

MTRP MASTER PLAN UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

Approved by MTRP Task Force November 18, 2021

Funding Priorities

MTRP Subarea	MPU Recommendation(s)	Priority Criteria	RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION
Mission Gorge			
<u>Recreation</u>	MG-R3	Public safety, extent of public use.	Improve the section of the Visitor Center Loop trail from the San Diego River Crossing staging area to the Visitor and Interpretative Center to a wider, more accessible trail to facilitate the use of the San Diego River crossing staging area as overflow parking for the Visitor and Interpretive Center. This section of trail is also included as part of the proposed San Diego River Pathway alignment through the park.
<u>Recreation</u>	MG-R4	Public safety, public use, operational efficiency.	Construct an all-weather suspension or truss pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the San Diego River near the San Diego River Crossing trail.
	MG-R5		Construct an improved low-flow crossing or seasonal removable bridge structure at the San Diego River Crossing to remove the unauthorized existing use of the concrete encased sewer main, while a bridge option (MG-R4) is developed.
	Combine MG-R4 and R5		<i>At the May 2021 meetings, CAC recommended and Task Force approved construction of a San Diego River Crossing Trail pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the San Diego River adjacent to the Arizona crossing for park vehicles.</i>
<u>Recreation</u>	MG-R6	Extent of public use.	Improve the surfacing of the Oak Grove trail to provide all weather access. Improvements may require some localized rerouting to lessen trail gradient.
<u>Recreation</u>	MG-R8	Extent of public use.	Construct a new trail connection from the climbers loop trail to Kwaay Paay peak to create a loop trail over Kwaay Paay.
<u>Facility</u>	MG-F7	Resource protection, cultural /	Preserve and maintain the Old Mission Dam through the acquisition of permits required for long-term periodic removal of siltation.

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<u>Facility</u> - continued		archaeological considerations	<i>The last dredging was completed in 2016. The CAC and Task Force declared this a high priority project for FY2020 funding at their May 2019 meetings, to get the work done while permits are current. However, City funding was withdrawn in FY2020. In-order-to preserve and maintain the dam, an on-going funding source needs to be identified.</i>
	MG-F8	Extent of public use.	Construct a permanent restroom at the Old Mission Dam staging area to replace the existing portable toilets.
Fortuna			
<u>Recreation</u>	FM-R10	Extent of public use	Provide rock climbing access to the eastern face of South Fortuna by constructing a new hiking loop trail from the existing South Fortuna trail. Planning and design of this trail will need to address proximity to bat/raptor roosts, safety concerns relative to falling rocks, and emergency response concerns that include improvements to vehicular access to the area and/or the designation of a helicopter landing area.
East Elliott			
<u>Planning</u> • Priority to parcels that provide trail connections.	EE-P2	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Continue to acquire land from willing sellers, or through development agreements for park expansion, and MSC habitat conservation purposes. <i>CAC recommendation is to give priority to parcels that provide trail connections.</i>
<u>Facilities</u>	EE-F5	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Coordinate with Caltrans to reconfigure the SR-52 ROW fence lines at Oak Canyon to improve wildlife movement.

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<u>Recreation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One project: East Elliott loop trail 	EE-R1	Extent of public use	Construct a section of hike/bike trail outside of the Oak Canyon riparian habitat.
	EE-R3		Construct a section of new trail along the east facing slope to create a long loop trail.
	EE-R5		Construct a section of new trail to avoid a steep section of utility access road.
	EE-R9		Construct a section of hike/bike trail between two ridgeline roads to avoid trespass into MCA Miramar.
	EE-R12		Construct a section of hike/bike trail along the western slope of the tributary to Spring Canyon to replace the existing trails described in EE-R10 and EE-R11.
	EE-R21		Close and restore an unauthorized user created trail within the southern portion of Spring Canyon.
West Sycamore			
<u>Facilities</u>	WS-F1	Operational efficiently Public use	Provide a restroom, ranger station, hitching posts, shade structure, and picnic tables at the West Sycamore staging area. <i>At the May 2019 meetings, the CAC recommended and Task Force approved establishing a CIP for this project with funding from the MTRP Fund 200403 to cover the anticipated cost of \$772,000.</i>
General			
<u>Recreation</u>	5.1.7 #14	Public use	Support efforts to create a publicly accessible Stowe Trail <i>Processing for the CEQA/environmental determination/permitting for the Stowe Trail is underway, with funding by the Foundation. Funding for implementation/construction/mitigation TBD.</i>

