Down Valley Connector Trail Feasibility Study
San Miguel County

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Team Introduction

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Meeting Guidelines and Opportunities for Input

• Questions and comments taken at the end of the presentation (3 minutes per person)
• Please provide your name and address
• Written comments via comment forms
• Email comments via Project Website (bit.ly//smcdvct)
  • Email Comments to: dvct@sanmiguelcountyco.gov
Past Master Plans identified needed link between Down Valley and Telluride

Challenges in this segment question feasibility

MMOF funding awarded to study feasibility

Consultant hired to study feasibility
Project Study Committee and Stakeholders

- San Miguel County Open Space Commission
- Town of Sawpit
- SMART
- Telluride Mountain Club
- San Miguel Bike Alliance
- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Project Overview

- 3 Miles
- 5 Segments
Goals of the Feasibility Study

- Recommend a location for the trail
- Identify safety concerns
- Gather and consider public input
- Establish appropriate design features
- Identify potential impacts of the trail
- Estimate expected construction costs

Provide an understanding of the project to decide if funding for construction should be pursued.
Characteristics of the Proposed Trail

- Multi-Modal Options Fund (MMOF)
- Transportation and Recreation
- Accessibility (ADA)

- 8 feet wide (where possible)
- Firm, smooth and stable
- Safety barriers on road to improve safety
Project Considerations

- Locate trail in publicly-owned property (CDOT Right of Way or BLM)
- Maximize separation from road where possible
- Consider impacts to adjacent properties
- Work with property owners adjacent to proposed trail
Proposed Trail Location
Other Trail Locations Considered
Segment 1 Discussion
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- Keep trail close to roadway elevation
- Would match cross slope of existing driveways at SH145
- No impacts to existing driveway
- Propose adding guard rail for trail user safety
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- Keep trail on north side of existing fencing, in CDOT ROW
- Stormwater will need to be managed – no increase in velocity drainage patterns
- No impacts to existing driveway
- Propose adding guard rail for trail user safety
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- Option 1: Keep trail close to roadway elevation
- Option 2: Lower trail to bottom of slope
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Next Steps and Timeline

1. Complete Feasibility Study (August 2022 – January 2023)
2. Trail Options to be Considered (February 2023)
3. Seek Funding (2023)
4. Final Design (?)
5. Construction (?)