



Park to Playa Trail

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Project Partners

- MRCA
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy
- Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA)
- Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Los Angeles County Parks
- Los Angeles County Public Works
- California State Parks
- State Coastal Conservancy
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (SMBRF)
- City of Los Angeles
- City of Culver City



Presentation Agenda

- Introductions and Project Overview
- Background and Setting
- Community and Political Coordination
- Inter-Agency Coordination and Planning
- Design and Implementation
- Summary – Lessons Learned
- Q and A



Project Goals

- Seamless, high-quality trail experience
- Connectivity and efficiency for trail users
- Compatibility with existing park uses and facilities
- Promote and create safety
- Resolve conflicts between trail users
- Environmental sustainability, promoting the outdoors and human health



Baldwin Hills to the Pacific

A Historic Connection

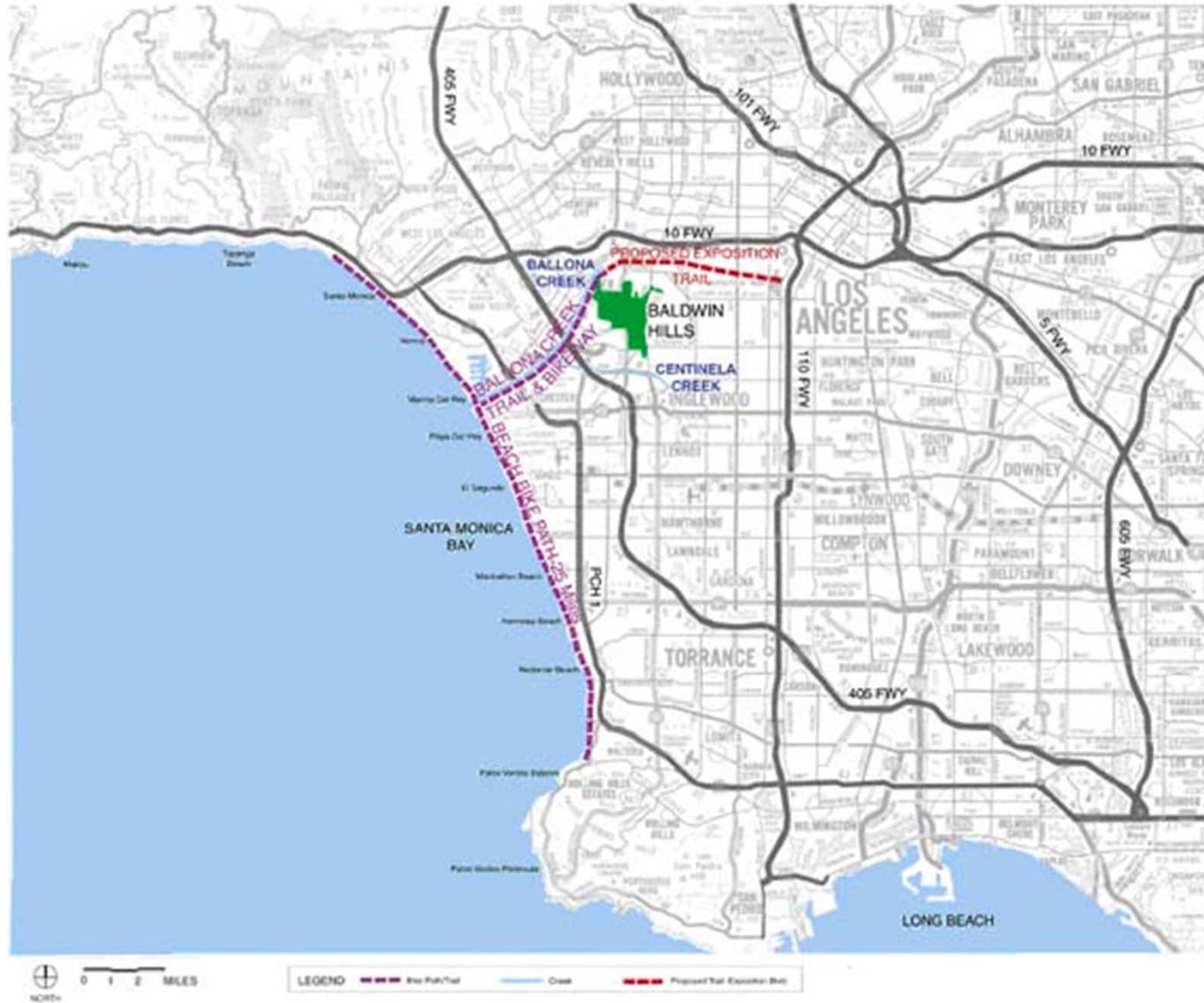
Ecology

Part of a system of grasslands, floodplains, woodlands and swamps.

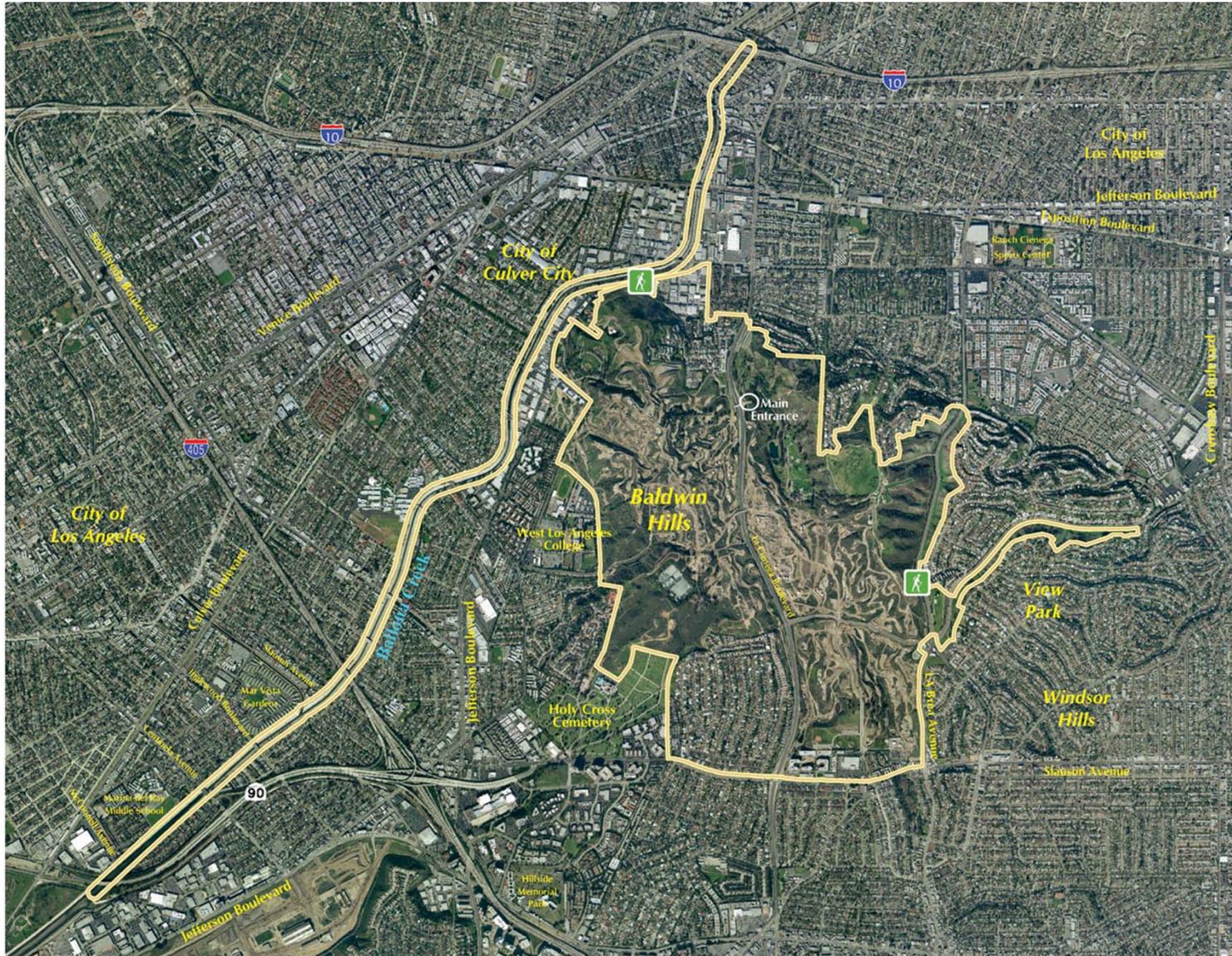
By 1950 most was consumed by agriculture and urban development.



