

## INTRODUCTIONS

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### **Partner Organizations**

Tree Fresno Sunnyside Property Owners Association High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew





## **Project Overview**

### A. Project History

- Fancher Creek Bridle Trail was platted the early1940s
  - The trail was active from the 1950's to the early 1980's due to multiple 'horse properties' and a commercial boarding stable just to the south on Clovis Ave.
  - Use as a bridle Trail diminished, most likely in the '80's and early '90's and greatly reduced when the commercial boarding stable closed.
  - At some point the lack of use as an 'Equestrian Trail' declined to the point that the trail became over grown.
  - Pedestrians and occasional equestrians currently use the FID Service Road on the North/South portion of the trail a East/West 'service road' on the East/West alignment.

### **B. Project Funding Source**

- **C. Project Design Process to Date**
- **D. Project Design Process Moving Forward**





### I. Project Overview

- □ Fancher Creek Bridle Trail was platted the early1940s
- A Landscape Design completed and installed at some point
  - Probably in the 1950's
    - Many/most of the trees appear to have been planted within
      3 10' of the western edge of the easement
  - Mostly non native tree species popular at that time, American Elm, Cork Oak, Eucalyptus, Acacia, Coast Live Oak, Locust, and Carob
  - Multiple other trees appear to have colonized or been bird seeded: Privet, Mulberry, Native Cottonwood, Valley Oak, Almond, Peach, Native Black Willow and Palms
    - Some very desirable habitat Native Oak, Cottonwood, Willow -
    - Some naturalized and provide habitat, shade and substance Mulberry
    - □ Some are weeds Privet,
    - Some are neutral Almond, Peach
    - Neighbor plantings Citrus
  - Currently Mixed Maturing Urban Forest planting :
    - Short 15 25 years
    - Medium 25 75 years
    - □ Long 75 200+ years





## **II. Project Overview - Existing Conditions**

- Some Neighbors have planted trees, shrubs and vines on both sides of the easement line.
  - Over the years some neighbors have planted screening plants & hedges: Carolina Cherry, Pittosporum, Citrus, Privet, Oleander, etc.
  - Vines are Star Jasmin, Algerian Ivy, Creeping Fig, and Grape
  - Larger properties planted larger trees, redwoods, cedars and fruit trees.
  - Apparently some of the plantings of screening material and other plants on the Fancher Creek Equestrian Trail have been planted by adjacent private property owners.
- Major Clean up Effort in the Last 2 3 years
  - Clean up spear headed by SPOA, Tree Fresno, High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew with assistance from the County of Fresno
  - Major progress in the last year
    - Clearing out weeds, downed tree limbs, weeds, weed trees
    - Major clearing under the powerlines located mostly on the N/S alignment











### **Existing Conditions, continued**

- Encroachments
  - Some of the adjacent property owners have encroached into the FCET Easement
  - The encroachments vary from minor, a fence line wavering back in forth across the property line by 6" or less to major, encroaching by 15' on the N/S alignment to as much as 35' – 45' on the E/W alignment.
  - Encroachments include structures: fences, block walls, arbors, and sheds, mostly on the N/S alignment – entire structures, barns, garages and other structures on the E/W alignment.











## **Existing Conditions, continued**

Trees:

- Trees over 8" diameter at Breast height, have been evaluated by an arborist
- Trees are a mix of short, medium and long lived trees.
  - Many of the short and medium lived trees are at or nearing the end of their life span.
- Based on the arborists evaluation approximately 80+ larger trees and multiple smaller and sapling trees will be removed
- All trees have been evaluated by the arborist and all are in need of pruning, and have been prioritized for pruning;
  - Safety and trail clearance pruning are priority 1,
  - other pruning has been prioritized and recommended to be completed in 1 – 4 years.
- There are multiple tree stumps, not in the trail alignment will remain.
  - Sprouted suckers to be removed if they are in or near or trail alignment.
- Shrubs:
  - There are shrubs, mostly along the fence line.
  - Some are in the easement, others in the easement but behind fences that encroach into the easement and others that are behind the property line
  - Many of the shrubs are overgrown.
  - Volunteers have pruned many, however there is still a fair amount of pruning needed.





