

Fancher Creek Bridle Trail

Fresno County

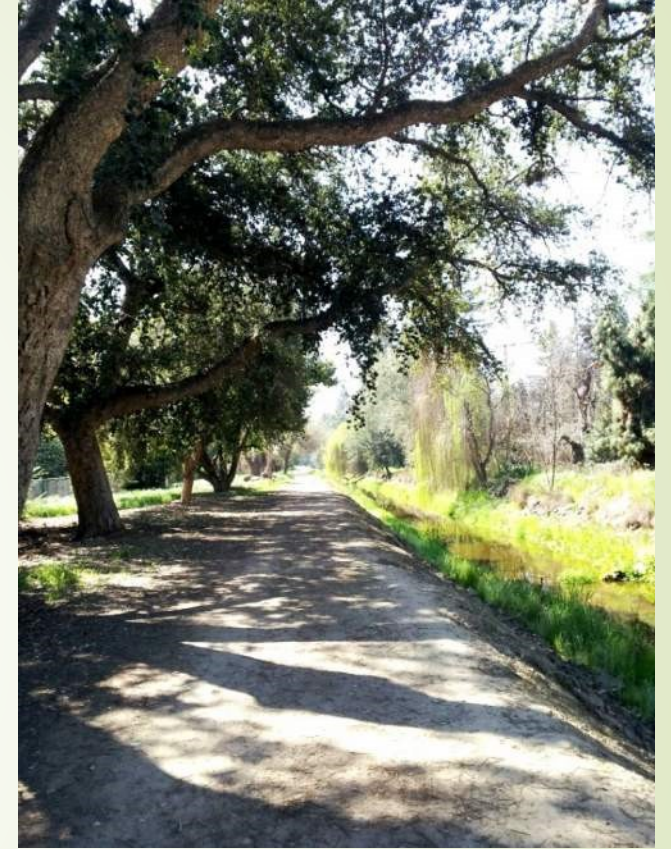
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Trail History

▶ HISTORY

- ▶ Fancher Creek Bridle Trail was platted in the early 1940s and remained active until use diminished in the early 1990s likely due to the closing of nearby boarding stables. The low and infrequent use contributed to the trail becoming overgrown. As a result the FID service road became the default path for pedestrian and equestrian use in the area.



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- ▶ The landscape plan from the 1950s included mostly non-native trees and reflected what was popular at the time. They include trees such as American Elm, Cork Oak, Eucalyptus, Acacia, Coast Live Oak, Locust and Carob. Other trees colonized, have been bird seeded or planted by residents. Trees range in age from 15 to more than 75 years.
- ▶ There are other resident established plants such as vines, shrubs, hedges, and fruits trees.
- ▶ In the past 5 years SPOA, Tree Fresno, High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew with assistance from the County of Fresno have participated in the effort to clean up the Fancher Creek Bridle Trail. With major progress in the clearing weeds, and downed and unwanted trees in and around critical areas.



Encroachment

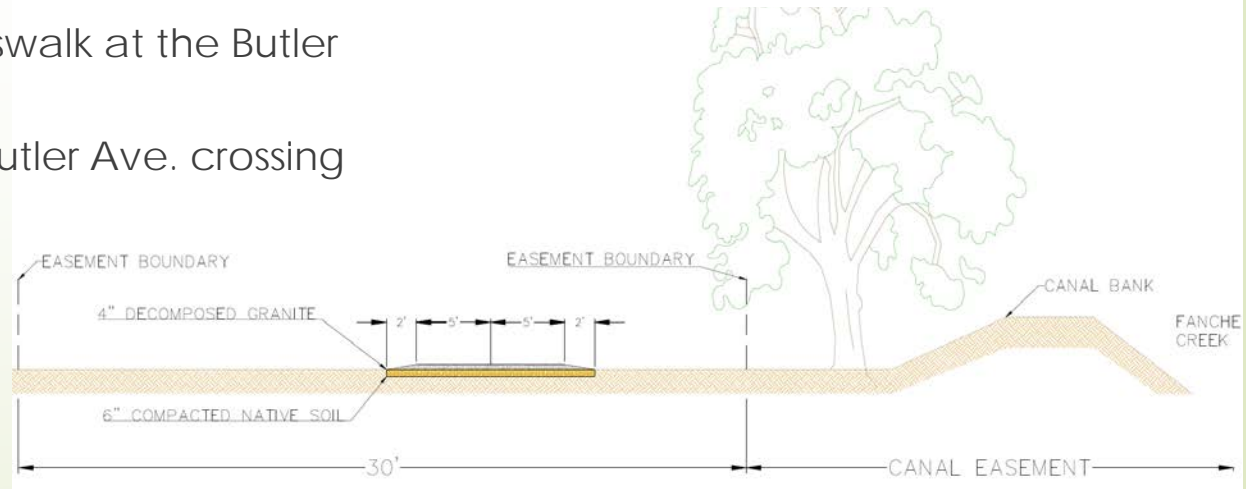
- ▶ ENCROACHMENTS
 - ▶ Adjacent properties owners have encroached into the FCBT easement
 - ▶ Encroachments vary from minor 6" encroachments into the easements to major encroachments 15' into the easement.
 - ▶ Efforts have been taken to minimize impacts to encroaching property owners. Despite our best efforts a few encroaching property owners will be impacted. This is due to the fact they severely encroach on and impede the trail path. They have been contacted and have been given time to correct issue.



