



Gage Canal Multipurpose Trail Master Plan

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department**

Park and Recreation Commission
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Gage Canal Multi-Purpose Trail

PHASE 1

City of Riverside
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

- Funded by California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Urban Greening Grant
- Approximately 2 miles in length of covered canal portion between Palmyrita Ave and Blaine street

PROJECT GOALS

- Plant 600 trees: application documents indicate an estimated net GHG benefit of 868 MT CO₂
- Construct asphalt concrete-paved multi-use path and natural surface trail in parallel
- Install solar lighting along the length of the project corridor
- Create unique access points with pedestrian and bicyclist amenities
- Install crossing enhancements where the trail will cross existing roadways



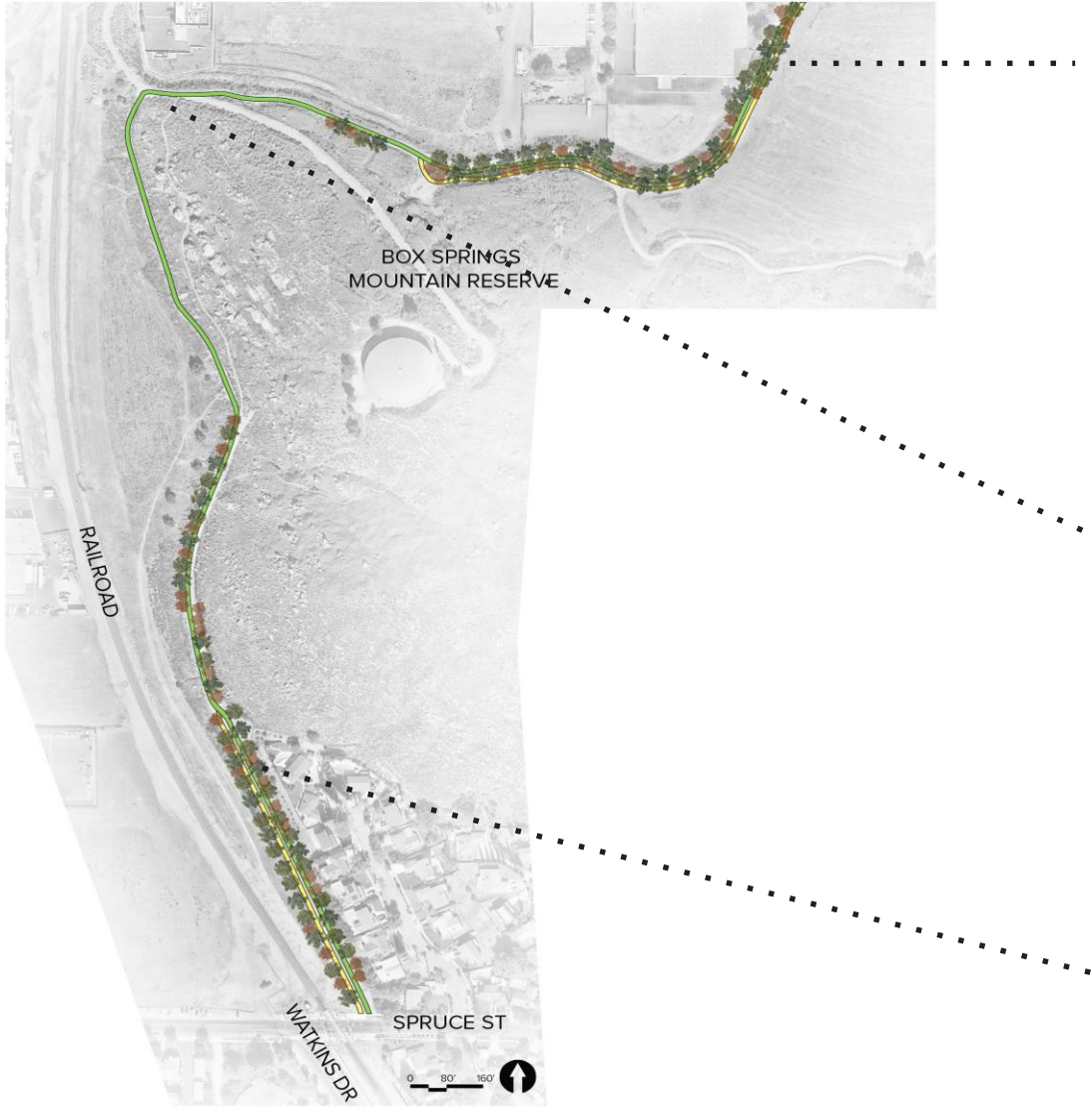
EXISTING CONDITIONS UPDATE

Gage Canal Trail - RESIDENTIAL SECTION



EXISTING CONDITIONS UPDATE

Gage Canal Trail - BOX SPRINGS SECTION



EXISTING CONDITIONS UPDATE

Gage Canal Trail - INDUSTRIAL SECTION



OUTREACH

Survey - OVER 500 RESPONSES

Physical:

- 500 Mailers distributed to residents within ¼ mile of the project area
- 10 yard signs at Trail entries and key locations
- Project flyers distributed in AUSD student take-home packages

Digital:

- City of Riverside and PRCSD Facebook
- City of Riverside and PRCSD Instagram
- PRCSD website post
- Press Enterprise Newspaper website
- UC Riverside Highlander Newspaper website
- Riverside Unified School District parent notices via PeachJar, and inclusion in Principal's newsletters
- Alvord Unified School parent notices via PeachJar