Baldwin Hills - Context Map



BHC Boundaries



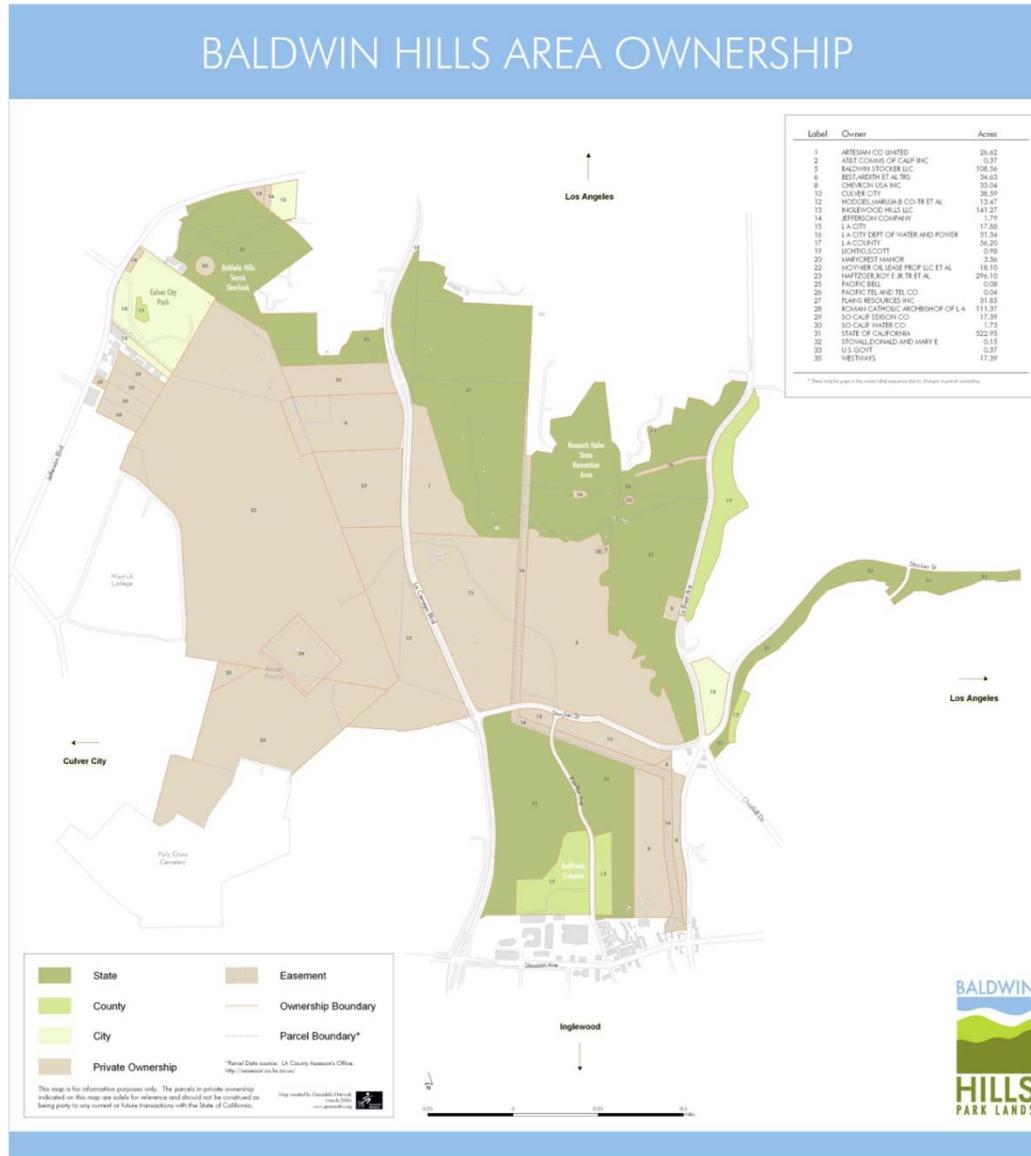
Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan



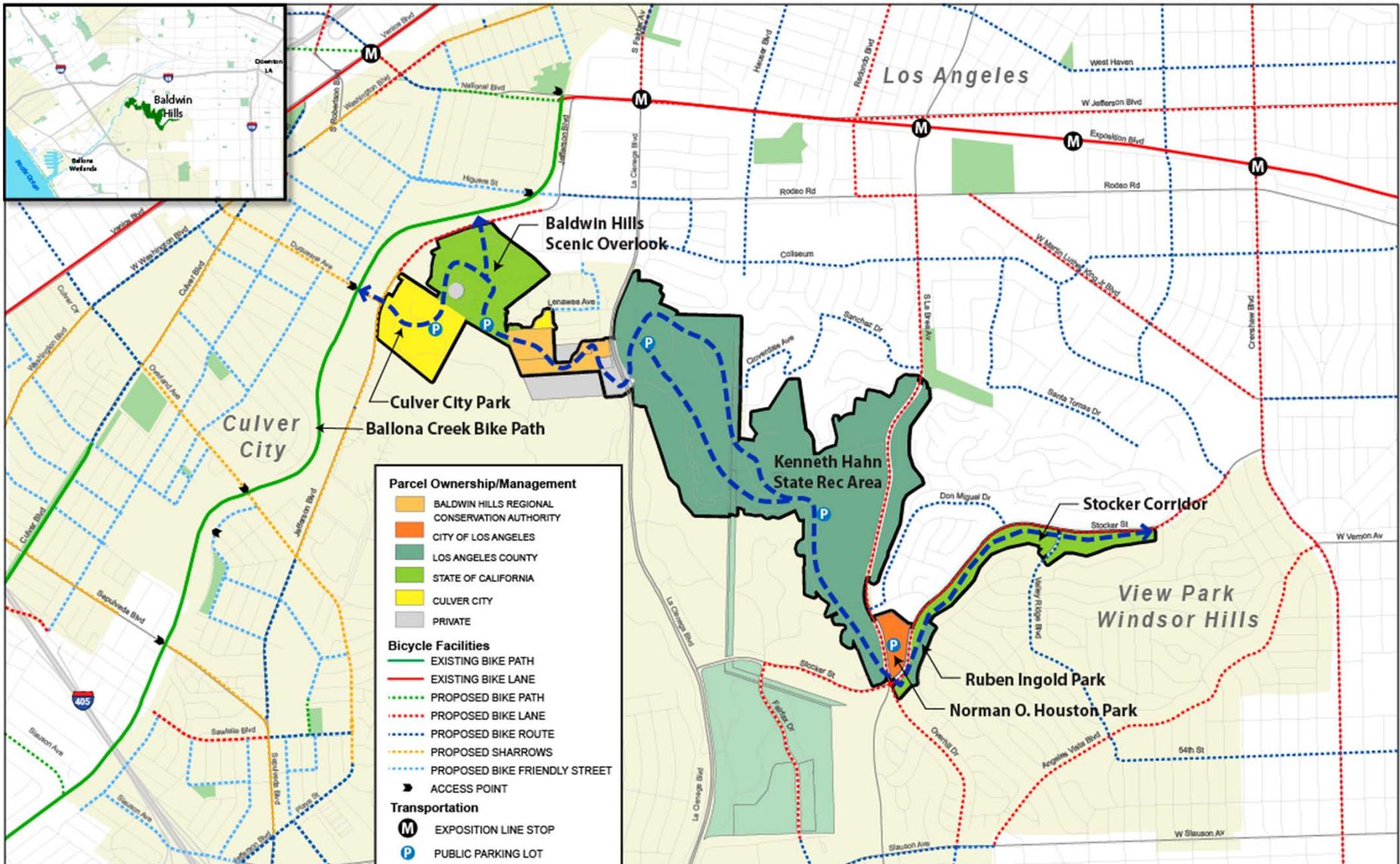
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- ASSOCIATES
landscape architecture

Concept Illustrative
Baldwin Hills Park Los Angeles, CA

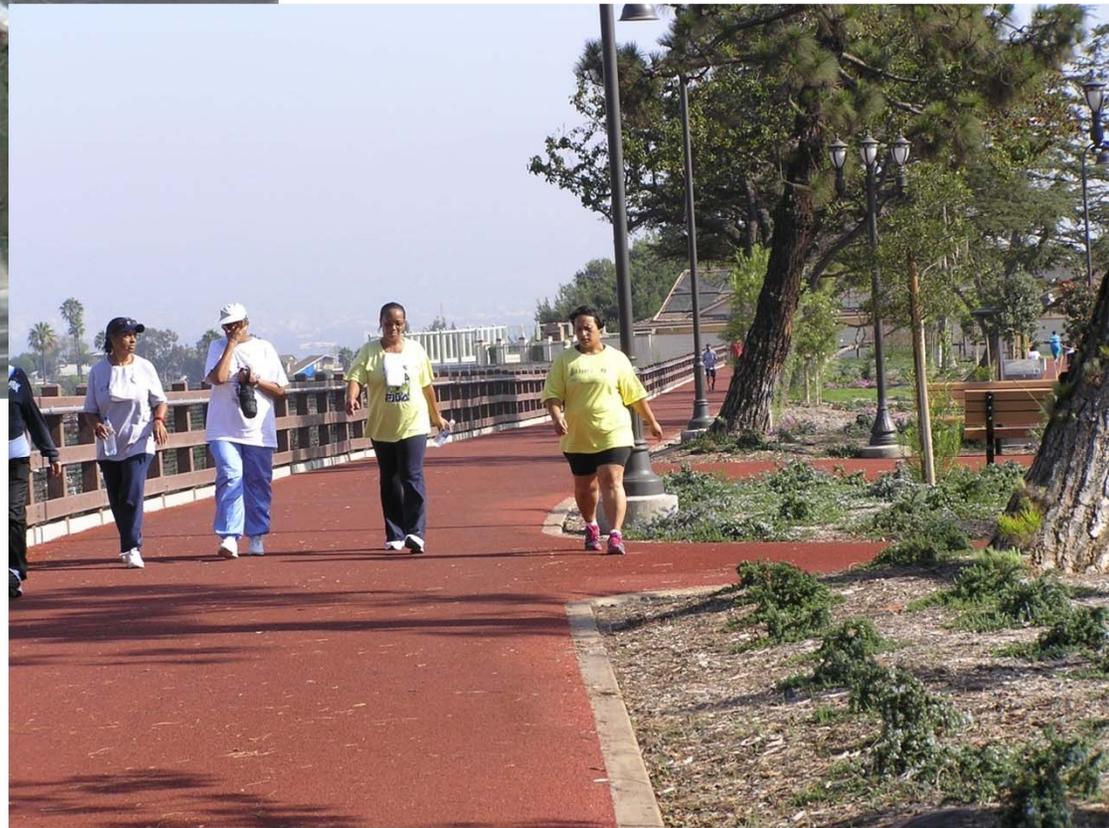
Baldwin Hills Area Ownership



Park to Playa Trail Corridor East



Stocker Corridor – Rueben Ingold park



KHSRA Eastern Ridgeline



Aerial view of Janice's Green Valley and the eastern ridgeline of Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area.