## **Existing Conditions - continued**

- Ground Plane:
  - The ground plane is a mix of bare soil, leaf mulch (2"-12" thick), weeds, grass, ground cover (vinca major), and trailing vines (grapes & Algerian ivy).
  - On the southern portion of the N/S section of the trail the grass (presumably Bermuda grass) is still green even during the drought.
- Water:
  - The site is not irrigated and there is no evidence of irrigation within the easement
  - It appears that a few of the neighbors have augmented their plantings and naturalized plantings within the FCETE with overhead spray and/or manually from hose bibs.
- Trail Use:
  - There is a significant amount of pedestrians using the FID service road along Fancher Creek as a walking jogging trail, baby carriages and occasionally bicycles.
  - Per some users there is use by equestrians on a very limited bases.
  - It appears that the E/W portion of the trail, from Clovis avenue to Fancher Creek is rarely used by pedestrians, those using it appear to be property owners that live on that portion.
  - Both the City of Fresno and FID use the E/W gravel road for access.
  - Multiple adjacent property owners use the trail easement and the FID service road for vehicle access to the back of their properties.
  - There are a few homeless that use the trail as a path of travel and portions of the easement as a place to sleep, less now that there is less cover







## **III. Project Criteria & Requests**

#### • Provide an Equestrian Trail:

- 10' wide trail surface with 2- 1' shoulders and 10' head clearance 12' overall
- Surface to be suitable for Equestrian use No concrete or asphalt
- Desirable for the Trail to also be usable by pedestrians & causal wheels
- Partially or fully ADA accessible; All trail access points shall be meet ADA requirements
- Preferably with long sweeping curves with long sightlines where feasible
- Keep trail as far away as possible from private property
- Schematic design for a safe crossing at Butler

#### • Trees and other Plantings:

- Preserve as many of the existing trees as possible with the exception of weed trees, suckers sprouting from tree stumps, and smaller trees (4" DBH or less) to allow for trail construction.
- Tree stumps not affecting the trail alignment during construction shall remain
- New tree plantings to be enhance a 'natural' feel, preferably in groves or groupings.
- New planting shall provide seasonal interest
- New planting shall discourage homeless encampments
- Trees to compliment/support Valley Arboretum concept
- Screen private property from the trail
- □ FID will not allow any portion of tree canopy to encroach property easement
- Use drought tolerant planting (low to medium water use per WOLCOLS)

#### • Irrigation:

- Provide Partial Irrigation for new plantings
- Provide permanent irrigation for trees

#### □ Safety:

- Design to be a safe for Equestrian use
- Removal of hazardous trees and limbs (as recommended by arborist)
- Design to reduce the use of the site by homeless for encampments
- Encroachments:
  - Encroachments are not to be considered or hinder the design of the trail.
  - Encroachments are only going to be removed when there is a conflict with path alignment and existing trees to remain.



### IV. Project Constraints Impacting the Design & Trail Alignment

- Existing Tree Protection <u>Per Arborist Recommendations</u>
  - Maintain a minimum distance for trail compaction of 9' from Cork Oaks and 6' from Eucalyptus and other trees, more if possible
  - Trail subgrade compaction should be no more than 6" within the tree drip line
  - Do not cut roots larger than 1" in diameter
  - Pothole within the tree drip line prior to trenching to determine root size and depth Hand trenching shall be required under the drip line, unless specifically waived on a case by case, tree by tree basis by either the Arborist or the Landscape Architect, based on exploratory pot holing in the trench alignment
  - Pruning and limb removal per Arborist recommendations.
  - Remove all Dead, Nearly Dead and Dangerous Trees
- Encroachments of the FID & RR:
  - The Trail shall not encroach into the FID Easement
  - The Trail shall not encroach into the Railroad Easements
- Trail Alignment:
  - Due to tree protection requirements, the trail alignment ignores encroachments and may traverses through some fences, walls and structures that some neighbors have built as needed.
  - Due to tree protected requirements and the desire to maintain as many existing trees as possible, in many locations the trail is forced to come very near and/or abut, existing fences and the easement property line.
  - No healthy larger trees are to be removed to accommodate the trail
  - Dinimum 2' clearance from any vertical object (i.e. Fence, structure, pole, guy wire, tree, etc.)
  - To miss trees the trail alignment is not able to have long sweeping curves.
  - The trail alignment will not be prejudiced by encroachments
  - Provide recommended trail crossing at Butler Ave within COF Easement
  - Trail location at the south end will be in a swale as directed by COF.
  - At the E/W section maintain trail in the southern 45' width of the easement
  - Trail alignment, where possible or necessary, shall be placed where the least amount of grading is needed.



