



## Western Extension Community Meeting 05/31/18

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This document summarizes what was discussed at the community meeting regarding The Tracks at Brea on 5/31/18. Note: Many comments were complimentary of the trail, but the below focuses on the discussions involving questions or suggestions. This includes feedback gathered and submitted by owner of Brea bike shop, Two Wheeler Dealer, Inc.

### **Discussion Topic: Safety**

- Q:** What will be done to assure safety in the restrooms regarding the homeless population? Are the trails being monitored for any suspicious people lurking about in case of homeless living on the trail? What is the routine for the police to patrol the trails and look for this potential issue? Are there bicycle police on the trail?
- A:** Public Works opens and closes the restrooms daily. Water fountains are operable from 7am to sunset daily to deter any after-hour use. In addition, police officers periodically patrol The Tracks during and after hours of operation. The department's trail car was purchased specifically for this purpose as well as for use in the Downtown district. Motor officers may periodically drive down The Tracks, but that is not a primary role for them. Bicycles are only utilized for special event policing, but would be available to address specific problems on the trail, should they arise.

### **Discussion Topic: Amenities**

- Q:** Are there restrooms on the east end of the trail?
- A:** Trail users are welcome to use the restrooms at the clubhouse at Birch Hills Golf Course.

### **Discussion Topic: Connections**

- Q:** Where the trail ends in Arovista Park, where is the connection to Fullerton?
- A:** There is not yet a Brea trail to Fullerton trail connection. At this point, a cyclist wishing to ride to Fullerton from Arovista Park would need to use the streets at this time.
- Q:** Is there a map (route map) for the public to ride the 66 mile loop in advance of the completion of the trail?
- A:** The 66-mile loop is about 80% complete and staff resources across the county are focusing on completing the loop and cannot create a route map until it is complete.

### **Discussion Topic: Connection between Birch Street and Birch Hills Golf Course**

- Q:** There is no obvious signage for the eastbound trail as it runs into Birch Street east of Associated. Perhaps painting lanes on the sidewalk would help.
- A:** City staff will look into a solution to make the trail more obvious in this location.



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- Q:** Cyclists do not know where to go to access the eastbound trail at the North Hills stoplight across from Birch then south into the golf course. Westbound from the golf course has the same issue.
- A:** Wayfinding signage in that section was installed mid-May.
- Q:** Is the sidewalk part of the trail? A sign should be added to clarify, or maybe directional paint on ground can be painted on sidewalk?
- A:** Yes, the sidewalk is a part of the trail where the trail meets Birch Street at the sidewalk (west of the freeway and east of Birch Hills Golf Course) to Associated Road. City staff is looking into additional signage between the various segments.

### **Discussion Topic: Trail segment in Birch Hills Golf Course**

- Q:** The path through the golf course has no divider line marking between Kraemer and Birch Street.
- A:** Correct; City staff will address any problems as they arise.
- Q:** The gravel gets on the cement (caused by the golf carts), what can be done to prevent this?
- A:** The City is working with the course operator to minimize this condition.

### **Discussion Topic: Trail segment between State College Blvd. and Birch Street**

- Q:** There are benches that face away from the trail. In these instances, those using the trail are just looking at the fence.
- A:** One bench faces the pedestrian path, not the bike path. This is a matter of preference. Another bench (near Birch) does look like it's facing the wall, but it is actually facing what is supposed to be a butterfly garden. The butterfly garden is not in the best condition, so it may appear odd. However, it is close to a sign about butterfly gardens. Furthermore, City staff has looked into adding mosaic artwork to emphasize the butterfly garden in this area, so this is a future possibility. City staff will keep an eye on the health of the butterfly garden.
- Q:** Plants that produce "goat head" thorns have been planted west of State College Blvd.
- A:** City staff looked into this and these plants were not planted. These thorns are caused by the weeds that were there before construction and they have grown back. City staff will consult with the maintenance division on the schedule for weed abatement/cleanup.



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### **Discussion Topic: Trail segment between Brea Boulevard and State College Boulevard**

**Q:** Can a trash can be placed closer to the exercise equipment area?

**A:** Not at this time. When the grant for this location is closed out, we will know at that time if there is any funding left for this.

**Q:** Smokers stop and sit on the cement garden wall in front of the townhomes directly across from the exercise area; cigarette butts and related trash are then left behind.

**A:** The townhomes may want to post signage that the seating area is private property and not a part of the trail.

### **Discussion Topic: Who has the right of way? Pedestrians or bikes?**

**Q:** For runners, walkers and who are often side by side instead of single file, there should be signs consistently spaced to remind them that there are also cyclists on the trail and it is difficult/dangerous to pass runners when they are on the paved trail instead of the gravel trail.

**A:** Signage for the trail is under review may have trail guidelines and trail etiquette.

**Q:** Pedestrians have the right of way even on the asphalt bike path, correct?

**A:** Yes, but people should use common courtesy. If pedestrians are blocking the bike path, the cyclist should alert the pedestrian(s) that a bike is coming so the pedestrian(s) can move off the path temporarily. One resident bought a simple, inexpensive bell and attached it to his bike and said it works perfectly, and no one has complained.

### **Discussion Topic: Activities**

**Q:** With the now completed trail, does the city have any plans for a regularly scheduled bike ride for beginners to teach them safe bike use and etiquette, bicycle maintenance, or basic training and conditioning? Two Wheeler Dealer would like to work with the city on projects like this.

**A:** The City is focused on wrapping up grants for the trail and working on “fine tuning” items to ensure all is running smoothly (such as signage), therefore activities have not been addressed as of yet.

### **Discussion Topic: Intersections**

**Q:** Can you add a bridge to get trail users across Brea Blvd.? The intersection is unsafe.

**A:** Cost is very prohibitive with a bridge. However, the signal is being modified so it should be safer for trail users. This should be completed by the end of June.

**Q:** Can you improve safety of trail users crossing at State College Blvd.?



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- A:** This signal works differently than at Brea Blvd. Luckily, this intersection is not that busy for the time being. For now, and always, it is important to look both ways before crossing; and don't cross until you are sure a vehicle won't be running the red light.

### **Discussion Topic: General suggestions to improve the trail**

- More bike lanes in the city and/or spur trails that connect with The Tracks
- Do a ride share campaign
- Safety campaign
- Add mile markers
- Add a sun/sail shade be added to different areas
- Signs should remind dog owners that dogs must be on a leash and also on the gravel trail instead of the paved trail.
- There is entry/exit from the trail at Randolph Street but no signage. Identifying Randolph Street would be useful for those wanting to access the Brea Mall, Brea Library/ Civic Center, Brea Community Center, or Two Wheeler Dealer Bicycles, and the next street West.
- Integrate parks with senior center and other parks with trail
- Segment 6 is confusing at the end of the channel. More directional signage is needed around Nasa Street. Maybe paint on the ground would help.