

Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update Implementation Priorities

This is a summary of the priority projects approved by the MTRP Task Force at the November 18, 2021 meeting. They are not in priority order.

TOP TWELVE PROJECTS THAT MAY REQUIRE CITY FUNDING

The following projects may require City funding, along with government grants and private donations.

- Construct a pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the San Diego River in the vicinity of the San Diego River Crossing Trail. (Combine MG-R4 and MG-R5)
- Preserve and maintain the Old Mission Dam through the acquisition of permits required for long-term periodic removal of siltation, including project funding. (MG-F7)
- Continue to acquire East Elliott land from willing sellers or through development agreements (with priority to parcels that provide trail connections). (EE-P2)
- Provide a restroom, ranger station, hitching posts, shade structure, and picnic tables at the West Sycamore staging area. (WS-F1)
- Support efforts to create a publicly accessible Stowe Trail corridor. (General 5.1.7 #14)
- Improve the surfacing of the Oak Grove trail to provide all weather access. (MG-R6)
- Improve the section of the Visitor Center Loop Trail from the San Diego River Crossing staging area to the Visitor Center to a wider more accessible trail. (MG-R3).
- Coordinate with Caltrans to reconfigure the SR-52 Right-of-Way fence lines at Oak Canyon to improve wildlife movement. (EE-F5)
- Construct a new East Elliott hike/bike loop trail. (EE-R1, EE-R3, EE-R5, EE-R9, EE-R12, EE-R21)
- Provide rock climbing access to the eastern face of South Fortuna Mountain by constructing a new loop trail from the existing South Fortuna trail. (FM-R10)
- Construct a permanent restroom at the Old Mission Dam staging area to replace the existing portable toilets. (MG-F8)
- Construct a new trail connection from the climbers loop trail to Kwaay Paay peak to create a loop trail over Kwaay Paay. (MG-R8)

ONGOING HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Complete acquisition of the SDUSD parcel adjacent to Tierrasanta (FM-P2).
- Continue to maintain the Cowles Mountain service road. (CM-M1)
- Continue to coordinate with the County of San Diego on implementation of the Trans-County Trail. (WS-P2)

- Assess the need for additional seating along sections of trails. (General Facility 5.1.5 #11)
- Develop an overall tree planting plan to guide Arbor Day plantings and enforce MTRP tree planting guidelines approved by the CAC and Task Force. (General Planning 5.1.2 #15 and 5.1.2 #16)
- Continue to enforce the City of San Diego Mission Trails Design District Ordinance and Design Manual. (General Planning 5.1.2 #5)
- Develop a public awareness campaign for recreational users covering park rules, regulations, and boundaries. (General Management 5.1.3 #12)
- Develop and implement a public information and education program focused on the requirements of the MSCP relative to the management and use of different park areas. (General Management 5.1.3 #13)
- Review alternative routes for the segment of the San Diego River Pathway as shown in the San Diego River Park Master Plan from the southern park boundary to the Deerfield Bike Skills area. Ensure that reclamation plans include both operations and rehabilitation programs that are compatible with park objectives. (MG-R1)
- 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. (Implementation page 6-1)