

Valley County Pathways – Update to 2017 Master Plan

Re: Implementation Schedule – Current priorities as of June 2023

Valley County Pathways is updating its recommended short-term and long-term pathways projects to reflect the latest priorities for trail development as things have evolved since 2017, when the last VCP Master Plan was approved by the Valley County Commissioners.

The Valley County Road and Bridge Department is currently working on updating its long-range Transportation Plan. County officials have requested an updated priority list and implementation schedule from VCP to be incorporated into the county Transportation Plan. We are happy to oblige because priorities have changed to some degree since 2017.

Valley County Pathways (VCP) has been collaborating with the Valley County Parks and Recreation Department, the Valley County Road and Bridge Department, the City of Donnelly and the City of McCall to develop our updated priorities. No significant changes have occurred with our trails planned in the city of Cascade area.

Recommended Implementation Schedule

Highest-priority projects envisioned near term in the next 5 years by 2028:

1. **Samson Trail Safe Route to Schools project** – Pedestrian pathway from Payette Lakes Middle School to Pearson Lane, a distance of 2.5 miles. This is a collaborative project between VCP, Valley County Parks & Recreation and the McCall Parks and Recreation.

Funding: State grant \$250,000 (including funds received in 2023); VCP is covering design/engineering: \$30,000 estimated cost. More funds are being sought in 2023 from the Rotary Club grant program and Idaho Gives campaign.

Timeline: Design/engineering/wetlands delineation: winter 2022-23; trail construction summer/fall 2023.

2. **Town to Beach Flyway Trail in Donnelly** – Mix of paved bike lanes, natural surface trail and 10-foot-wide pathway trail from downtown Donnelly to the Donnelly Beach on Lake Cascade, a distance of 1.3 miles. Collaborative project between VCP, City of Donnelly, Josh Murrey, adjacent landowner, and .

Funding: Local Option Tax monies from the City of Donnelly, \$13,500. In-kind donation of trail-clearing and trail construction from Josh Murrey, adjacent landowner.

Timeline: Trail-clearing and construction planned for summer 2023

3. Carefree Safe Route to School Phase II – Connect the Samson Trail project to the Carefree subdivision area to Rogers Lane, a distance of about 2.5 miles.

Funding: TBD; cost estimate; \$250,000. Valley County Parks & Recreation and VCP will apply for another state grant for this project. Will apply for the maximum allowed of \$250,000 for the project.

Timeline: Apply for grant in June 2024. Construction could be planned for 2025.

4. Donnelly Meadows to Tamarack Falls – Create connection from Valley County's paved walking/biking trail in the Donnelly Meadows area to Tamarack Falls on Bureau of Reclamation land, a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Valley County Parks & Recreation is the lead agency. Partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Funding: TBD.

Permitting: Some type of NEPA compliance document and approval will be required from BOR.

Timeline: Summer 2024 or 2025.

5. Sharrows and Bike Lane striping on E. Lake Fork Road to Jug Mountain Ranch.

Distance: 1.75 miles

Funding: TBD - Valley County Road Department/Valley County Parks & Recreation

6. Donnelly to Coho Estates – Build trail on old railroad line trail from city of Donnelly property to Coho Estates area by the McPaws Veterinary Clinic. Collaboration between VCP, developer Craig Groves, City of Donnelly, Coho Estates residents, McPaws and storage business county easement.

Funding: TBD; distance: 2.5 miles. Cost estimate TBD; building on old RR line may save money.

Timeline: 2024 or 2025

7. North Valley Trail to Donnelly. Pedestrian pathway from the south end of the North Valley Trail to Nisula, Nisula to Smylie Lane, Smylie to Norwood, Norwood to Donnelly, a total distance of 9 miles. Collaboration between VCP, Valley County Parks & Recreation and rural landowners.

Funding: TBD; cost estimate: \$900,000 to \$1M, based on estimate of \$100,000 per mile. Natural surface trail, 6-8 foot wide, compacted surface, or 8-10 foot wide paved trail, cost TBD.

Considering the length of this trail, which will serve as a major regional commuting trail corridor, we may want to try to raise funds to build a paved trail for this reach.

Timeline: 2025 or 2026.

8. W. Roseberry paved trail from Cassandra to Dawn Drive – Build paved trail segment to connect to Donnelly Meadows and Tamarack Resort. Developer Craig Groves plans to build a 12-foot sidewalk from the Donnelly shopping mall to Cassandra. The new paved trail would extend the pedestrian pathway from Cassandra to Dawn Drive along W. Roseberry.

Funding: TBD, City of Donnelly, Valley County Recreation and VCP to apply for a state non-motorized trail grant for the Cassandra to Dawn Drive paved trail segment.

