

Park to Playa Trail



Project Funded By: Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority



Project Partners



- Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA)
- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)
- Office of the Second Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles (Mark Ridely-Thomas)
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC)
- Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks)
- City of Culver City
- City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
- City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT)
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Consultant Team:

- Alta Planning + Design, David Evans & Associates, Tim Best, BonTerra



Project History



- **2010** – Funding from BHRCA for Feasibility Study & Wayfinding Implementation Plan (FS/IP)
- **2011** - FS/IP complete
- Public Involvement during feasibility study:
 - Public Workshops
 - Conducted On-Site Interviews
 - Web Based Survey
- **2011** – Funding from BHRCA for Phase II – CEQA, CD's, and permits

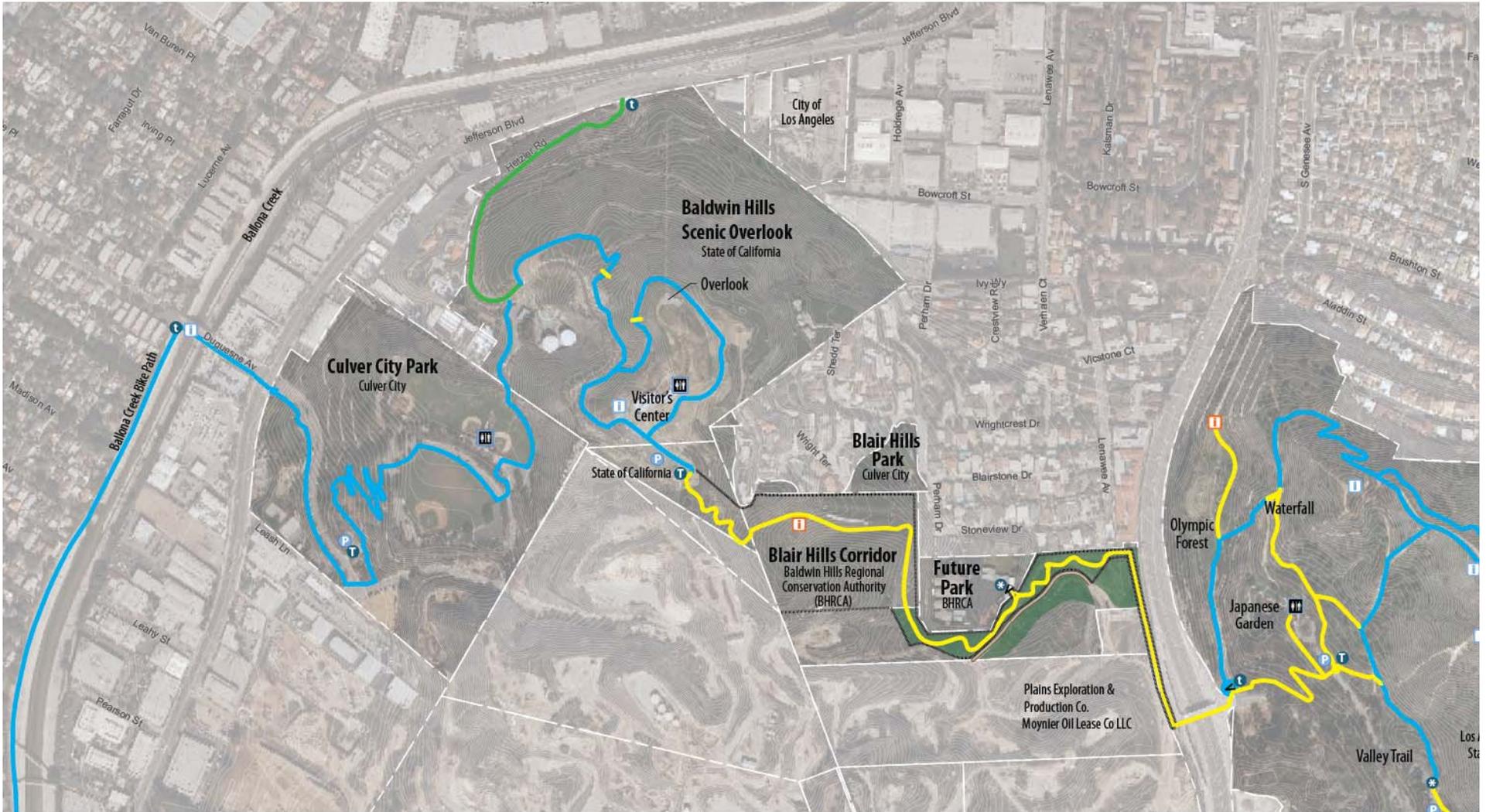


Park to Playa Trail
Feasibility Study and Wayfinding Plan
November 2, 2011

Prepared for:
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Prepared by:
Alta Planning + Design



