



Tennant Trailhead Park Master Plan



City of North Bend
Si View Metropolitan Park District

TENNANT TRAILHEAD PARK

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TENNANT TRAILHEAD PARK

Overview

Tennant Trailhead Park is located on the southwest border of North Bend, south of Exit 31 on the western end of Ribary Way. It was purchased in 2016 in order to serve as a natural passive-recreation community park for the local community, as well as a trailhead for the broader region who use the site to connect to adjacent public lands. The site is uniquely located adjacent to public lands, directly connecting bicycle and pedestrian access for North Bend residents and visitors to over 30,000 acres of public land with extensive trail systems. The park also preserves wildlife habitat and is home to mature forests, wetlands, creeks, steep topography and glacial erratic rock features.

This master plan envisions a passive recreation park that provides year-round recreation for local residents and the broader region, and provides a framework for the development, management, and maintenance of the park.

Purpose of the Plan

The Tennant Trailhead Park Master Plan will guide the development of the park, as well as the long-term management of the park and its associated regional trailhead. The Master Plan was created in partnership by the City of North Bend and Si View Metropolitan Park District (MPD). The planning process was designed to solicit input from the community on issues, alternatives, and preferences. The objective was to reach a community consensus for the site plan, programming, and management of the park.

Public outreach included presenting information and soliciting input at local farmers markets, holding open houses, ongoing web comment opportunities, and press releases in the local media.

History

Prior to its acquisition, the 32 acres had been slated for a large-scale housing development that would have included single and multifamily homes with associated infrastructure. The zoning would have allowed up to 86 single family units and 226 multifamily units. A partnership was formed between the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Park District, King County Parks, and the Trust for Public Lands, to help preserve the property. With the match of Conservation Futures Grant and Land and Water Conservation Fund money, the acquisition became a reality. Collaboration from the Tennant family that previously owned the property, the Mountains to Sound Greenway, North Bend City Council, Si View Park Commissioners, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, and many others helped make this park a reality.

Under public ownership, this land is now preserved in perpetuity providing conservation, recreation, and education for all to enjoy. Refer to Appendix A to see how Tennant Trailhead Park connects to adjacent public lands and trail systems.

Park Naming Process

A selection committee with representatives from all agencies and groups that made this park possible reviewed and selected the park's new name from entries received from the public. Representatives included, City of North Bend Parks Commission and Council, Si View MPD staff and commissioners, King County Department of Natural Resources, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Trust for Public Lands, and Tennant Family. After discussion at two meetings and follow up communication, the committee recommended Tennant Trailhead Park.

'Tennant' comes from the Tennant family who were early North Bend residents, and the prior owners of the land. The family has been present in the community since the mid-1800s, and helped make this park a reality.

'Trailhead' was chosen to show that there will be a regional trailhead on site with access to thousands of acres of public land and connection to a vast trail system.

'Park' was chosen to signify that in addition to being a trailhead, this is also a community park.

North Bend City Council members unanimously approved the name during their November 7, 2017 council meeting, and the Si View Metropolitan Park Commission unanimously approved the name at their November 15, 2017 meeting.



PLANNING PROCESS

Guiding Documents and Goals

Due to the unique partnership and location of this park, comprehensive plans and goals from multiple agencies are pertinent to the property. Below are the plans that support this acquisition and park development.

Si View MPD / City of North Bend Goals

The City of North Bend & Si View MPD strive to enhance the quality of life through the facilitation of recreation programs and parks in the community. Trails that link parks and greenspaces, and acquisition of parkland for passive recreation were ranked as two of the three top development priorities identified by the park district residents in a community survey conducted in May 2016 by Si View MPD and have continued to be top ranked during public outreach.

This acquisition and development of Tennant Trailhead Park is supported by goals set forth in both the City and Si View MPD's comprehensive plans. These goals include development of new parks to meet the current and future needs of residents, and actively working to address gaps in trail systems and connect public lands, for a more connected trail system.

The acquisition of this 32-acre site is consistent with the City's Vision Statement and Brand, which is one of preservation and enhancement, including preserving the community's character and natural beauty while providing recreation opportunities.



King County Parks

The King County Open Space Plan provides a framework guiding King County in the acquisition, planning, development, stewardship, maintenance and management of its system of parks, regional trails, and open space. Specific updated policy direction in the plan recognizes that regional trail corridors provide recreational opportunities as well as non-motorized transportation options and that future development will focus on filling gaps in the system, providing connections to regional destinations and providing equal access for all. One objective targets improving coordination between agencies, which Tennant Trailhead Park's partnership achieves.

King County purchased an easement on the park to build a trailhead. This purchase recognizes the value in partnerships, as well as that this park will be used as a regional trailhead, providing more options for King County residents and alleviating pressure at other trailheads in the area.

Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan

The Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan addresses approximately 53,500-acres of planning area for this state agency's recreation corridor plan, comprised of ten management blocks in the east and west regions. These lands contribute to the forested landscape along a 24-mile stretch of I-90 between exit 18 and 42. The plan acknowledges that neighboring communities have economic ties to the DNR-managed lands that provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

The plan points to the intent to create a network of developed facilities and trails that provide more recreation opportunities in the planning area, as well as restoring areas where impacts have occurred from too much recreational use. The connection from exit 27, Raging River State Forest and Rattlesnake National Recreation Area to Tennant Trailhead Park is called out on the Snoqualmie Corridor Recreation Plan.