## **Trail Design Concepts - 2**

- Trail Surfaces Options:
  - Native Soil
  - Compacted Native Soil
  - Slightly Compacted Decomposed Granite on Native
  - Slightly Compacted Decomposed Granite on Compacted Native
  - Compacted Base Rock over Compacted Native
  - Compacted DG over Compacted Base Rock over Compacted Native
- Other Potential Trail Amenities:
  - Irrigation None Revegetation type effort only
  - □ Irrigation establishment only
  - □ Irrigation Permanent Partial Site
  - Irrigation Permanent Entire Site
- Other Potential Trail Amenities
  - Signage Regulatory
  - Signage Interpretive
  - Bollards at Entries
  - Bollards or Boulders at Power Pole Obstructions
  - Hitching Posts
  - Benches
  - Trash Cans
  - Cross Walk at Butler
  - Activated Warning Lights or other safety crossing feature(s) at Butler





#### **Alternate Trail Alignment**

- Trail has long curves to accommodate road bicycles – average speed 10 – 15 mph
- Removes many Large Trees (42)
- Conflicts with Arborist Recommendations
- Abuts Neighbors Fences
- New Large Trees Conflict with:
  - Power lines
  - Existing Tree Canopies



### Sierra Designs Trail Alignment

- Trail curves to avoid Large trees and provide safe equestrian/pedestrian path – average speed 3 – 4 mph
- Large Trees Remain (11 removed)
- Follows Arborist Recommendations
- Abuts Neighbors Fences
- New Large Trees will avoid conflicts with:
  - Power lines
  - Existing Tree Canopies

## Alternative Path Alignment Differences

### Alternative Path Removes Several Healthy Trees



### Preferred Path Most Trees Remain



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## Paths Adjacent to Private Property Tree Removal Implications

### Alternative Path Removes Healthy Trees



### Preferred Alignment Trees to Remain



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### **Design Process**

#### Completed to Date

- Review of Budget
- Review of Existing Conditions
- List of "In Kind" items to be performed by County
- Site Survey of Existing Conditions
- Rough Conceptual Layout Designs
- Conceptual Budgets
- Refine to 'Doable' Schematic Design
- Preserve Opportunities
- Plan for Potential Future Improvements not funded
- Meetings to review concepts with Sunnyside Property Owners Association & Tree Fresno
- Refine Design to reflect 'Doable' consensus plan allowed within the Grant
- Estimate of Probable Construction Costs based on Consensus Design
- Community Out Reach and Input

#### Moving Forward

Design Development Construction Drawings and Cost Estimate
Bid Set Construction Drawings & Specifications
Bidding & Construction Contract Award
Construction by General Contractor
Trail Re-Opening



Design Process by Dan Veyna Sierra Designs-Landscape Architecture



### Tree Removal (Yellow to be Removed)

Notes 🗸	Diameter 🗸	Tree # 🖵	Species
Thinning	14	303	American Elm "Ulmus americana"
Thinning	15	306	American Elm " <i>Ulmus americana</i> "
Thinning	10	307	American Elm " <i>Ulmus americana</i> "
Trail Alignment	9	316	Pecan "Carya illinoinensis"
Trail Alignment	14	317	Pecan "Carya illinoinensis"
Arborist	17	319	Black Walnut "Juglans californica"
Trail Alignment	9	321	Pecan "Carya illinoinensis"
Arborist	14	323	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
Arborist	22	327	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
Trail Alignment	7	328	Pecan "Carya illinoinensis"
Arborist	16	329	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk





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Trail Alignment	10	341	Almond "Prunus dulcis"
Arborist	26	343	California Pepper "Schinus molle"
Arborist	9	344	Citrus sp.
Trail Alignment	13	346	Citrus sp.
Arborist	10	349	Locust " <i>Robinia sp</i> ." Multi-trunk
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Trail Alignment	14	358	Almond "Prunus dulcis"



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	Arborist	6	370	Cootamundra Wattle "Acacia baileyana"
	Arborist	7	378	Southern Live Oak "Quercus virginiana"
	Arborist	47	379	Cottonwood "Populus fremontii"
	Arborist	16	380	Black Locust "Robinia pseudoacacia"
	Arborist	24	381	Black Locust "Robinia pseudoacacia"
	Arborist	5	382	Privet "Ligustrum lucidum"
	Trail Alignment	9	383	Privet "Ligustrum lucidum"
	Arborist	6	391	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
	Arborist	22	394	Cootamundra Wattle "Acacia baileyana"
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Arborist	21	406	Cottonwood "Populus tremonti"
Arborist	32	408	Cottorwood "Populus fremonti"
Arborist	20	411	Black Locust "Robinia pseudoacacia"
Arborist	63	416	Cork Oak "Quercus suber" Multi-trunk
Trail Alignment	8	419	Privet "Ligustrum lucidum"
Arborist	26	425	Red Box "Eucalyptus polyanthemos"
Arborist	11	430	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
Arborist	10	433	Privet "Ligustrum lucidum"
Arborist	6	434	Almond "Prunus dulcis"
Trail Alignment	20	442	Strawberry Tree "Arbutus unedo" Multi-trunk
Arborist	12	444	Cork Oak "Quercus suber"
Arborist	16	447	Almond "Prunus dulcis"
Trail Alignment	4.5	449	Cork Oak "Quercus suber"
Arborist	17	450	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
Arborist	10	451	Carolina Cherry "Prunus caroliniana"

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rail Alignment	10	452	Cork Oak "Quercus suber"
rborist	6	453	Privet *Ligustrum lucidum*
rborist	16	455	Cork Oak "Quercus suber" Multi-trunk
rborist	15	456	Almond "Prunus dulcis" multi-trunk
rborist	7	458	Cork Oak "Quercus suber"
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rail Alignment	7	465	Cork Oak "Quercus suber"
rborist	10	468	Coast Live Oak "Quercus agrifolia"
rborist	23	469	Silver Maple "Acer saccharinum"
rborist	10	474	Chinaberry "Melia azedarach "
rborist	15	477	Privet "Ligustrum lucidum"
rborist	40	480	Cottonwood "Populus fremonti"
rborist	8	484	Privet *Ligustrum lucidum*
rborist	11	485	California Pepper "Schinus molle "



### Tree Removal (Yellow to be Removed)







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Trail Alignment

### **Tree Removal** (Yellow to be Removed)





## **Tree Removal**



#### Summary Trees to be removed

50 Trees recommended by Arborist 14 Trees for Trail Alignment

3 Trees to Thin

3 Trees/Weeds for Aesthetics

**70** Trees Total **270** Trees to Remain



### Kings Canyon South (A-D)







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#### **Butler North (E-H)**



**Butler South (I-M)** 







### **Butler South (Cross Section D)**







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#### LEGEND

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West of Clovis Ave (M-S)



#### West of Clovis Ave (Cross Section E)



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# **Option Coverage Areas**

Entire Trail Options 1-3 – Large Booster Pump Option 4 – Medium Booster Pump

Option 5 - 1000' – Small Pump Option 6 – 500' – No Pump







### **Planting Concepts**

#### • Over All Planting Concept:

- □ Utilize 90% +- California native plants
- The vast majority of native plants being regionally native to Fresno County
  - Great Valley Oak Riparian, Foothill Woodland, Foothill Chaparral Communities
- The balance of native plants are those which are climate adaptable
- The non native tree plantings are limited to accent focal color at each street entry selection based on available irrigation type and anticipated life cycle.
- The non native tree and shrub plantings are limited to trees and shrubs that solve unique issues that can not be easily or confidently resolved by natives.
- Explore Phased Planting of trees and shrubs based on funding and plant availability

