

TRAIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



Identify

Projects that have been identified in the City's Greenprint or trail database

14.21 miles

Study

Projects that have been or are currently being studied to determine a feasible alignment.

15.78 miles

Plan

Projects that have been or are currently being master planned for future development.

37.92 miles

Design

Projects that have been or are currently being designed (construction documents).

9.36 miles

Build

Projects that have been or are currently being constructed.

1.79 miles

Open

Projects that are open to the public.

57.54 miles, either paved or interim:

46.68 miles (paved)
10.86 miles (interim)

Program Overview

The Trail Program's vision is to be the national leader in the integration of urban trails. Within this context, the program is developing a 100-mile interconnected trail network comprised of 36 individual trail systems which are defined by the Greenprint and consistent with the Mayor and City Council's Green Vision. The existing 57.8-mile network is already recognized as one of the nation's largest. Overall mileage of the built network grew by 1 mile over the past 12 months.

This report is intended as an annual check-in and means to track progress from year to year.

During this past fiscal year, active projects accounted for almost \$19,000,000 in planned and developed trail systems. This funding supported 26 development projects. The report also reports on major accomplishments during this period. Persons seeking more frequent updates can follow SanJoseTrails on Twitter, Instagram and Periscope.

Program Updates

Awards and Recognition

The team of artists and welders responsible for the Guadalupe River Trail's Lupe (the mammoth) sculpture were awarded the

American Galvanizers Association Award.

Lupe the Mammoth gained recognition as tourist attractions; the sculpture appears on Google Maps and the Roadtrippers.com website.



Trail Count 2015

The September 2015 count captured travel volumes at ten count stations along the Guadalupe River (3 stations), Los Gatos Creek (2 stations), Los Alamitos Creek, Coyote Creek, Communications Hill, Three Creeks, and future Five Wounds Trail alignment. This is the largest number of count stations since initiating Trail Count nine years ago.

Trail usage saw a modest decrease for the first time along the Guadalupe River count stations. A large increase in the 2014 count (at Coleman Avenue Station) suggests that the prior year may have captured a special event. The overall trend line continues to show a long-term increase in usage.

The data gathered from Trail Count supports trail planning and competitive grant writing. It also reminds the community and leaders that trails are an integral part of our balanced transportation system. Volunteers from the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Save Our Trails, Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace Neighborhood, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful and others joined with City of San José staff to conduct the ninth annual count and survey of trail users.

See the “Reports” page of the website for more information about Trail Count.