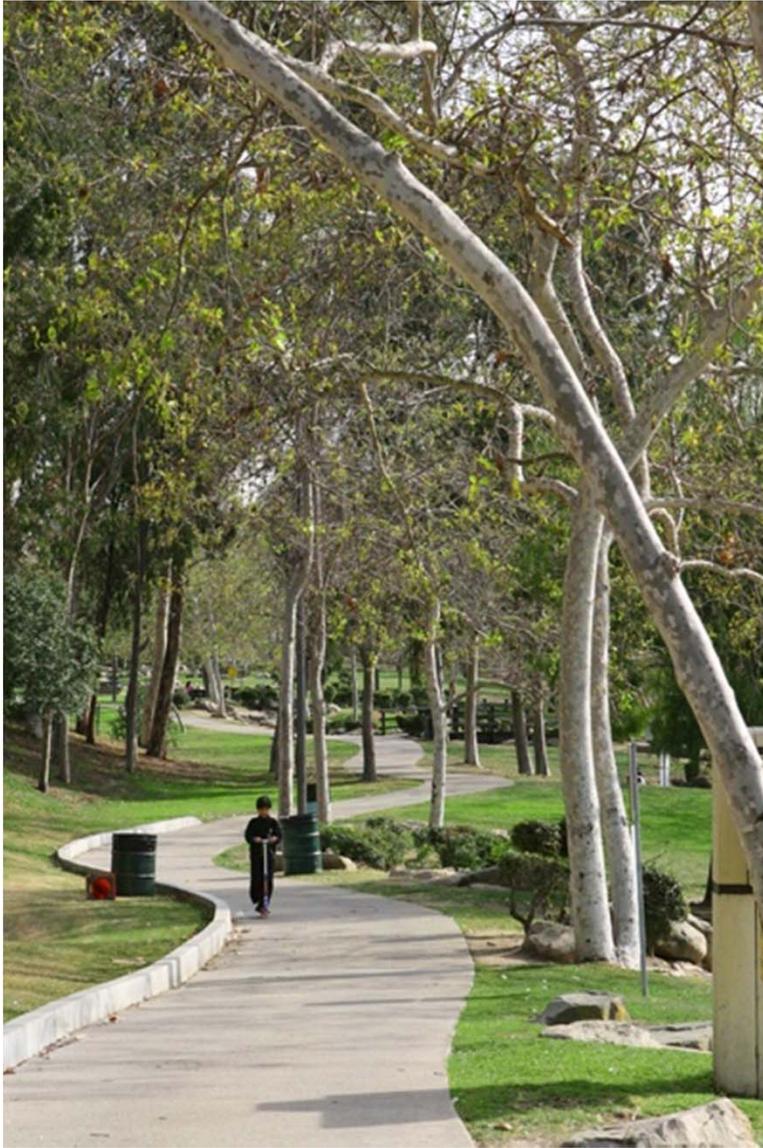
- Design Improvements on 5-acre Ridge Inside KHSRA
- 3 Fitness Zones with Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Recreational Trails with ADA Features
- Native Landscaping and Slope Stabilization
- Interpretive Sculptures

Funding:

BHC = \$2.2 M

L.A. County = \$200 K

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area



Aerial View



Oil Extraction Site



The trail passes through part of a working oil field



Future Baldwin Hills Nature Center Site



Park Views - West



Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook



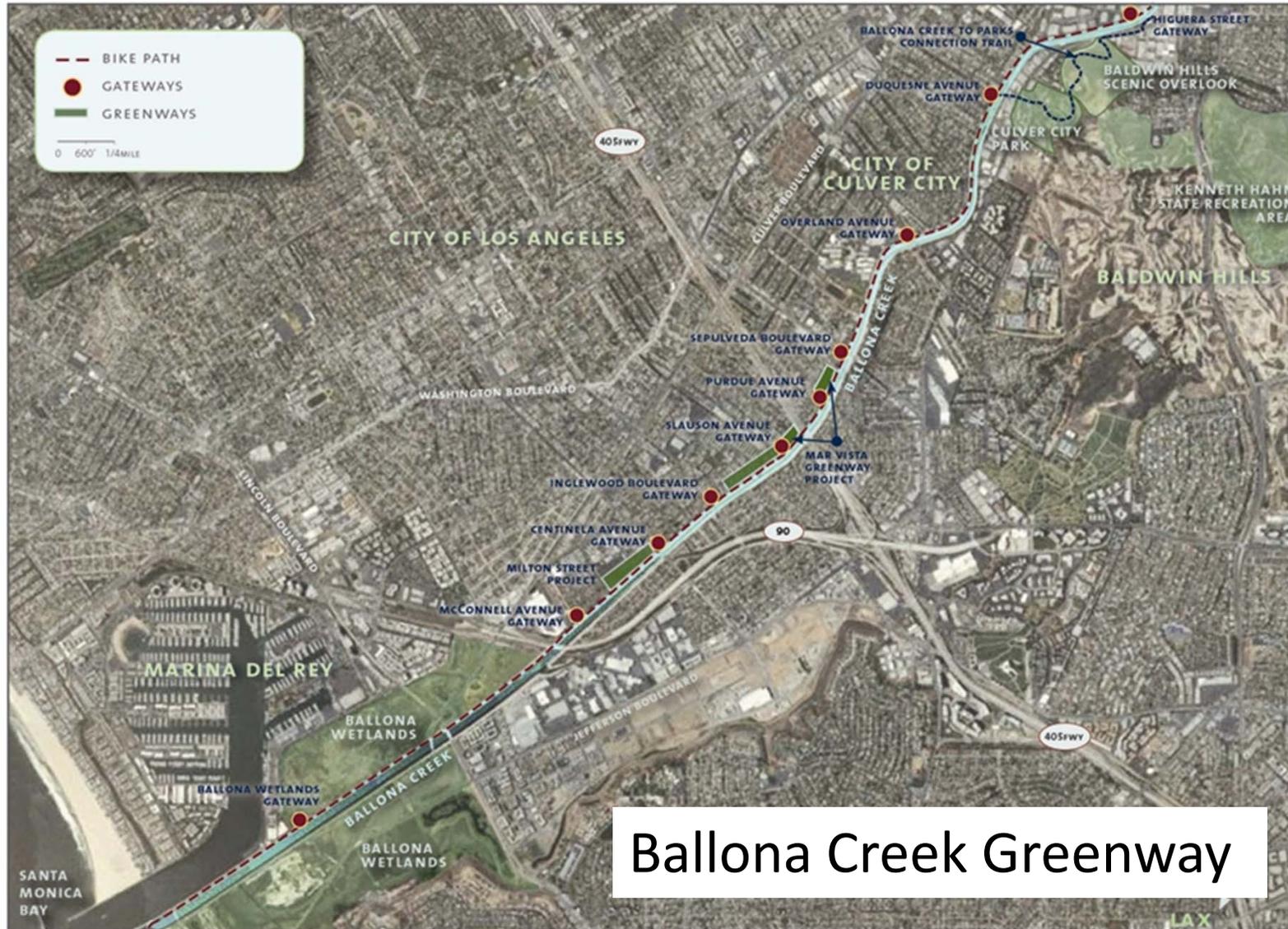
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook



