



A **parkway** is located in, along, or adjacent to a stream's floodplain. Ordinarily it extends the length of the stream but may be broken into segments. Road and trailside parks are part of a parkway.

**Regional Trails** are designed to connect parks and provide linkage opportunities between open space areas and regional recreation areas.

**Community Trails** create linkages similar to regional trails, but are local serving.

## Multipurpose Recreational Trails

Recreational trails provide linkages and access within parks, parkways, and principal or special recreation areas within the County. These trails provide access between local populations and the system of regional County parks and recreation areas. They also interconnect with other trails systems created by state and federal parks and recreation agencies. A variety of trail experiences are provided by locating the trail through varied terrain, scenic areas and interpretive points of interest.

Though numerous regional and community trails are proposed and identified on the Bikeways and Trails Plan, Figure C-5, the majority of these have not been constructed, resulting in a fragmented system. A comprehensive inventory of the existing trails is needed to fully understand the improvements necessary to create an interconnected trail network. Connectivity to County trails as well as trail locations as acquired from the Bureau of Land Management (National Forest/BLM Trails) will be instrumental to a cohesive trails plan. Developed trails maintained by Riverside County include the Santa Ana River Trail and a multi-use vehicle trail area in Wildomar. Historical trails within Riverside County include the Juan Batista de Anza National Historic Trail along the Santa Ana River alignment and the Bradshaw Trail extending from the Salton Sea to Blythe. The Pacific Crest Trail, which extends 2,650 miles from Mexico through California, Oregon, and Washington, also traverses through the County of Riverside.

Multi-use trails for hikers, bicyclists, equestrian users or others, can serve both as a means of recreation and leisure and as an alternate mode of transportation. Implementation of multi-use trails integrates several elements including transportation, urban wildlife, flood control, utilities, education, and neighborhood planning, and among others. The rural nature of many County areas along with its tremendous scenic qualities make trails a particularly attractive community amenity. Sample trail details are shown in Figure C-6. Please note that the examples shown are to be used for reference only. Exact trail easement dimensions will be determined by the County.



*Multipurpose regional open space and community/neighborhood public spaces are permanent elements of the Riverside County landscape.*



*- RCIP Vision*

In addition to multipurpose recreational trails, the Riverside County Transportation Department also plans and/or implements a countywide system of bikeways. A bikeways and trails system map can be found in Figure C-5.

Policies in this section focus on the refinement of the current countywide trails plan and seek to expand implementation of the trail system.


### Policies:

- C 16.1 Implement the County trail system as depicted in the Bikeways and Trails Plan, Figure C-5.
- C 16.2 Develop a multipurpose recreational trail network and support facilities that provide a linkage with regional trail facilities. (AI 35, 36, 37)



See also the **Land Use Element, Circulation Section**, for additional policies



 *The Coachella Valley Association of Governments Non - Motorized Transportation Element was prepared in August, 1995. The purpose of the study was to collect into one document all of the existing conditions and needs, policies, standards and recommendations concerning regional bicycle, trail, and pedestrian facilities in Coachella Valley. For more information on bikeways in the Coachella Valley, please contact the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.*

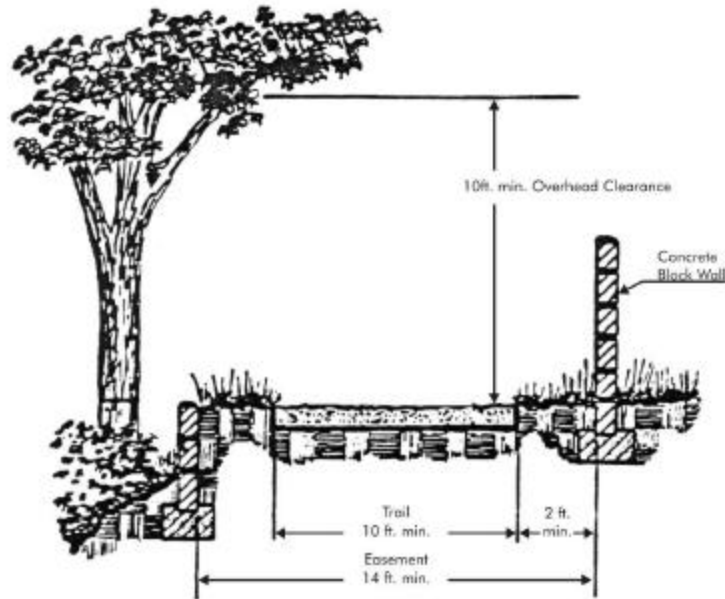
- C 16.3 Provide separate rights-of-way for non-motorized trails whenever economically and physically feasible.
- C 16.4 Provide integrated non-motorized trails to maximize safety and minimize potential conflicts with pedestrians and motor vehicles through design, construction, and implementation standards.
- C 16.5 Allow urban trails in transportation rights-of-way, utility corridors, and irrigation and flood control waterways as a means of mixing uses, bringing together unrelated developments, separating traffic and noise, and providing more services at less cost in one corridor. (AI 39)
- C 16.6 Consider the use of public access utility easements for trail linkages to the regional trails system and/or other open space areas as a first priority land use. Potential corridors to use include rights-of-way for:
  - a. water mains;
  - b. water storage project aqueducts;
  - c. irrigation canals;
  - d. flood control;
  - e. sewer lines; and
  - f. fiber optic cable lines. (AI 40, 41)
- C 16.7 When a trail is to be reserved through the development approval process, base precise trail alignments on the physical characteristics of the property proposed for development and the design of the project, where feasible and appropriate. (AI 3, 41)
- C 16.8 Where land ownership is established, consider using abandoned rail lines as multipurpose “rail-trails” for activities such as equestrian use, bicycling, hiking, and walking after a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission has been filed. (AI 42)
- C 16.9 Site recreation trails, bikeways, and other recreation areas a safe distance from the edge of active aggregate mining, operations and separate them with physical barriers. (AI 40, 41)
- C 16.10 Avoid recreational trail/bikeway crossings of active haul routes whenever possible. If crossing of haul routes is necessary, separate where feasible. (AI 41)
- C 16.11 Maintain recreation trails within the County right-of-way with the support of local public agencies.
- C 16.12 Utilize trail design standards that will minimize maintenance due to erosion or vandalism.
- C 16.13 Install, where appropriate, diamond-shaped warning signs indicating “Warning: Trail Crossing” or depicting the equivalent international graphic symbol at locations where regional or community trails cross public roads with high amounts of traffic.