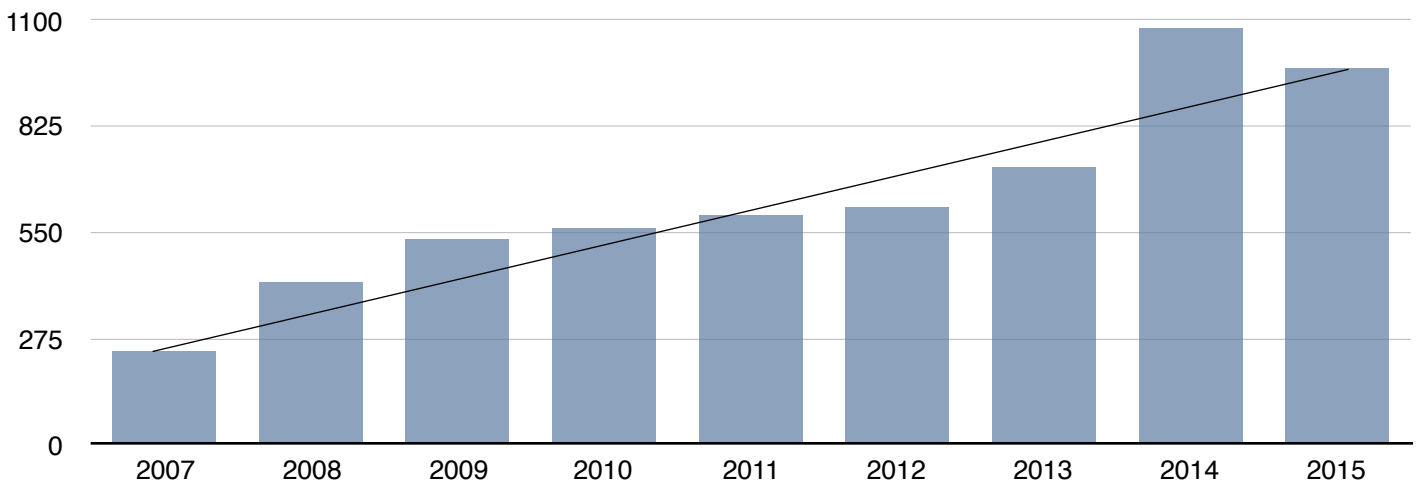


Competitive Grant Writing

Staff pursued funding for trail development and operations over the past 12 months but at a reduced level from prior years. The number of active projects and pending grant work from secured 2014/15 grants reduced capacity to pursue new grants.

Project	Amount	Status
Three Creeks Trail Volunteer Supplies	\$5,000	Awarded
Coyote Creek Land Acquisition	\$450,000	Declined
Thompson Creek Trail	\$500,000	Pending
Coyote Creek - Singleton Road Crossing	\$200,000	Pending

Trail Count - Guadalupe River Trail / Coleman Avenue Station



Strategic Plan

Development of the City's Trail Network has lagged the pace established by the City's Greenprint, Green Vision and General Plan. Completion of a 100-mile interconnected Trail Network in the near term is not possible, as the Program's staff and resources have supported a 1 to 3-mile/year rate over the past decade. To support budget proposals and allocation



of resources, a comprehensive Strategic Plan was developed and completed late in the fiscal year. The current plan, posted on the website, will support a number of proposals as part of the 2016/17 Budget Cycle.

Social Media

San Jose Trails continues to draw followers on Social Media. Twitter@sanjosetrails saw followers increase from 1,500 to over 2,000 over the past 12 months. The Twitter account focuses project updates, program milestones, upcoming closures and general trail news of interest.

San Jose Trails joined Instagram this past fiscal year, where postings focus on periodic images of construction work underway, but you will find a stronger focus on trail and downtown tourism via this photo-based platform.

San Jose Trails joined Periscope this past fiscal year and has posted a few live-stream videos about projects sites in order to offer project updates.



Active Projects

Guadalupe River Trail (Wayfinding): A signage plan was completed to add supplemental signage along the Guadalupe River Trail between Highway 280 and Highway 880. The signage will direct trail users to nearby attractions and resources. There is currently no funding for installation.

Doerr Parkway Trail (Curtner Avenue to Comstock Avenue): A 500' paved walkway was constructed to extend neighborhood access to and from Doerr Park. Pavement markings identify the name of San Jose's Sister cities as an honor to former Mayor Robert Doerr who initiated the City's first sister city relationship with Okayama, Japan in the 1950's.

Lower Silver Creek Trail (McKee Road to Alum Rock Road): Interagency operational issues were resolved, and design work resumed for a paved trail system along the creek system as part of a larger master planned trail system. Funding is in place to support future construction.

Bay Area Ridge Trail Visibility Signage: Coordination with the City's Department of Transportation, County of Santa Clara (Parks) and Bay Area Ridge Trail occurred during the year to define the scope and develop a conceptual plan for on-street signage guidance between Quicksilver County Park and the Los Alamitos / Calero Creek trail systems.

Guadalupe River – Chynoweth Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Study: A preferred alignment was defined for a future pedestrian bridge that will link the Erikson Neighborhood to the new Almaden Ranch retail development. Conceptual engineering work is now underway. A final study is to be published by end of 2016.

