

Community Focus Statement C: Improve mobility and reduce vehicle trips through the development of multi-purpose trails that connect key nodes/activity areas within and between the communities.

IN PROCESS

Action Statement C.1: Construct trails for all users that connect neighborhoods with commercial/business areas and key activity areas, such as schools, parks, and community centers.

Benchmark: A Rim of the World community transportation focus group created that coordinates regularly with the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District and SBCTA to prioritize projects and seek grant funding.

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

Estimated Cost: \$300–\$5,000,000



Mountain biking trail at the Paradise Royal Trails in Northern California. Photo source: US Bureau of Land Management.

The Rim of the World Active Transportation Plan was adopted and now allows for grant funding to be sought. In addition, the Rim of the World Scenic Trail Resource Action Team is working to connect the mountain top communities.

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is responsible for active transportation planning in collaboration with its member agencies. Once San Bernardino County adopts the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District Active Transportation Plan, submitted it to the County for review and adoption to the 5-yr CIP, projects proposed will become eligible for grant funding through the Active Transportation Program.

Alternative transportation options maintain a community’s health and quality of life and reduce air quality impacts and greenhouse gas emissions. Creation of a bicycle and pedestrian master plan for the Hilltop communities would be a first step toward planning for an easy-to-use and safe system of pedestrian and bicycle trails. The plan would include priorities for projects and estimates of how costly proposed improvements would be. After the master plan is adopted, individual projects will require additional steps depending on project location. Additional steps may include design, environmental clearances, feasibility studies, funding, and maintenance planning.

Bicycle-related components of the plan can be written to align with requirements for federal and state funding sources like Caltrans. A successful plan would understand where residents and visitors would like to go on foot or bike and evaluate where gaps exist in connections to key destinations. Potential projects include adding or improving bicycle lanes, sidewalks, pathways, off-road cycling, signage, crossings, and Safe Routes to Schools improvements.

The preferred facilities and priorities should be developed through an understanding of local conditions, both in terms of environmental factors and community characteristics and desires. Research on options that have worked well in other similar communities and the latest developments in bicycle and pedestrian facilities would also be important to a plan that meets the needs of the Hilltop communities. The Hilltop communities should partner with public agencies and private property owners as necessary to implement projects.

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Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a Trails Team	Champion	Month 1	Rim of the World Recreation and Park District
2. Review Rim of the World Active Transportation Plan and select one or more priority trail projects to discuss with the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District.	Trails Team	Month 1	http://rim-rec.org/ California ATP Funding, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/
3. Meet with the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District to discuss the selected project(s) and identify critical partners.	Trails Team	Month 2	FHWA Innovative Intersection Safety Improvement Strategies and Management Practices http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/other_topics/fhwasa06016/
4. Conduct a meeting with community advocates and critical partners to discuss facility type, measures of community need, project funding, and measures of project competitiveness such as increased users, improved safety, access to transit, safe routes to school, and disadvantaged communities. Use funding and implementation information contained in the Active Transportation Plan.	Trails Team with Community advocates, Rim of the World Recreation and Park District general manager and/or board member	Month 3	US Department of Transportation Livability Grants and Programs https://www.transportation.gov/livability/grants-programs Intersection Safety, a Manual for Local Rural Road Owners, FHWA http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/raining/fhwasa1108/fhwasa1108.pdf FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Program http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/index.cfm
5. Collect data needed to complete the grant application.	To be determined by participants in action 3	Months 4–10	US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Programs & Services http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services
6. Co-author grant applications with SBCTA and the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District.	Trails Team with Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Years 1 – 5	



7. Through grant applications, obtain funding for design, construction, or implementation of prioritized plan projects.	Trails Team with Rim of the World community transportation advocates	Years 5 – 8	AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Pedestrian Facilities AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities
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