

Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the rural characteristics of Morongo Valley

Action Statement A.7: Expand the network of multi-use trails around Morongo Valley.*

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IN PROCESS

Benchmark: Establishment of a trail management or advocacy group to develop additional trails and a plan that outlines future planned trail construction.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Multi-use trail cost: ADA-compliant asphalt for bicycle and pedestrian facility = \$30 per linear foot; Decomposed granite material suitable for pedestrians/equestrians = \$20 per linear foot.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a meeting to create a trails management and advocacy group.	Champion	Month 1	Morongo Basin Active Transportation Plan https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinATP/
2. Meet with Morongo Valley Community Services District (CSD), County Regional Parks and County Special Districts to identify a potential entity responsible for development and maintenance of future trails.	Trail Advocacy or Management Group	Month 1	Caltrans Active Transportation Program http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html
3. Identify strategic locations for potential trail development, including those that would connect or expand existing trails.	Trails management or advocacy group with support from responsible entity and community members	Months 2 – 6	Morongo Valley Community Services District http://www.92256.net/csd/
4. Work with property owners and utility companies to gain public access easements to utility corridors and/or explore donation of trail space.	Trail management or advocacy group, with support from utility providers, property owners and responsible entity	Month 6 – onward	Park, trail, and recreation grant funding http://www.thegranthelpers.com/municipal-grants/parks--recreation-grants
5. Draft and adopt a plan that outlines proposed trail projects/networks.	Trail management or advocacy group	Months 6 – 12	http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/
6. Apply for grant funding for trail construction.	Trail management or advocacy group and responsible entity	Months 12 – 18	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/ http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/acquisition/financing-and-funding/
7. Incorporate proposed trail projects into the 5-year CIP or budget.	Responsible Entity	Month 18 – Year 5	
8. Start construction on community trails.	Responsible Entity	Month 18 – Year 5	



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
9. Continue ongoing operation and maintenance of community trails.	Responsible entity, Trails management or advisory group, with support from community organizations, schools, churches, volunteers	Years 1 – 5	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324 US Bureau of Land Management https://www.blm.gov/california
10. Market Morongo Valley as bike touring destination	Group with County Tourism	Year 1-5	

*Morongo Basin Active Transportation Plan was accepted by the Board of Supervisors in 2019. The Plan identifies opportunities for active transportation for the Morongo Basin Region. The plan can be used as a resource for transportation grants for walkways and bike paths