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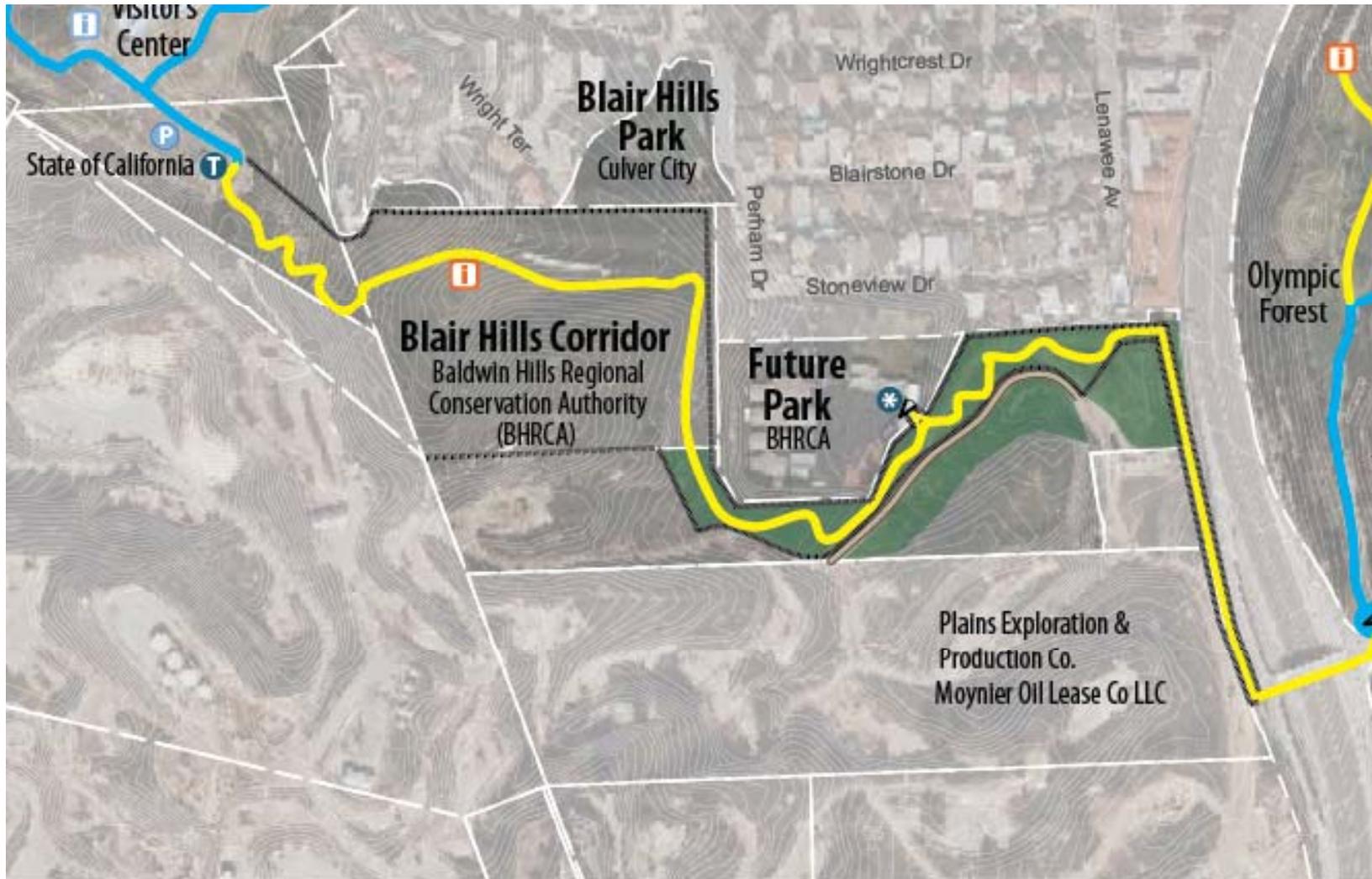




Trail Alignment- Blair Hills Corridor



Preliminary Trail Alignment shown and subject to further planning and coordination with stakeholders





