

430.2 Public Natural Park Trailheads

Location: Region-wide and may include the following specific sites: Arizona Trail-Sahuarita Road Trailhead (new), Pistol Hill Road Trailhead (new), Chalk Mine Trailhead (new) and Oro Valley Trailhead for Tortolita Mountain Park (new), Tucson Mountain Park-King Canyon Trailhead, Robles Pass Trails Park Staging Area (new), Mary Henderson Desert Center (new), Linda Vista Trailhead and various other sites as part of the Pima Regional Trail System Master Plan.

Scope: Land or right of way acquisition, design and construction of new trailheads and improvements to existing trailheads, to provide public recreational access to Tucson Mountain Park (TMP), Tortolita Mountain Park, the Coronado National Forest, and the Arizona Trail. Depending on the trail head, the projects may include paved and unpaved parking areas, signage, security fencing, entry monuments, restrooms and drinking fountains if water is available.

Project	Cars/ Rigs	Park	Project Cost
Tortolita Mountain Park–Crow Wash Trailhead	60/12	Tortolita	\$800,000
Tortolita Mountain Park – Oro Valley Trailhead	40/4	Tortolita	\$1,250,000
Arizona Trail – Pistol Hill Road Trailhead	14/5	AZ Trail	\$200,000
Arizona Trail – Sahuarita Road Trailhead	14/5	AZ Trail	\$200,000
Tucson Mountain Park – King Canyon Trailhead	24/4	TMP	\$250,000
Mary Henderson Desert Center Trailhead	18/0	TMP	\$500,000
Robles Pass Trailhead	44/8	TMP	\$300,000
Linda Vista Trailhead – Oro Valley	24/0	Coronado	\$250,000
Total			\$3,750,000

Benefits: This project continues past efforts to expand public access in a controlled manner to mountain parks and other important natural areas for outdoor recreation, such as hiking, mountain biking and wildlife watching.

Total Cost Estimate: \$3,750,000

Bond Funding Estimate: \$3,750,000

Other Funding Estimate: None identified at this time.

Total Cost Estimate by Major Task: \$850,000 for land acquisition, \$445,000 for planning and design, \$2,455,000 for construction

Implementation Periods: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Project Schedule by Major Task: Land acquisition at 36 months, planning and design at 36 months, construction at 60 months.

Project Manager: Pima County

Operator: Pima County or Oro Valley depending on the trailhead location

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Pima County at \$60,000 per year and Oro Valley at \$25,000 per year.

Regional Benefits: The Sonoran Desert is the region’s most valuable natural asset. Access to natural open space provides sustainable economic development through eco-tourism, promotes healthy families, and is available to all residents at no cost.