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**Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan**

RE: Summary of Responsive Document Changes
FROM: Parks and Recreation Design and Construction Division

A 'draft final' version of the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan was published on April 13, 2023 for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and public hearing. After this Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Summit Avenue Regional Trail Plan was presented to the following advisory groups for review and recommendation:
April 17, 2023 – City of Saint Paul Transportation Committee
April 28, 2023 – City of Saint Paul Planning Commission

Responsive changes to the regional trail plan document following these meetings includes the following:

- **Maintenance and funding**
  - Additional clarity was provided on how regional trails are maintained by parks and recreation operations and maintenance division and how this maintenance is funded in part by Regional Trail funds. The document recognizes the importance of working between Public Works and Parks and Recreation when securing funding for design and implementation that can upgrade or acquire maintenance equipment to support the regional trail amenity.

- **Accessibility and parking**
  - Referencing the City's comprehensive plan policies that support off-street parking efficiency, additional considerations were included to consider public/private partnerships on privately owned surface lots that can balance parking demand with adjacent land use.
  - Recognizing the land use challenges of reducing on-street parking and priorities for pedestrians and bicyclists within the public right of way, language is included of the importance of working with institutions and residential property owners to balance specific needs along the corridor.

- **Engagement – Youth and Families**
  - Feedback received during the public hearing as well as through district council comments recognized the importance of including these perspectives and further highlighting that aspect of community engagement. Additional content responds to this by illustrating the schools and community institutions in the context of Summit Avenue and their relationship to various walk or bike radii.
  - Focused engagement items include feedback about the importance of connections for students at intersections such as Griggs, and how crossing Summit can be a barrier. Focused engagement also highlights programming opportunities that exist to connect youth, families, and neighborhoods to bicycling for recreation or transportation which are often facilitated with school locations.

- **Citywide plans and consistency**
  - References to illustrate job concentration graphic from the 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically in the context of Summit Avenue and area schools.
  - Reference to current Citywide transportation planning processes in progress such as the update to the City's Bicycle Plan and the Transportation Safety Action Plan