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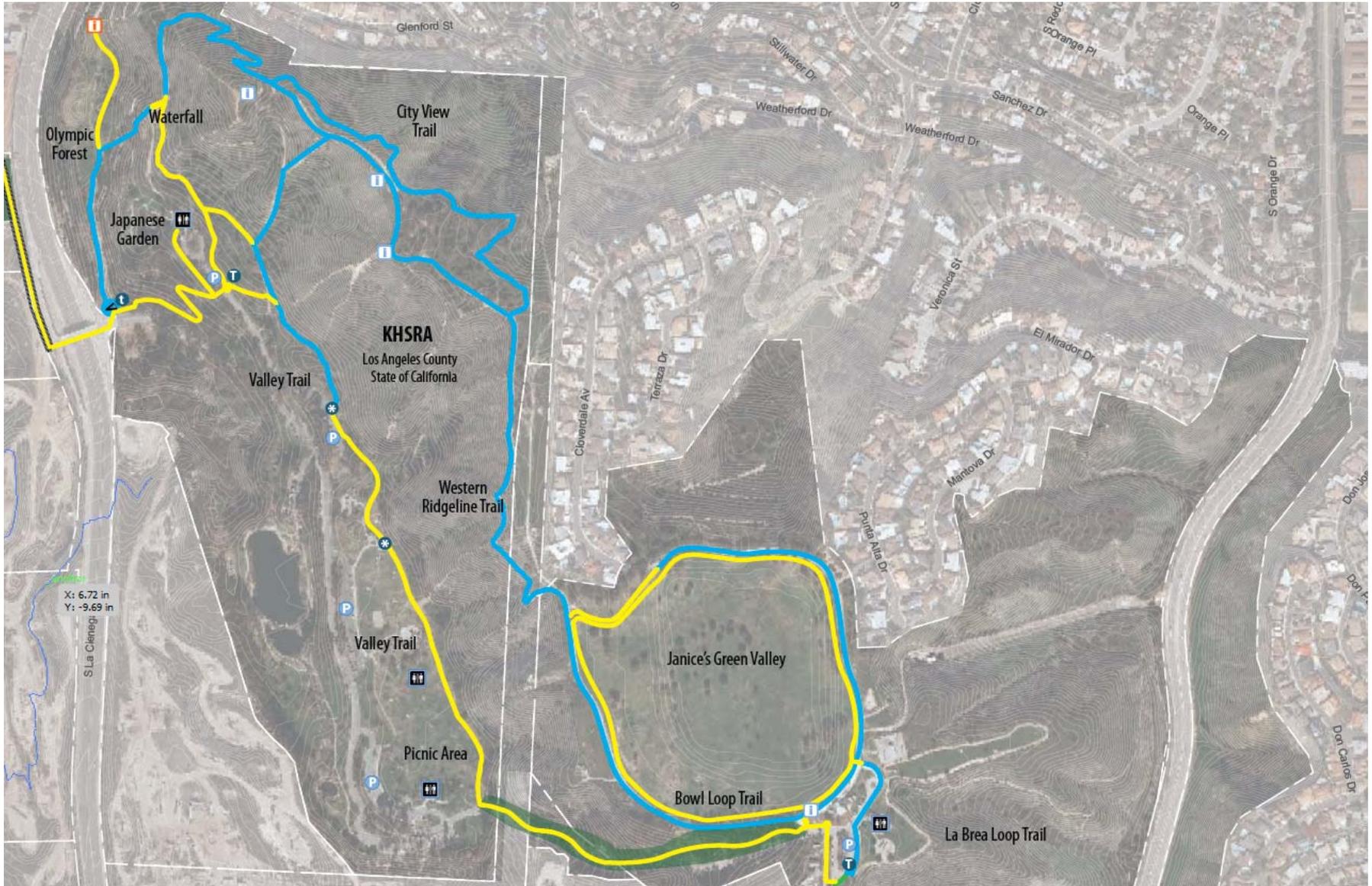


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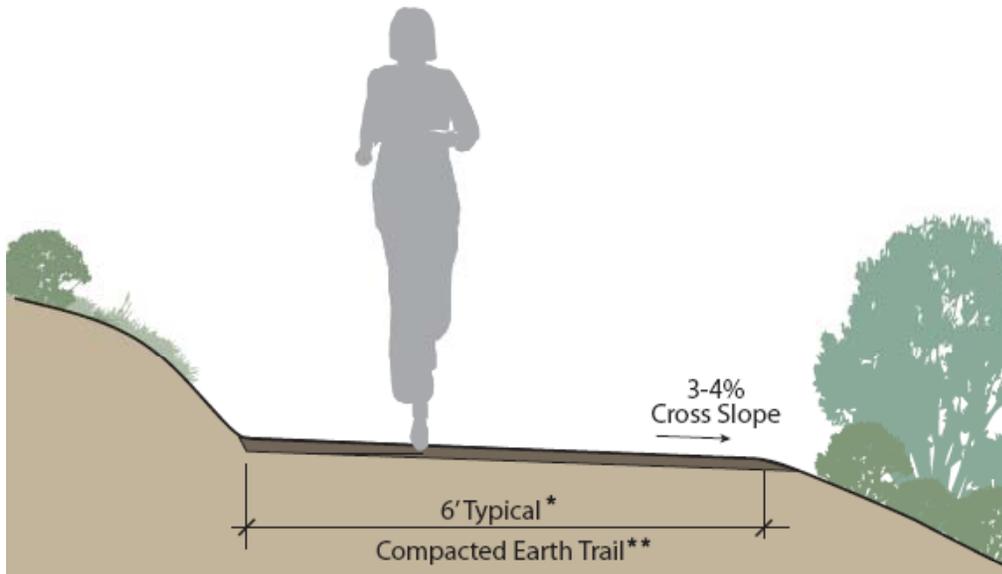


