



For Immediate Release

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Re: South Park Loop Pathway Connector - Construction Start

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South Park Loop Pathway Connector - Construction Start

Teton County will begin construction of the South Park Loop Pathway Connector between 3 Creek and Melody Ranch as early as next Monday, June 27th. Final contract documents and permits are being assembled, and the project team of CM Owen Construction, Nelson Engineering, and Teton County Engineering will hold the “pre-construction” meeting this Thursday to discuss project sequencing, schedule, and construction activities.

Brian Schilling, Pathways Coordinator for Teton County and the Town of Jackson stated that the purpose of the pre-construction meeting is to review the construction plan with the contractor, review the roles and responsibilities of each entity involved in the project, and to discuss any concerns or known issues that may be involved with the construction in order to ensure the smoothest possible process. “After the pre-con meeting, we will have an understanding of how the contractor intends to stage and sequence the project and we will be able to communicate that information to the public and the neighbors,” Schilling said.

Construction is expected to start as early as Monday the 27th, but the start date is dependent on getting the final permits and the contract documents assembled and signed. Construction will continue through the summer and includes the 10’-wide pathway, several short retaining walls, three marked road crossings of South Park Loop, and replacement of trees along the roadway. Per the contract agreement with CM Owen Construction, the work will be substantially completed by October 14th, 2016, and fully completed and ready for final payment no later than October 28th.

Project History and Description

The South Park Loop Pathway network includes the 10-mile loop that circles South Park along US Highway 89 and South Park Loop county road, and extending north through the Indian Trails neighborhood and out to WY Highway 22. It was identified in the 2007 Jackson/Teton County Pathways Master Plan as a top-10 priority project for the county's pathway network. Local voters approved \$3.5 million SPET funding in 2014 for design and construction of the 1.9-mile stretch on the southwest corner of South Park Loop road between Melody Ranch and 3 Creek Ranch. CM Owen Construction was awarded the construction contract for \$1,192,383.87 in June 2016. The project is expected to cost approximately \$2 million less than the available funding.

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