

Canada Rincon Trail Connection Calle Mejia to Camino Francisca/Avenida Rincon

PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY

Meeting, Date & Place: City of Santa Fe BTAC, December 16, 2015, Council Chambers, Santa Fe

Project Overview

The proposed Canada Rincon Trail connection from Calle Mejia to Camino Francisca / Avenida Rincon was identified as a Phase-A Priority in the 2012 Bicycle Master Plan. The city council allocated \$200,000 in the fall of 2014 for design and construction of the trail. The purpose of the project is to improve overall connectivity within the City's non-motorized urban trail/on-street system. The proposed trail would provide for direct and permanent access between the existing trails/on-street network lying to the north of Camino Francisca and destinations to the south (downtown, River Trail etc.).

Project Status

Project is in the Conceptual Planning Phase: Radian Engineering/Design Office was contracted to perform Conceptual Design to include public involvement through ENN and recommendation of a preferred trail alignment alternative for approval by the Governing Body.

- Early Neighborhood Notification (ENN) contacts/advertisement completed between 10/28/2015 and 11/12/2015; ENN Public Meeting was attended by over 70 people
- A number of potential trail corridor alignments were considered and the two most viable alternatives identified by the project team were presented to the public:
 - On City owned land east of the Reserve, following the Canada Rincon Arroyo; and
 - On Reserve property west of the parking area
- Public comments received by the project team have been reviewed, and entered into the project record

Key Issues:

- No formal trail access currently exists between Camino Francisca / Avenida Rincon and Calle Mejia. Legal Platted Survey records indicate that City owned land and trail easements exist along eastern boundary of The Reserve property
- A number of pedestrians/bicyclists routinely travel through the parking lot of a privately owned development (Reserve Condominium community)
- The Reserve Board of Directors has expressed reservations with the alternative alignments presented at the ENN
- ENN Participants expressed concerns for addressing safety issues along Calle Mejia for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists as part of this project
- Comments were received from persons/organizations both in-support-of and opposed-to the proposed project

Displays & Documents (Attached)

- **Attachment 1:** MAP E -2012 Bicycle Master Plan
- **Attachment 2:** Regional Trail Connections (ENN Meeting Display)
- **Attachment 3:** Initial Alternative Corridors (ENN Meeting Display)
- **Attachment 4:** ENN Public Meeting Summary
- **Attachment 5:** Santa Fe Estates & Shadow Ridge Apartments (The Reserve)_Plats
- **Attachment 6:** Letter from the Reserve Property Manager dated November 20, 2015