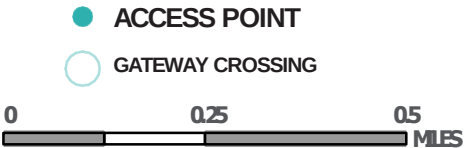
CONCEPT PLANS

THREE DESIGN ZONES

Residential Zone
from Blaine Street to Watkins Drive

Box Springs Zone
from Spruce Street to Marlborough Road

Industrial Zone
from Marlborough Road to Palmyrita Avenue



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ZONE 1: Residential

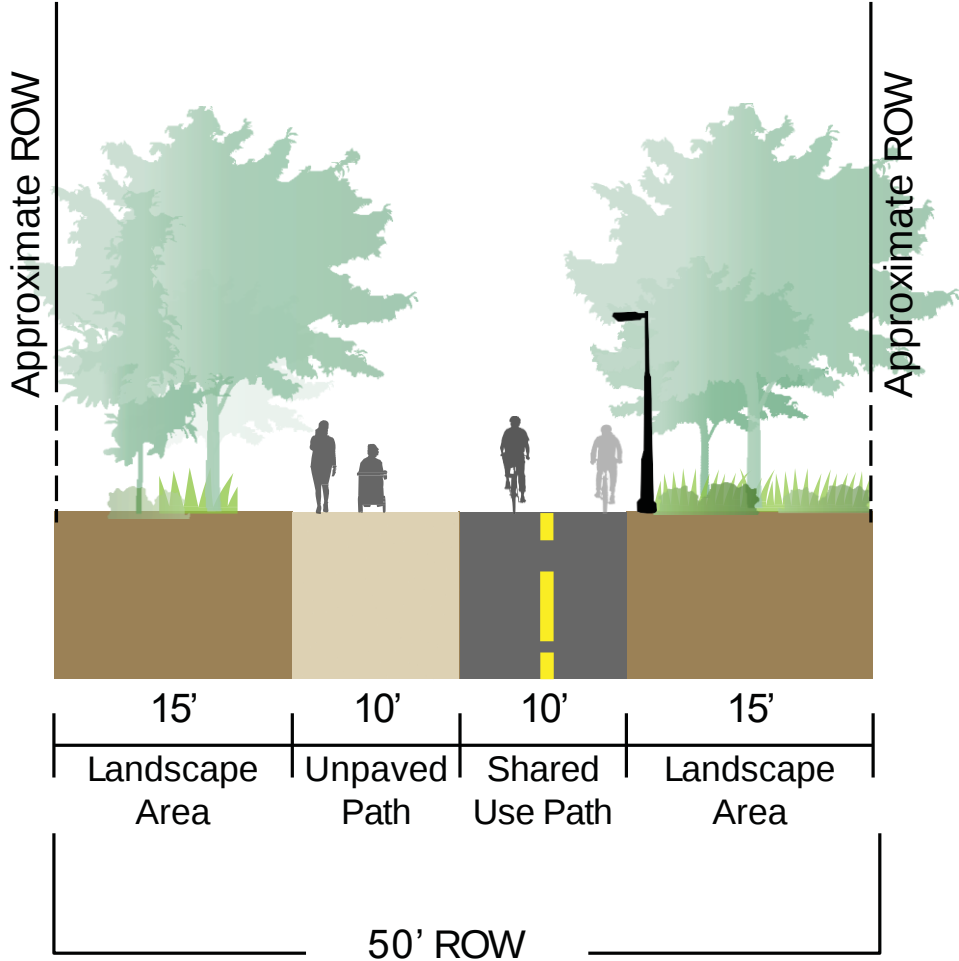


Trail concept rendering located between Blaine Street and Watkins Drive looking north



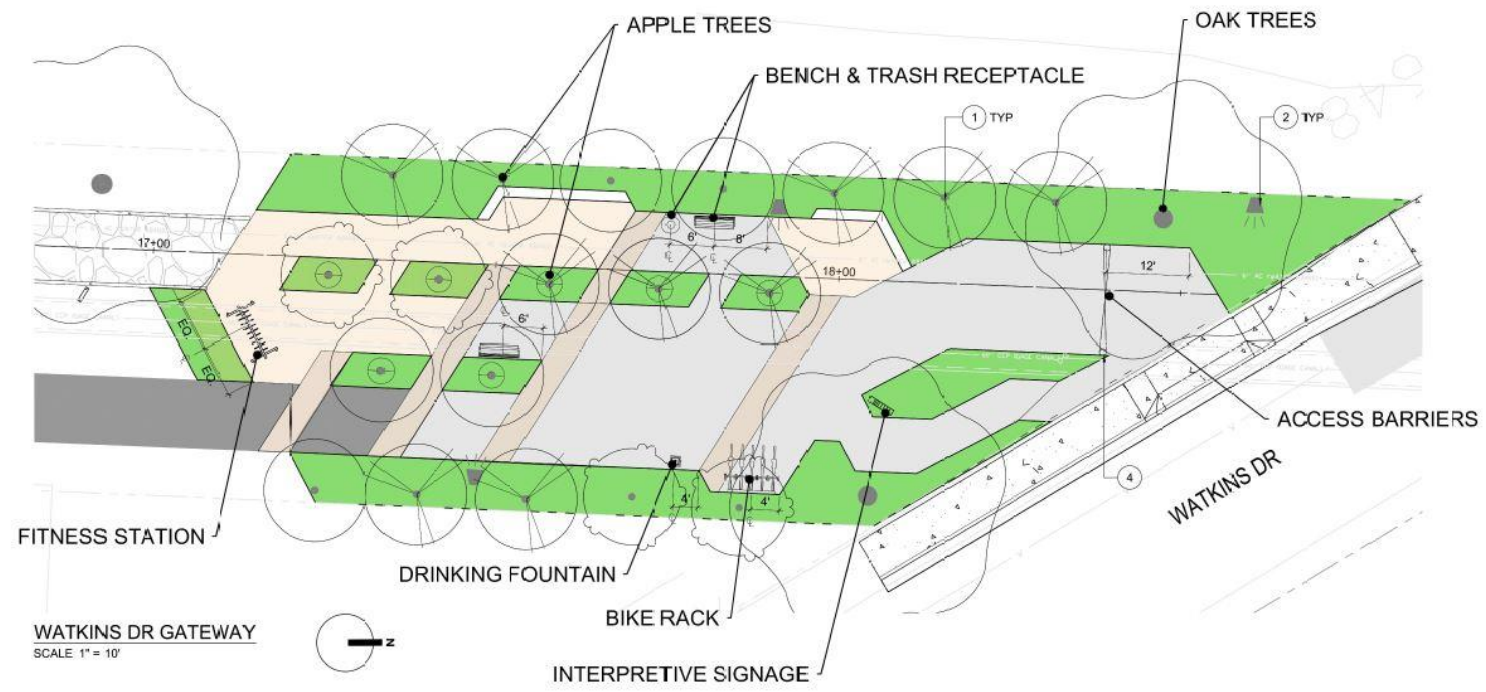
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TYPICAL SECTION DETAIL



