

GAGE CANAL MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

City Council
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Phase 1



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

- Funded by California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Urban Greening Grant & California State Parks - Recreational Trails Program
- 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 MTCO2
- 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



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EXISTING CONDITIONS

Gage Canal Trail - RESIDENTIAL SECTION



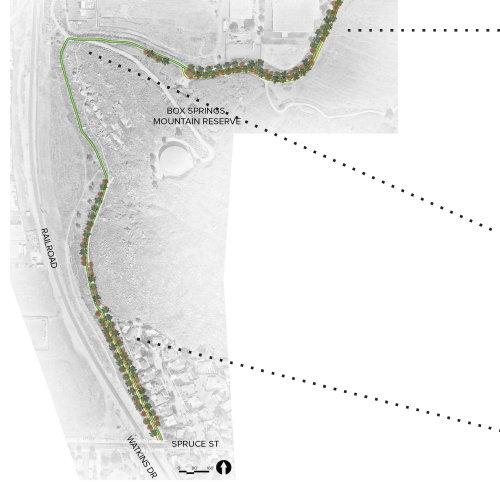
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EXISTING CONDITIONS UPDATE

Gage Canal Trail - BOX SPRINGS SECTION



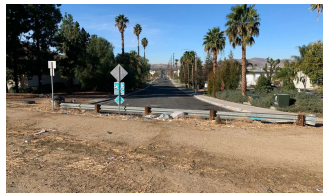
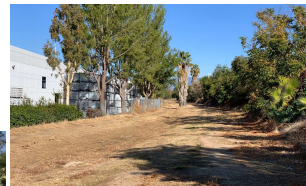
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EXISTING CONDITIONS UPDATE

Gage Canal Trail - INDUSTRIAL SECTION



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OUTREACH

Survey - OVER 500 RESPONSES

Physical:

- 500 Mailers distributed to residents within 1/4 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



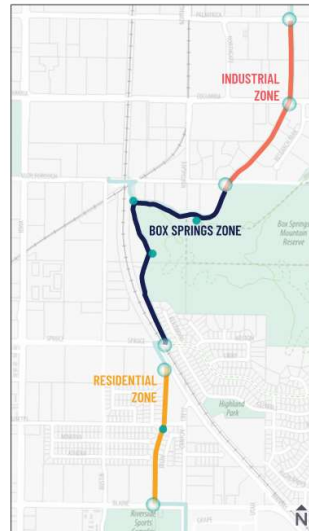
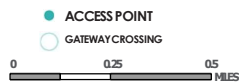
CONCEPT PLANS

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

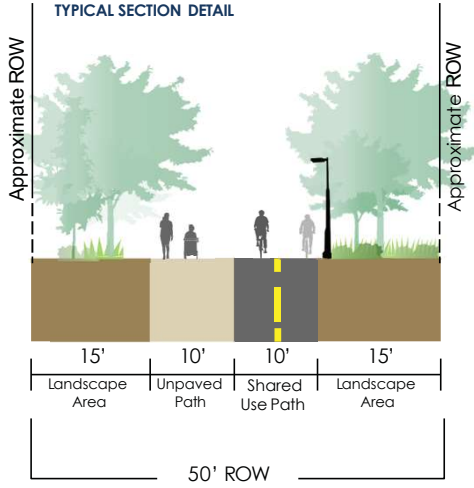


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ZONE 1: Residential

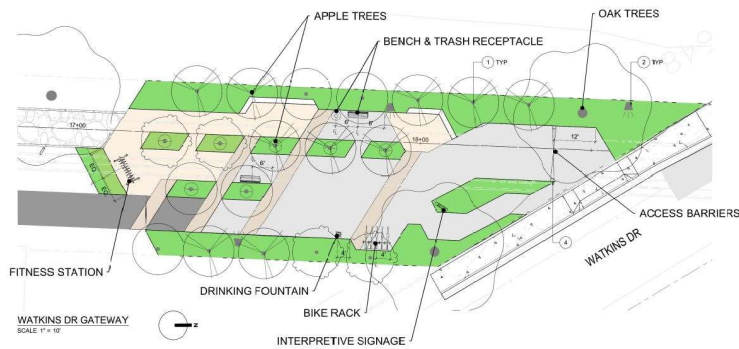


Trail concept rendering located between Blaine Street and Watkins Drive looking north