# **Trail Entry Sample**

#### **Butler North**









Buckwheat

Or Bare Soil



## **Full Sun Planting Sample**

West of Clovis Avenue – Trail Turn Around





## **Tree Grouping Sample**

#### West of Clovis Avenue





## **Project Probable Cost Summary**

	Extension	Cost	Running Total	Phase 1 (40%)
				Subtotals
<u>Soft Costs</u>		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$40,000.00
Demolition		\$275,600	\$375,600	\$110,240.00
Staking		\$40.000	\$415 600	\$16 000 00
Samarg		\$10,000	\$170,000	\$10,000,00
Sleeves		\$5,000	\$420,600	\$2,000.00
Rough Grading & Trail Construction		\$593,980	\$1,014,580	\$237,592.00
Butler Crosing & Water Connection		\$60,000	\$1,074,580	\$24,000.00
Irrigation- (Option 6A)		\$111,000	\$1,185,580	\$44,400.00
Landscape & Planting		\$172,253	\$1,357,833	\$68,901.00
TOTALS	\$ -	\$1,357,833	\$1,357,833	\$543,133.00
Future Items Not Included in Estimate				
Replacement of Encroaching Fences & structures	5			
Safety Indicators at Butler				
Traffic Signage				
Electrical Transformers				
Year 2 - 4 pruning (\$ 55,000)				
County In House Soft Costs				
Inspections, Reviews, Testing				
Hand Trenching under trees				



## **The End**



### Kings Canyon South (A-D)









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### Kings Canyon South (A-C)





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#### Mid Section- Kings Canyon to Butler (D-G)





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### **Butler South (I-M)**





#### North and South (H-L)





#### West of Clovis Ave (M-S)



#### **MidSection Butler South to Clovis (M-P)**





#### East of Clovis Ave (Q-R)





East of Clovis Ave (S)











## **The End**



# **Irrigation Math**

#### **Drip Rings**

Minimum Operating Pressure 10 PSI At Full Build Out - 344 New Trees, 270 Existing and 3000 shrubs

Item	Loss Calcs
Pressure at Meter (Assumed 1" meter)	35.0 psi
Loss through meter (Assumed 16 gpm)	-1.4 psi
Loss through Backflow Devise (Assumed 16 gpm)	-12.0 psi
Loss through Valve (Assumed 1")	-3.0 psi
Loss through Filter (Assumed 1")	-0.2 psi
Fitting Loss (Assumed 10% of Total loss)	-1.7 psi
Mainline Loss (Assumed 2" SCH 40 at 1400; .21x 14)	-3.0 psi
Loss through Lateral Lines (Assumed 1-1/2", 500')	-4.5 psi
10% safety Margin	-2.24 psi
Total Loss	26.0 psi
Available Operating Pressure (35-24.6=)	9.0 psi



# **Irrigation Math**

#### **Drip Emitters**

Minimum Operating Pressure 10 PSI At Full Build Out - 344 New Trees, 270 Existing and 3000 shrubs

Item	Loss Calcs
Pressure at Meter (Assumed 1" meter)	35.0 psi
Loss through meter (Assumed 8 gpm)	-0.5 psi
Loss through Backflow Devise (Assumed 8 gpm)	-12.0 psi
Loss through Valve (Assumed 1")	-2.5 psi
Loss through Filter (Assumed 1")	-0.2 psi
Fitting Loss (Assumed 10% of Total loss)	-1.5 psi
Mainline Loss (Assumed 2" SCH 40 at 1400; .06x 14)	84 psi
Loss through Lateral Lines (Assumed 1-1/2", 500')	14 psi
10% safety Margin	-1.77 psi
Total Loss	19.45 psi
Available Operating Pressure (35-19.45=)	15.55 psi

