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TMP gets a \$3 million gift!

A gift of \$3 million has been given to Tucson Mountain Park by an amazing local philanthropist. We won't reveal his or her name here, but we will say that it's been a terrific pleasure getting to know this person over the past 15 years or so, and their gift will make TMP a heck of a lot better. We'll be sure to tell you just what they're funding in the future.

Design for the CAP Bridge over Interstate 10 is finished.

We're happy to report that the CAP Bridge project has been finished, and the project's consultant, landscape architects and planners McGann and Associates, and their subcontractor, transportation engineers Kittleson and Associates, did a superb job on the project. If funded, the bridge would be located in Marana just north of Tangerine Road, and it would tie together the two halves of Marana that are separated by Interstate 10.

A FLAP grant for \$6 million for the CAP Bridge has been sent to FHWA.

We're seeking funding for the CAP Bridge from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) from the FHWA's Central Federal Lands Highway Division in Lakewood, Colorado. It's the largest amount we've ever prepared a grant for, and if we seem excited, it's because we are! This federal funding project has a multi-year cycle, so we're very keen to see it come to fruition.

Key stretch of Camino de Oeste access point has been re-located.

Last Spring, Neil relocated a stretch of the Yetman Trail from the Camino de Oeste Trailhead to Tucson Mountain Park. Now the trail can cross the new access road into a future home site that will be built by Rodrigo Villar just off Camino de Oeste. Thanks to Dr. Villar, we had no trouble making the trail work well with his access road. Kudos to him for making our work easy.

CAP Tangerine Trailhead opening delayed a bit. Marana Parks and Recreation director Jim Conroy has decided to delay our opening of the CAP Trailhead until next January because of access issues off of Tangerine Road, but our new Tangerine CAP Trailhead is done. See you at the kickoff event sometime after the first of the year.

36th Street Trailhead becomes the *Enchanted Hills* Trailhead, and gets refurbished. We're putting the finishing touches on the update of 36th Street Trailhead early this fall, and we're changing the name to the Enchanted Hills Trailhead. The new trailhead will have solar-powered lights, a camera, a full complement of signs, and will provide access to the Enchanted Hills Trails Park next door, hence the name change!

Enchanted Hills Trails Park will be done in November! We're pleased to bring you another new trails park this year: the Enchanted Hills Trails Park. This 356.2-acre open space park will feature approximately 6.86 miles of trail, and, when done, will recover approximately 7.14 acres of open space from the re-purposing of many miles of roads into natural open space and singletrack trails. Congratulations to Neil for lots of hard work and volunteer coordination.

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 neil.stitzer@pima.gov. No experience necessary. Thanks!