

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

PR&CS Administration, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80905



Agenda TOPS Working Committee

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:30 a.m.

1401 Recreation Way

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Agenda Preview

Board Chair

Announcements

Staff and Committee

Approval of Minutes

Committee

Citizen Discussion

Citizens

Action Items

Presentation Items

Urban Ranger Update
Legacy Loop Update

Scott Abbott
Emily Duncan

Citizen Discussion

Citizens

Adjournment

URBAN TRAILS RANGER TEAM (UTRT) UPDATE



Brief update and overview of the UTRT

7/10/2024

Scott Abbott - RPTOS

UTRT FULLY STAFFED



Kyle Wilson – Senior
Park Ranger

Raymond Polak – Park
Ranger I

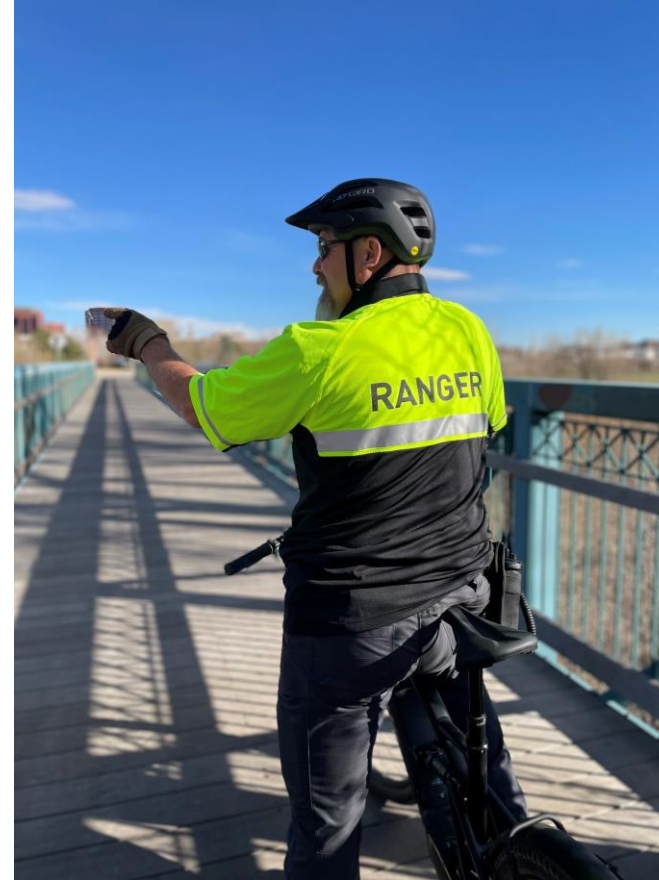
Duncan Skinner – Park
Ranger I

Aaron Lirette – Park
Ranger I

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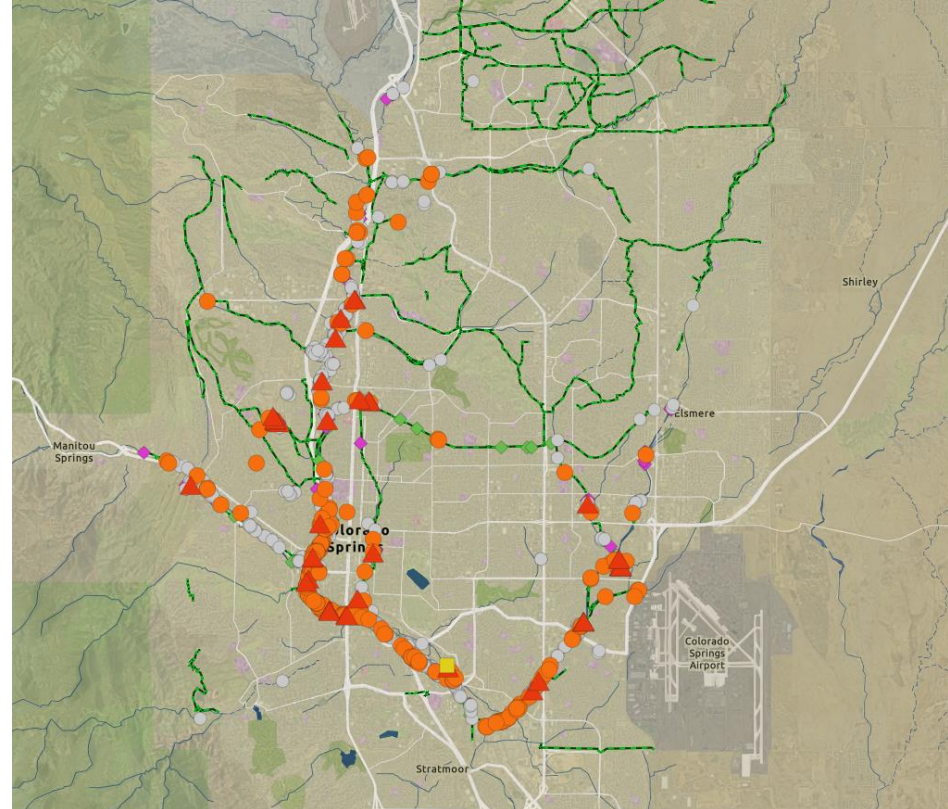
PRESENCE ON TRAILS

- UTRT operates 7 days a week, with two Rangers on Saturday and two on Sunday
- UTRT conducts vehicle and bicycle patrols along our City's urban trails
 - Rangers have covered over 300 miles of trails, open spaces and parks on bicycles
- UTRT provides presence at our high trafficked parks and open spaces
- UTRT make public contacts, manage trail hazards, complete trail maintenance and remove trash

