



Update on Grant Funding Received by the City of Billings December 2023

Stagecoach Trail at Zimmerman Park



Zimmerman Trail automobile connection from Rimrock Road to Highway 3. Stagecoach Trail will parallel Zimmerman to the east and below the road.

Image credit: LightcrafterArtistry

This project is funded through multiple funding sources. Cost of construction is estimated to be \$5.5 million. Parks and Recreation received \$4.7 million in grant funding from the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Alternatives Program. This program is currently funded by federal pass-through money authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The grant requires a local non-federal match of about \$805,000. TrailNet has already committed around \$100,000 to the project, and is continuing to fundraise. The City of Billings is preparing a grant application to the Montana State Trail Stewardship Program for another \$100,000, and is looking at other resources to close the funding gap. The project is currently scheduled to get underway in FY25.

More About This Project

The Stagecoach Trail as currently planned will:

- be 9/10 of a mile in length, running from Rimrock Road to the top of the Rimrocks.
- climb 400 feet in elevation as the trail parallels the Zimmerman Trail automobile route just to the east and below the roadway.
- connect to the newly completed Skyline Trail and Northwest Connector trail.
- allow pedestrian and bicyclist access to Zimmerman Park for West End, downtown, and southside trail users.
- provide an important Marathon Trail connection between Skyline and the Northwest Connector and West End trails (including the shared-use path on Shilo, and future trails near the Zoo and Yellowstone River).
- provide connection for west end trail and multi-use paths to the top of the Rimrocks (the other connection is through Swords' Park on the east end).
- Residents and visitors alike will have access to the beautiful Billings skyline on the Rimrocks, and have the opportunity to bike/run/walk/roll along the nearly mile-long trail any time of the year.

To learn more about this grant-funded project, contact:

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