Trail Types



- New Unpaved Trails

- Trail Improvements

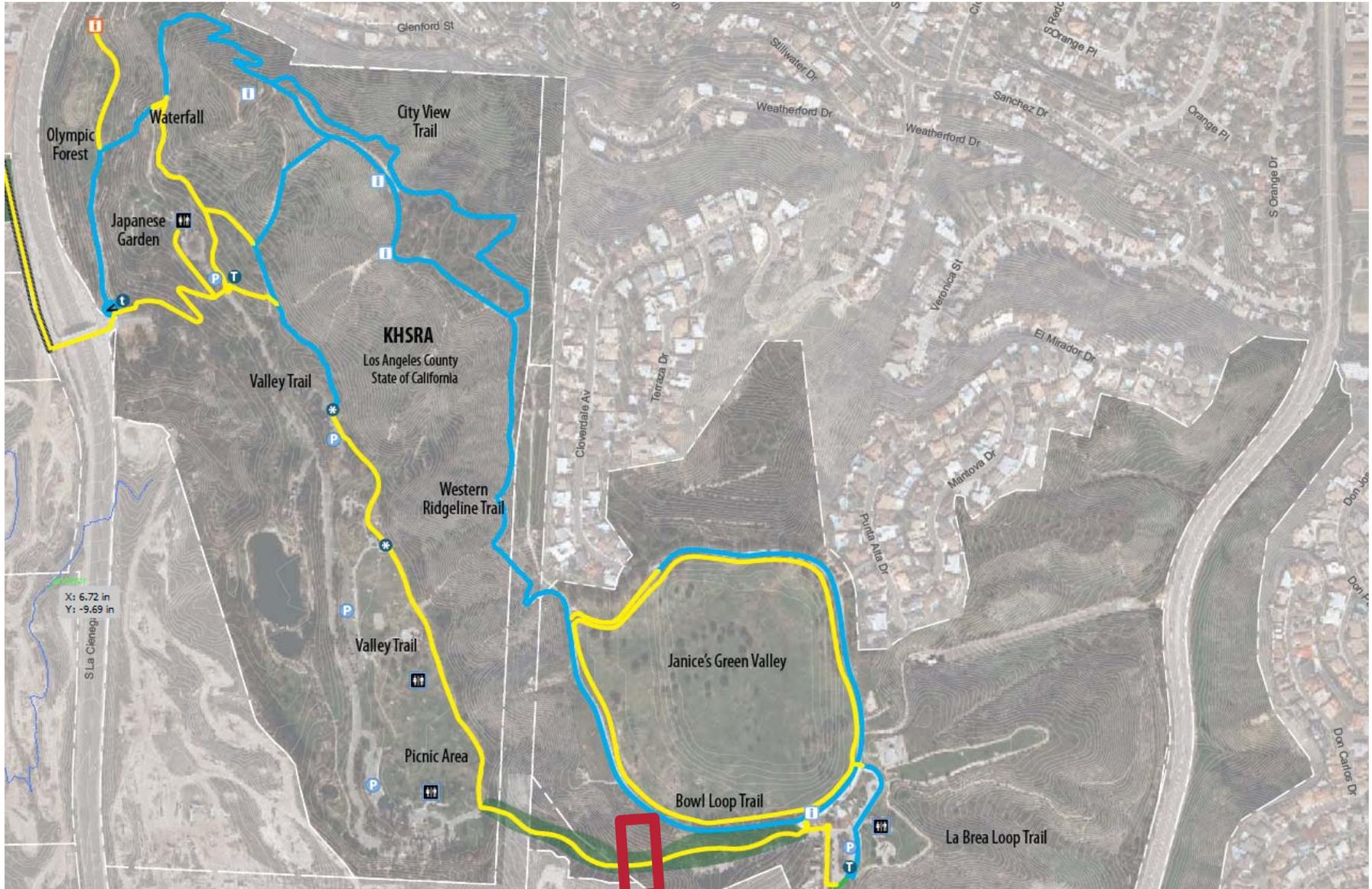


- * Width may be reduced on steep side slopes
- ** Base rock/fines overlay may be needed to provided firm, stable surface