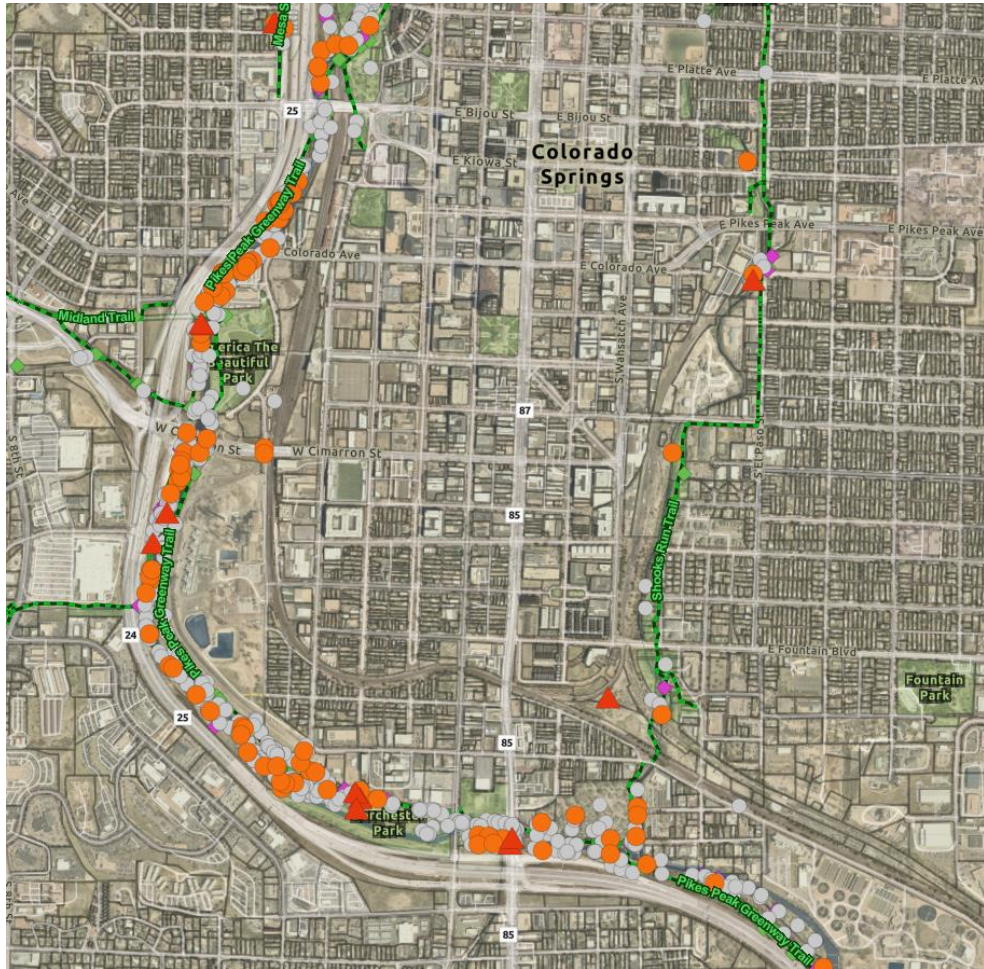


MAPPING ILLEGAL CAMPS AND TRASH LOCATIONS

- UTRT utilizes ArcGIS to identify and map the locations of illegal camps along our urban trails and within parkland
- Approximately 1400 illegal camps have been identified since July 2023
 - Currently there are approximately 260 active/uncleaned up camps
- Approximately 400 homeless associated trash locations have been identified since July 2023
 - Currently over 170 have been cleaned up.



MAPPING ILLEGAL CAMPS AND TRASH LOCATIONS CONT.



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COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS



- UTRT collaborates with various City entities such as CSPD Homeless Outreach Team, CSFD Homeless Outreach Program, and Neighborhood Services – Quality of Life Team
- UTRT partners with Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful to assist with camp clean ups
- Attend monthly meetings with numerous government and non-profit organizations who specialize in homelessness related issues



QUESTIONS?





LEGACY LOOP TRAIL UPDATE

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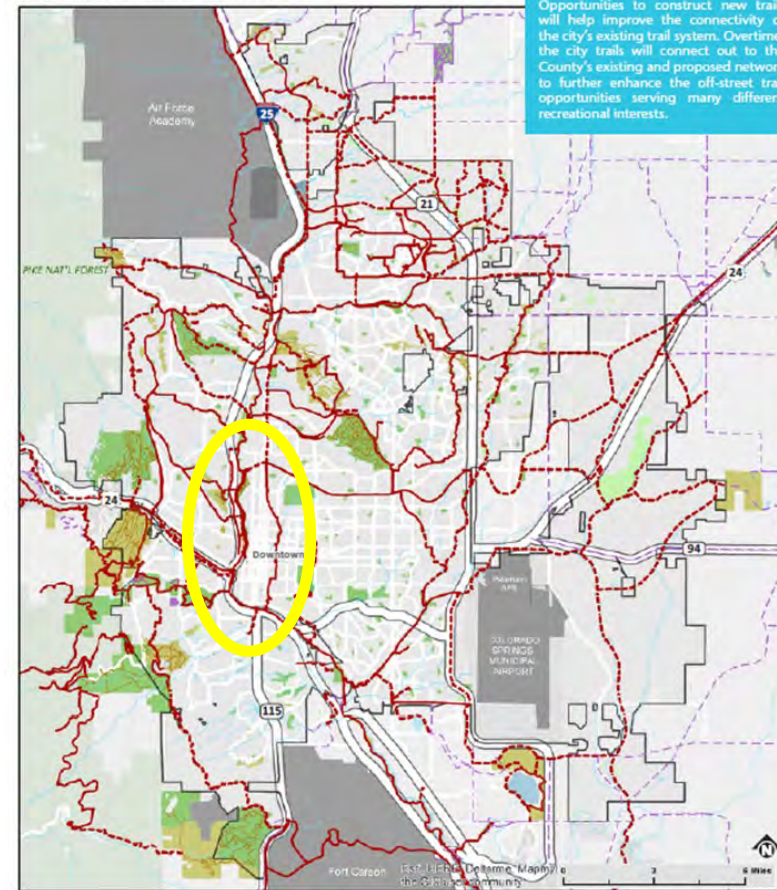
TOPS Working Committee Update

