressing gaps in the current network, the project enhances accessibility for residents and visitors, particularly between key transit hubs, recreational areas, and amenities like the hospital and parking facilities.

These improvements promote alternative transportation modes, aligning with sustainability goals and providing safer, more accessible options for pedestrians and cyclists. Through this collaboration, the Town and County can achieve a trail network upgrade and ensure successful maintenance in the future.

### **Financial Impact:**

Per the IGA, the Town will be responsible for contributing \$25,000 to the project construction, which will be paid using remaining rollover funds of the Trail Enhancements project within the 2024 Capital Improvement Fund.

Town staff will construct the soft surface trail using Town staff and equipment, which is estimated at \$15,600. The Town will also complete snow removal with Town staff and equipment, which is estimated to be \$2,000 annually.

The total construction cost under contract by the County is \$184,162. The Town's proposed \$25,000 contribution equals approximately 14% of the construction cost. However, the total Town contribution of County Commons/PRA trail connections, including past projects, in house labor/equipment costs, and projected maintenance over the life of the paths is approximated at \$86,000.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

The project supports the Core Services and Thriving Economy objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. Enhancing pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure will strengthen core services, while improved links to the regional rec path system and Summit Stage transit will support increased use of the PRA.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 25-06 and authorize the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement with Summit County.

**Reviews and Approvals:**

Tom Fisher, Town Manager

Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution 25-06

Attachment 2 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – COUNTY COMMONS / FRISCO  
ADVENTURE PARK PATHWAY MAINTENANCE