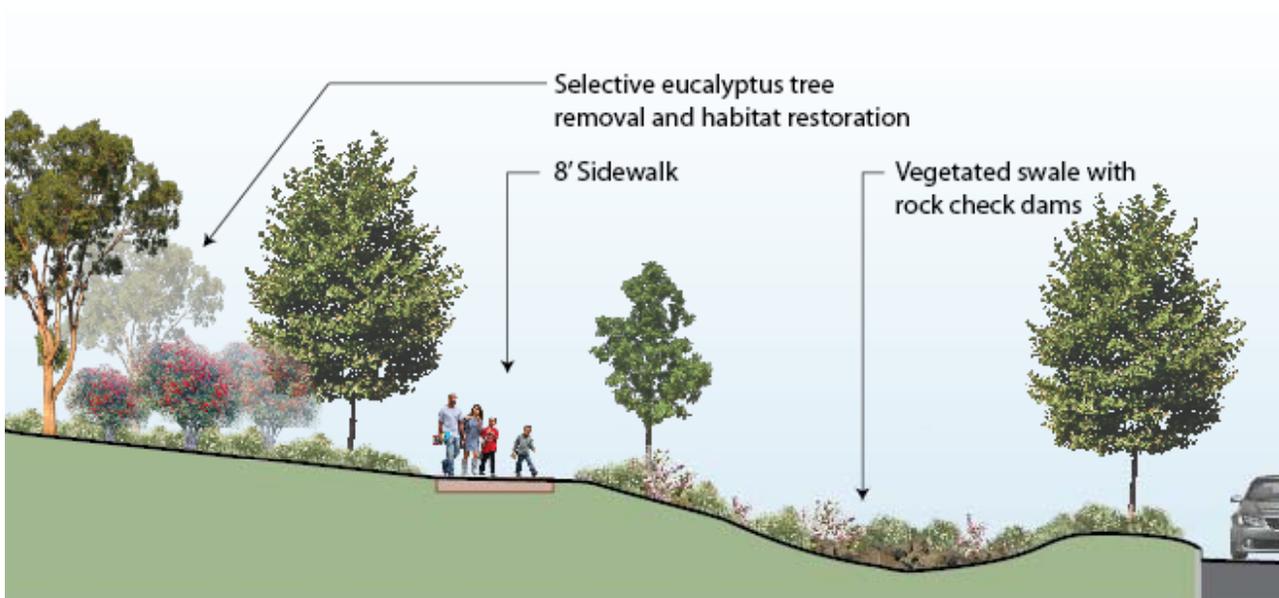
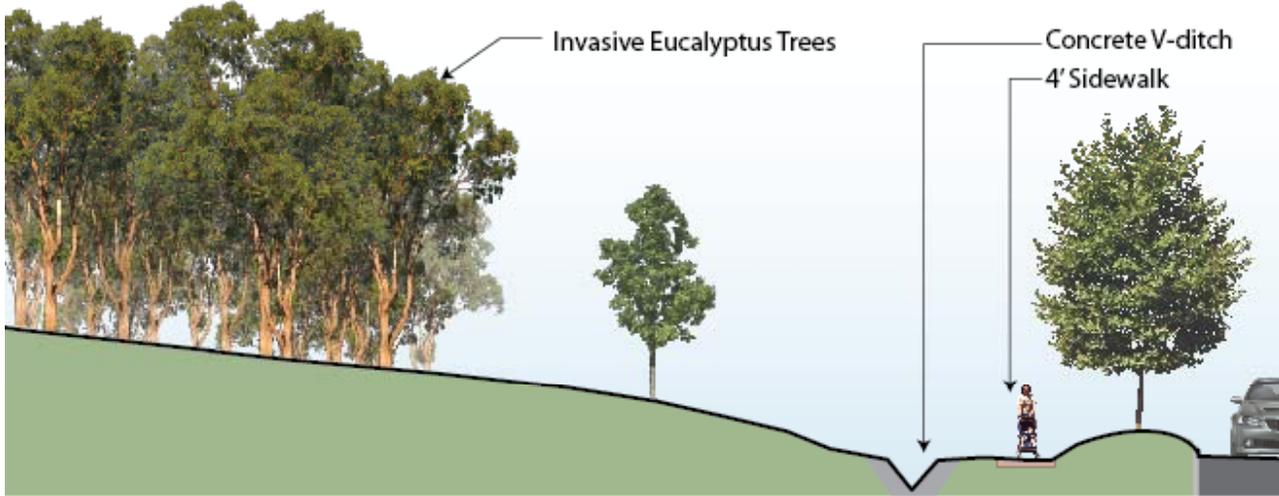