Ongoing High Priority Projects

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Mission Gorge			
<u>Recreation</u>	MG-R1	Public use	<p>Construct the segment of the San Diego River Pathway with identification markers as envisioned in the San Diego River Park Master Plan from the southern park boundary approximately 1.06 miles.</p> <p>EIR: Sand and gravel operation reclamation plans should include both operations and rehabilitation programs that are compatible with park objectives.</p> <p><i>Recommendation: Review alternative routes from the southern park boundary to the Deerfield Bike Skills area. Ensure reclamation is compatible with park objectives.</i></p>
Cowles Mountain			
<u>Management</u>	CM-M1	Operational efficiency	<p>Continue to periodically maintain the Cowles Mountain service road. Look for opportunities for localized re-grading to remove inside drainage swale and remove berms at the outside edge to promote sheet flow of run-off.</p> <p><i>Public works is currently maintaining the service road.</i></p>
Fortuna			
<u>Planning</u>	FM-P2	Environmental preservation / resource protection	<p>Pursue the acquisition of the San Diego Unified School District parcel for park use or a public access easement.</p>

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Fortuna continued	FM-P2		<i>Included in the proposed San Diego High School and Balboa Stadium 99-Year Ground Lease with San Diego Unified School District. In consideration for the lease, in lieu of rent, SDUSD will grant two properties to the City, one being Camp Elliott #3 consisting of 11.73 acres adjacent to MTRP. This property will be incorporated into the park to provide open space and use by public. Approved by the San Diego City Council on October 12, 2021.</i>
West Sycamore			
<u>Planning</u>	WS-P2	Public use	Continue to coordinate with the County of San Diego on implementation of the Trans-County Trail.
General			
<u>Planning</u>	5.1.2 #5	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Continue to enforce the City of San Diego Mission Trails Design District Ordinance and Design Manual.
<u>Planning</u>	5.1.2 #15 5.1.2 #16	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Enforce MTRP tree planting guidelines approved by the CAC and Task Force. Develop an overall tree planting plan to guide Arbor Day. <i>At the September 14, 2021, meeting CAC approved an ad hoc subcommittee to work with park staff to develop an overall plan and update tree planting guidelines.</i>
<u>Management</u>	5.1.3 #12	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Develop a public awareness campaign for recreational users covering park rules, regulations, and boundaries.
<u>Management</u>	5.1.3 #13	Environmental preservation / resource protection	Develop and implement a public information and education program focused on the requirements of the MSCP relative to the management and use of different areas of the park.

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<p><u>Facility</u></p>	<p>5.1.5 #11</p>	<p>Public use</p>	<p>Assess the need for additional seating along sections of trails.</p> <p><i>Per CAC action at the May 1, 2018, meeting, City staff can approve proposed bench locations at internal trail intersections and other locations in areas deemed appropriate.</i></p>
<p>Implementation</p>	<p>Page 6-1</p>		<p>MTRP CAC would continue to identify and prioritize projects for development that are consistent with the master plan. Ad-hoc subcommittees comprised of CAC members, MTRP Rangers, City staff, and other interested stakeholders would collaborate as appropriate to guide the recommendations of the MPU and NRMP from concept through implementation.</p> <p><i>Recommendation: Appoint a CAC ad-hoc subcommittee every five years to review project implementation progress, priorities, and process for identifying new projects, with recommendations for CAC and Task Force approval.</i></p>