Conservation Futures

This site was purchased in part by Conservation Futures Grant money with the expressed intent of preserving the healthy forest ecosystem. Because of this, there are some parameters with what can be done on site. Use of the property is restricted to low impact, passive-use recreation. This means that development of facilities to support organized/structured athletic activities such as ballfields, courts, and gyms is not allowed. Examples of allowable passive-use recreation include activities such as walking, biking and wildlife observation, all of which have minimal impact on the ecosystem. Future use is limited to non-motorized use, except as necessary for maintenance or parking. A maximum of 15% of the total area may be developed with impervious surfaces (i.e. parking lot, bathroom, picnic gazebo, etc.). Trail surfaces are not included in this calculation.

Public Input



Farmers Market Booth

In 2017 the North Bend Parks Commission staffed a booth at the local farmers market on June 8th, July 13th, August 3rd and September 7th to receive feedback on a number of projects. Out of nine trail projects, Tennant Trailhead Park was the second most popular project (second to the river levee trails). Out of ten future park projects, Tennant Trailhead Park was the third most popular (third to a spray park and Dahlgren Family Park).

January 25, 2018 Open House: An open house was held on January 25, 2018 to gather public input for the development of Tennant Trailhead Park. The meeting was set up in an open house format displaying vicinity maps, proposed site plan, survey board for suggestions, and frequently asked questions. An estimated 50 people came to provide input. There were representatives from the City of North Bend, Si View MPD, as well as DNR and Evergreen MBA to answer questions about both onsite improvements as well as the adjacent public lands the park will connect with. Notes from the open house as well as how the public comment has been addressed are provided in Appendix B and C.



June 27, 2018 Second Open House: A draft masterplan was shared at an Open House with the public on June 27, 2018. Additional feedback was solicited and timeline for next steps discussed. Representatives from both City of North Bend and Si View MPD were in attendance.

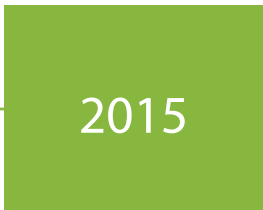


January 30, 2019 Third Open House and Public Hearing: Prior to the adoption of the Master Plan, a final draft was shared with the public at an Open House and Public Hearing on January 30th, 2019 for an opportunity for the public to review the plan and to provide comments. The meeting was well attended, and suggestions received through public comment were incorporated into the Master Plan.

Timeline

TPL Purchased

In 2016 the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) purchased the property, protecting it from being developed into a single and multi-family residential unit and remaining open for public access.



2015

CFT Funding

In 2015 the City applied for and was awarded a Conservation Futures Grant in the amount of one million dollars.

Park Named

In November of 2017, both Si View MPD and the City of North Bend voted unanimously to name the park Tennant Trailhead Park.



2017



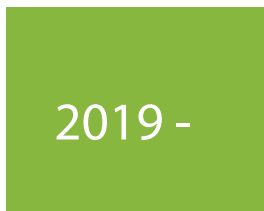
2017

Purchased property

In March of 2017 the property was purchased from Trust for Public Lands by the City of North Bend, Si View MPD, and King County Parks.

On-site Improvements

On-site improvements will be funded through general funds, grants, and volunteer time to provide the on-site park amenities.



2019 -



2018 -
2019

Master Plan Adopted

Si View MPD and the City of North Bend adopted the Master Plan for Tennant Trailhead Park.

SITE ANALYSIS AND INVENTORY

Open Space Connectivity

Community Separator: The undeveloped site is situated just within the border of North Bend’s city limits and serves as a separator between incorporated North Bend and unincorporated King County. To the east of the site is a multifamily home development, and to the west are single family homes and public land. The site serves as a distinct buffer between the adjacent uses. In addition, the property is part of a greenbelt along I-90 and connects to over 100,000 acres of public land (Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area, Raging River, Tiger Mountain State Forest, West Tiger Mountain NRCA, Echo Glen and Mitchell Hill Blocks, and Cedar River Watershed).

Park / Open Space or Natural Corridor Addition: The property provides a critical connection to existing and proposed passive recreation within the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and Raging River State Park (totaling 11,203 acres), and beyond to the passive recreation lands Tiger Mountain State Forest, West Tiger Mountain NRCA, Echo Glen Blocks and Mitchell Hill Blocks (an additional 15,963 acres bringing the total to 27,166 acres).

In addition to the amenities the park will offer onsite, it will also provide a trailhead and amenities for a proposed trail on recently acquired King County Parks land. The proposed trail will connect Tennant Trailhead Park to the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and Snoqualmie Point Park. The trail and trailhead will serve a variety of users including mountain bikers, hikers, and walkers.



Natural Environment

General Geologic Conditions / Soils: This park is on the west side of the Snoqualmie Valley, above the alluvial valley bottom and near the base of Rattlesnake Mountain. Geological mapping shows a wide variety of geological units including Vashon age glacial deposits (outwash, lacustrine, and till), older inter-glacial deposits, Eocene-age bedrock (Tiger Mountain Formation), and Cretaceous to Jurassic-age meta-sedimentary and meta-volcanic rocks.

Surface Hydrology: The site was surveyed for critical areas in 2012 when being considered for a subdivision. There were streams and wetlands identified in the survey as shown on the topography map found in Appendix D.