July 10th, 2024 Emily Duncan- Trails Development Coordinator

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Map 23: Existing and Proposed Trail Network



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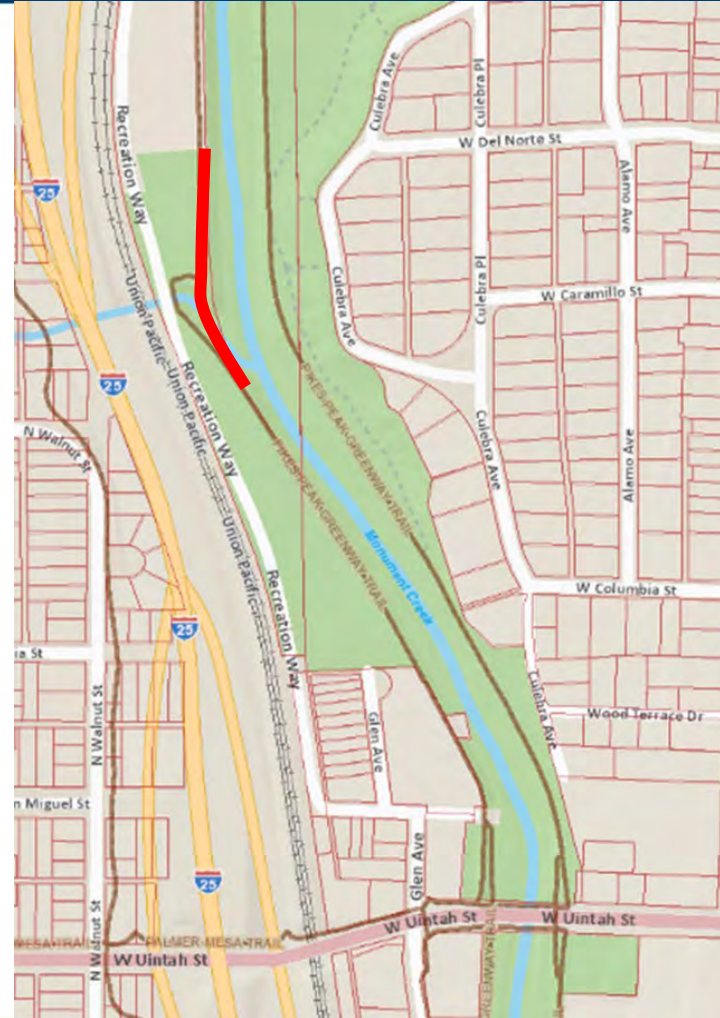
LEGACY LOOP: ROCK ISLAND TRAIL

- Construction of Rock Island Trail from Van Buren Street to Templeton Gap
- Underpasses at Nevada and Cascade Avenue
- Funded by: TOPS Trails, LWCF Grant and Colorado the Beautiful Grant, PLDO
- Tentative Summer/Fall 2024 completion