Timeline: If funded by the state, the city would receive funds in 2024.

9. Connector route from McCall to New Meadows and Weiser River Trail – Find a way to connect from McCall-area pathways in the Bear Basin area to the City of New Meadows and the northern portal of the Weiser River Trail.

Funding: TBD; distance and route TBD; will try to locate via existing public rural/forest roads/trails.

Timeline: ASAP

10. Donnelly to Roseberry – Pedestrian pathway to connect the City of Donnelly to the historic community of Roseberry. Collaboration between VCP, City of Donnelly, Donnelly Elementary School, rural residents along Roseberry Road, and Roseberry historic community.

Funding: TBD; distance: 2.5 miles. Cost estimate \$250,000 based on \$100,000 per mile.

Timeline: 2026 or 2027

11. Carefree connector trail from Rogers Lane to Lake Fork Road via Valley County Lake Fork property.

Funding: TBD; distance and route TBD; Valley County Parks & Recreation has the lead.

12. Safe Route to Schools Phase III/Rogers Lane – Heinrich Lane bike loop into McCall – Bridge connection between the North Valley Lane and Heinrich singletrack sidewalk trail over to Rogers Lane and Carefree safe route to schools into McCall.

Funding: TBD; Build overpass or underpass for safe crossing of ID 55. Apply for federal funds.

Timeline: 2028

13. Bear Basin Connector Phase II: Detached pathway connection from Lardo Bridge to the existing Bear Basin connector at Zachary Road. Project is designed and shovel-ready.

Funding: City of McCall Parks Department is working on funding mechanisms and a construction strategy.

Timeline: ASAP

Longer-Term Projects: (shown as LT on map)

1. **Tamarack Falls to Tamarack Resort** – Paved pathway winds through Bureau of Reclamation/IDPR/USGS campgrounds adjacent to the shores of Lake Cascade to Tamarack Resort. Collaboration between VCP, Valley County Parks & Recreation, BOR, IDPR and Tamarack Resort.

Funding: TBD; Distance: 3.25 miles; Very expensive and environmentally complex project with multiple stream-crossings, wetlands issues, campground issues, and more. Cost estimate: \$1M - \$2M. Preliminary design needed to plan project. Expecting Tamarack Resort to take the lead on financing and building the project.

Timeline: TBD

2. **Extend Crown Point Trail to Sugarloaf boat ramp/picnic area** – Collaborative project between the VCP, IDPR, Bureau of Reclamation and Pine Lakes Ranch.

Funding; TBD; cost estimate: TBD Could be very inexpensive if we use existing roads/trails

Timeline: TBD

Barriers: Private land issues; strong opposition to a public trail going through Pine Lakes Ranch.

3. **West Mountain Greenbelt – Tamarack Resort to City of Cascade** – Collaborative project between the BOR, Valley County Parks & Recreation and Boise National Forest. VCP will support as needed.

Funding: TBD; cost estimate: \$1.8M - \$2M based on \$100,000 per mile; Distance: 15 miles along Lake Cascade, 3 miles from the southern tip of Lake Cascade to the City of Cascade. 18 miles total.

Timeline: TBD; it's possible that at least a portion of this project could be built prior to the Tamarack Falls to Tamarack Resort project.

4. **East side Payette Lake Greenbelt** – Paved pedestrian trail from the junction of Lick Creek Road and East Side Drive to North Beach. Collaborative project between VCP, Valley County Parks & Recreation, Valley County Road and Bridge Dept., and the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

Funding: TBD; cost estimate: TBD. Potential sources of funds??? (Jeff? LTAC????, IDPR RTP?)
Distance: 4.5 miles.

Timeline: TBD; look to build trail when the county paves Eastside Drive? Or when other opportunities arise through the work of United Payette and IDL.

5. **RR line cruiser route from City of Cascade to Cabarton Bridge.** Collaborative project between Valley County Road and Bridge Department, VCP, Valley County Parks & Recreation. See if we can get permission to use pedal-powered RR bikes on the rail line.

Funding: TBD; cost estimate: TBD; distance: 5.6 miles

Timeline: TBD

6. **Payette River Connector Trail:** Working with City of McCall Parks and Recreation, Payette Land Trust, and Valley County to negotiate a pathway easement to utilize existing trails/paths adjacent to the North Fork of the Payette River. Pathway would connect existing public paths in Rivers Crossing and the Sheep Bridge South to West Mtn. Road and to a future foot bridge across the river to Payette River Subdivision and the North Valley Rail Trail. Project also has the potential to extend further south along the river to Cascade Lake.

Funding: TBD

Timeline: 2025 – Ongoing