CONCEPT PLANS

ZONE 1: Residential



Trail gateway concept rendering located at Watkins Drive looking south



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ZONE 1: Residential

LANDSCAPE: URBAN ORCHARD



- Agricultural History
- Appropriate for Trailhead/Gateways
- Most applicable to Residential Section
- Potential Partnerships for Tending Trees

LIGHTING



- Reduce light pollution for neighboring residents
- Fixtures should be used to direct all illumination down towards the trail surface
- 0.2-0.5 foot-candles

AMENITIES



- Seating
- Water Fountains
- Trash Receptacles
- Bicycle parking

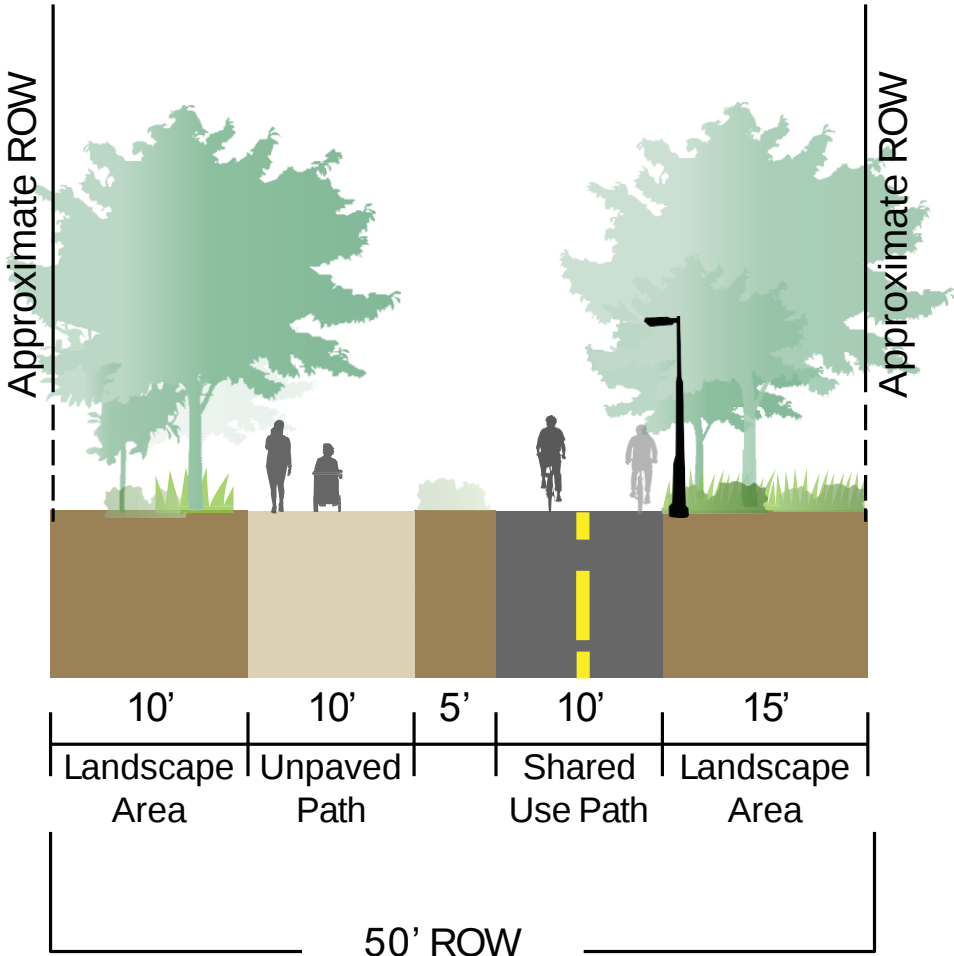
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ZONE 2 : Box Springs