No Floodplain or floodway (Special Flood Hazard Areas) are present.

Flora & Fauna: The park connects to an extensive preserved forest at Rattlesnake Mountain and provides a high-functioning wildlife habitat system. Most of the site is densely to moderately wooded with a combination of second growth coniferous trees (fir, cedar, and hemlock) and deciduous trees (maple, cottonwood, and alder). Undergrowth varies with species and density across the site, with denser growth in open areas near the creek. It supports a mixed forest with deciduous and conifer trees and minimal invasive species, as well as emergent wetlands and streams. The mature and healthy ecosystem is used by a variety of wildlife species typical to forested sites including owls, pileated woodpecker, peregrine falcon, osprey, black bear, fox, coyote and a variety of other mammals, birds, insects and amphibians.

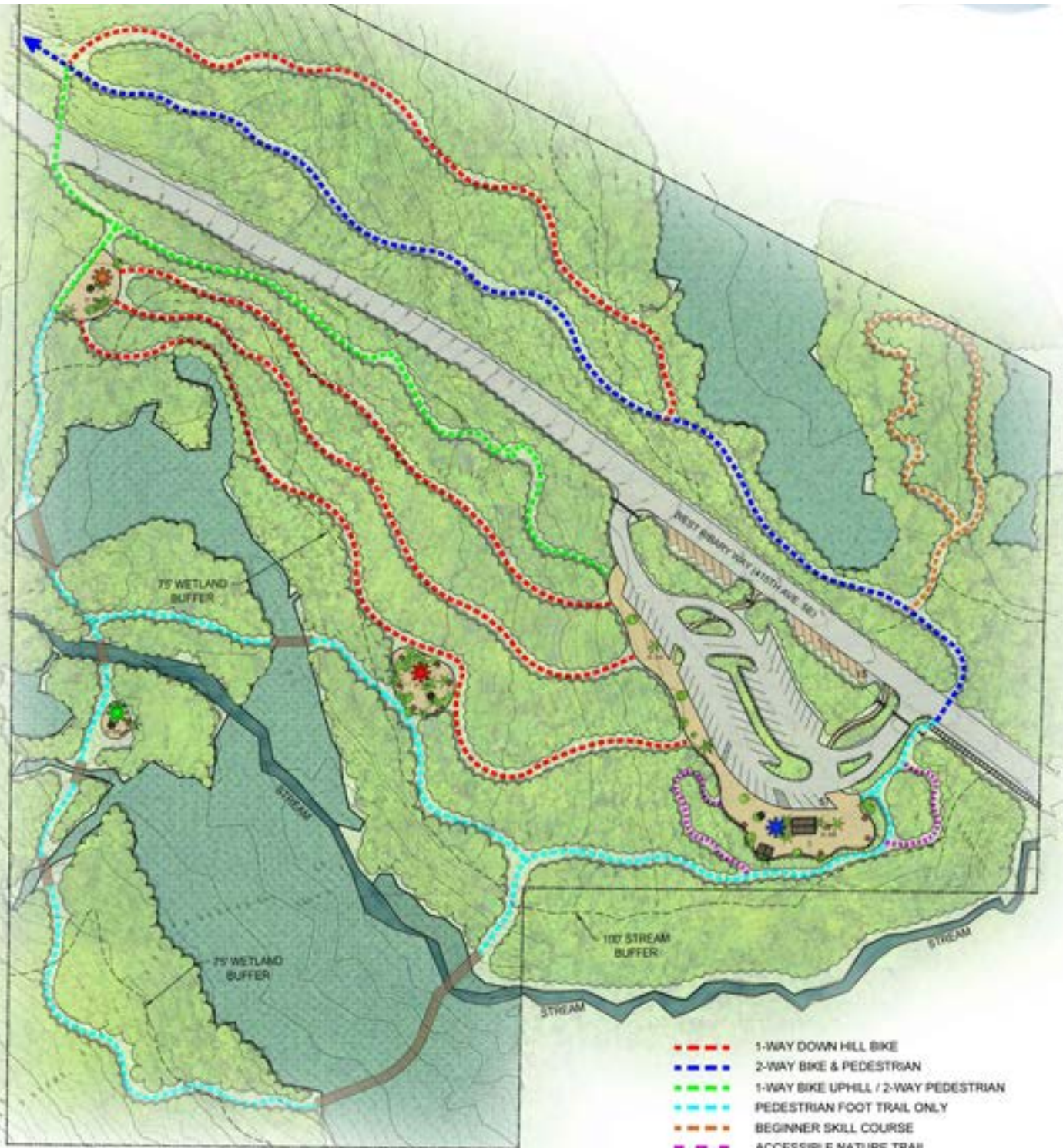
The project site contains streams that connect into the Snoqualmie River, which supports Steelhead, Chinook, Coho, Chum, and Pink Salmon (below Snoqualmie Falls), as well as rainbow and cutthroat trout populations throughout the system. Preserving forested headwaters and uplands in the stream basin contributes to the health of the downstream watershed.