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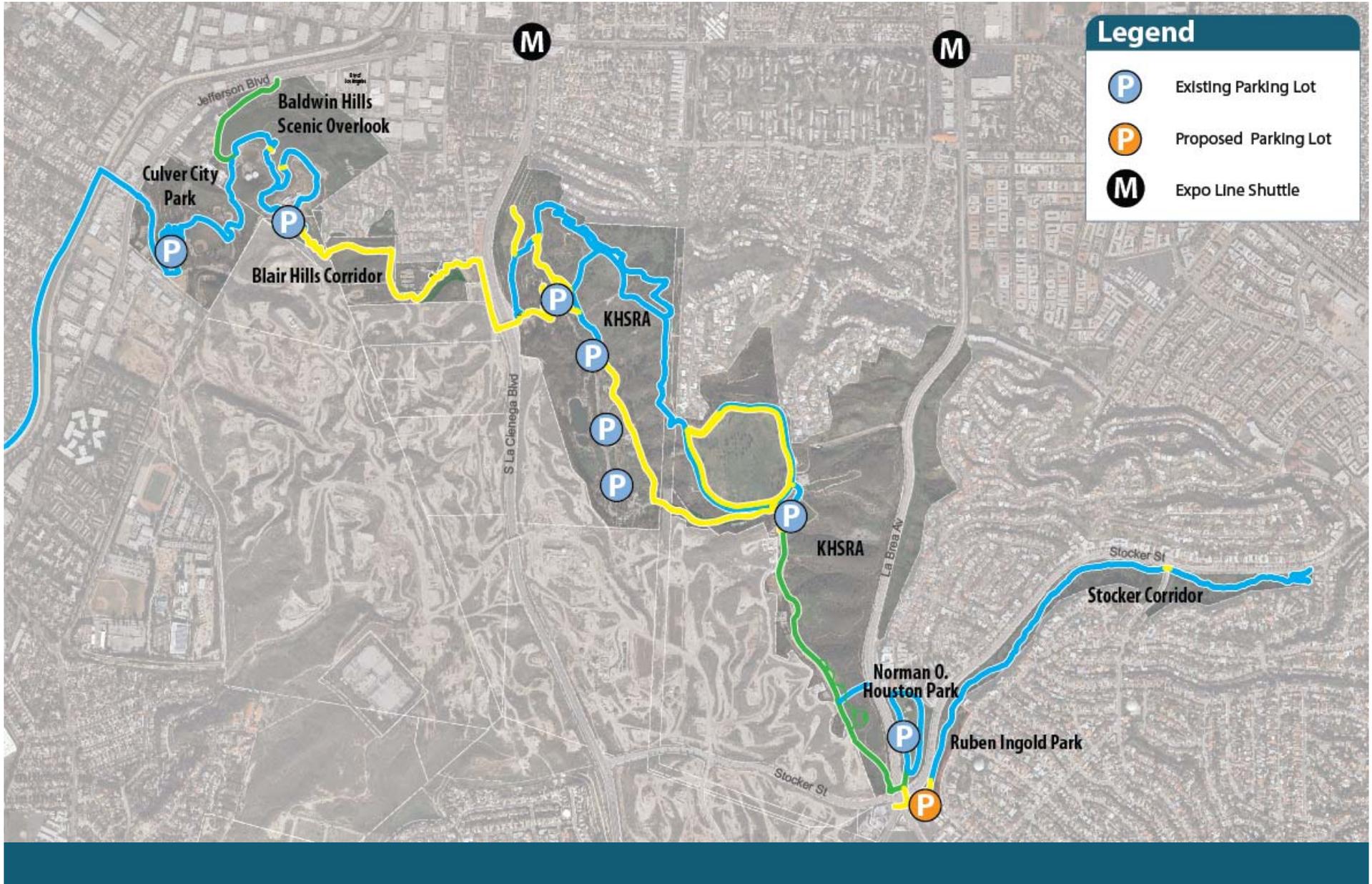


Trail Access- Stocker Trailhead





Trail Access- Getting to the Trail





Trail Access- Stocker Trailhead





Trail Elements



- Trail Amenities
 - Shade structures
 - Benches
 - Interpretive elements
 - Native plants
 - Opportunities for Art Installations
 - Fencing & Gates
 - Bicycle Parking