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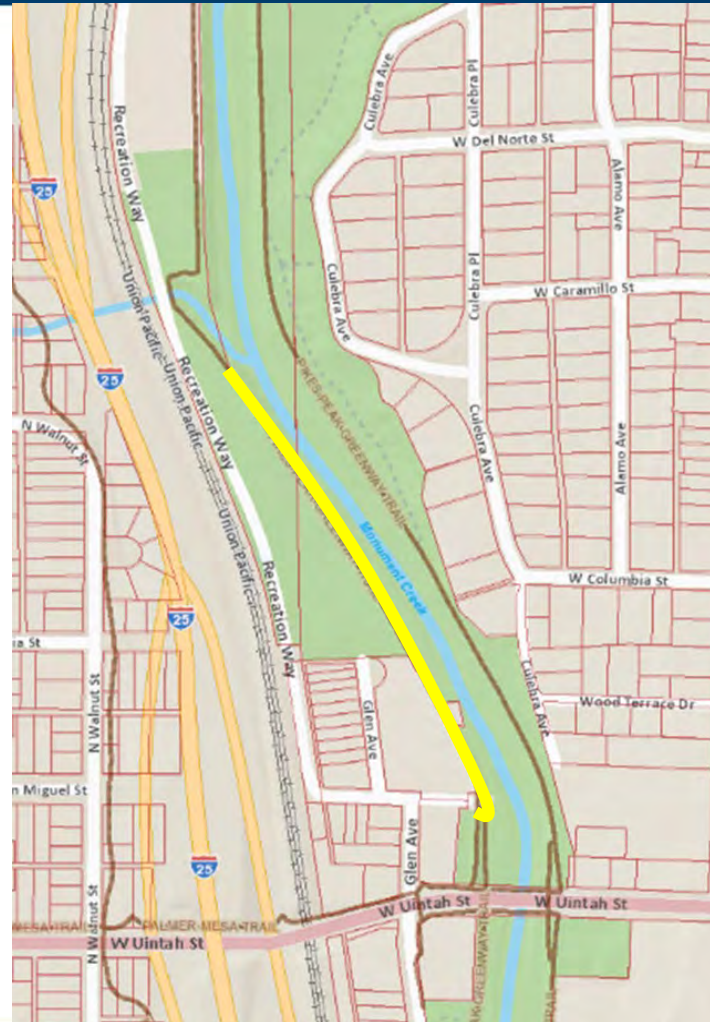
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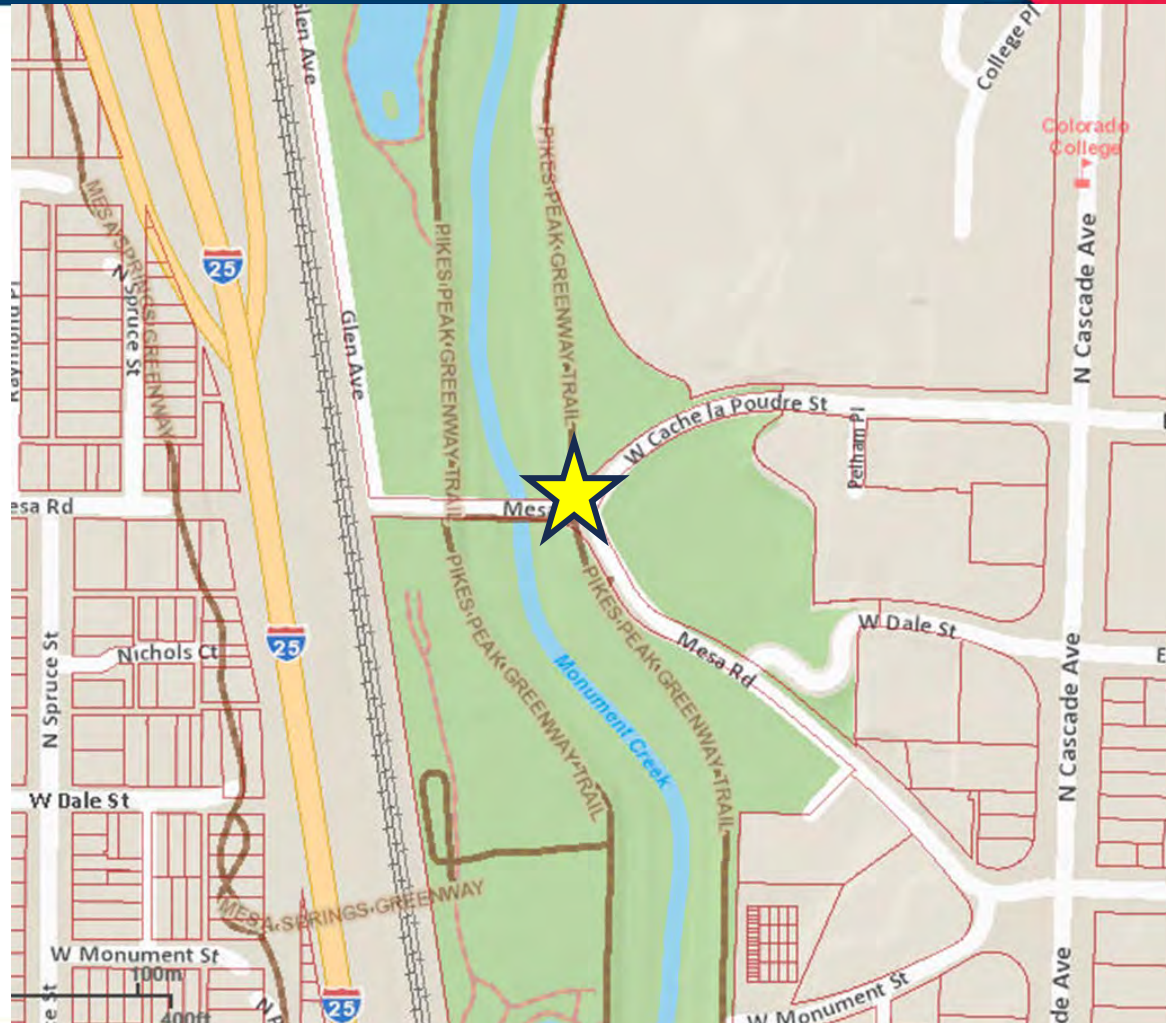