Topography: The existing topography of the site is such that the average slope across the site is 15 percent, with variable slopes over the majority of the site. The site tends to slope toward the south and east into an existing stream and wetland area that courses northeasterly and ultimately northerly into the south fork of the Snoqualmie River. The stream crosses underneath I-90 to reach the South Fork. The varied topography provides excellent options for multi-use trails from gently and flowing sections to steeper more technical areas. This variety provides a range of recreation opportunities for all levels of hikers and bikers. Refer to the topographical map provided in Appendix D.

Visual Characteristics: The property offers scenic views of iconic Mt. Si and will preserve the viewshed for the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Scenic Byway (Scenic Byway). This park permanently protects a segment of the scenic character of the Scenic Byway (the first interstate highway in the nation to receive this prestigious federal designation).

Other Points of Interest /Assets: In addition, the park contains unique glacial erratic rocks, a mature second growth forest with a varied understory, and the distinct sounds and smells of a healthy forest.

USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN



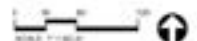
Trails Legend

-  PICNIC AREA (RESTROOM, KIOSK)
-  MT. SI VIEW POINT
-  REST STOP / CANOPY EDUCATION
-  DOWN HILL MTB START

-  1-WAY DOWN HILL BIKE
-  2-WAY BIKE & PEDESTRIAN
-  1-WAY BIKE UPHILL / 2-WAY PEDESTRIAN
-  PEDESTRIAN FOOT TRAIL ONLY
-  BEGINNER SKILL COURSE
-  ACCESSIBLE NATURE TRAIL
-  BOARD WALK / BRIDGE
-  PAVILION (18'X25')
-  RESTROOM
-  KIOSK
-  CONCRETE PATH CONNECTION TO EXISTING
-  TREE CANOPY
-  STREAM / WETLAND

Tennant TrailHead - Trail Plan

NORTH BEND, WA



Schematic Design

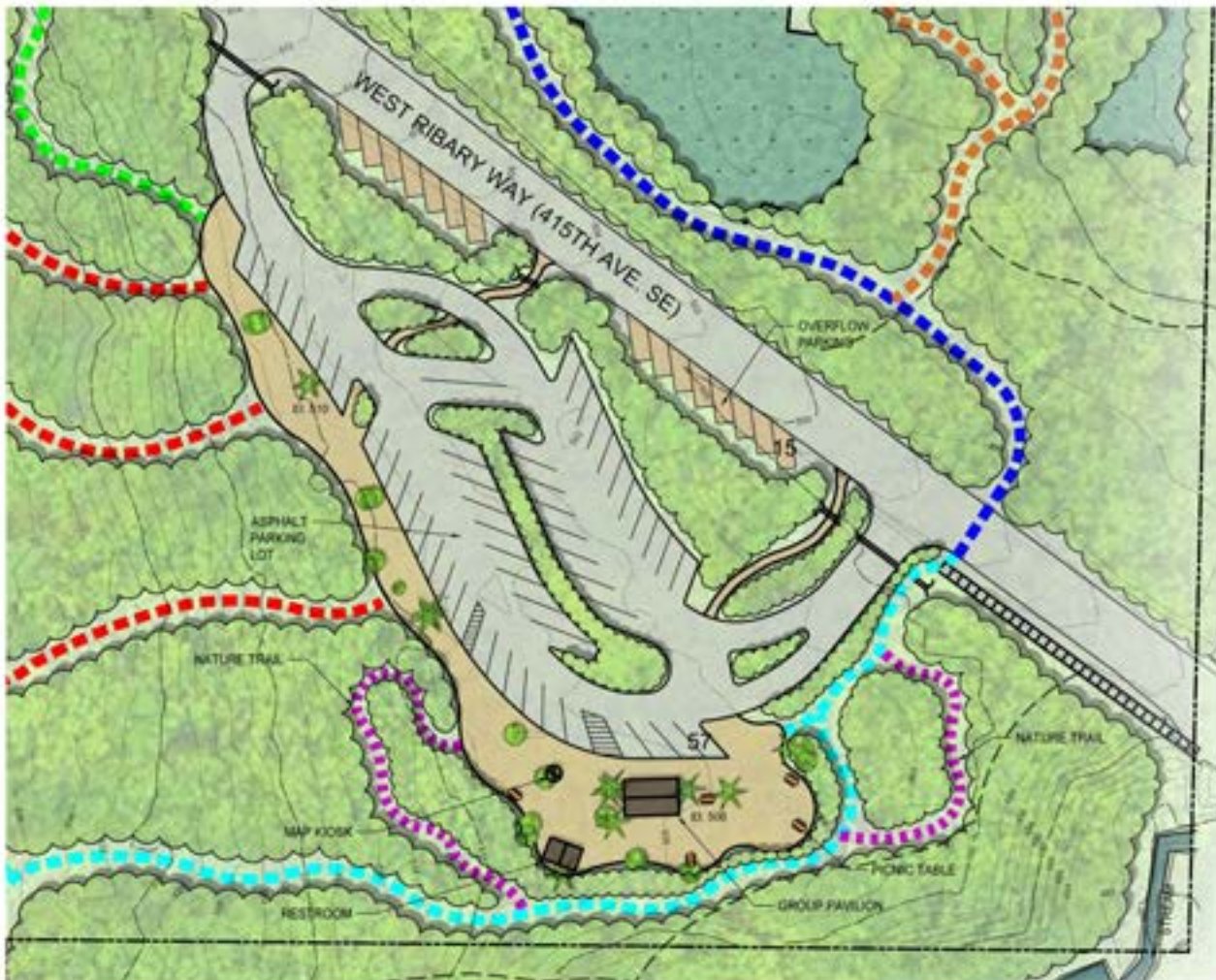
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Mt. Si Viewing Point