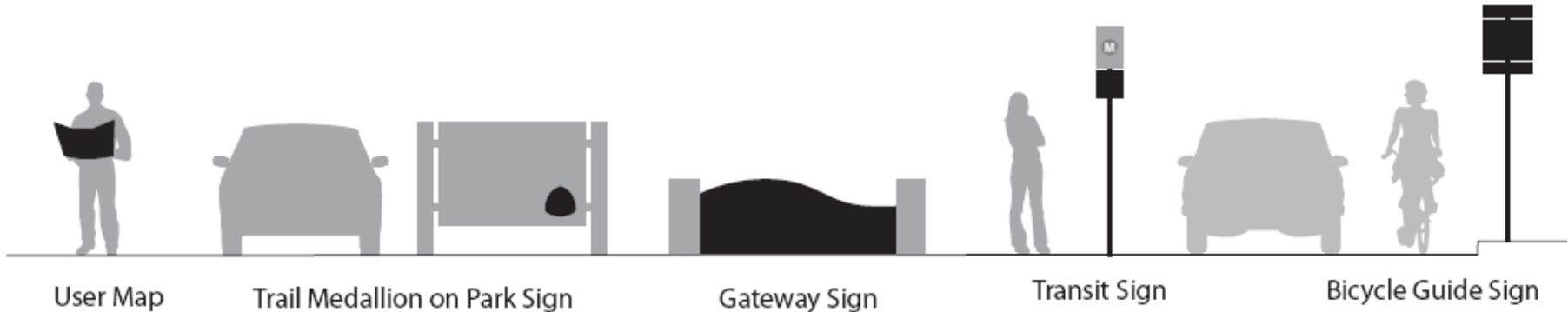




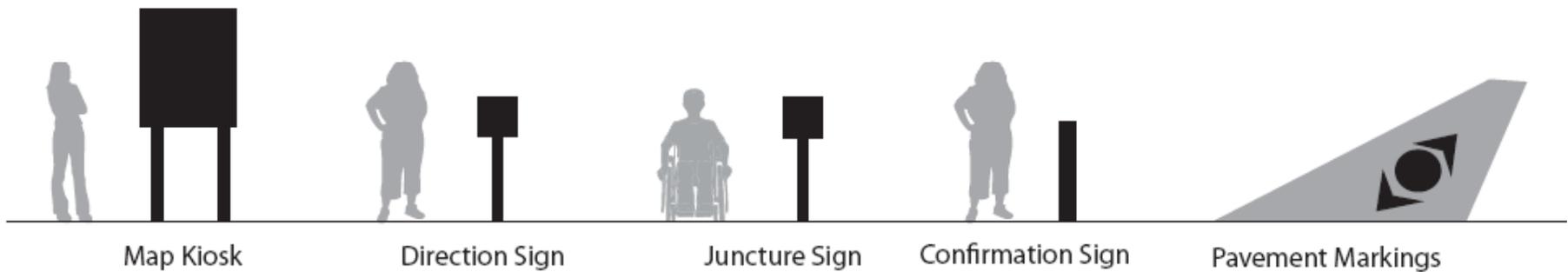
Wayfinding



OFF SITE ELEMENTS



ON TRAIL ELEMENTS





Wayfinding Elements



- Direction Sign

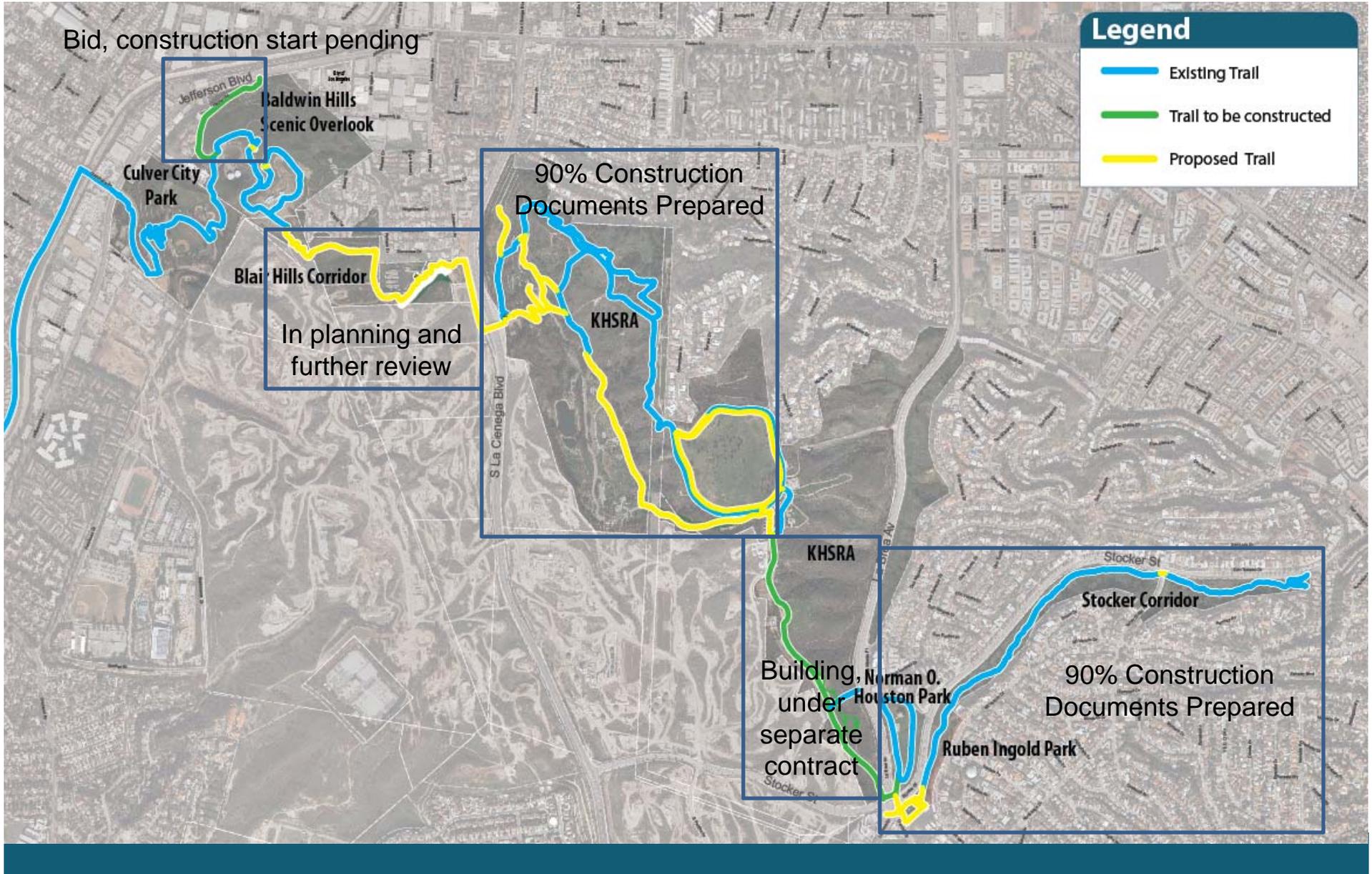


- Juncture Sign





Project Implementation





California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The purposes of CEQA are to:

- Inform decision-makers and public about **potential significant environmental impacts**
- Identify ways to **avoid or reduce impacts** through mitigation and/or alternatives
- Disclose the **reasons** why an agency approved a project, notwithstanding its environmental impacts

CEQA Guidelines Section 15002





PURPOSES OF INITIAL STUDY

- (1) To provide the Lead Agency with information to use as the basis for deciding whether to **prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) or a Negative Declaration;**
- (2) To enable an applicant or Lead Agency to **modify a project**, mitigating adverse impacts before an EIR is prepared, **thereby enabling the project to qualify for a Negative Declaration;**
- (3) To assist in the preparation of an EIR, if one is required, by focusing the EIR on the effects determined to be significant, identifying the effects determined not to be significant, explaining the reasons for determining that potentially significant effects would not be significant, and identifying whether a program EIR, tiering, or another appropriate process can be used for analysis of the project's environmental effects;



PURPOSES OF INITIAL STUDY

- (4) To **facilitate environmental assessment** early in the design of a project;
- (5) To provide documentation of the factual **basis for the finding in a Negative Declaration** that a project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- (6) To **eliminate unnecessary EIRs**; and
- (7) To determine whether a previously prepared EIR could be used with the project.





CEQA TOPICS

Environmental Issues analyzed in the IS/MND

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems





CEQA TOPICS

No Impacts or Less Than Significant Impacts:

- Aesthetics
- **Agricultural Resources**
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- **Greenhouse Gases**
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- **Land Use and Planning**
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CEQA TOPICS

Less Than Significant Impacts with compliance with existing regulations:

- **Aesthetics**
- Agricultural Resources
- **Air Quality**
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- **Geology and Soils**
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
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CEQA TOPICS

Environmental Issues requiring Mitigation:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- **Biological Resources**
- **Cultural Resources**
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- Hydrology and Water Quality
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Mitigation Measures

- California Sagebrush-California Buckwheat Scrub Restoration
- Protection of walnut trees
- Additional special status plant survey
- Migratory bird nesting survey/Raptor nesting survey
- Regulatory authorizations
- Archaeological monitoring
- Paleontological resource recovery
- Soil management practices
- Construction noise control





CEQA REVIEW PROCESS

- With mitigation, all impacts would be less than significant
- Completed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration in January 2013
- Notice of Intent to adopt the MND was published and distributed on **January 16, 2013** for a 30-day public review period
- Public meeting was held on **January 30, 2013** to present the project and solicit comments.
- Comments were accepted until **February 18, 2013**





PUBLIC REVIEW

IS/MND was made available for review at:

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065

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

View Park Library

Reference Desk
3854 54th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90043
<http://www.colapublib.org/libs/viewpark/index.php>

Culver City Julian Dixon Library

Reference Desk
4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230
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Baldwin Hills Library

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Los Angeles, CA 90016

View Park Library

Reference Desk
3854 54th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Angeles Mesa Library

Reference Desk
2700 West 52nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90043

William H. Hannon Library

Reference Desk
1 LMU Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90045





PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Meeting on January 30, 2013

- 4 oral comments
- 2 written comments

Sent in (mail and/or e-mail):

- 11 written comments

Meeting with oilfield owners and operators on April 17, 2013

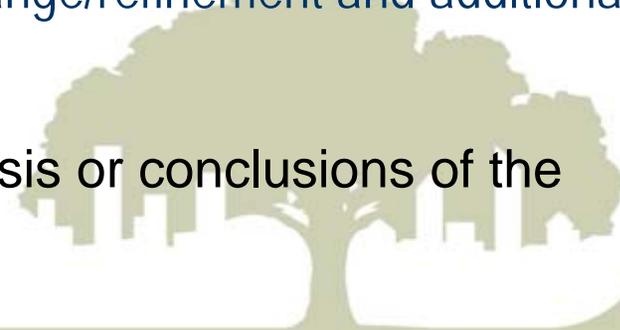
Prepared responses to the comments and mailed responses to the commenter's on May 16, 2013



Revisions to IS/MND

- Text changes to clarify or correct some information
- Add Section 1.4 to acknowledge comments received and include responses and comments into appendix
- Indicate BHRCA's intent to continue to work with property owners, residents, the oilfield operator, and the City of Culver City on Segment C
- State throughout the IS/MND that Segment C is a preliminary trail alignment and will be subject to future change/refinement and additional environmental analysis/review

These revisions do not change the analysis or conclusions of the IS/MND





NEXT STEPS

- BHRCA Board adoption of MND
- Discretionary Action on the project (approve/deny project, part of project, or modified project)
- Adoption of Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)
- Filing of Notice of Determination (NOD)

- Meet with property owners, residents, Oilfield operator, and City of Culver City regarding Segment C
- Refine Segment C alignment and improvements
- Additional environmental analysis and review for Segment C



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