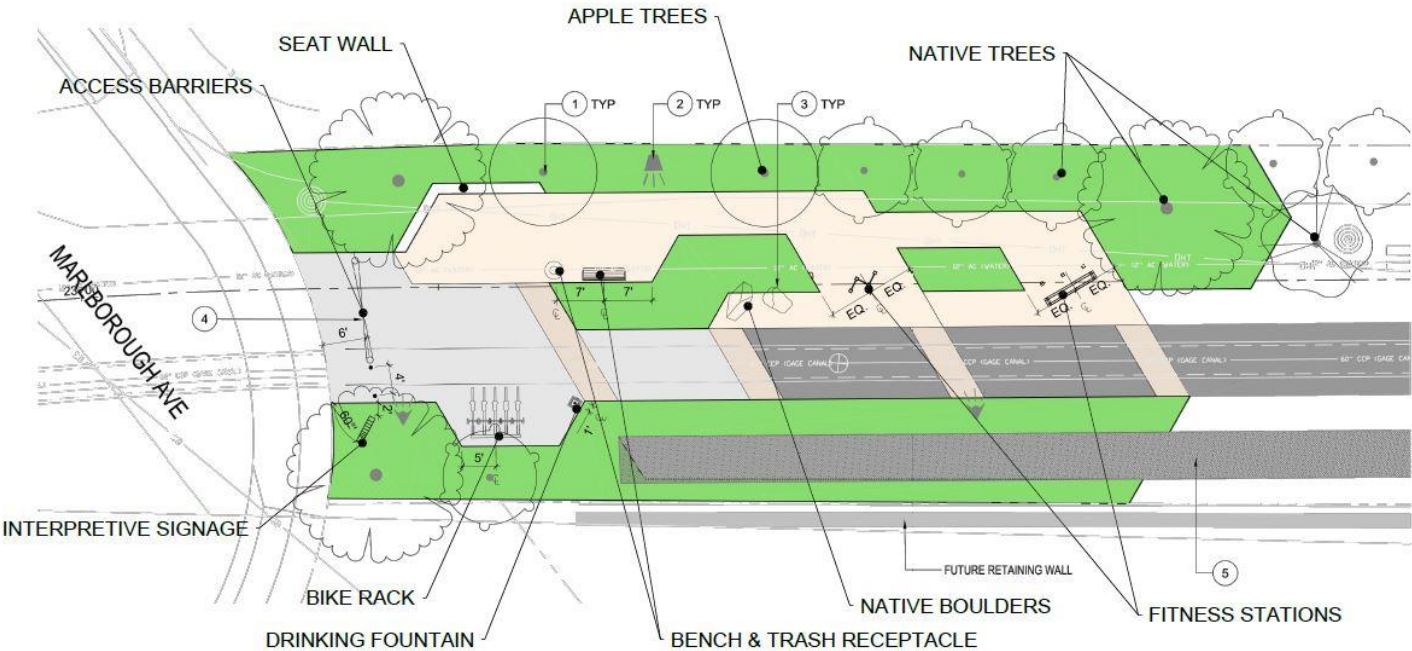
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ZONE 2 : Box Springs