Stewardship & Outdoor Science



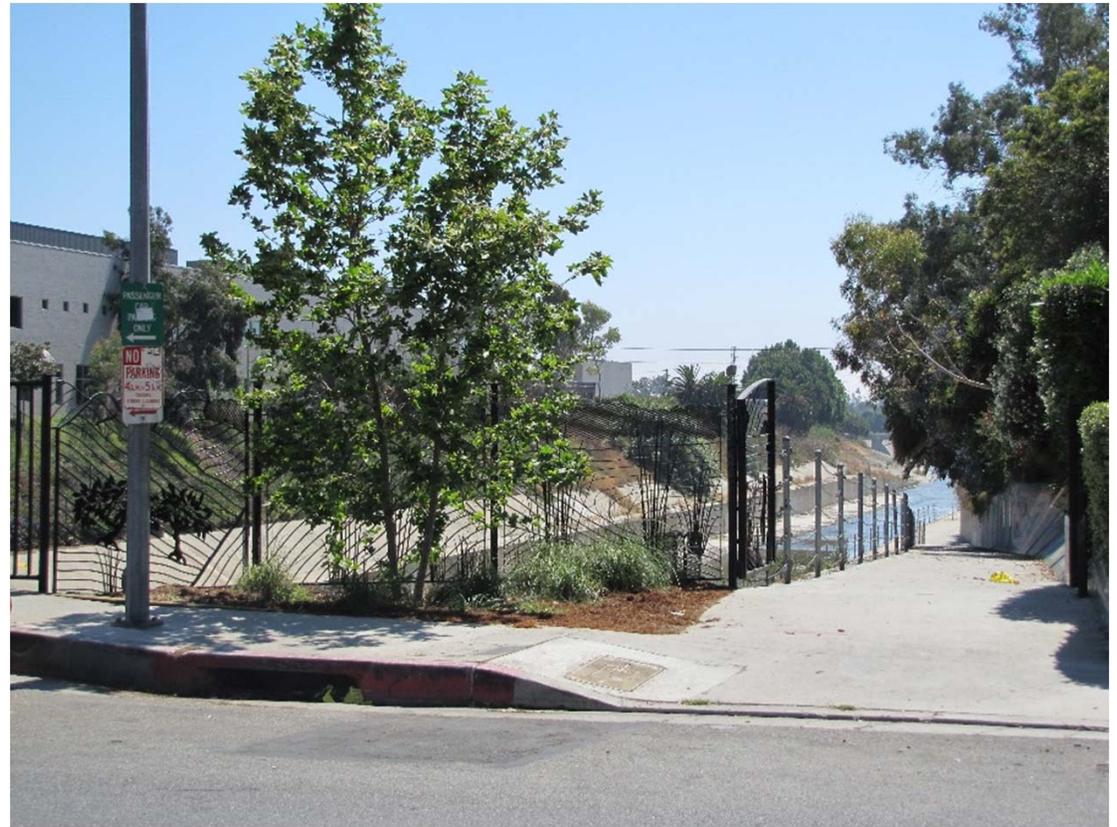
Park to Playa Trail Corridor West



Ballona Creek Greenway



Duquesne Gateway Before
and After



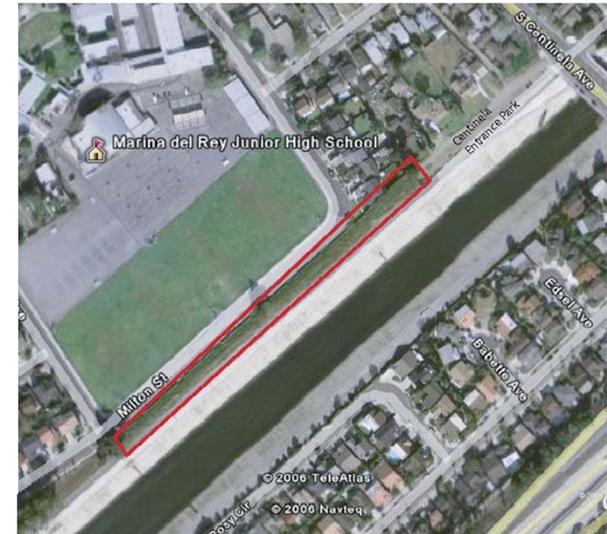
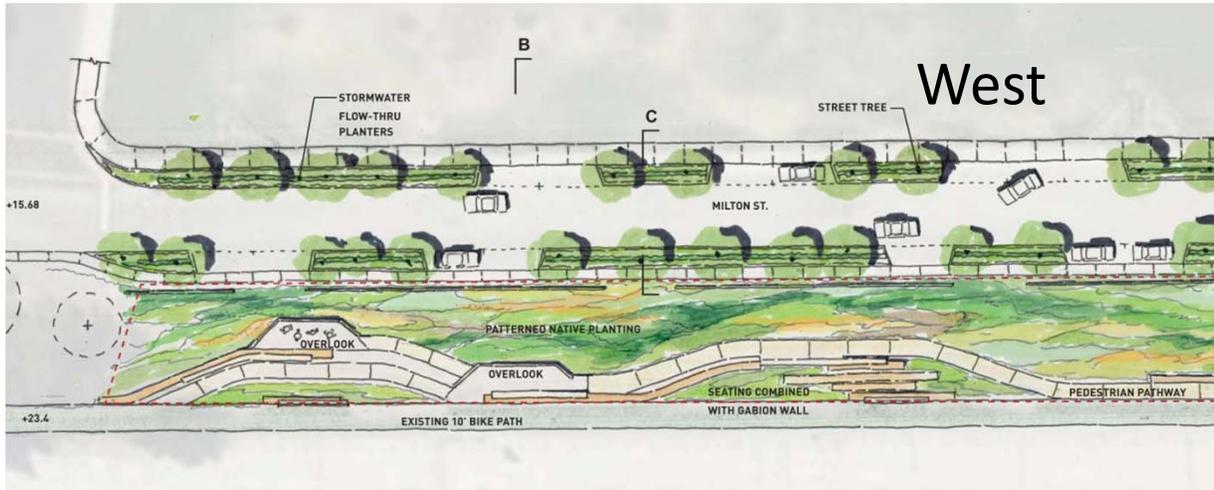
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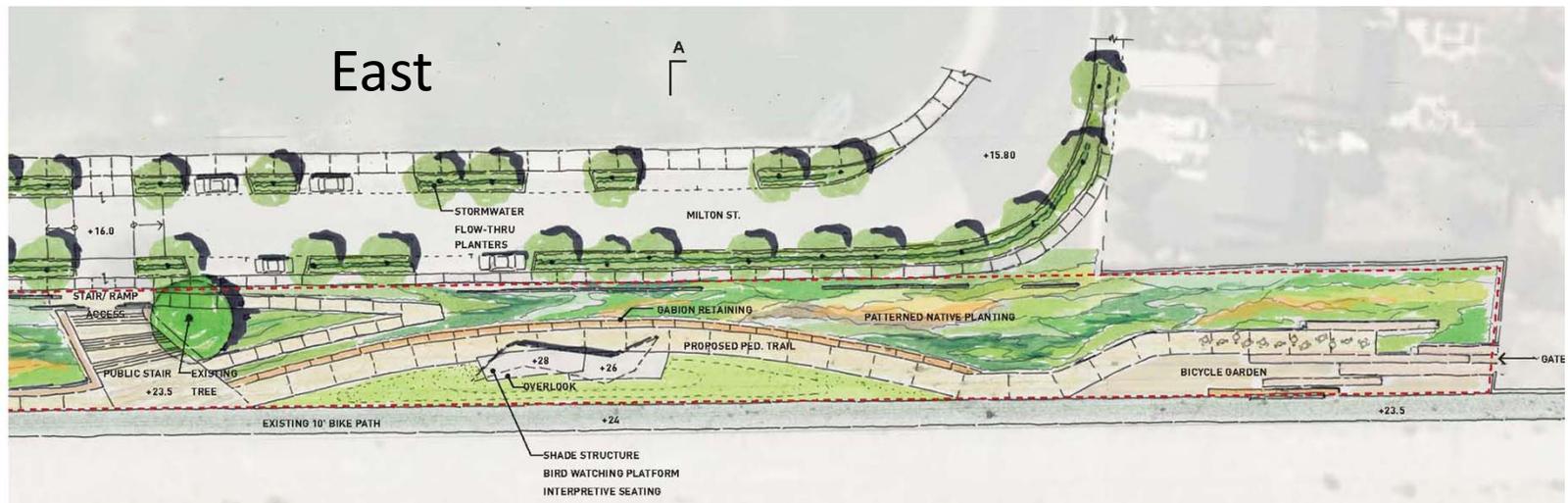
Inglewood Gateway Before
and After



Ballona Creek Greenway



Milton Street Greenway Concept



Ballona Creek Greenway



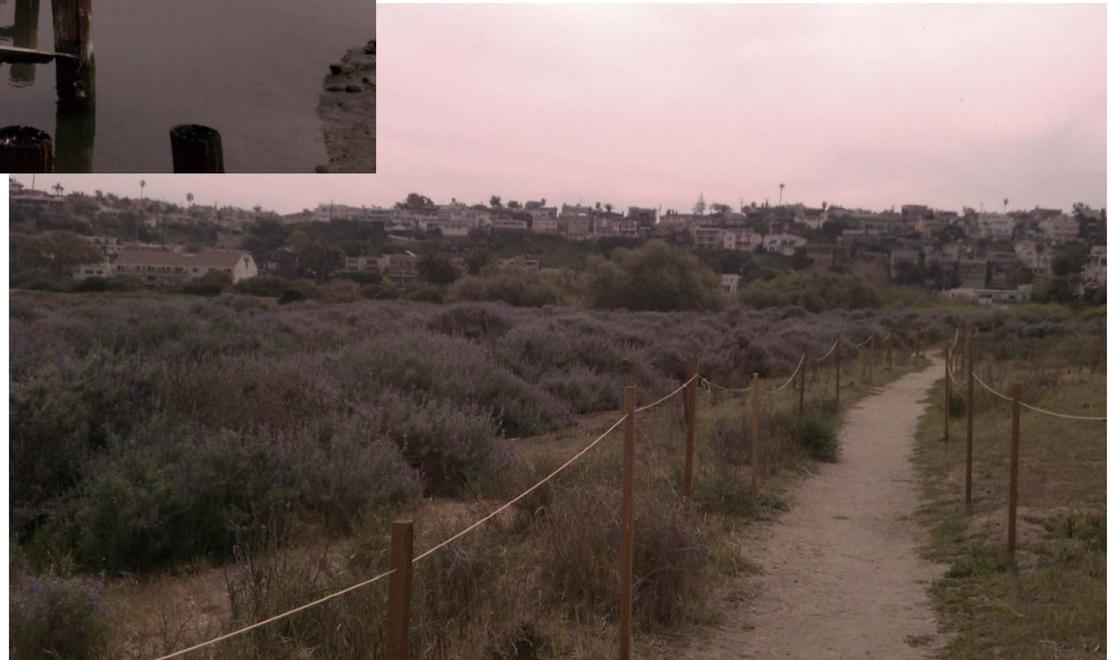
McConnell Gateway Before and After



Ballona Wetlands



Ballona Creek at the Playa



Restored coastal habitat

Agency Partner Meetings

- MRCA
- BHC
- BHRC
- LA County
Supervisor's Office
- CA State Parks
- L.A. County Parks
- Culver City
- City of L.A.



