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The San Joaquin Trailhead is complete, and has been dedicated! We're pleased to tell you that the San Joaquin Trailhead was finished in mid-April, and we held the dedication for it on April 23rd. The trailhead is unique for several reasons: its "primitive" nature; the site is broad, flat and unpaved, and as such will serve equestrians particularly well, and the fact that it only cost us about \$15,000 to get it up and running. The San Joaquin Trailhead is located at the far western end of San Joaquin Road right next to the eastern side the CAP canal, and provides access to the Well Road Trail in the southwestern corner of Tucson Mountain Park. Later this year (or perhaps next...you know how timelines for projects can get extended), you'll be able to access the new CAP Trail from the trailhead as well. We had five people wax eloquent about the trailhead at the dedication: Sue Clark, President of Pima Trails Association, Tom Fitzgerald, Land and Survey Supervisor for the CAP, Karen Cesare, President of Novak Environmental and member of the CAP Board of Directors, Neil Stitzer, Pima County Trails Coordinator, and Steve Anderson, NRPR's Planning Division Manager. The trailhead is open and ready for use!

Robles Pass Trailhead will be done this FY. Pima County's Robles Pass Trailhead will finally get off the ground this month. Tucson Asphalt won the contract, and they will endeavor to get it done this fiscal year (by June 30th). The trailhead, located on the north side of Irvington Road across the street from Manzanita Park, will have room for 25 cars and trucks, and 8 horse rig spaces (25' x 50'). The trailhead will be the new *principal* trailhead for the 1,038-acre Robles Pass Trails Park, something we've been waiting to bring to you for many years. The former (tentative) main access point at the end of Irvington Place will get some upgrades too, and will now have dedicated space for 14 cars on the south side of the road, a small turnaround at the end of the road, and new signage. Great things ahead for Robles Pass!

A new trails park with a new name! The Kennedy Park Fiesta Area/TMP Trails Park is a city/county "partnership" park, and it has a much needed new name: *La Carrera Trails Park*. La Carrera seemed like a good name because (1) it is a much *shorter* name(!), and (2) because the name literally means "the race" in Spanish, and the Trails Park will be home to foot and mountain bike racing for all ages. We'll have a full report on the park's development (as well as our interesting rehab of the Explorer Trailhead) which is just getting off the ground, in the fall 2022 edition of Trail Times.

CAP Sandario Trailhead and the Agua Caliente Hill South Trailhead just got resurfaced. We wanted to celebrate the crack seal and recoating of two terrific trailheads---the CAP Sandario and Agua Caliente South Trailheads. Each of these trailheads are now over 20 years old, and they are still going strong.

Volunteer opportunities! Our Trails Coordinator, Neil Stitzer, is taking on volunteers for trail construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation, so if you'd like to do it (or learn how it's done), send him an email at neil.stitzer@pima.gov. He's a great guy, and no experience is necessary!