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Update to Council on the Shooks Run Project

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Summary:

This is a presentation on the Envision Shooks Run Project including the Recommended Corridor Theme Option. The project is limited to the main channel of Shooks Run bounded by Fountain Creek on the south and Constitution Avenue on the north.

Previous Council Action:

On April 25, 1994, City Council approved Resolution 71-94, adopting the Shooks Run Drainage Basin Planning Study, and on September 23, 2014, City Council approved Resolution 94-14, adopting the City of Colorado Springs Park System Master Plan.

Background:

Funded by the City and the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA), the Envision Shooks Run study is an interdepartmental multimodal transportation and drainage infrastructure study to address issues, challenges and opportunities along a segment of the Shooks Run Corridor in need of critical improvements. The study is a collaborative, 16-month process that will result in a prioritized plan for future improvements to the aging infrastructure. In addition to challenges, Envision Shooks Run seeks to develop a plan of opportunities that maximizes benefits for all of those who use the corridor.

A majority of the infrastructure along the Shooks Run corridor between Constitution Avenue and Fountain Creek was constructed from the early 1900's through the 1960's. The grid system of streets in the area results in numerous roadways crossing the Shooks Run channel. Much of the infrastructure including drainage structures and bridges are reaching the end of their service life. The City desires to develop a sustainable replacement and enhancement strategy for the corridor infrastructure.

This project supports the City Strategic Goal of Investing in Infrastructure, by replacing deteriorated bridges and inadequate drainage systems. This is a multi-departmental project, which could inspire public/private partnerships for redevelopment.

Financial Implications:

The completed study will identify and prioritize public infrastructure needs to implement the Envision Shooks Run Recommended Corridor Theme. This will be a long-range plan which may take 20 to 50 years to implement.

Board/Commission Recommendation:

Will be presenting to boards and commissions based upon Council recommendation

Stakeholder Process:

The project involves an extensive, open and participatory public input process. Approximately six public meetings will be held throughout the 16-month duration of the study as well as numerous neighborhood and small group meetings.

Alternatives:

The completed study will identify alternatives for the corridor.

Proposed Motion:

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