Community Engagement

- Public Workshops
- On Site Interviews
- Web Based Survey



Park to Playa

1. Park to Playa Survey

1. Thanks for taking the time to fill out this survey. Please share with us your name, w

Name:

Where you live (general location):

Email Address:

2. Which local trails do you use?

Stocker Corridor

Ruben Ingold Park

Norman O. Houston Park

Kenneth Hahn State Rec Area - La Brea Loop

Kenneth Hahn State Rec Area - Japanese Waterfall Trail

Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook

Culver City Park

Ballona Creek Bike Path

Ballona Wetlands

Beach Bike Path

Other (please specify)

3. How often do you use them?

Daily

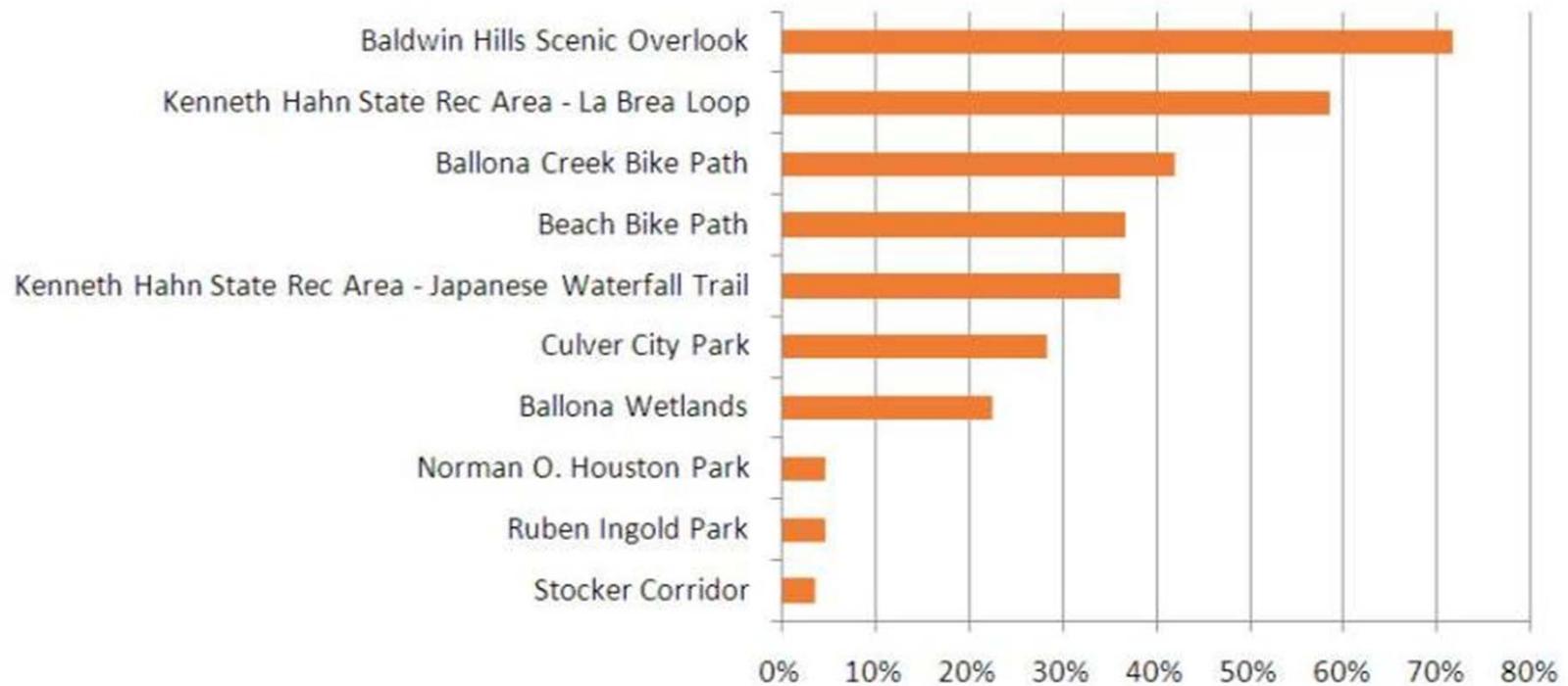
Weekly

Quarterly

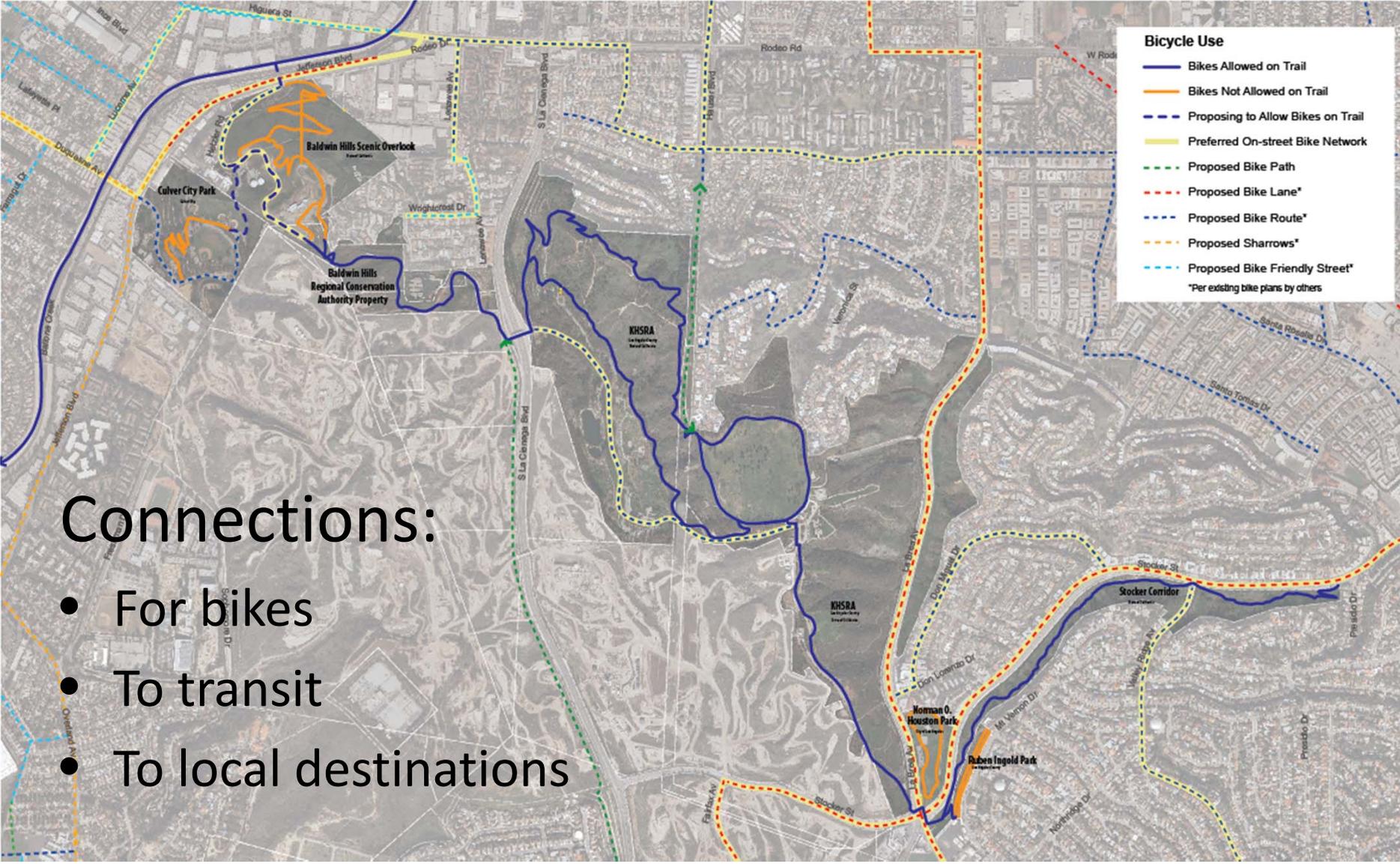
Web Survey Results

- 170 Responses
- Most Popular trails at BHSO & KHSRA

Which Local Trails do You Use?



Community Identified Needs



Connections:

- For bikes
- To transit
- To local destinations

Community Identified Needs

Amenities

Benches



Bike Parking



Fencing



Shade Structures



Community Identified Needs

Native Landscape Plants



Achillea millefolium (Yarrow)



Carpenteria californica
(Bush anemone)



Muhlenbergia rigens
(Deer grass)



Ceanothus Ray Hartman
(Buckthorn)



Epilobium canum (Zauschneria)



Rosa californica (Wild rose)



Salvia spathacea (Pitcher sage)



Baccharis pilularis (Pigeon point)

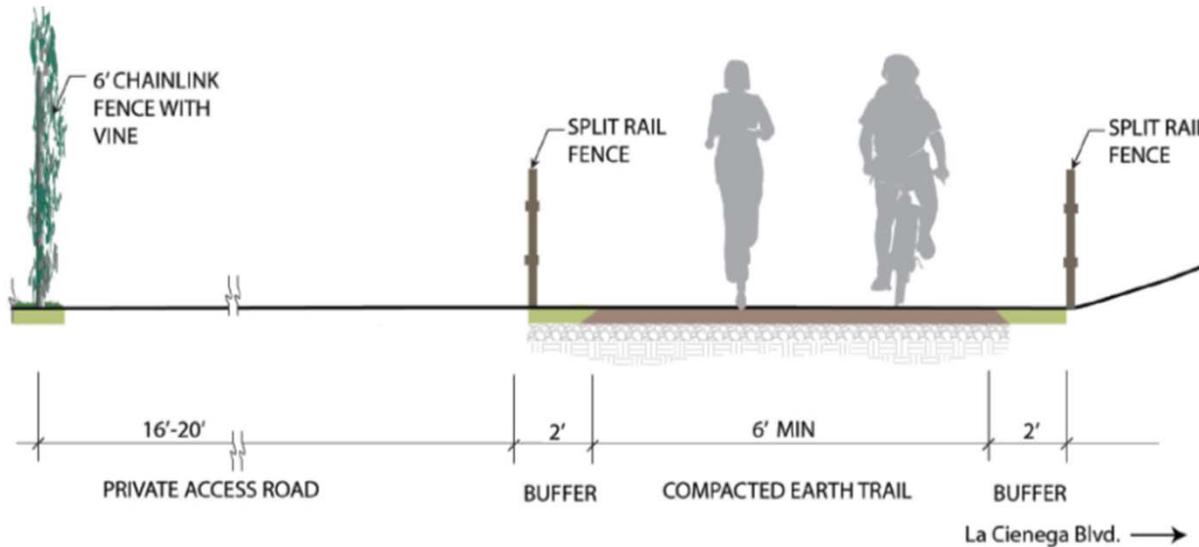


Lotus scoparius (Deerweed)

