

## **428.5 Sentinel Peak – A Mountain Park Improvement Project**

**Location:** Sentinel Peak ("A" Mountain) Park and its boundaries with adjacent neighborhoods, Tucson Origins Heritage Park and Tumamoc Hill.

**Scope:** Design and construction of improvements in accordance with the Sentinel Peak Master Plan. These improvements include: 1) Trailhead parking facilities with improved parking lots, shade structures, water station, ADA accessible paths, shade plantings with native plant materials, and informative graphics interpreting the natural and cultural features of the park. 2) Picnic facilities including shade ramadas, ADA accessible paths and picnic tables. 3) A solar powered, ADA accessible restroom building featuring composting toilets. 4) Expansion of the park's ADA accessible trail to include additional overlook plazas with shade structures, seat walls and informational graphics. 5) Historic restoration of Civilian Conservation Core/Works Projects Administration-era features including the west overlook gazebo.

**Benefits:** Tucson gets its name from the Tohono O'odham word *chuk shon*, the black (basaltic) base of "A" Mountain where the Santa Cruz River rose to the surface and began 6,000 years of continuous habitation. For generations Tucsonans have enjoyed the views from Sentinel Peak. In this unique place, with its close proximity to Tucson's resurging downtown, we have a world-class heritage park that benefits the entire region and is an attraction to Pima County residents and visitors alike.

**Total Cost Estimate:** \$1,500,000

**Bond Funding Estimate:** \$1,500,000

**Other Funding Estimate:** None identified at this time.

**Total Cost Estimate by Major Task:** \$240,000 for planning and design, \$1,260,000 for construction.

**Implementation Periods:** 2, 3, 4

**Project Schedule by Major Task:** Planning and design at 18 months, construction at 24 months.

**Project Manager:** City of Tucson (Project requested by City of Tucson)

**Operator:** City of Tucson

**Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:** This project will impact the City of Tucson Operation and Maintenance Budget. The City will identify this impact and incorporate it into its annual budget process to cover the increased cost associated with the addition of these facilities. The estimated increase in annual operating expenditures based on current design and similar existing facilities is \$47,000. There is also an estimated increase in annual revenues of \$1,500. Both expenditures and revenues will need to be adjusted at the time of actual construction.

**Regional Benefits:** "A" Mountain is a cultural, historical and natural icon holding unrealized potential to enhance Tucson, Pima County and Arizona as a whole.