Coyote Creek Trail (Brokaw Road to UPRR Tracks): Design work commenced for a future trail extension from the recently completed Orchard Park reach of the trail system. Funding is in place for future construction.

Coyote Creek Trail (Highway 237 Bikeway to Tasman Drive): Design work was completed and an easement agreement has been executed. The project was bid and awarded. Construction will commence by Fall 2016.

Coyote Creek Trail (Mabury Road to Empire Street): A \$4.6M Grant was secured through the Active Transportation Program to support design and construction of the project. A refined conceptual alignment was delivered to Caltrans for review and approval, prior to release of funds for design work to commence. Construction of the project is expected to occur in 2019.

Coyote Creek Trail (Story Road to Phelan Avenue): Design work was completed and environmental clearance was secured. Staff is monitoring local, state and federal grant sources to support future construction.

Coyote Creek Trail (Highway 280 to Story Road): Final design work now underway as staff seeks clearance from Caltrans to proceed in use of funds for construction. Construction expected to occur in 2017.

Coyote Creek Trail (Singleton Road Barrier Removal & Bridge): Conceptual alignment study completed. Pursuing possible funding from the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority to support design work.

Coyote Creek Trail (Shady Oaks Fitness Trail): Construction commenced on this 1-mile paved fitness trail with several fitness stations. The loop trail is accessed from the primary Coyote Creek Trail and creates with a local and regional fitness amenity. Construction is expected to be done by December 2016.

Fisher Creek Trail (Monterey Hwy to Santa Teresa Blvd Alignment Study): A preferred alignment was defined and will serve as the basis for a future master planning effort.

Five Wounds Trail (William Avenue to Whitton Avenue, Acquisition): Negotiations are on-going with the current property owner. A survey of site conditions was completed and serves as the basis for proposing a purchase price.

Guadalupe River Trail (Park Avenue Ramp/Transition Study): A study was completed which offers guidance on how to improve access and sense of continuity along the trail system between San Carlos Street and Park Avenue. A discontinuous west bank trail, and a transition point at Park Avenue, are the source of complaints received by first-time and regular trail users.

Guadalupe River Trail (Virginia Street to Chynoweth Avenue, Master Plan): Community workshops were completed for the future 5-mile trail system. A preferred alignment is substantially defined, and the project team is working with regulatory and oversight agencies to develop the master plan document. The master plan is to be completed by end of 2016.

Guadalupe River Trail (UPRR Under-Crossing Enhancement Study): A study defines short-term (low cost) and long-term modifications and alterations to the existing under-crossing. The study goal was to enhance user safety through greater visibility and other means.

Guadalupe River Trail (Coleman Road Under-Crossing): Design work was completed and staff has been working with regulatory agencies to define a suitable site for mitigation. Once resolved, funding is in place to commence construction.

Los Gatos Creek Trail (Reach 5B/C Under-Crossing): Coordination with Caltrain is on-going to develop an under-crossing in context of an upcoming railway bridge replacement project. Work is underway to include some trail-related work as part of Caltrain's project in order to minimize future site work within the sensitive riparian channel.

Lower Silver Creek Trail (Dobern Avenue Bridge and Under-Crossing): Santa Clara Valley Water District awarded a construction contract that will elevate the existing bridge for flood control objectives, resulting in sufficient clearance for a new under-crossing, to support future trail development. Major construction at the site commences in summer 2016.

Penitencia Creek Trail (Noble Avenue to Dorel Drive): Construction is underway for a paved trail system with three boardwalk sections to span over sensitive tree roots. Construction is expected to be complete by November 2016.

Penitencia Creek Trail (King Road to Berryessa BART): Construction is underway for a paved trail linking the existing trail system at King Road to the new regional transit station (also under construction). Project includes two traffic signals to permit controlled crossings at King Road and the new Berryessa Station Way.