Rest Stop



Parking Lot & Picnic Area





Trail Signage



Stream and Canopy Education



Rest Stop View Opportunities



Trail Diversity



Picnic Shelter



Information Kiosk



Comfort Stations



Accessible Nature Paths



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Tennant TrailHead - Program Elements

NORTH BEND, WA

Schematic Design

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Trails

Tennant Trailhead Park will be open to all non-motorized users. The trails are constructed for two main user groups: mountain bikers and hikers, however all non-motorized trail users are welcome to use the trails. Some trails will be directional to separate uphill and downhill travel, and some trails designated 'hiker only' or 'biker only' to avoid user conflict. The trails depicted on the site plan are conceptual only and location and number may change due to site specific constraints or opportunities.

Mountain Bike Trails

All trails, except for specifically designated downhill mountain bike trails, will be multi-use trails open to all non-motorized users. A separated beginner biker skill course is planned for the north side of West Ribary Way. A two-way connector trail to the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area and Raging River State Park is also planned on the north side of West Ribary Way. The mountain bike trails and skills course are anticipated to include banked corners and features specific to bicycle skills development and enjoyment.

Trail Etiquette: The rules of the trail developed by the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) will be posted and followed.

These include:

1. Use open trails only. Respect trail and road closures. Do not trespass on private land.
2. Leave no trace. Pack out what you pack in. Stay away from wet and muddy trails. Do not
3. Control your bicycle and speed. Obey all regulations and ride within your limits.
4. Yield to others. Follow the trail etiquette triangle. Downhill travelers should yield to those heading uphill.
5. Never intentionally scare animals
6. Plan ahead and be safe
7. For more information, see www.imba.org.

Sustainable trails: All new trails will be built to be sustainable. IMBA guidelines on sustainable trail building and maintaining will be followed. Key elements of a sustainable trail include:

1. Supports current and future use with minimal impact to the area's natural systems.
2. Negligible soil loss or movement while allowing vegetation to flourish.
3. Pruning or removal of some vegetation only as necessary.
4. Accommodates existing use and appropriate future use.
5. Requires minimal rerouting and maintenance.
6. Built with land manager's permission.

Hiking Trails

All trails, with the exception of specifically designated downhill only sections, will be multi-use trails accommodating all non-motorized users. A 'hiker only' loop trail is planned on the south side of West Ribary Way meandering through second growth forest, wetlands, scenic viewpoint and picnic area. An accessible trail loop will be located near the picnic area and within easy access from the parking lot, which should include small alcoves or spur areas for seating, interaction with natural site features, and interpretive signage.

The following trail etiquette for hikers will be posted at key areas:

1. Use open trails only. Respect trail closures. Do not trespass on private land.
2. Leave no trace. Pack out what you pack in. Stay away from wet and muddy trails. Do not
3. Follow the trail etiquette triangle. Downhill travelers should yield to those heading uphill whether on foot or on a bike.
4. Respect wildlife. Do not feed animals.
5. Keep pets leashed.
6. Plan ahead and be safe.

Signage

Signage will be an important feature for ensuring park enjoyment, orientation, and public safety. Signs will include trail directional markers indicating which trails are bicycle-only and one-way only, identifying certain loop trails, and noting the location of key features. A park site plan and regional trail linkages map, as well as trail and park use rules, will be posted at the trailhead and parking area. Additionally, interpretive signs will be planned for locations and features of interest along the accessible loop and larger pedestrian loop trails.

Trailhead / Vehicle Parking

Vehicle parking for park visitors was an issue identified through the planning process. There is a balance needed to provide enough parking on-site to ensure that adjacent neighborhoods are not affected, without providing too much on-site parking, and paving more open space than is necessary.

King County Parks purchased an easement on the park to construct a trailhead and parking lot. The location for the easement and parking lot was chosen because it is a flat, dry area that had been cleared in recent history and therefore does not have significant trees onsite, reducing the clearing and site disturbance necessary to construct the site improvements. In addition, it is one of the lowest grades in the park which is an ideal spot for a trailhead.

A design process will determine how many parking spaces are needed to balance requirements for daily use and peak seasonal usage. Regarding utilities, it is anticipated that the cost of extending utility lines for water and sewer would outweigh benefit the public would receive. A vault toilet will likely be adequate consistent with typical public trailhead design subject to regular servicing.

Ribary Way Improvements

Improvements to Ribary Way will be planned together with the park improvements to decrease vehicle speeds, provide areas for additional (or initial-phase) parking within the right-of-way, and provide for safe and visible trail crossing locations. Improvements may include additional pavement widening, re-striping of lanes, possible speed humps or speed tables at crossings, and park entry and trail crossing signage.



Picnic Areas & Viewpoint

There are many opportunities on site to establish picnic areas and viewpoints. These have been proposed both adjacent to the parking and where the topography indicates view opportunities subject to limited clearing. These will need to be field tested as well to determine the best location for optimal views.

Interpretation & Education

Interpretation refers to a program designed to provide information and educational material to people on a variety of topics related to a specific area or region. This information can be presented in many varieties, including but not limited to: signs; kiosks; brochures; websites; tours; etc.