Trail Design

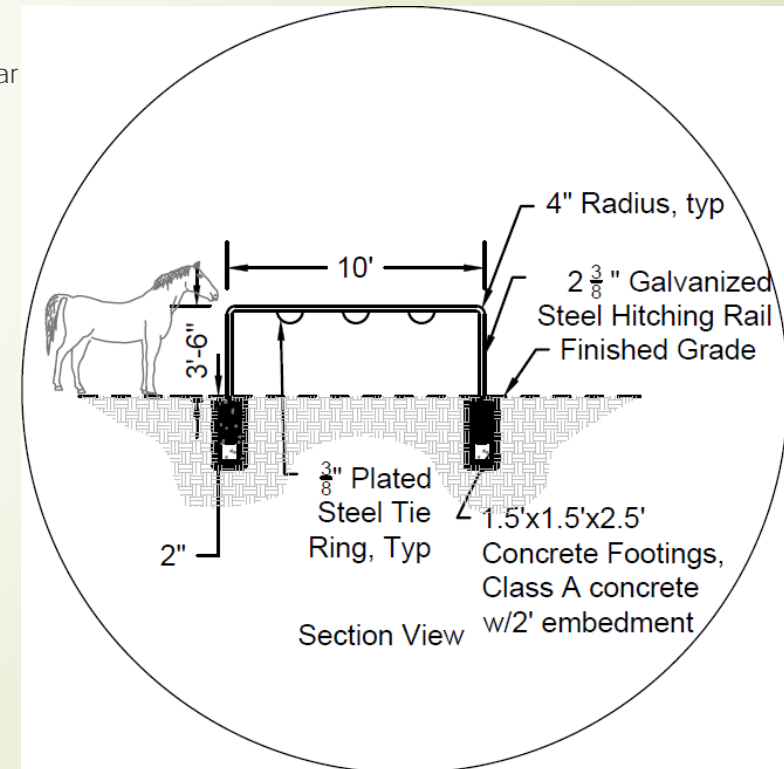
PROPOSED TRAIL

- ▶ The bridle trail will be comprised of 4" of DG over 6" of native compacted soil. It will have a 10' wide usable surface with 2' shoulders on either side. A 10' vertical clearance will be maintained throughout the trail for horse and rider safety
- ▶ Trail length (1.37 mi)
 - ▶ Kings Canyon Ave. to Butler Ave. (.52 mi)
 - ▶ Butler Ave. to Clovis Ave. (.85 mi)
 - ▶ California Ave. alignment (.26 mi)
- ▶ Includes a new painted crosswalk at the Butler Ave. crossing
- ▶ There will be parking at the Butler Ave. crossing



Design Considerations

- ▶ Safety Pruning will be performed to remove dead and those that may be in danger of falling over
- ▶ TRAIL ALIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS
 - ▶ The trail does not encroach into the FID easement
 - ▶ The trail does not encroach into the railroad easement
 - ▶ The trail preserves large healthy trees
 - ▶ The trail avoids encroachments unless unavoidable or conflicting with existing tree
 - ▶ The trail avoids nearing fence lines unless necessary
 - ▶ The trail avoids mixing pedestrian and vehicle traffic where access roads are near the trail
- ▶ Trail Features
 - ▶ Removable bollards at trail entrances to limit vehicle traffic to authorized users
 - ▶ Hitching posts located near Butler Ave. and Clovis Ave.
 - ▶ Equestrian friendly materials (decomposed granite)
 - ▶ New striped crosswalk at Butler Ave.



Tentative Timeline

- ▶ Advertise for Bids: June 2019
- ▶ Open Bids: July 2019
- ▶ Award: August 2019
- ▶ Start: Early October 2019
- ▶ Complete: November 2019





Questions?