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# Appendix I: Existing Plans and Context

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### **TRAILS MASTER PLAN (1996)**

The 1996 Trails Master Plan has guided trail development in the City for over 20 years, focusing on developing a network of trails throughout the natural areas that surround the City, along with connections from these trails to nearby neighborhoods and trails traversing the City’s interior. It establishes minimum trail standards such as easements, setbacks, grading, fencing, and trail surfacing, as well as cross section illustrations of typical trail treatments and material specifications. The 1996 Plan also does not include a prioritized list of trails by need, type, ward, or public input. This guidance has been modernized and expanded to include a larger range of existing and proposed trail typologies found in this update.

### **GENERAL PLAN 2025 (2007)**

The Circulation and Community Mobility Element of the City’s General Plan includes a subsection on walking and biking in Riverside that establishes a vision to “provide an extensive and regionally linked public bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trails system.” This vision is supported by 13 policy objectives that provide guidance

for expansion of the City’s trail network, including maximizing connections between trails and major activity centers and neighborhoods, linking to the trails of adjacent jurisdictions, and incorporating trails into future development projects.

### **BICYCLE MASTER PLAN (2007; 2012)**

Riverside’s Bicycle Master Plan, adopted in 2007 and updated in 2012, recommends several Class I Bike Paths such as the completion of the Gage Canal Trail and providing connections to the Santa Ana River Trail. The Bicycle Master Plan also proposes guidelines to encourage trail usage, and calls for coordination with the County to connect City trails with the County’s network of regional trails.

### **DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN (2002; 2017)**

The Downtown Specific Plan proposes a network of urban trails primarily geared toward pedestrians and cyclists, including a scenic downtown trail loop that could lead to historic and cultural elements, as well as extending west to capture the area’s natural elements such as Fairmount Park, Mount Rubidoux, and the Santa Ana River Trail.

### **NORTHSIDE SPECIFIC PLAN (2020)**

The Draft Northside Specific Plan (expected

to be adopted in 2020) proposes an extensive open space network, including the restoration of the Springbrook Arroyo to a natural channel, accompanied by a series of natural surface trails. In addition to interior trails in parks, the draft plan proposes connecting trails running along Main Street, Orange Street, and Center Street, among others.

### **LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PLAN (1997)**

The La Sierra University Specific Plan references the 1996 Trails Master Plan's call for a multi-purpose trail along Collett Avenue, which is now built.

### **MISSION GROVE SPECIFIC PLAN (1996)**

The Mission Grove Specific Plan calls for the construction of a semi-improved access trail within the arroyo in Sycamore Canyon Park, which has since been built.

### **RANCHO LA SIERRA SPECIFIC PLAN (1996)**

The Rancho La Sierra Specific Plan establishes a vision for a public trail network linking area neighborhoods with the Santa Ana River Trail as well as connections to trails through Norco Hills. Though much of the development specified in this plan has not yet been developed, a trails network

connecting to the Santa Ana River Trail is in place.

### **SYCAMORE CANYON SPECIFIC PLAN (1991)**

The objective of the Sycamore Canyon Specific Plan is to protect the area's natural hillsides and arroyo areas, and provide a network of trails within the Canyon. The trails existing on the land designated as public park and habitat conservation land at the time of Specific Plan adoption were adopted in the plan.

### **SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK STEPHENS' KANGAROO RAT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND UPDATED CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1999)**

Urban development through the 1970s and 1980s led to population decline among the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat species, landing it on the endangered species list in 1988.

The Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Management Plan and Updated Conceptual Development Plan includes passive recreational activities such as hiking and wildlife observation as an encouraged managed activity.

The plan does not contain specific guidelines for design, construction, use, and maintenance of trails, rather, the

management plan offers trail planning considerations, defines appropriate recreation activities and provides recommendations for ensuring the compatibility of uses. In addition, the plan included conceptual plans for the overall development of Sycamore Canyon Park.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MASTER PLAN (2020)**

The 2020 Parks Master Plan identifies trails as one of the City’s top facility needs, a conclusion supported by analysis of existing offerings and public input that ranked trails among the most supported and requested improvements. In addition to recommending that the City explore creating trail connections where possible to expand its overall trail network, the Plan recommends a Trails Master Plan Update to “ensure the viability of trail implementation under current development conditions and to ensure connectivity with regional trails beyond city limits.” The Parks Master Plan identifies 6 opportunities for expanded trail systems:

- Update existing Trail Master Plan and trail design and construction standards.
- Develop a joint use agreement with Riverside County Parks and local non-profits to work towards the construction of a trail route over or under the Perris

Valley Metro Link line to provide access to Box Springs Mountain Reserve and from the City to the “C” Trail.

- Update Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat Management Plan and Updated Conceptual Development Plan (1999) based on a suitability and sustainability analysis of the current inventory of trails in the park.
- Develop a Master Plan for 7 Mile Trail working in conjunction with Riverside Public Utilities, County of Riverside, and other appropriate agencies.
- Continue to work with Riverside Public Utilities, County of Riverside, and other public agencies to explore further opportunities for opening of waterways/ drainage areas such as Gage Canal for trail use.
- Explore opportunities to develop Green Streets or Linear Parkways within the park poor sections of the town.

### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS PLAN (2018)**

The 2018 Riverside County Comprehensive Trails Plan addresses the nearly 4,000 miles of planned and existing trails within the Riverside County Parks and Open-Space District, and overseen by a mix of federal, state, county, and local communities in

the County. The plan establishes three primary goals: 1) the creation of a backbone trail network that is feasible, compatible with other plans, leverages trails within other jurisdictions, and closes gaps in a countywide trail system; 2) providing guidance for the design of trails which are accessible, usable by a variety of users, and connect to major destinations and other trails; and 3) sharing recommendations for continued management of regional trails. The backbone trail network incorporates elements of the Santa Ana River Trail and the Juan Bautista De Anza Historical Trail that lie within the City of Riverside.

### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESERVE COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS MASTER PLAN (2015)**

The Box Springs Trails Master Plan was created to establish a vision for improved trails and increased connectivity within the 3,400 acre reserve. While much of Box Springs is situated outside of the city, a portion of the land falls within Riverside's northwestern border. This plan identifies the "C" Trail, a steep 0.95-mile trail leading to the concrete UC Riverside "C" as a trail-improvement opportunity that is partially situated within city limits. Several other opportunities are included in this plan and the City's Trails Master Plan to connect from the City trail network to Box Springs

Mountain Reserve.

### **CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE (2003)**

The City of Riverside Park and Recreation Master Plan Update was created to be a decision making guide through the year 2020. The Report addressed the adequacy of the existing park and recreation facilities within the city, and identified future needs and opportunities. The plan update also made recommendations to the trails system as it relates to park, recreation, and open space connections.

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