

DIG C recommendation - Bridgeland Missing Link Pathway

OVERVIEW

Recommended Capital Project Description		Bridgeland Community – missing link pathway (DIGC Project)		
Executive summary		To help implement the Council-approved 2001 Calgary Pathways & Bikeways Plan, this is one of the critical missing link pathways that are needed to connect gaps between pathway routes and between pathways and on-street bikeways within and between communities. Further this plan helps realize the vision for pathways as a recreation and transportation network throughout the city.		
Expected Key Deliverables		The construction of a new pathway along the north side of St. George's Drive, connecting 12 ST NE and the pathways currently at the Calgary Zoo through to the Nose Creek valley. This work creates roughly 10 direct jobs for between 1-6 months, and indirectly supports an extensive City-wide connected pathway system that can be used for recreation, exercise, and transportation year-round, contributing to promoting Calgary as a city where people want to live.		
Benefits	Economic	An extensive City-wide connected pathway system that can be used for recreation, exercise, and transportation year-round contributes to promoting Calgary as a city where people want to live.		
		Gross Output: 152,687		
		Gross Domestic Product (GDP): 95,304		
		Income: 46,161		
		Employment: 1		
	Social	This additional pathway linkage enhances a well-connected city-wide pathway system that can safely support year-round recreation opportunities, and transportation, promoting healthy and sustainable lifestyle choices for citizens. Investing in established communities helps off-set intensification by supporting complete communities subject to redevelopment.		
		Enhancement or additional programs or services: see above		
	Environmental	GHG Emission Reduction: A well connected pathway system fosters alternative transportation methods such as cycling, which can reduce vehicle trips and associated GHG emissions.		
Return on Investment.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further linking of existing network throughout city Building community assets and amenities Supporting public space to foster social interaction Environmental benefits by facilitating connectivity of alternative transportation 		
Project location	Address, Ward/ Catchment	Bridgeland, Ward 9, North side of St. George's Drive NE between 12 ST NE and Calgary Zoo	Project type (MUGS)	G - Growth
Business Unit (BU)		Calgary Parks		
Strategic Alignment		Council Priorities	A city of inspiring neighbourhoods, A city that moves, A healthy and green city, A well run city	
		Capital Investment Plan	Parks and Public Spaces, Transit and Transportation	
		Calgary Economic Development (CED) 10 year Economic Strategy:	Community Energy	
		CED 10 year Economic Strategy: Strategy	Strategy Two: Build and promote Calgary as a city to live a creative, active life	

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	CED 10 year Economic Strategy: Action	Action One: Develop an integrated, multi-modal transportation system that supports a prosperous and competitive economy. Action Two: Address greater connectivity between Calgary's primary cultural, recreation and commercial districts in the Centre City (Stampede Park to Calgary Zoo and Inglewood to Downtown West Village). Action Four: Build a city where all Calgarians can participate in sport and recreation to the extent they choose.
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RESILIENCE

Project / Program Assumptions	Funding is available; no contamination anywhere along route; any issues identified can be resolved.
Constraints	Landscape and vegetation of the proposed route; needs of other business units.
Dependencies:	Public and internal business unit support.
Risk(s):	Not meeting public demand for access and quality experience.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLANS

Public Consultation Plans	
Completed	To help implement the Council-approved 2001 Calgary Pathways & Bikeways Plan, that was developed with extensive engagement with stakeholders and the public. These findings as well as further research including the Pathway Safety Review (2011), and annual pathway surface assessments formed the basis of the Missing Links Implementation Plan. To date, a number of these missing links have been constructed, however, there are still further pathways linkages that need to be developed, including this link in Bridgeland.
Proposed	Very little public engagement remains - parks webpage updates, local sign postings may be displayed for further communication with pathway users, and connecting with stakeholders and community members as required.

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

Estimate Class	Class 4
External Funding (Anticipated / Received)	Not anticipated
Operating Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incremental increase of maintenance costs associated with additional length of pathway Maintenance costs are provided by part of the Pathways & Trails – Missing Link program