

Balducci moved Amendment 2.
The motion carried.

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Regional Trail Hours

[S. Hsu]

Sponsor: Balducci
Proposed No.: 2024-0007

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2024-0007, VERSION 2**

2 On page 44, after line 964, insert:

3 "NEW SECTION. SECTION 42.

4 A. Building on the county's Open Space Plan, which is the comprehensive
5 planning document for the county's trails, the executive shall prepare a feasibility
6 assessment and provide a briefing to the council on the feasibility of potential expansion
7 of operating hours on selected regional trails. The intent of the assessment is to evaluate
8 those regional trails or segments of regional trails that, in addition to recreation, also
9 provide transportation and commuting uses, with the ultimate goal of operating selected
10 regional trails or trail segments at expanded hours. Achieving this goal will contribute to
11 reducing carbon emissions by reducing reliance on single-occupancy-vehicle trips and
12 will provide opportunities for those who cannot drive or cannot afford to drive to access
13 school, jobs, medical care, grocery stores, religious services, transit, and other
14 destinations people need to go in order to fully participate in their communities.

15 B. The executive should be prepared to provide the briefing to the council or one
16 of its committees no later than February 28, 2025.

17 C. The feasibility assessment shall include, but not be limited to:

18 1. Identification and description of the design standards or best practices the
19 parks division would implement to expand the hours of operation, beyond the current
20 dusk to dawn hours, on regional trails or trail segments that are utilized for recreation,
21 transportation, and commuting purposes;

22 2. Recommendations on a process, including criteria, for prioritizing those
23 regional trails or trail segments for piloting, permanently expanding operating hours, or
24 both; and applying the process, identification of regional trails or trail segments to be
25 prioritized for piloting for expanded operating hours;

26 3. An assessment of timeline options for expanding current operation hours for
27 each selected regional trail or trail segment, including any incremental steps to increase
28 hours of operation;

29 4. An assessment of benefits and costs of expanding hours on those selected
30 regional trails or trail segments, including capital and operational costs, transit
31 connections and access benefits, trail usage growth, and an equity analysis of how
32 expanded hours could benefit different populations of commuters and others using the
33 selected regional trails or trail segments for transportation uses in addition to recreation
34 activities;

35 5. Identification of what park rules, county code, state law, or any or all of them,
36 would need to be amended to enable expanded hours of operation and the recommended
37 amendatory language;

38 6. Asset management and maintenance protocols needed for regional trails or
39 trail segments proposed for expanded hours of operation; and

40 7. An update on public outreach and partner engagement related to potential
41 expansion of regional trail hours.

42 D. The assessment shall be filed in the form of an electronic copy with the clerk
43 of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all
44 councilmembers."

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46 **EFFECT prepared by S. Hsu: The amendment would require the Parks Division to**
47 **prepare a feasibility assessment and briefing to the Council regarding potential**
48 **expansion of regional trail hours. The executive should be prepared to provide the**
49 **briefing to the Council or one of its committees no later than February 28, 2025.**

50 **The assessment and briefing would include:**

- 51 • **Identification and description of the design standards or best practices the**
52 **parks division would implement to expand the hours of operation on regional**
53 **trails or trail segments;**
- 54 • **Recommendations on a process and criteria for prioritizing regional trails**
55 **for pilots, permanently expanded operating hours, or both;**
- 56 • **An assessment of timeline options for expansion of current operating hours,**
57 **including any incremental steps to increase operating hours;**
- 58 • **An assessment of benefits and costs of expanding hours at regional trails or**
59 **trail segments;**
- 60 • **Identification of what park rules, county code, state law, or any or all of**
61 **them, would need to be amended to enable expanded hours of operation and**
62 **the recommended amendatory language;**

- 63 • **Asset management and maintenance protocols needed for regional trails or**
64 **trail segments proposed for expanded operating hours; and**
65 • **An update on public outreach and partner engagement related to potential**
66 **expansion of regional trail hours.**