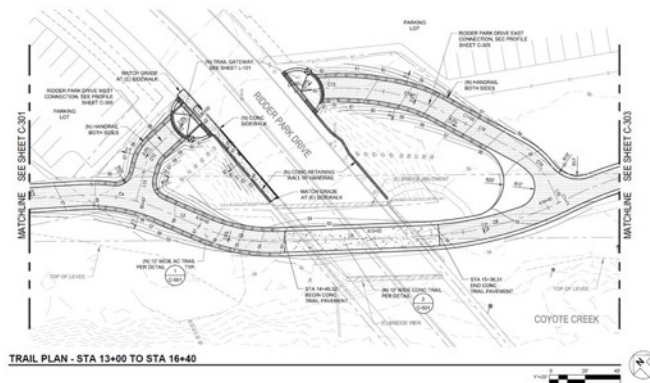
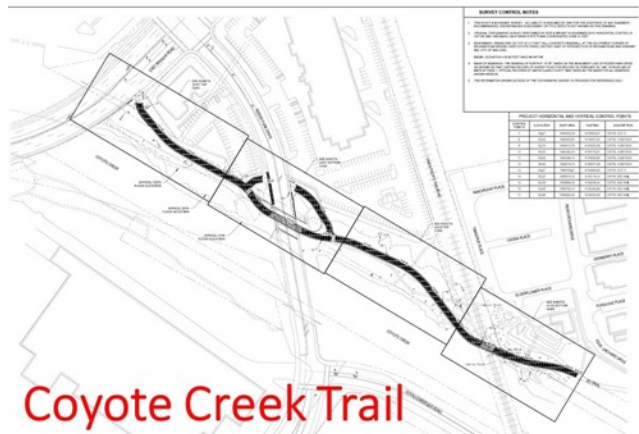
San Tomas Aquino Trail (Study, City of Campbell): San Jose transferred \$100,000 to Campbell to support the study of a future trail alignment that will pass through San Jose and Campbell. An initial community workshop was held. If determined feasible, the study would support future planning and design work.

Thompson Creek Trail (Tully Road to Quimby Road): A construction contract was awarded and construction is expected to commence in summer 2016, and be complete by December 2016. The paved trail will span between both roadways, and include a connection to a new traffic signal from Eastridge

Station Way to support greater multi-modal access.

Thompson Creek Trail (Quimby Road to Aborn Court): Design work underway, with 65% design plans complete and funding supports 95% plan development. Completed plans are intended to support competitive grant writing for future construction.

Three Creeks Trail (Lonus Street to Minnesota Avenue): Construction documents developed to the 95% stage, with construction scheduled to commence in Fall 2016. Project design is based on the 2015 master plan and includes architectural elements, warm-mix asphalt paving and innovative stormwater management practices.



Partners

Development of trails can only occur through partnerships with agencies, community groups and hardworking individuals. Many of the projects in this report would not be possible without the support of:

City of San José City Council

Santa Clara Valley Water District - Board of Directors and Staff

Staff from City of San José Departments and Offices

Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

State of California

Association of Bay Area Governments

San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail

Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Save Our Trails (community organization)

Friends of Three Creeks Trail (community organization)

