



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members

From: Hugh Bevan, Interim Municipal Administrator *HB 2-6-20*

Date: February 5, 2020

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Sitka Cycling Club

Background

Sitka Cycling Club (SCC), an association of Sitka volunteers, has approached the City about constructing and maintaining a series of mountain bike trails on City land behind the High School.

The single-track bike trails are intended to be winding paths approximately one-foot wide. There will not be any jumps or elevated boardwalks. The intent is to provide low-difficulty trails that can be enjoyed by cyclists of all skill levels.

Analysis

The Public Works Department has reviewed the proposed bike trails in the field with SCC. Our engineers have concluded the routes will have minimal impacts due to erosion or adverse effects to streams.

Furthermore, only the first trail loop will be constructed initially so the Department can assess the construction techniques of SCC before the trail system is expanded.

Fiscal Note

All costs of construction and maintenance will be borne by Sitka Cycling Club.

There will be a few hours of coordination in the field with Public Works, but I do not see this as a significant budget impact to City funds.

Recommendation

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Borough of Sitka and the Sitka Cycling Club