

PDN TRAIL

2nd Public Meeting Notes

August 10th, 2017 – 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Mission Valley Regional Command Center, 9011 Escobar Drive, El Paso, TX 79907

Attendees: XX

Vision

- Design/Plan/Landscape each segment as relevant to its natural and cultural context
- Tie to historical events/markers/periods
 - San Elizario area
 - Paso del Norte Crossing point (Oñate's crossing point)
 - Whole valley's history
 - Rio Bosque connection
 - Weave multiple themes together
- Heart of project is at the Old Fort Bliss location near the pass.
- Social/environmental justice of trail routes
 - Create safe routes to schools and have trails be used for day-to-day activities, not just recreation
- Tied to Transit Orientated Design/Development (TOD) areas
 - Downtown especially
 - The City of EP has several redevelopment areas and incentives that the trail can connect to for economic develop purposes.
 - Trail spurs to these areas

Amenities & Trail Design Features

- Use recycle materials along trail – specifically for trail surface
 - There may be a way to use recycled tires
 - Use *local* materials where possible, not just recycled materials
- Accessibility:
 - ADA compliance
 - Make sure to consider all modes of transportation as complementary (take a multi-modal approach to design)
- Interpretative design features highlighting each neighborhood
 - Markers for historical areas/sites
- Lost Dog trailhead has solar power station.

Important Connections

- Rio Bosque Wetlands
- Missions and Mission Trail
- The whole Paisano/Asarco area is crucial
 - Bridge at American dam
- Tiguas' lands may provide opportunities
 - Ysleta Mission South to San Elizario
 - May be open to using ditches for trails

Route Challenges

- Railyards in Downtown create large barrier to many routes
- Maintenance along entire route may be difficult to coordinate
- Talk to bike shop owners about best routes
 - (Mike and Tyson at the Bicycle Company and Crazy Cat Bike Shop)
- Mosquitos are a concern along the river and similar rural areas
 - Wax crepe myrtles discourage them

Questions

- Who will operate and manage trail in the future?
- Regarding the Mission Trail Historic District:
 - State allows it to take precedence over roadway projects – could be used for improvements that meet historic standards
- How will maintenance be handled?
 - Could be unified over whole length or distributed among local agencies and/or groups (e.g., user groups, volunteers)

County Wide Map Notes

- Prioritize Trail Crossings (vehicles yield)
- Lots of side paths to local destinations (schools, shops, parks)
- We are the hidden gem of the world, crossroads of North America, Anchored by El Paso, Cd. Juarez, and Las Cruces! Best accessed by the "International Ft Hancock – Las Cruces I-10 Bypass":
 - Bike Routes: international Ft. Hancock – Las Cruces. I-10 bicycle bypass: Exit 72 TX > Knox > TX20 > 258 > Main (San Eli) > Gloriena (San Eli) > 258 > Schultz ? > Padilla > Mecca/Independence > Yarbrough > North Loop > Delta > Paisano > Doniphan/NM 478