Interpretation and education concepts and themes for Tennant Trailhead Park include an educational walk with information about flora and fauna, geology and local area history, focused primarily on the accessible loop trail.

Educational opportunities may also include canopy tours that through experiences expose users to nature and teach the importance of a healthy ecosystem.

Phasing

Development of the park may take place in multiple phases to balance available resources and grant opportunities. These phases may include construction of the parking lot along with associated amenities, construction of the multi-use trails and bike skills course, and finally construction of the hiker only loop trail.



Permitting

The City of North Bend is the responsible agency for all permitting for site improvements. As required under the provisions of the Conservation Futures grant funds that were used to acquire the site, a cultural resource report will be prepared for areas of primary site disturbance, providing for initial survey for archaeological and cultural resources, and an inadvertent discovery plan for construction activities, and consultation with tribes and the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Permitting requirements for specific site improvements will be determined prior to commencement of construction for any onsite improvements. This will include appropriate notifications to relevant parties, agencies and stakeholders. Impacts to critical areas will be considered and any potential impact mitigated in accordance with any applicable regulations. Plans to address stormwater runoff, erosion and sedimentation control, and clearing and grading impacts will be addressed under review of the City's relevant stormwater and clearing and grading regulations.

Plans to address stormwater runoff, erosion and sedimentation control, and clearing and grading impacts will be addressed under review of the City's relevant stormwater and clearing and grading regulations. A tree assessment should additionally be conducted to identify and remove hazard trees along trail corridors and key public areas.

Management & Maintenance Plan

During the master planning phase, consideration was given to ongoing maintenance needs for this park. In addition to selecting materials that are resilient, durable and long lasting, the low-impact uses of the park will help minimize resources needed for maintenance.

Management of the trail system, park and facilities will be a partner effort. Maintenance of the regional trailhead and parking areas will be the responsibility of King County Parks while maintenance of the trails, picnic areas and associated facilities will be the responsibility of Si View Metropolitan Park District.

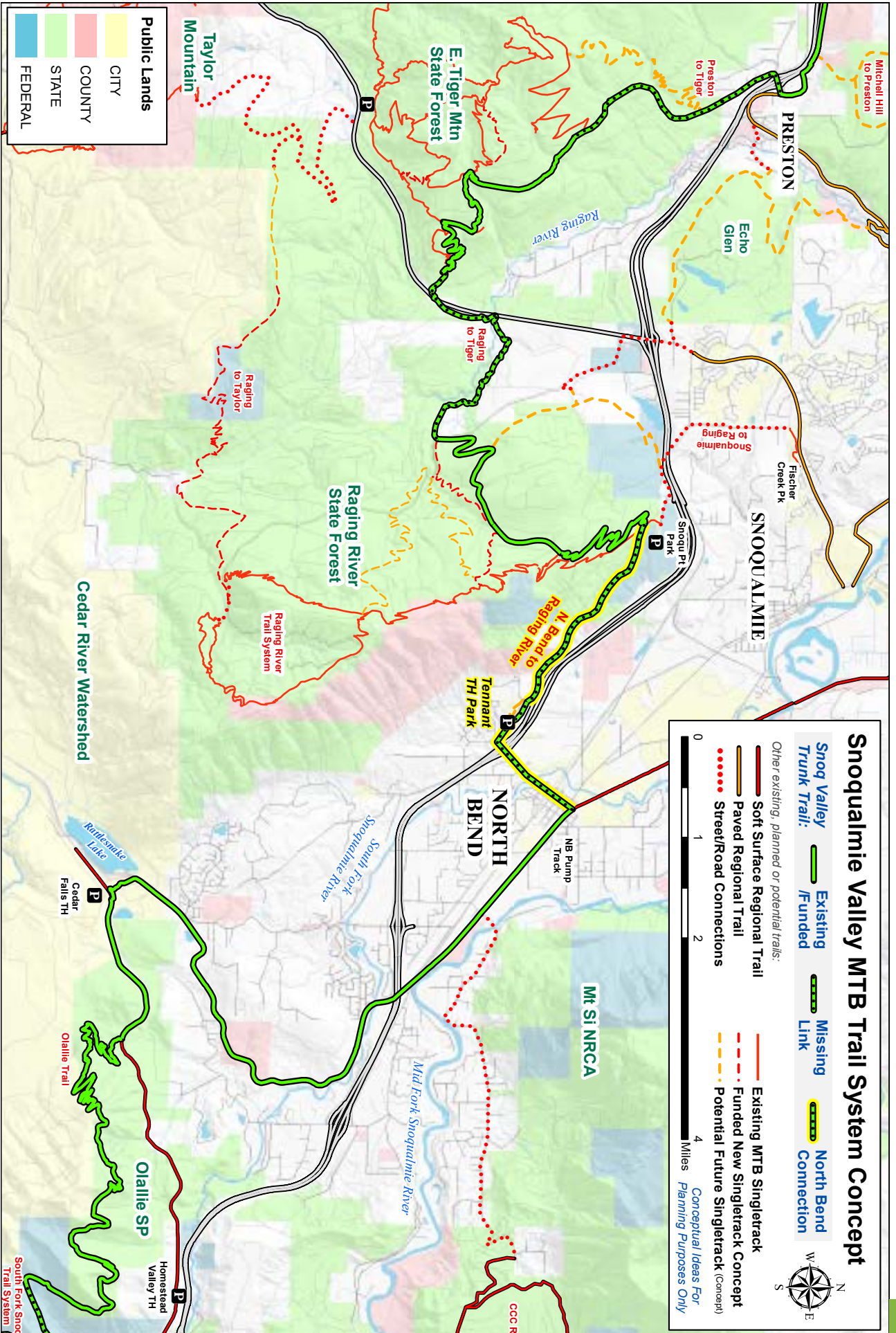
Maintenance operations by the MPD staff include routine check-ins, seasonal condition assessments and periodic inspections, followed by necessary maintenance actions. A Friends of the Trails volunteer group comprised of local trail users should be considered for ongoing trail maintenance and projects such as invasive plants control. Trail adoption programs (TAP) are another option that should be considered to fund either the construction or maintenance of trails. TAP programs allow businesses to adopt a trail and provide time and financial support. The business receives recognition for the support on the trail signage in the park. Many organizations have been successful and can be used as example models.