Trail gateway concept rendering at Malborough Avenue

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ZONE 2 : Box Springs

LANDSCAPE: CONNECTION TO NATURE



- Enhance Local Habitat
- Drought Tolerant
- Monumental Trees + Small Trees
- Reference Box Springs Sage Scrub Community

LIGHTING



- Reduce lighting to limit disruption to sensitive ecosystems
- Fixtures should be used to direct all illumination down towards the trail surface
- 0.1-0.3 foot-candles

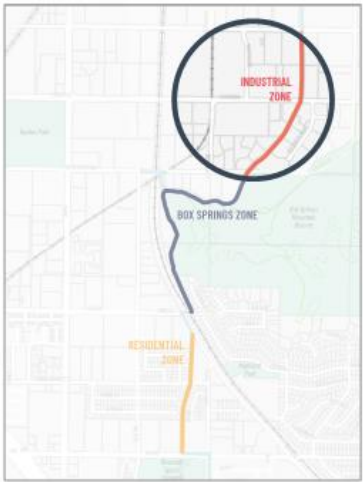
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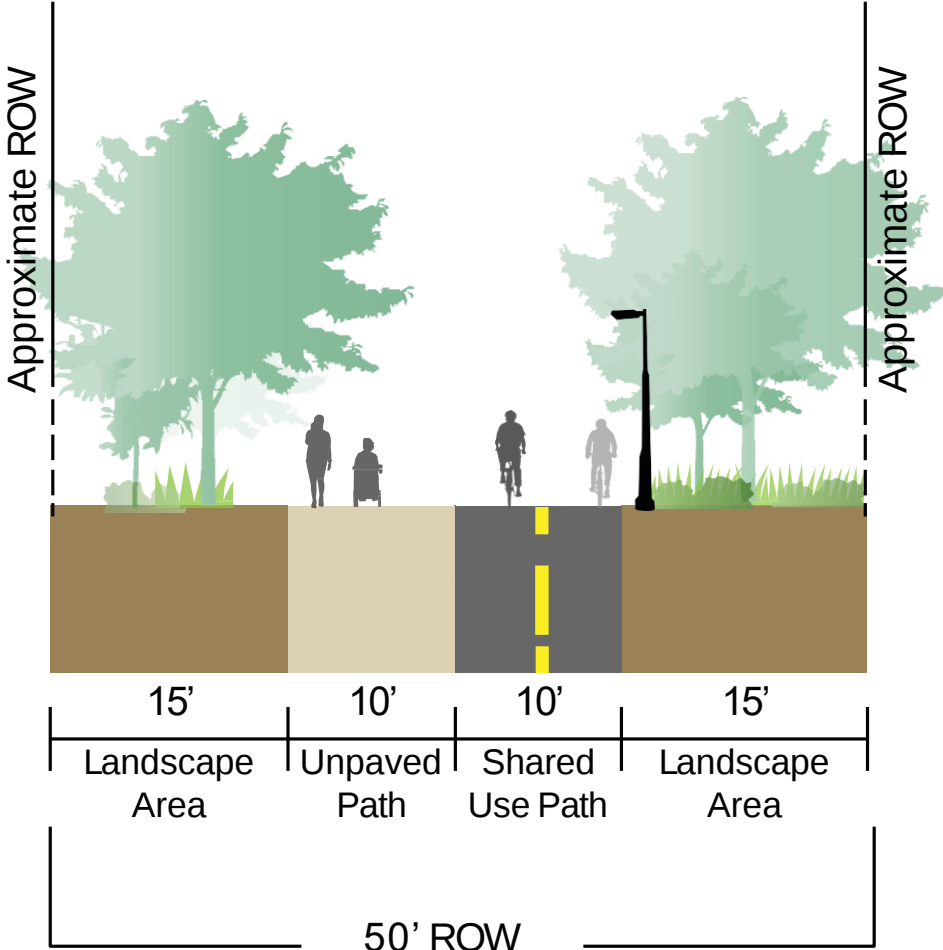
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ZONE 3 : Industrial



