

428.23 Kory Laos Freestyle Memorial BMX Park

Location: West of Flowing Wells Park – 5510 North Shannon Road

Scope: This project is intended to include the planning, design and construction of a concrete bowl type BMX bike park on county owned property in the northwest. The project additionally proposes to include support amenities such as parking, restrooms, ramadas, picnic areas, drinking fountains, playground, security lighting and landscaping.

Benefits: There are an insufficient number of facilities of this type in Pima County to meet the fast growing demand. Within the County and City of Tucson there are a number of skate parks for skate boarders and inline skaters, where the use by skaters precludes BMX style bikes. This conflict is due to the design configuration of concrete bowl skate parks not accommodating bikes and the fact that bikes can cause serious injury to skaters when common use is considered. In addition, bikes can cause damage to concrete bowls that were designed to accommodate skaters and therefore BMX bike concrete bowls must be designed to address specific requirements. BMX concrete bowl biking is becoming a widely recognized sporting event. This sport is geared towards challenging youth and helping them with alternatives to hanging out on the streets and back allies as well as giving an alternative to expressing their sport in areas where there could be conflicts with vehicles, facilities, pedestrians and other park users.

Total Cost Estimate: \$1,300,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$1,300,000

Other Funding Estimate: None.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$210,000 for planning and design, \$1,090,000 for construction.

Implementation Periods: 1, 2

Project Schedule by Major Task: Planning and design at 6 months, construction at 12 months.

Project Manager: Pima County

Operator: Pima County

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Estimated to be \$12,000 per year to be paid through the general fund.

Regional Benefits: Given the fact that this would be the first facility of its kind in Pima County, and that the regional demand is rapidly increasing, there are significant associated regional benefits.