

## Kalispell celebrates signing of Parkline Trail contract

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Parkline Trail contract signing ceremony (Photo: NBC Montana)





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KALISPELL, Mont. — The city of Kalispell celebrated a monumental moment Monday with a contract signing event for the multimillion-dollar Parkline Trail project.



It's been in the planning stages for the past decade.

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"If we go back to 1891, Charles Conrad plat Kalispell, and 130 years later we're standing on the eve of the day before we start construction," Kalispell Mayor Mark Johnson said.

Johnson signed the contract with Sandry Construction at the ceremony.

The regional directors from senators Steve Daines' and Jon Tester's offices gave speeches on their behalf.

"Sometimes it looked like this project would never come together, but the folks in this community have been the driving force behind this project from day one," Tester's statement said.

"This trail will truly become the hub and heart of the community and benefit residents for generations to come," Daines' statement said.

The Parkline Trail replaces the tracks in downtown and will run east to west.

It'll feature a 2-mile linear park and multi-use trail.

In addition, there are plans for more housing, retail and office space, dining and entertainment.

Officials say workers will begin removing the tracks Tuesday.



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