



# 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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