

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-062-2021

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 6/17/2021

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner)

The Committee convened on June 17, 2021 to review the resolution which provides information on the Capital Trails Coalition (founded in 2016), as well as 881-mile Capital Trails Network (CTN). The CTN connects Prince George's County, Montgomery County, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. With 479 miles of the network currently completed, the Coalition has identified 40 priority projects for completion by the year 2025. CR-62-2021 endorses these priority projects and requests that the Prince George's County Executive, the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), as well as the State of Maryland and the Federal Government, to assist in prioritizing Prince George's County Capital Trails Network projects for funding.

Draft 2 was proposed to include the priority project listing and make technical amendments. MNCPPC Staff participated in the work session. Robert Patten, Trail Development Program Manager, discussed Resolution #21-13, passed by the full Commission on June 16, 2021, empowering the staff of Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation and Montgomery Parks to work together to apply for a "Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity" (RAISE) grant in the name of the Commission in an amount up to \$25 million. The RAISE grant is administered by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for capital surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. MNCPPC wishes to fill in critical gaps and missing connections in the Capital Trails Network with seven (7) capital projects: Sligo Creek, Central Avenue Connector Trail, and Prince George's Connector / Anacostia Gateway in Prince George's County, and Sligo Creek, Rock Creek Trail, Northwest Branch Trail, and Wayfinding & Emergency response signage in Montgomery County. The Commission intends to contribute 30% to 50%, in excess of the required 20% local match to make the application more competitive.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably as amended on CR-62-2021 as amended, by a vote of 10-0.