



# Trail News

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## March 2018 Trail Update



### Farewell Issue

This is the last issue of our quarterly Trail News. Now that The Tracks at Brea will soon be fully open to the public, there will be no need for construction updates. However, the City will continue to share information about the trail in the Brea Line city newsletter and the City's website. You can also join the The Tracks facebook community as well.

# Thank you!

We'd like to thank our readers for their interest and support of the trail for the last several years. We're hoping you'll enjoy The Tracks at Brea for many years to come!

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### Segment 4 to Open



The middle section of the trail between State College Boulevard and Birch Street is just about to open. It adds approximately 8 acres and .7 miles to the trail and features a seating plaza at the Birch Street entrance, a butterfly garden and a drinking fountain towards the State College side. Like the other segments, the landscaping will be in an establishment period for several months, so please stay on the trail.

### What's Next?

- ❗ The City is working on an updated trail map showing the full route and including helpful information when using the trail. The new map will soon be available free at the Civic and Cultural Center, Community Center and Senior Center.
- ❗ Trailhead signs at entry points.
- ❗ Watch for details about a grand opening celebration later this year.



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### Take a Walk Back in Time

You might have noticed that a series of educational signs about Brea history have been added to The Tracks. You'll see photos courtesy of the Brea Historical Society and read stories about a variety of topics including Brea's role in early aviation history with the invention of the Hummingbird airplane and the daredevil pilots in the Brea Air Club circa 1920s. Enjoy the drama of "The Big Game" at the Brea Bowl when Babe Ruth faced Hall of Fame pitcher and Walter Johnson who grew up in Olinda. Take a peek at what Brea Downtown was like in the early 1900s and see how Brea evolved from its humble beginnings of oil fields and orange groves into a renowned commercial hub. You'll also learn about the butterfly gardens along the trail as well as low water landscaping.



ASCE representatives with City team including Management Analyst, Roslyn Lau; Associate Engineer, Raymond Contreras; Economic Development Manager, Kathie DeRobbio; City Engineer, Steve Kooyman; Parks Commission Chair, Bill Higgins; and Assistant City Manager, Chris Emeterio.

### The Tracks at Brea Honored

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) awarded The Tracks at Brea their Outstanding Bikeways & Trails Project for Orange County in February of this year. Both our city engineers and our contracted engineers have been instrumental in designing the trail and in solving a variety of challenges during construction. The City is honored to receive this recognition from such an esteemed organization.



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### Thanks to Our Funders and Partners

The Tracks at Brea was made possible with grant funding from many state and federal agencies including:

*California Department of Housing and Community Development*  
*California Department of Parks and Recreation*  
*California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)*  
*California Transportation Commission*  
*Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee*  
*National Park Service*  
*Strategic Growth Council*  
*U.S. Department of Interior*  
*U.S. Department of Transportation*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*

The City Park Fund and the Brea Redevelopment Agency also contributed to the development of The Tracks.



A number of agencies and businesses partnered with the City to make the trail possible including:

*Orange County Flood Control District*  
*Orange County Health Care Agency*  
*Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)*  
*Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD)*  
*Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)*  
*Suzuki Motor Corporation*  
*Western Realco*



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## Trail Background

### What is The Tracks at Brea?

The Tracks at Brea is a “rails-to-trails” project that has transformed an abandoned railroad right-of-way and other City-owned properties into a multi-use trail. The four-mile trail and linear park includes a two-way paved bike trail and a separate pedestrian path providing alternate transportation as well as offering fitness and recreational opportunities. The long-term goal is to connect with neighboring cities also working on building trails.



### Keeping Updated on The Tracks at Brea

- Go to [www.cityofbrea.net/thetracks](http://www.cityofbrea.net/thetracks)
- Follow us on Facebook @TheTracksAtBrea
- Watch for articles in Brea Line city newsletter
- Email [TheTracks@cityofbrea.net](mailto:TheTracks@cityofbrea.net)



## The Tracks at Brea Trail Route

Trail Hours: 7 am to dusk

Farewell!