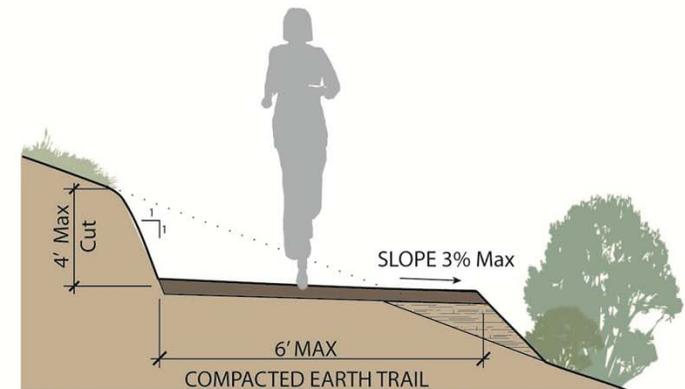
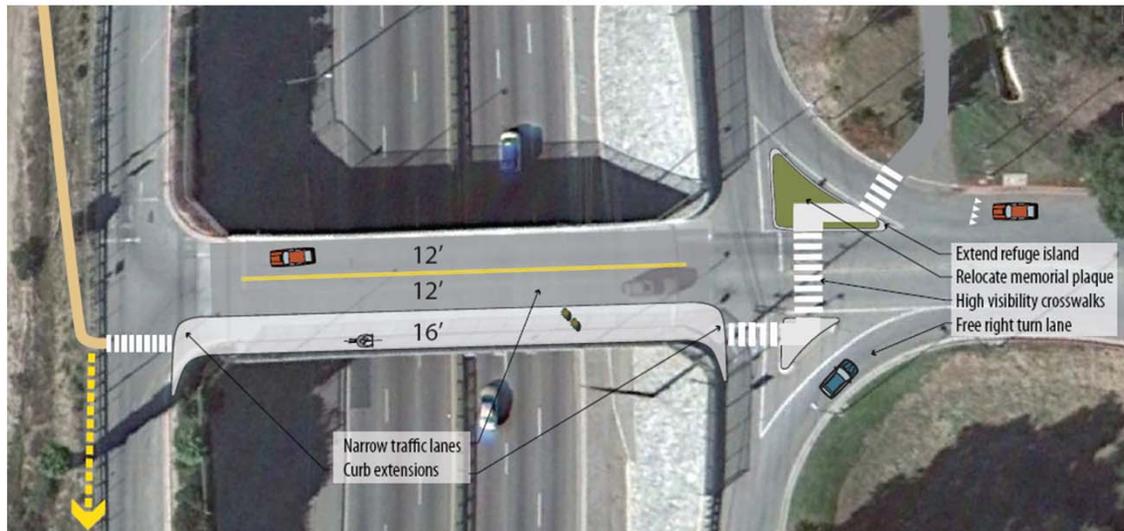
Landscaping,
habitat
restoration



Agency Needs: Design Criteria



Consistent with current policies and practices



Wayfinding Elements

- Gateway Sign



- Map Kiosk



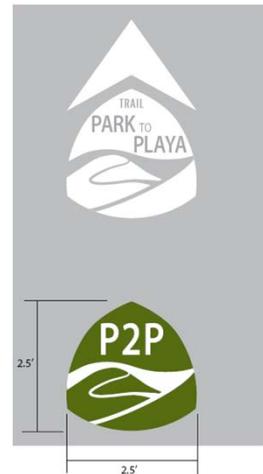
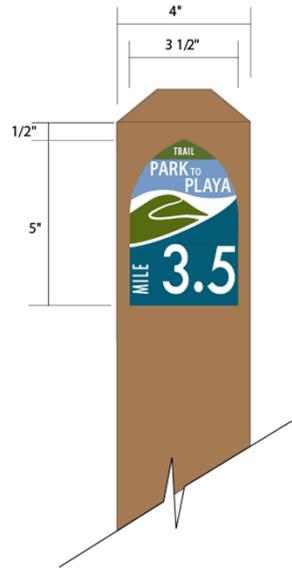
- Bike Guide Sign



- Transit Sign

Wayfinding Elements

- Pavement Markings



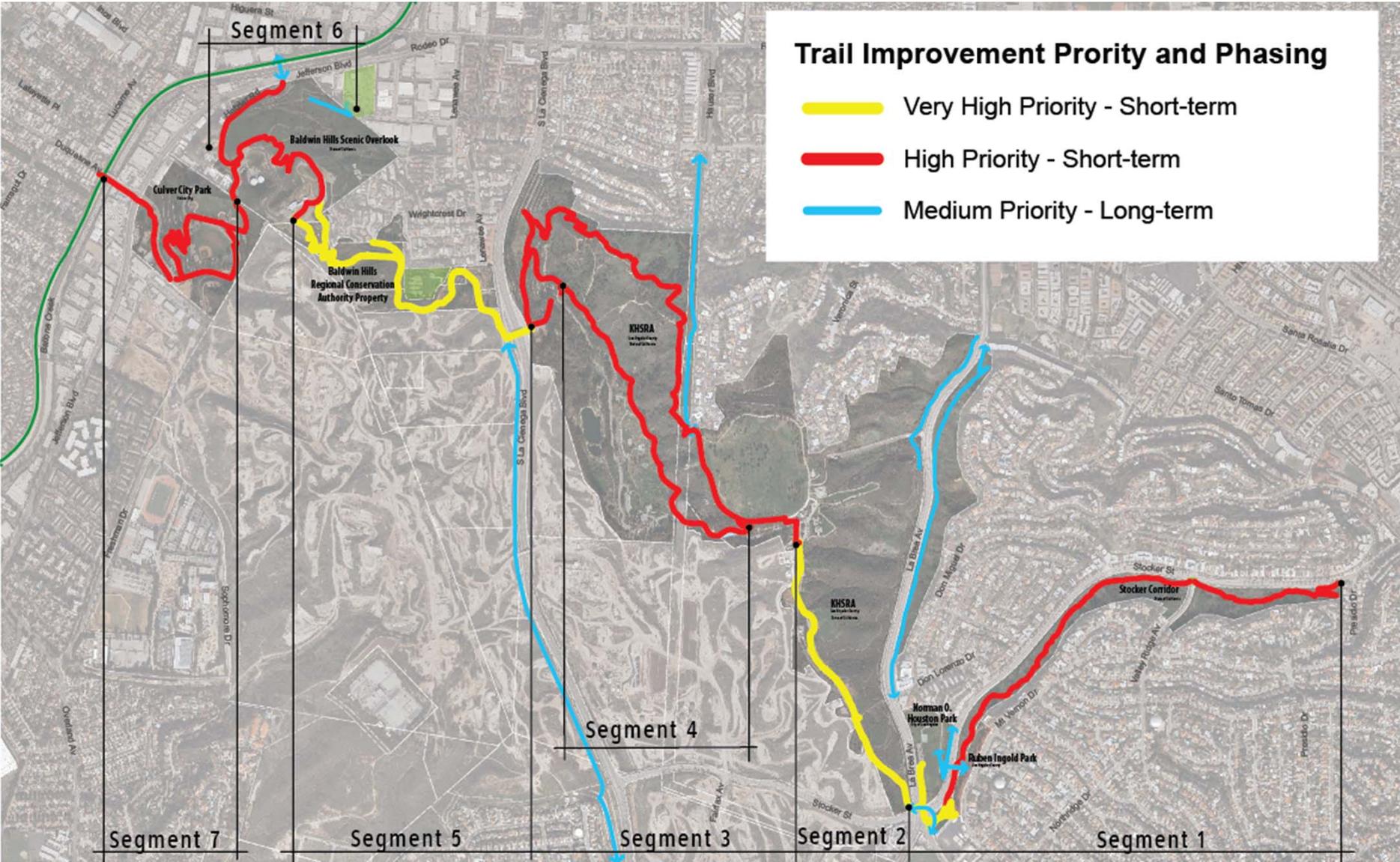
- Confirmation Sign



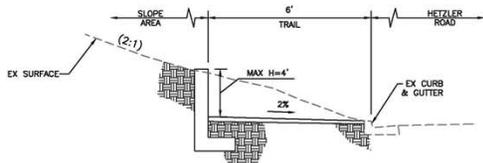
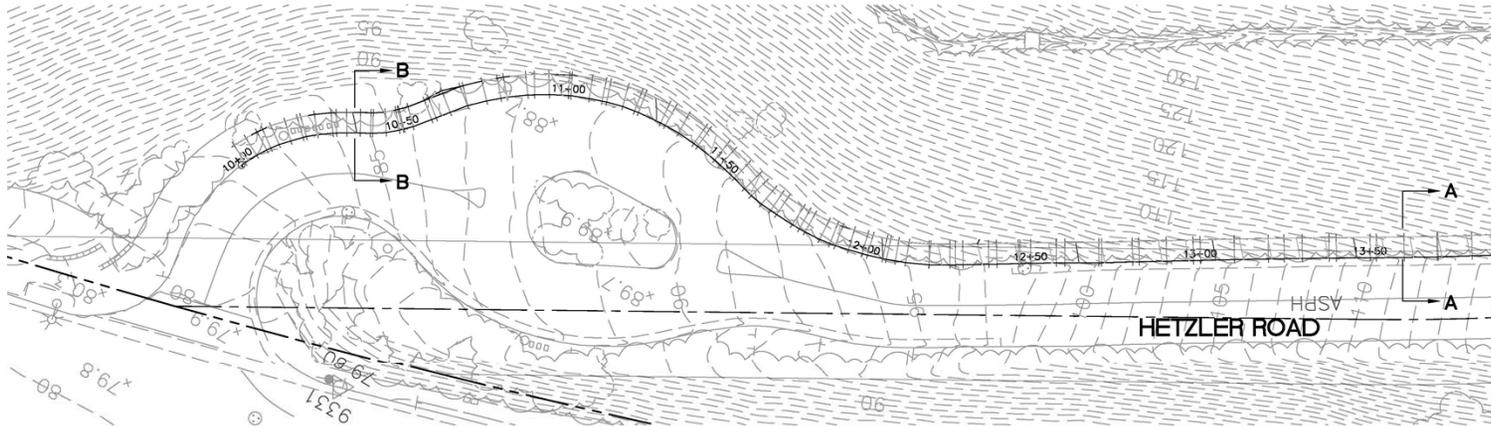
- Direction Sign