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

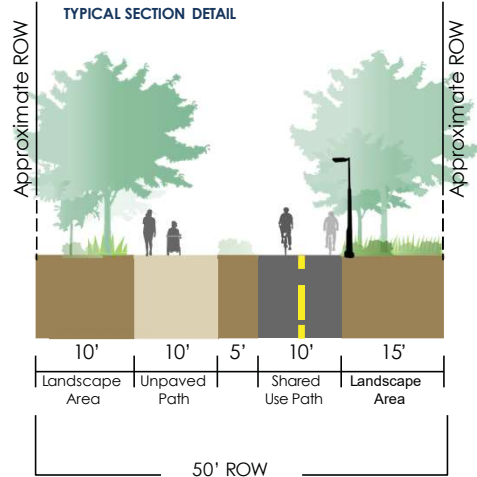
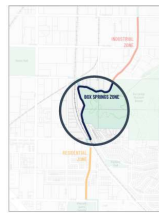


- Seating
- Water Fountains
- Trash Receptacles
- Bicycle parking



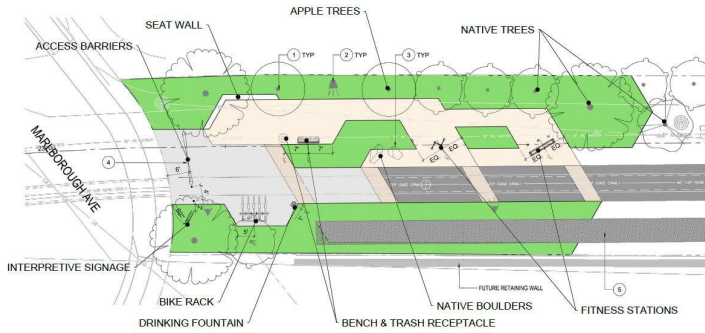
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ZONE 2 : Box Springs



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Trail gateway concept rendering at Malborough Avenue



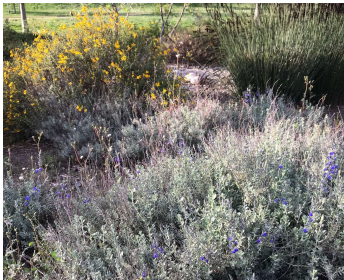
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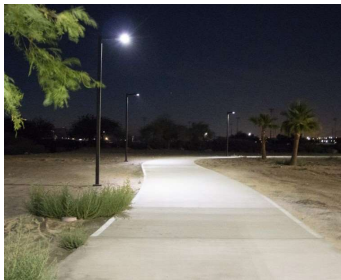
ZONE 2 : Box Springs

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

AMENITIES



- Seating
- Water Fountains
- Trash Receptacles
- Bicycle parking

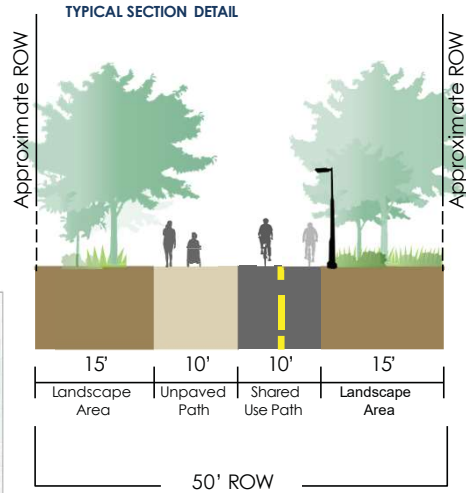


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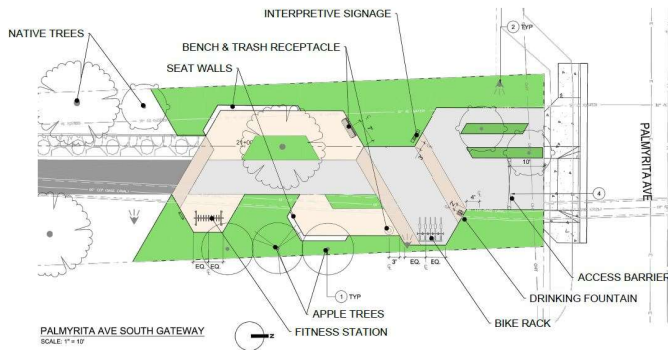
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ZONE 3 : Industrial



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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

Construction Award: July 2026

Construction & Installation: Fall 2026 – Summer 2027

Anticipated Project Completion: Summer 2027



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Award Bid No. 8216 to H L Hitchcock Construction Inc. of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, for the Gage Canal Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail project, in the amount of \$4,304,325;
2. Authorize a 10% change order authority in an amount up to \$430,432.50 for project changes including, but not limited to, unforeseen conditions or necessary design changes, for a total contract amount of \$4,734,757.50; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Construction Agreement with H L Hitchcock Construction Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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