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## **SUMMARY**

This agenda item is an informational item to present information on the history, current work and future work anticipated for the Salmonberry Trail project.

## **CONTEXT and BACKGROUND**

The Salmonberry Trail project involves a collaborative effort between a diverse set of public and non-profit organizations to create an 84-mile non-motorized trail along the Port of Tillamook Bay's railroad corridor, between the cities of Tillamook and Banks. Leadership for this effort is being provided by an intergovernmental agency that is Co-Chaired by the State Forester and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. Fundraising and development support is being provided by the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust.

In 2011, the Port of Tillamook Bay approached the state and Cycle Oregon with a request to help explore a vision for creating a trail within the corridor of the former Pacific Railway and Navigation Company line from Tillamook to Banks. In response to this request, the Salmonberry Coalition was formed, an ad hoc gathering of agencies, organizations and individuals interested in turning the vision into reality. Through a public planning process led by OPRD, the Salmonberry Trail Concept Plan was developed and finalized in early 2015. A more detailed chronology of key project milestones, and information on current and future tasks, and funding to date is included in Attachments 1 and 2.

During the past year, key members of the Salmonberry Coalition have worked to establish a governance structure for project implementation and move forward with critical work necessary to begin work on the trail. These efforts resulted in the formation the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency in early 2016. Concurrently, the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust prepared a fundraising feasibility study, drafted a capital campaign plan, and initiated efforts to raise "seed money" for early project tasks, and to fund additional development and fundraising staff to support a capital campaign. The current governance structure for the project is included as Attachment 3.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- No recommendation. Information item only.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Salmonberry Trail Project Key Milestones and Critical Tasks Ahead
2. Resources Contributed to Date by Salmonberry Coalition Partners
3. Salmonberry Project Governance