Park hours and access should be coordinated with applicable land managers and police to balance public access with safety and security. Programming of the park for activities such as interpretive tours, classes or other events will be the responsibility of Si View MPD.

Capital Development

Funding sources for the development of the trails, trailhead, viewpoint, and other features will include a combination of grants, development mitigation funds, the City of North Bend, Si View MPD, King County Parks, and possible private donations of time or money.

Appendix A: Trail Connections to Adjacent Public Lands





DATE: January 25, 2015

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SUBJECT: Notes from January 24, 2018 Open House

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Shawn Lorenz, Evergreen MBA Representative

MTNG ATTENDANCE: Approximately 50 public attendees

LOCATION: North Bend Train Depot 6:30 – 7:30pm

Meeting Information:

The Open House was advertised to start at 6:30 at the North Bend Train Depot. It was advertised in the local newspaper, press releases from both the City of North Bend and Si View MPD, individual invitations to agencies and adjacent neighborhoods including Rock Creek Ridge Apartments and Forester Woods.

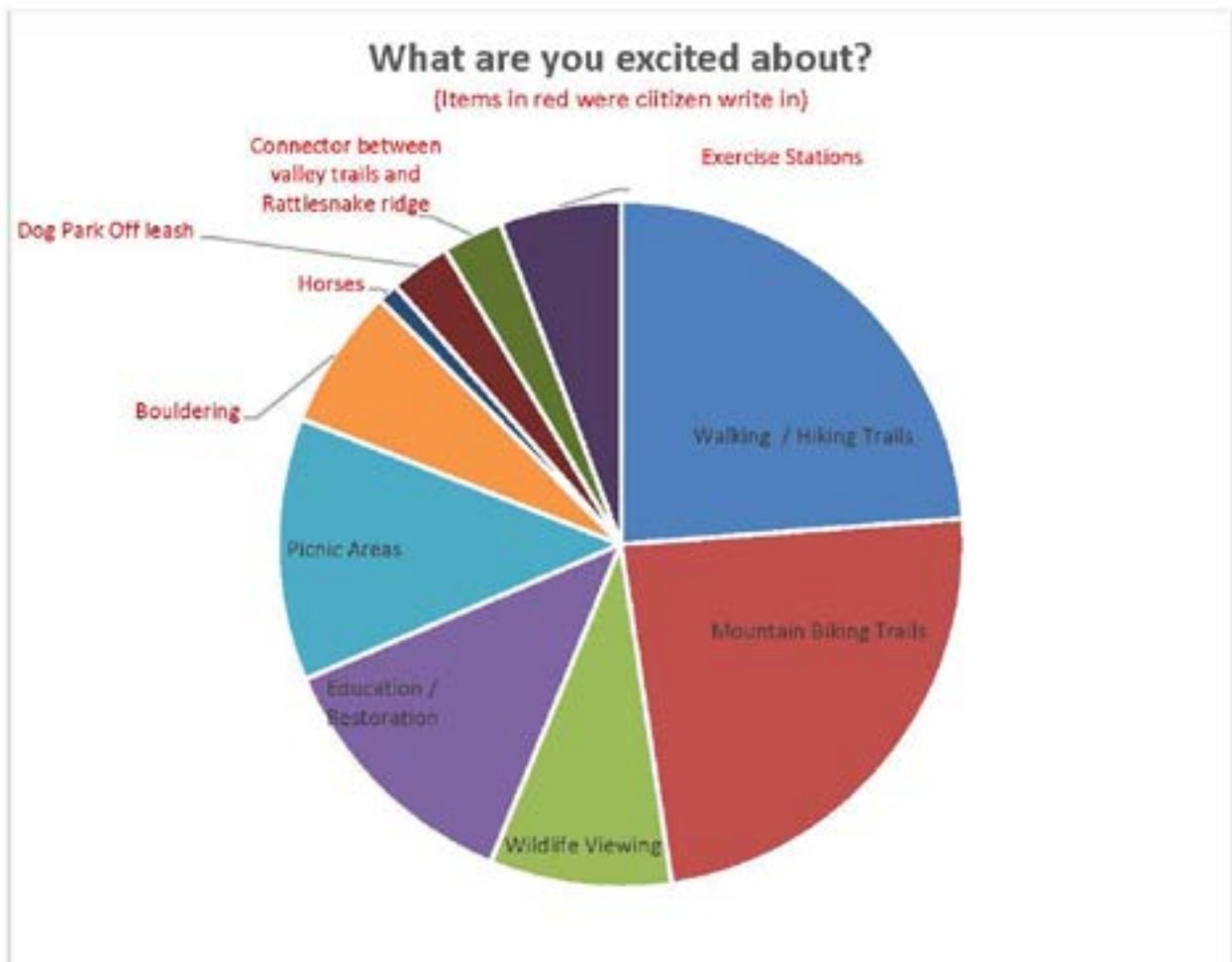
The room was set up to allow for free flow movement with easels displaying the following information: two vicinity maps (one aerial and one showing the connection of the park to adjacent public lands); two proposed site plans with high level suggestions; one board to collect activity suggestions; and one frequently asked questions board. There was also a sign in sheet, and take home FAQs.

