

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

PARK OPERATIONS ~ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ~ RECREATION/CULTURAL SERVICES

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Christian Haas  
Project Manager  
El Paso County Development Services Department

**Subject: CSU Approval of Location - Broadband (U224)**

Christian,

The Community Services Department has reviewed the location approval for Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) and has the following comments on behalf of El Paso County Parks:

The proposed CSU project consists of the development and construction of a fiber network expansion within the boundaries of Colorado Springs Utilities. The scope of the project includes the development and deployment of a fiber network on existing Colorado Springs Utilities electrical poles, easements, and ROW's. The applicant states that there will be 2,000 miles of broadband installed. Hydraulic directional drilling will be used to install 2" and 3" conduit in order to deploy the fiber infrastructure.

The fiber network expansion appears to be in the northern part of CSU's service area per the plan. El Paso County Parks has a number of parks, open spaces, and trails in this area. With the information provided, impacts to El Paso County Parks are unclear and more information is needed to determine if there would be impacts. If the proposed utility work will be on County Park property, a non-exclusive permanent easement or a license agreement is required prior to any work occurring on County Park property.

No park land or trail easement dedications are necessary for this filing, and these comments are being provided administratively as no Park Advisory Board endorsement is necessary for a location approval application.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## CSU Broadband Utility Location Review

- Primary Regional Trail, Completed
- - - Primary Regional Trail, Proposed
- Secondary Regional Trail, Completed
- - - Secondary Regional Trail, Proposed
- Internal Park Trail, Completed
- - - Internal Park Trail, Proposed
- - - Proposed Bicycle Routes, Proposed
- El Paso County Parks
- Major Roads
- Streams
- Incorporated Areas