- Juncture Sign

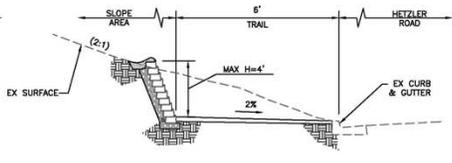
Alignments to Implement



Engineering Alternatives

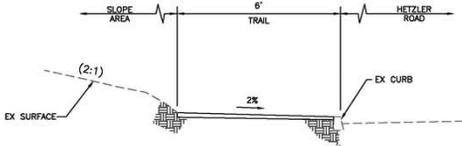


VERTICAL RETAINING WALL



RETAINING WALL WITH PLANTING

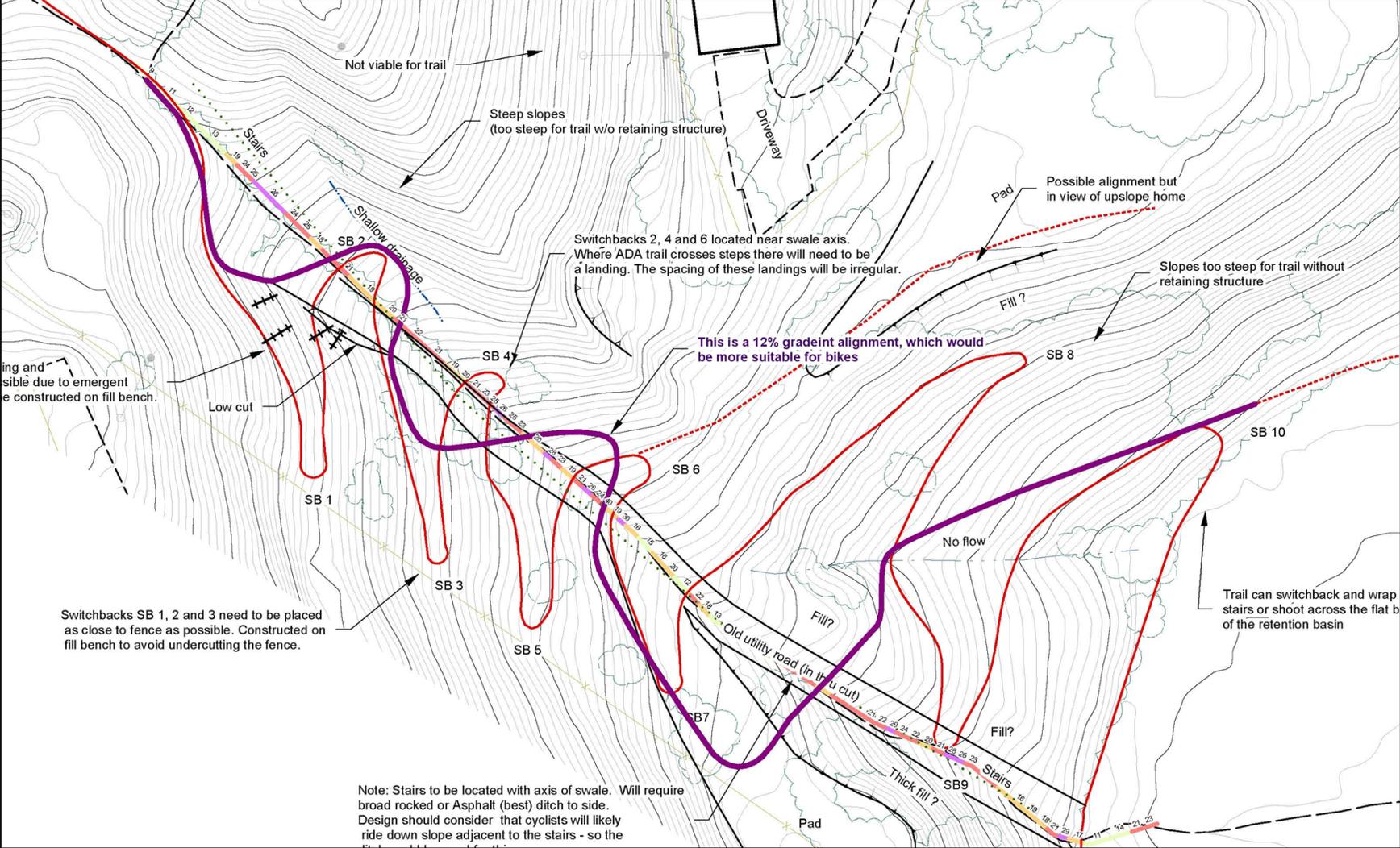
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Precise Trail Layout



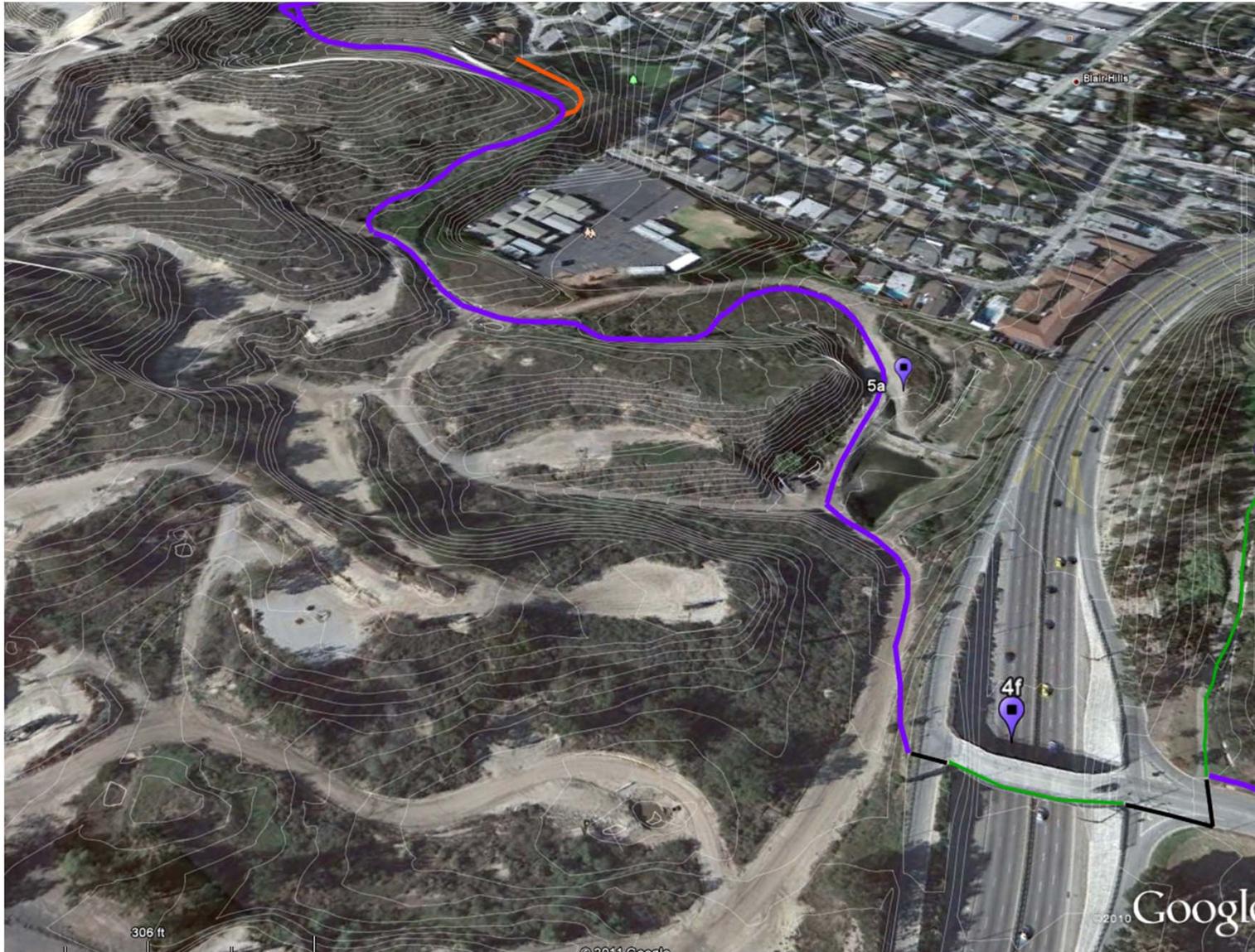
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 Field Notes

SHEET:

