

Community Focus Statement B: Enhance pedestrian safety and mobility along Mentone Boulevard (Highway 38).

Action Statement B.5: Support the County's expansion of the Santa Ana River Multipurpose Trail.

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Benchmark: Completion of trail expansion.

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

Estimated Cost: Construction financed by the County of San Bernardino (ongoing)



*Santa Ana River Trail. San Bernardino Access point: La Cadena Drive, North of Tropica Rancho Road.
Photo source: [Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway](#)*

The Santa Ana River Trail is currently 60 percent complete. When finished, it will run 110 miles, from the San Bernardino National Forest to the Pacific Ocean at Huntington Beach where the trail ends. There are currently two gaps in the trail: from Green River in Orange County to the Hidden Valley Wildlife area in Riverside County, and from Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino to the National Forest boundary near Mentone.

The Regional Parks Department is the primary developer of recreational trails in San Bernardino County along the Santa Ana River corridor. The department is responsible for the creation, operation, and maintenance of 22 miles of trail with four phases of development. Phase I and II are complete, Phase III is in progress, and Phase IV development targets are being established.

Phases I and II are open and comprise 7.5 miles of trail starting at Waterman Avenue behind 222 W. Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino and running to the Riverside County Line. The 3.6-mile stretch of Phase III will run from Waterman Avenue to California Street in Redlands. Phase IV will run from California Street in Redlands to Garnet Street in Mentone and up to the San Bernardino National Forest for a total of another 11 miles.

In January 2015, the California Coastal Conservancy Board approved \$3.4 million for construction of the Santa Ana River Trail in San Bernardino County, which will be used to complete Phase III of the trail. Phase IV involves the completion of 11 miles of trail, which could take approximately four more years and would connect Redlands, Mentone, Highland, and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. At this point, the County of San Bernardino is seeking additional funding for the completion of Phase IV, which will traverse Mentone and connect the community to adjacent multipurpose trails.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Engage with the community to understand priority trail projects and help establish a citizen’s advocacy group for the Santa Ana River Trail (e.g., Friends of Santa Ana River Trail).	Champion	Months 1 – 6	Mentone Area Community Association https://www.facebook.com/mentone.association San Bernardino County Regional Parks http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/parks/santaanarivertrailandparkway.aspx Rails-to-Trails Conservancy - How to build a “Friends of the Trail” group and promote community support
2. Update stakeholders and the community on planned trail expansions and improvement projects.	Trails committee, San Bernardino Regional Parks	Months 6 – 12	http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/outreach/building-community-support/
3. Apply for grant funding for trail improvements.	Trails committee, San Bernardino Regional Parks	Months 12 – 18	Park, trail, and recreation grant funding http://www.thegranthelpers.com/municipal-grants/parks---recreation-grants http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/
4. Explore incorporation of proposed trail projects into the five-year CIP or budget.	Trails committee, San Bernardino Regional Parks	Years 1 – 5	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/ http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/acquisition/financing-and-funding/
5. Start construction on the next phase of the Santa Ana River Trail project as funding becomes available.	Trails committee, San Bernardino Regional Parks	Years 1 – 5	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324 San Bernardino County Regional Parks http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/parks/santaanarivertrailandparkway.aspx
6. Secure funding for continued ongoing operation and maintenance of the trail.	Trails committee, San Bernardino Regional Parks	Years 1 – 5	KTU+A Planning + Landscape Architecture http://www.ktua.com/move/project.php?sector_id=11&id=191 NRPA Park Advocate Handbook https://www.nrpa.org/uploadedFiles/AmericasBackyard/park-advocate-handbook-100711.pdf