

Boulder Town Pedestrian Pathway

Question and Answer

(This document will change as there are new questions and answers being added frequently.)

Q. Where is this exact path going?

A. As of right now (July 19, 2023), we have presented, based on the [December 2022 Boulder Pedestrian Path Project](#), the path to go from the south side of the Boulder Town Pavilion down along the existing gravel path through the town park in front of Boulder Mountain Lodge and Burr Trail Grill, going across Burr Trail Road and finishing at Kelly Roundy's Road just before the government corrals. We have recently discussed changing it so we stop at the Burr Trail Grill and don't go down to the government corrals. We then would take the path from the south side of the Boulder Town Pavillion up to the pavilion entrances, the bathrooms, and the wooden bridge.

Q. Why exactly 8 feet?

A. For this to be considered a bike path, it must be 8 feet wide. For ADA, it needs to be 5 feet wide.

Q. Why Concrete?

A. Based on conversations with UDOT and J&D, it was presented as the most cost-efficient and easiest for Boulder Town to maintain.

Q. What about cracking in the concrete?

A. A sealant is added to the concrete to help protect it from cracks.

Q. Can we color the concrete?

A. We can add color to it if the town decides to. Right now it has not been decided to color it any color.

Q. Does the town's liability go up by making it concrete?

A. As with the rest of the public grounds in Boulder, we have liability insurance if anyone ever tries to sue the town. If someone breaks their arm, crashes their bike on the concrete, or falls out of the swing at the park and breaks their arm. At this point, there hasn't been research if the current liability plan will increase with the addition of the path.

Q. Town Cost?

A. The town is responsible for covering 6.77% of the total cost. At a projected total amount of the project being \$683,000, Boulder would be responsible for \$46,239. The town currently has the money to cover these funds from a specific funding source, Road B & C. As for right now, Garfield County has committed to \$10,000 and told us to come back next year and ask again for more money. We are also looking into other options to help cover the funds, such as making it a veteran's path. We do not yet have an estimated comprehensive maintenance plan, including costs, although the town will be responsible for maintenance.

Q. What are road B&C funds, and what can they be used for?

A. Road B&C funds provide assistance to counties and incorporated municipalities for the improvement of roads and streets throughout the state. The funds can be used to help with transportation purposes.

Q. Why is the town not using the road B&C funds for other road projects in Boulder like redoing the Kings Estate roads?

A. We have asked the county to redo the Kings Estates roads, and they have it on their list, but it is on their time frame. The town is currently looking into grants so we don't have to cover all the costs.

Q. Why is the town not using the road B&C funds to help with the housing problem in Boulder or other projects needed in Boulder?

A. The funds have to be used for transportation purposes.

Q. Will this project raise our taxes?

A. No.

Q. Who do you plan on maintaining the path, and where will those funds come from to pay that person?

A. Boulder Town has a maintenance person who will be in charge of maintaining it. There will be clearing of loose debris off of the path.

Q. What about the maintenance of snow removal in the winter?

A. Boulder already has a side-by-side UTV with a snow plow attachment that can clear the snow. We are not required to remove the snow. We can have signs with wording like " No maintenance during winter months. Use at your own risk.."

Q. Are we required to have lights to light up the path?

A. Based on conversations with UDOT representatives, we are not required to have lights on the path.

Q. How long will the project take?

A. Based on conversations with Jones and DeMille, it is estimated that once the actual "work" begins, it will take about 60-90 days.

Q. What time of year will they be doing the work?

A. We aren't sure yet and can recommend that as we get closer to the project. It will also be dependent on the work crew's availability.

Q. Can you guarantee there won't be any effects on the business during this time?

A. There is no way for us to 100% guarantee that the businesses won't be affected during construction. When making plans with the project manager, the town will make sure they know the importance of ensuring the businesses are affected as little as possible, such as asking them to do the part of the path in front of the Boulder Mountain Lodge and Burr Trail Grill in low tourist season. And to ask that work only happens during business hours to avoid loud noises in the late evenings, nights, or early mornings.

Q. Where will the cars park while you do concrete in front of Hell's Backbone Grill and Burr Trail Grill?

A. Cars will not be allowed to park near the path while working on it, but can park down by the government corrals and walk. The town will support the ability to utilize other areas of the business's properties to park.

Q. Can you guarantee the businesses won't lose parking after the cement is put in?

A. At this time, we don't have a definitive answer.

Q. Are ATVs allowed on this path? If no, who makes sure they don't?

A. ATVs and UTVs are not allowed on the path. There will be signs on the path stating what is and isn't allowed. Offenders would be responsible for correlating consequences.

Q. Will skateboarders be allowed on this path?

A. Yes.

Q. Are we allowing horses?

A. Yes.

Q. Who is cleaning up the dog and horse poop left by people who don't clean up after their animals?

A. Just like most everywhere else, the owner of the animal is responsible for cleaning up their animal poop.

Q. Where will the water go as it flows down the path?

A. As it is engineered now, the path from Hells Backbone Grill to the Burr Trail will be curb and gutter and filter down to the catch basin on the corner of Burr Trail Rd and Highway 12. From the west side of Highway 12, it catches into the existing irrigation ditch and drains.

Q. What will we do as a town to provide parking and restrooms for tourists to use?

A. Rightt now we have parking in front of the Town Pavilion and Town Hall. We are also looking into extending the parking at the Town Pavillion. The public bathrooms at the Town Park are open 24/7 seasonally based on freezing temperatures.