Oilfield Interface



Roadway Connections

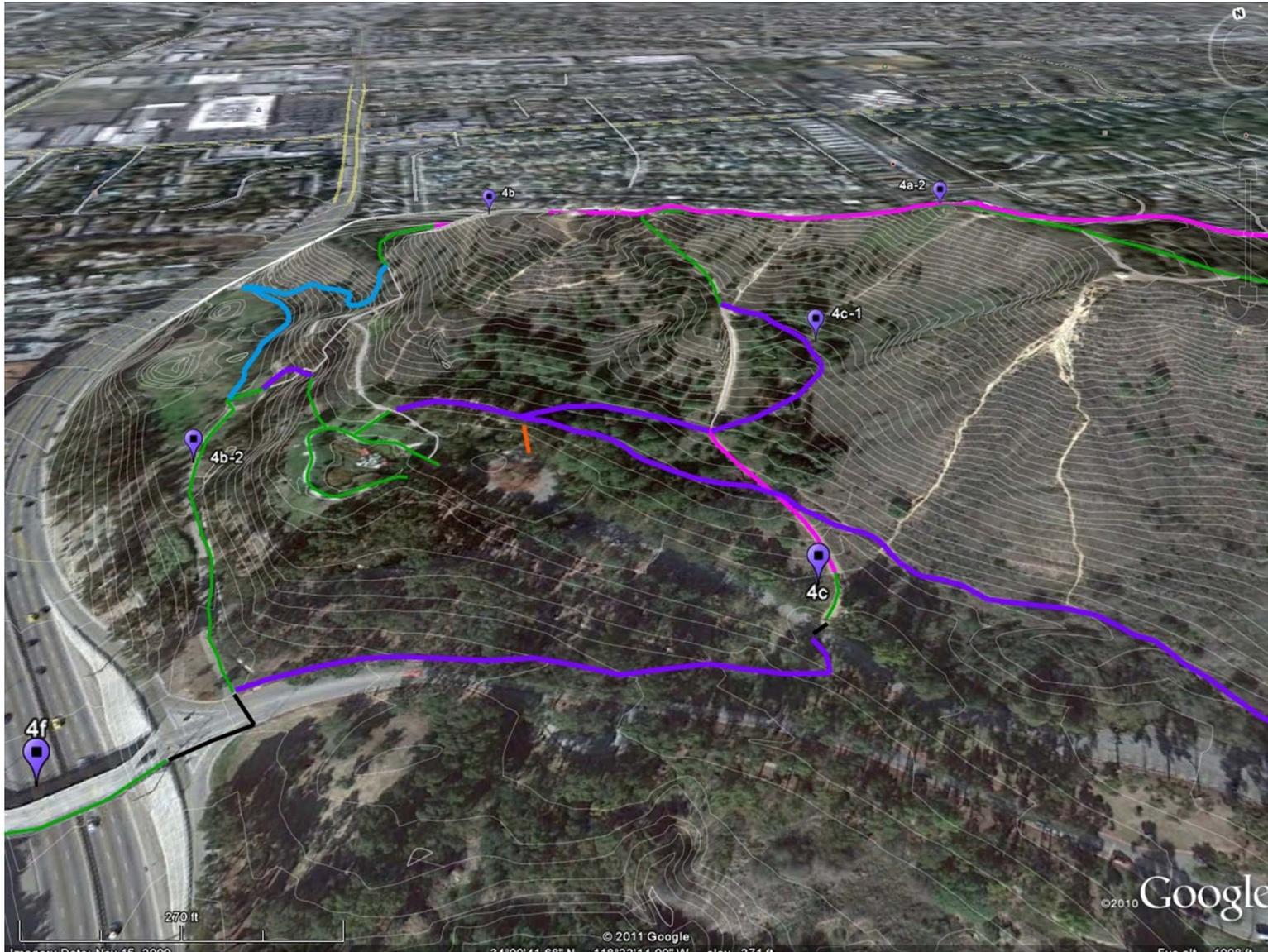
Connection
to Kenneth
Hahn S.R.A.

“5 Points”
Intersection



Path and
Stairway
from Ruben
Ingold Park

Verify Precise Alignments

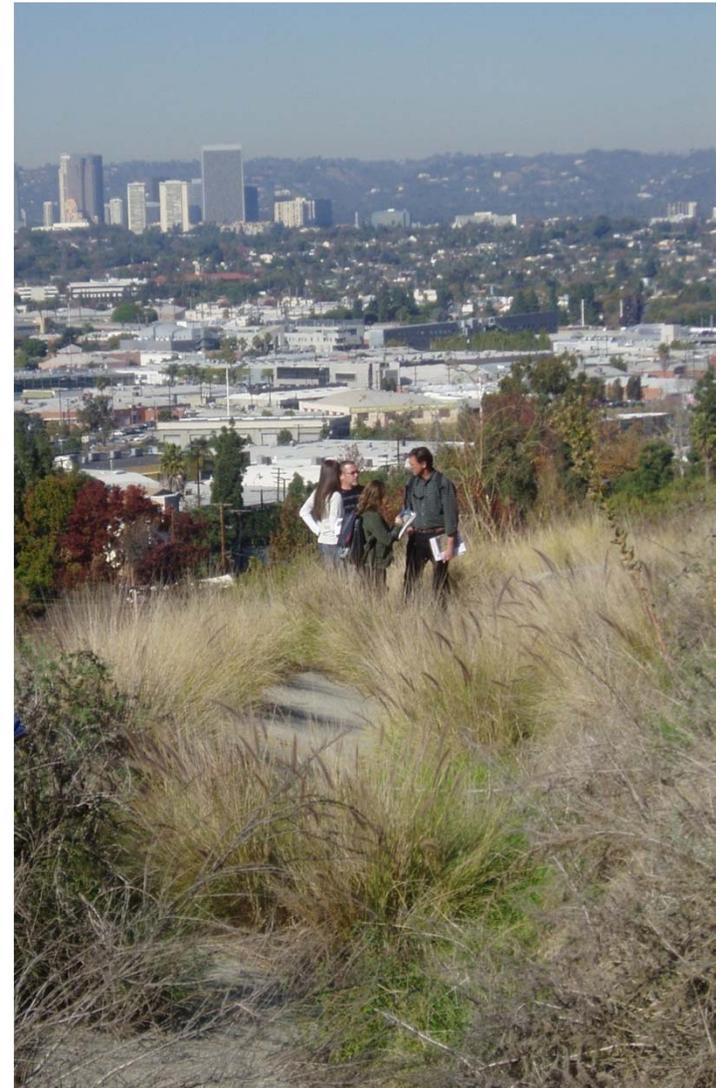


Environmental and Permitting



Summary – Lessons Learned

- Political champion
- Meaningful partnerships
- Individual commitment
- Meaningful public engagement



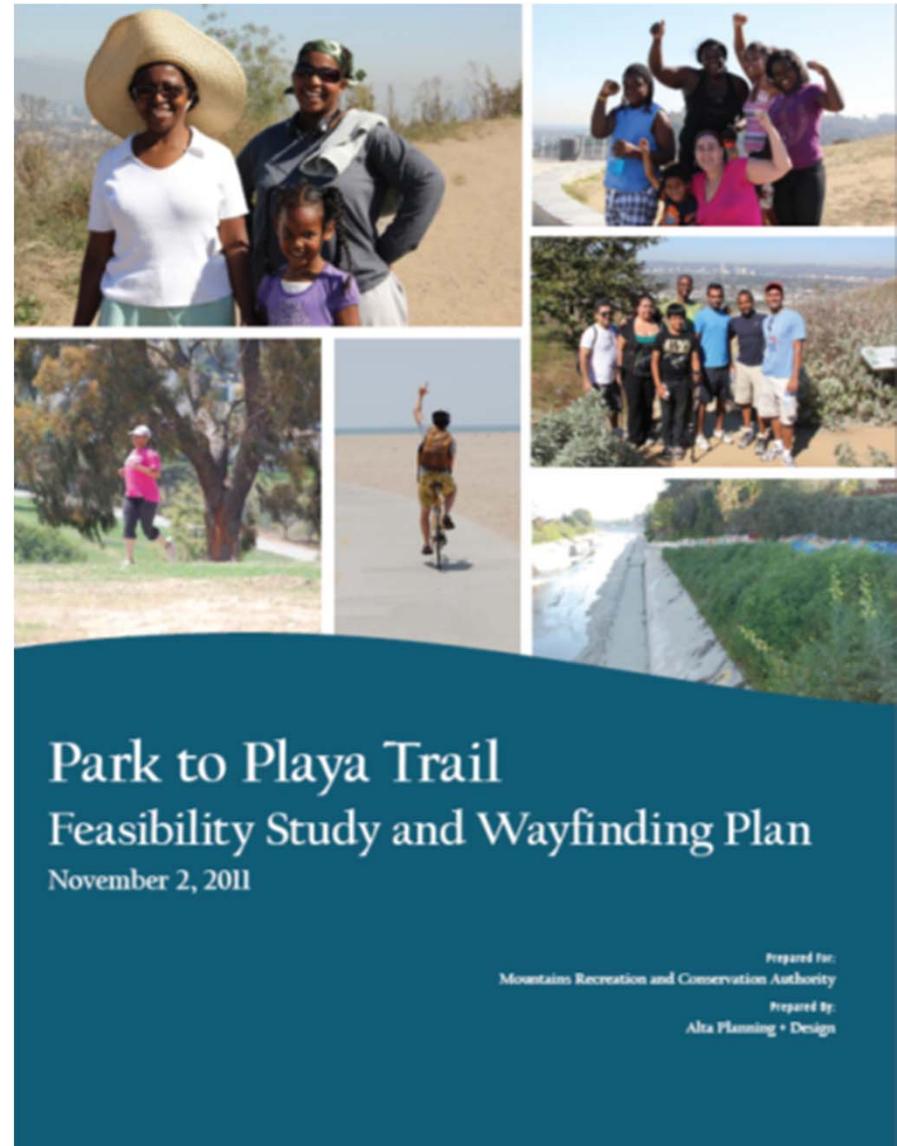
Summary – Lessons Learned

- Close work between consultants and agencies
- Carefully resolved and applied design standards
- Continuity through identity and wayfinding
- Resolve Regional Trail design with local setting

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Questions for us?



Thank You!

Download the Final Report at:

<http://smmc.ca.gov/BHRCA.asp>

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