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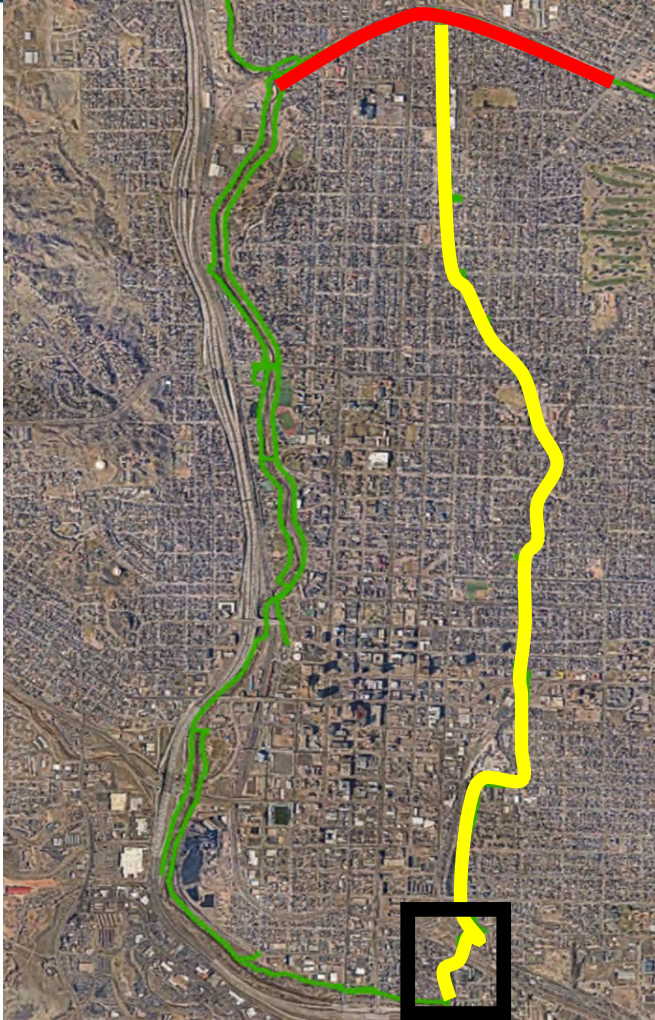
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SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: THE LAST GAP



