

### **New pathways under construction in county**

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Construction has started on two new pathways in Teton County.

The first is a connector pathway and underpass near Teton Science Schools' Jackson Campus along Highway 22. The connector will help pathway users cross the highway from the Indian Springs trail.

The new trail will start at the Indian Springs path's intersection with Highway 22, head 600 feet east to an existing cattle tunnel underneath the road and then back west to the access road for Teton Science Schools, which granted an easement for the trail improvement. The project should be completed by Oct. 15.

Amanda Riley of Friends of Pathways said the underpass crossing addresses "a long-standing safety issue with crossing the busy highway."

Funding for the connector project comes from the 2006 special purpose excise tax ballot.

The other new project is a 2,230-foot-long pathway on the south side of South Park Loop Road across from Melody Ranch between Kestrel Lane and the Flat Creek bridge.

This segment will be linked to the existing Von Gontard trail along Highway 89 later this year or early next spring by a pathway that will be constructed by Melody Ranch Development Corp.

Riley said this project provides a connection from the west end of Melody Ranch to the Highway 89 pathway.

The goal is to build a complete pathway all the way around South Park.