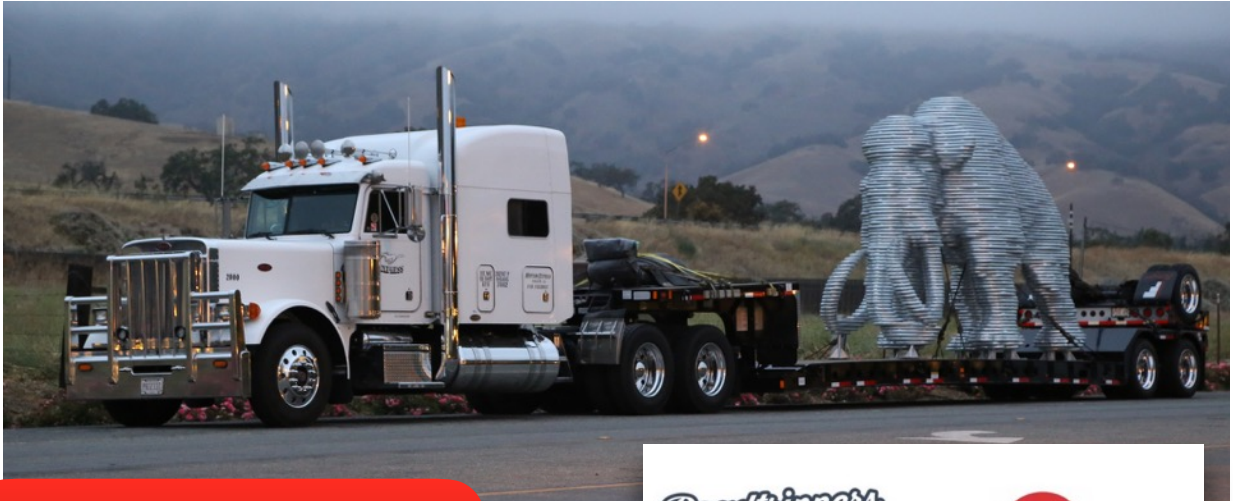
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association

Five Wounds Neighborhood / Communiversity

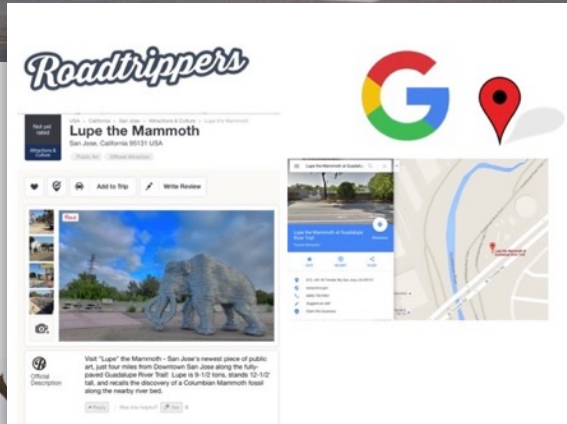
Many residents, bike groups and trail advocates who encourage and support expansion of the trail network.

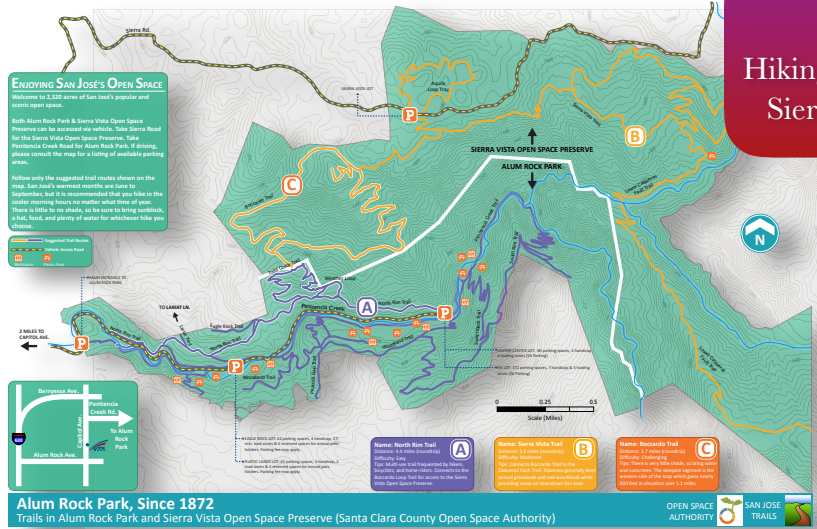


Arrival and installation of Lupe the Mammoth - Guadalupe River Trail



TOURISM
Lupe the Mammoth is San José's newest attraction





NEW!
 Hiking Map for Alum Rock Park and Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve



COMING SOON!
 Documenting environmental and transportation value of trails

NEW!
 Interactive trip planner and pollution calculator