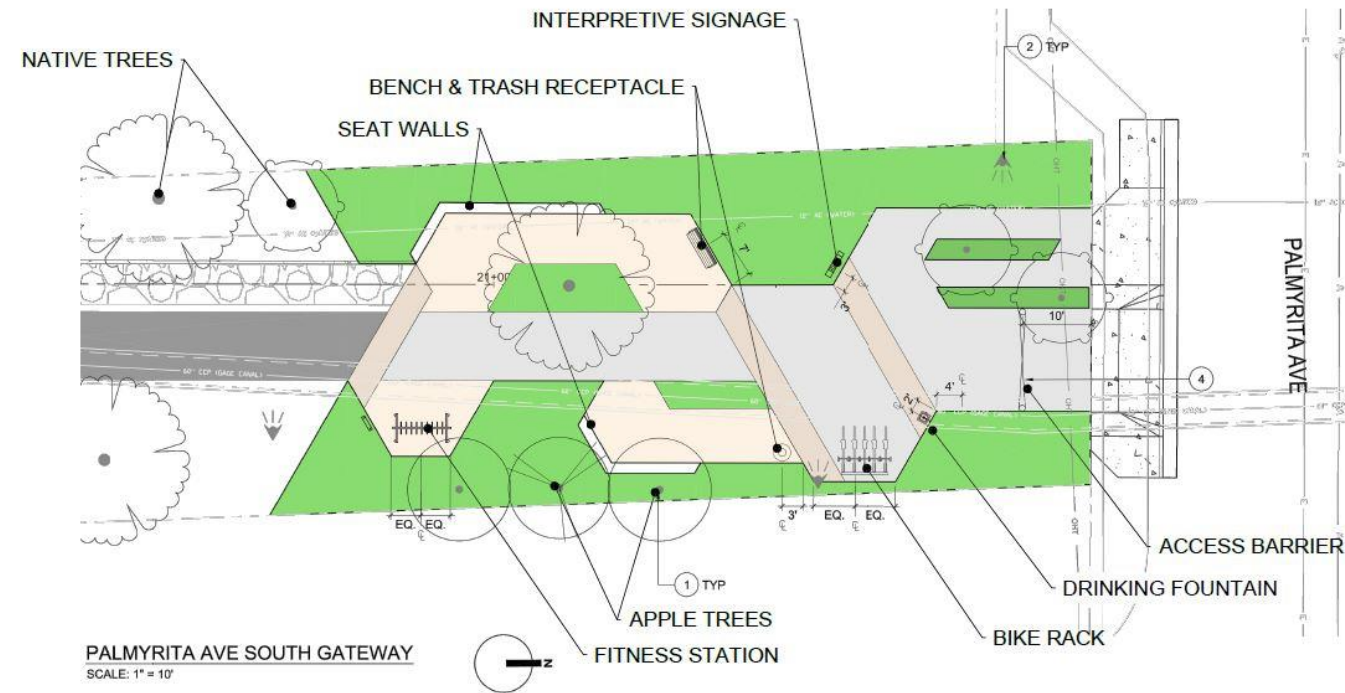
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ZONE 3 : Industrial



Trail gateway concept rendering at Columbia Avenue

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ZONE 3 : Industrial

LANDSCAPE



- References Industrial Section Landscape Context
- Industrial Section Trailheads/ Gateways
- Monumental Trees + Small Trees

LIGHTING



- Illumination of the trail surface can increase
- Cut-off fixtures are not necessary
- 0.5-1.0 foot-candles

AMENITIES



- Seating
- Water Fountains
- Trash Receptacles
- Bicycle parking

NEXT STEPS

Bidding – January 2026 – April 2026

Construction & Installation – Spring 2026 – Winter 2027

Anticipated Project Completion – Spring 2027

