

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor’s Legislative Team

at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by **3:00pm on Monday**. Contact the Mayor’s Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: March 7, 2022

Please mark one: **Bill Request** or **Resolution Request**

1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement** **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** **Rezoning/Text Amendment**
- Dedication/Vacation** **Appropriation/Supplemental** **DRMC Change**
- Other:**

2. Title: (Start with *approves, amends, dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

Approves the transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Parks, Trails and Open Space Operating Special Revenue Fund 15828 into the Parks Legacy Improvement Projects Fund 36050 and appropriates the transferred amount to be utilized for parks and recreation improvements to be delivered as part of the Weir Gulch-Decatur Crossing flood mitigation project.

3. Requesting Agency: Capital Planning and Programming, in partnership with Real Estate and DPR

4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
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5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

This ordinance request seeks to transfer and appropriate \$5,000,000 from Fund 15828 into Fund 36050 to support parks and recreation improvements as part of the Weir Gulch-Decatur Crossing flood mitigation project. This funding serves as Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) contribution to match Wastewater Enterprise and Mile High Flood District (MHFD) funding for this phase of the project, which includes parks, trail, and open space enhancements along the waterway. This project phase includes acquisition, design, and reconstruction of Weir Gulch from the South Platte to west of the Decatur street crossing.

This ordinance will appropriate the funding as follows:

Fund	Org	Project	Project Name	Amount
36050	7010000	RW013	Weir Gulch Improvements	\$5,000,000

6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):

7. City Council District: District 3

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8. Executive Summary:

The Weir Gulch-Decatur Crossing project eliminates the current flood spill into Sun Valley by alleviating the overtopping of Decatur Street at the Decatur crossing of Wier Gulch. The project reduces flood risk to the community within Denver Housing Authority's (DHA) Sun Valley redevelopment, as well as the area immediately north and northeast of 9th Avenue and Decatur Street.

The Weir Gulch-Decatur Crossing project re-aligns and re-constructs a segment of Weir Gulch between the South Platte River and a point approximately 200' upstream (west) of the current Decatur crossing. The current state of this segment is very narrow with poor access, and it does not safely convey flood flows. The culvert crossing at Decatur Street is undersized and would inundate DHA's Sun Valley redevelopment site during a major storm event. This project phase includes a new bridge to replace the existing undersized culverts and daylight the channel both up and downstream of the new bridge, increasing capacity of the gulch and providing adequate flood conveyance, public safety, and ecological benefits to the gulch.

The project will also upgrade the existing recreational trail which does not currently meet the City's trail standards. These improvements will create a safer and more enjoyable pedestrian and bike corridor, as well as additional open space, for the community. It will provide ADA-compliant access points and enhanced crossings at all at-grade intersections.

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