Shooks Run Trail

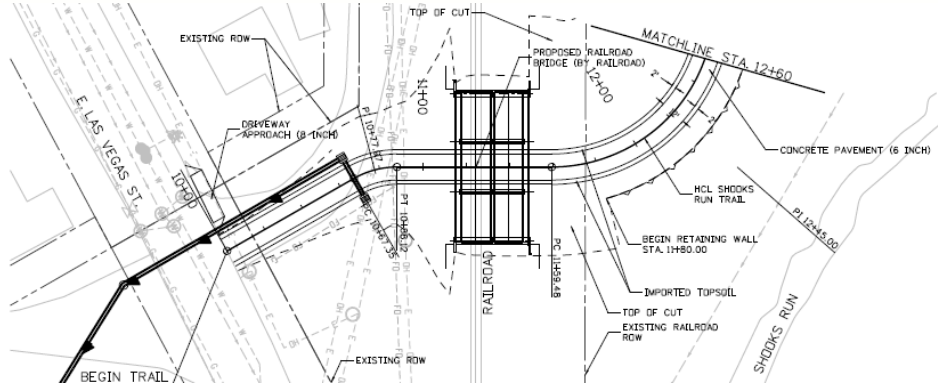
- South of Fountain Blvd. to Pikes Peak Greenway
- Final Connectivity
 - Concrete Coyote property
 - Railroad (Union Pacific, BNSF)
 - Las Vegas St.
 - “Camper’s Village”

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: EASEMENT/PROPERTY ACQUISITION



- Camper's Village
 - Ongoing
 - Currently owned by Weidner
 - Initial Trail Alignment and Concept
 - Floodway constraints
 - Coordination for construction with Utilities (underway)

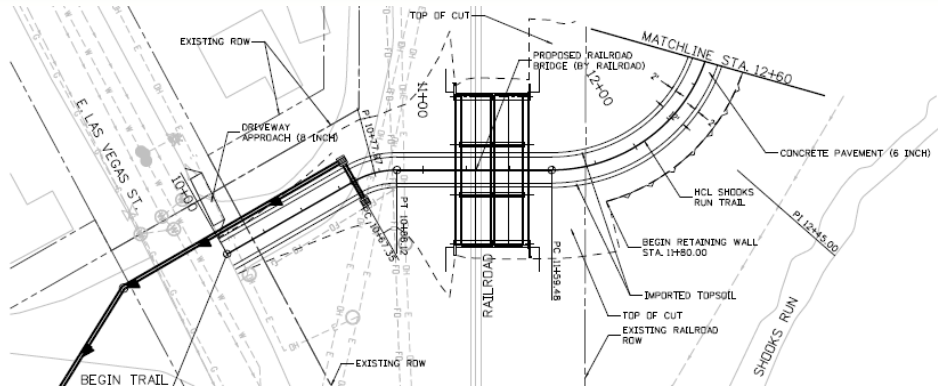
SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS



- Bridge *over* Railroad
 - Project Cost and Land Constraints
 - Not supported by UP/BNSF
- Bridge *under* Railroad
 - Conceptual design
 - Generally supported by UP/BNSF
 - Shoefly with construction
 - High Cost, Seeking partnership opportunities



SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: FUNDING/PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



- 30% Conceptual Plans with City Engineering (2015)
- FY22 CRISI Grant
 - Unsuccessful
- Close Coordination
 - Future Bridge projects, grant opportunities, etc.

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: OTHER CITY PROJECTS



- Closure of Royer Street at Las Vegas and Construction of Hancock Ped Crossing
- Envision Shooks Run
- COS Creek Plan

SHOOKS RUN CONNECTION: LOOKING AHEAD



- Opportunities for partnership (funding, construction, etc.) with Public Works
- Improvements to long-term on-street connectivity
- Continued conversations with Union Pacific/BNSF

FOR MORE INFORMATION



- coloradosprings.gov/legacyloop
 - Project Vision, Ongoing and Completed Projects
- coloradosprings.gov/projects
 - General City Project Updates/Status, including Capital Trail Projects
- facebook.com/CoSpringsParks
 - General Project Updates, Closures, and Events

THANK YOU