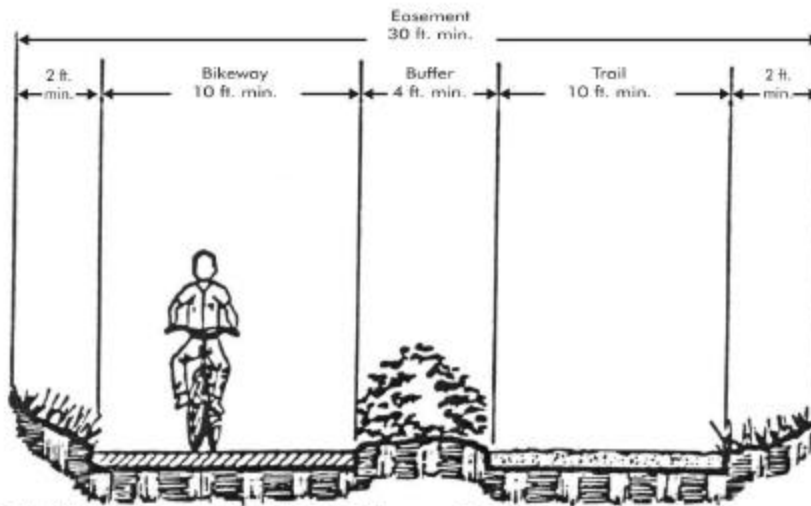
- C 16.14 Require that development proposals provide for access to the trails system, where feasible and appropriate. (AI 3, 33, 38)
- C 16.15 Identify all required ultimate trail rights-of-way and easements that have been dedicated and approved concurrent with the approval of any development proposal. The approved easements shall be consistent with the goals, objectives, policies, and Recreation Trails Plan Map of the General Plan and with current Riverside County design criteria, standards, and practices. Plans for recreational trails must illustrate how trail systems integrate with backbone trails, environmental corridors, recreational facilities, and schools. (AI 40, 41)
- C 16.16 Implement trails in a sensitive manner considering concerns related to riparian habitats, flood potentials, access to neighborhoods and open space, safety, sensitivity to land use, and usefulness for both transportation and recreation. (AI 40)
- C 16.17 Cooperate with other organizations such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Transportation to encourage multipurpose trail development that includes historic and environmental interpretation; fishing access and education opportunities; and access for the disabled. (AI 40, 41)
- C 16.18 Work with private development and landowners to address concerns over privacy, liability, security, and maintenance of recreational trails. (AI 54)
- C 16.19 Require that trail alignments provide access to and/or link scenic corridors, schools, parks, and other natural areas, where feasible and appropriate. (AI 39, 40, 41)
- C 16.20 Encourage the connection of existing and proposed trails within Riverside County with those of other counties and states. (AI 33)
- C 16.21 Prevent the disruption of trail continuity by ensuring that existing and new gated communities do not preclude trails from traversing through their boundaries (AI 33, 38)

Figure C-6 Multipurpose Recreational Trail Details

Trail Adjacent Fence/ Retaining Wall



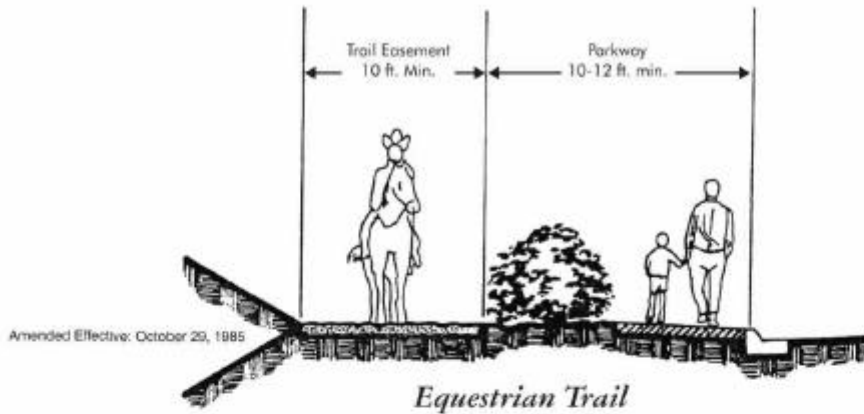
Trail Details



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*Trail and Bikeway Combination*

### Equestrian Trail Easement Adjacent to Public Street



### Regional and Community Riding and Hiking Trails