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Citizen feedback – Dot Exercise

In a dot exercise, citizens were asked what they were most excited about. They were not restricted to the number of times they could vote. They were give the options of walking/hiking trails, mountain biking trails, wildlife viewing, education/restoration, picnic areas, and other. The below pie chart shows the ratio of dots that were received and includes write in votes that were received.



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Additional amenities requested by citizens in handwritten notes

Citizens wrote on the site plans and sticky notes additional items they would like to see on the site.

1. Water fountains
2. Exercise stations using natural features / walk in natural fitness station
3. A circular course for users that does not dead end.
4. Bike features on trails including drops and smooth flow track areas. / progressive drops, jump lines, family or new rider friendly jump lines
5. Easy bus access / turn around
6. ADA path
7. 'Swamp Trail' – like the trail at high point on Tiger. Tell kids story along the trail (age 4-8)
8. Boardwalks
9. 4-H zipline

Suggestions received by citizens

1. Consider a nonprofit partnership
2. Have students build and design the trails
3. Consider purchasing Wyrsh's property to the south as a parking lot. If parking is too far away they will park in the neighborhoods.
4. Add a picnic area to the west in addition to another crosswalk.



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Appendix C: How Has the Public Input Been Used



Tennant Trailhead Park Master Plan Visioning



How have we responded to your feedback?

Walking / Hiking Trails



Feedback: Very strong support for walking trails (top pick -25 dots). Loops were cited as important. Suggestion also received for exercise stations using natural features.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Long loop hiking trail at perimeter of the site.
2. Primary connector trail from parking lot to the west to connect to the broader public trails on the adjacent DNR lands.

Question: Should certain walking paths be separate from bike paths, or allow bikes to use all trails?

Mountain Biking Trails



Feedback: Very strong support for bike trails (top pick - 25 dots).

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Bike loops for various skill levels based on topography.
2. Skills course for beginner riders, near the parking lot to provide graduated learning opportunities, easy access and safety for new riders.
3. Trails constructed specifically for mountain bikes using IMBA trail standards.

Wildlife viewing



Feedback: 9 dots.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Interpretive signs proposed along pedestrian loop trail describing local flora and fauna, wildlife habitat.

Education / Restoration



Feedback: 9 dots. Comment board received suggestion for space for bus parking for field-trips.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Bus parking could be accommodated along shoulder of W Ribary Way. On-site bus parking would take up too much space.
2. Interpretive signs proposed along pedestrian loop trail.
3. Potential for future phase of canopy-tour educational improvements.

Picnic Areas / Viewpoints



Feedback: 13 dots.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Picnic shelter and picnic tables at the parking lot. Primary facility needs to be in close proximity to parking lot and restroom for ease of picnic use and gathering.
2. Secondary area with picnic table / benches at view spot for walk-in picnickers.
3. View area with limited clearing to provide a destination with Mount Si / territorial view.

Horse Facilities



(NOT PROPOSED)

Feedback: Comment board received suggestions for horse trails/ facilities.

Plan elements/analysis:

- The Parks Commission considered this comment but did not recommend developing horse specific facilities, as:
1. Cost and space for parking lot accommodating horse trailer stalls/unloading area would be disproportional to the likely small amount of horse use.
 2. WA DNR doesn't have a plan for horse facilities on their adjacent lands.
 3. Equestrians and mountain bikes may not be compatible, particularly in a smaller site such as this.
 4. Equestrians remain welcome to use the shared trails.

Bouldering



Feedback: Comment received suggesting bouldering opportunities.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Proposed trail is routed next to the large rock outcrop to enable informal bouldering use.
2. Additional boulder improvements or established climbing routes are not proposed, to maintain passive nature of the park.

Parking Lot



Feedback: Comment board received suggestion for space for bus parking for field-trips, group arrivals.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. Bus parking could be accommodated along shoulder of W Ribary Way. On-site bus parking would take up too much space.
2. Parking lot size to be determined partially on whether DNR also provides separate parking lot further up the road on their property.

Off-leash Dog Area



(NOT PROPOSED)

Feedback:

Comment board received suggestion for providing off-leash dog area at the park.

Plan elements/analysis:

1. The Parks Commission considered this, but do not recommend providing it, given potential for conflicts given likely high use, particularly with bicyclists.
2. Dogs will be welcome on-leash.

Appendix D: Topo Basemap of Tennant Trailhead Park

