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**Subject: Rock Island Trail Construction Document Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Submittal (CDR-19-003)**

Hello,

The Park Planning Division of the Parks and Community Services Department has reviewed the updated construction drawings for the City of Colorado Springs' Rock Island Trail improvement project and has the following comments of behalf of El Paso County Parks. This portion of the Rock Island Trail, while located in unincorporated El Paso County near Peterson Road and Constitution Avenue, is owned and managed by the City of Colorado Springs.

The El Paso County Parks Master Plan (2022) shows no El Paso County-owned open space, park facilities, or trails intersected by or within the project area. The project will improve the City of Colorado Springs-owned Rock Island Trail from its intersection with Sand Creek to Constitution Avenue. When completed in full, the Rock Island Trail will connect with the El Paso County-owned Rock Island Primary Regional Trail, which currently terminates in Falcon, Colorado, approximately 6.5 miles northeast of the project site.

El Paso County Parks applauds the City of Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department for their continual improvement of urban trails that create vital connections between neighborhoods and communities. This project will fill yet another missing link in this important east-west trail corridor.

These comments are being provided administratively, as this application does not require Park Advisory Board consideration.

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

Sincerely,

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