



MARSH CREEK CORRIDOR

MULTI-USE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Draft Plan

December 12, 2022
TWIC



Overview

- Provide an overview of the study findings
- Share feedback heard on the draft plan
- Answer questions and receive feedback from the TWIC to incorporate into the final plan



Background & Objectives

“The purpose of the path would be to provide a safe, useful and enjoyable transportation corridor for various forms of non-motorized travel, including pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle users.”



What this Plan is (and isn't)

- Goal of the project is to assess the feasibility of a possible trail and multi-modal facility in the Marsh Creek corridor
- This is not a plan to engineer, build, or construct a trail
- Costs, topography, environmental constraints, safety considerations, and demand all factor into feasibility
- Study does not commit the county to move forward with the design of the trail, or decide if/when the trail will be built
- No eminent domain or forced sale of property for this trail



Existing Conditions

Report Overview

- Relationship to other plans and policies
 - County Vision Zero Plan (2021)
 - County Active Transportation Plan (2022)
- Natural Resources Inventory
- Basemap Development
- Demand Analysis





Public Engagement

Report Overview



- Technical Advisory Committee
- Project website
- Pop-up events
- Design workshop
- Property Owner workshop
- Field review
- Draft Plan public workshop



Approach to Trail Alignment

Report Overview

- Public lands first approach
- Create access to existing public spaces
- Minimize impacts to property owners
- Refinements to the alignment will be necessary in future phases *if* the project advances





Trail Design Principles & Typologies

Report Overview

- Overview of design considerations and best practices
- Creek setback requirements and opportunities for rehabilitation
- Details on supportive amenities including staging area and trailhead recommendations
- Considerations for special design considerations given the topography and constraints



Recommended Amenities at Staging Areas



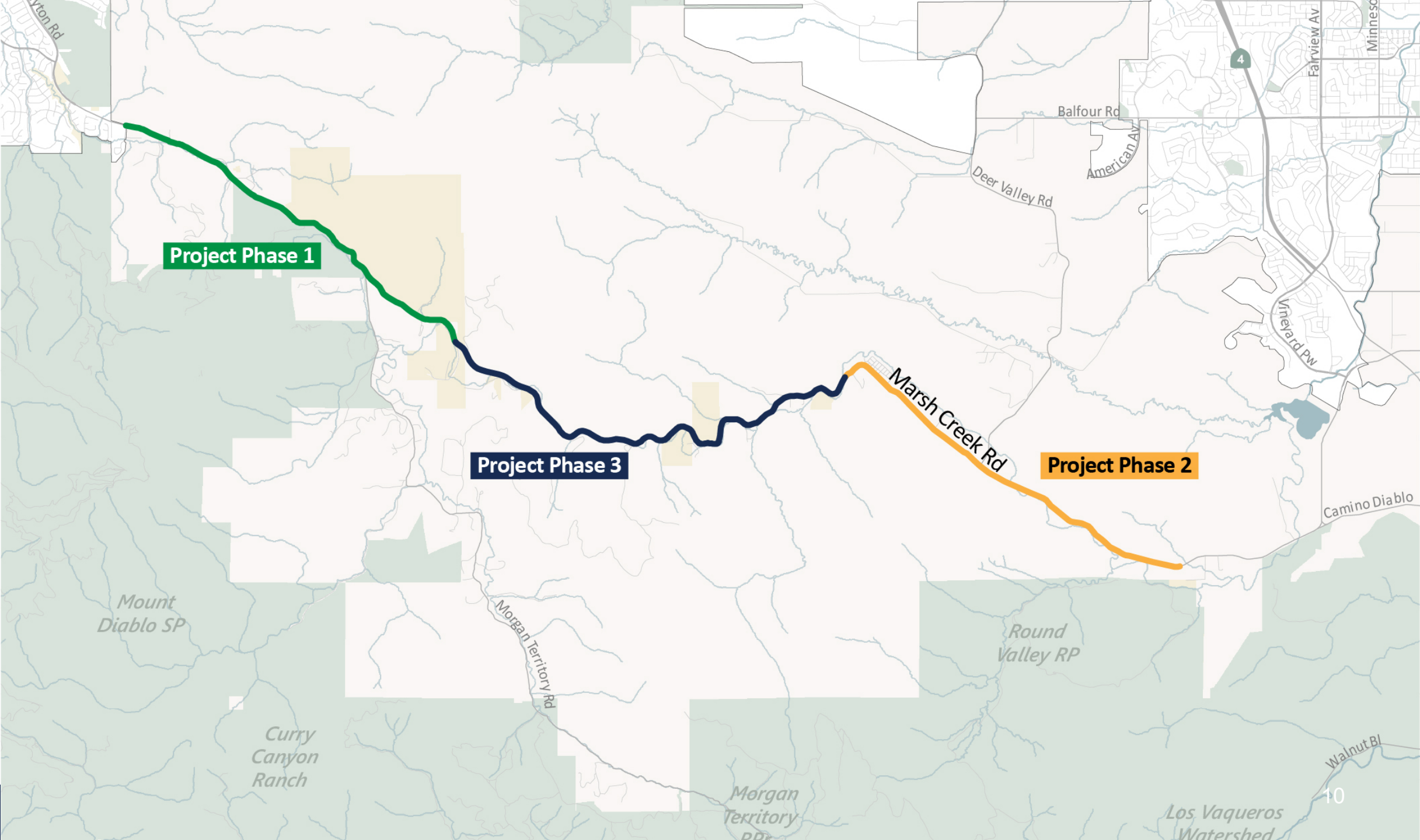
Implementation & Phasing

Report Overview

Corridor split into 3 segments:

- Phase 1: Clayton City Limits to Clayton Ranch
- Phase 2: Clayton Palms to Round Valley
- Phase 3: Dark Canyon

Phasing is based on the constraints, opportunity to connect existing facilities, and public feedback.



Project Phase 1

Project Phase 3

Project Phase 2

Marsh Creek Rd

Mount Diablo SP

Curry Canyon Ranch

Morgan Territory Rd

Morgan Territory RP

Round Valley RP

Los Vaqueros Watershed

Von Rd

Balfour Rd

Deer Valley Rd

American Av

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Fairview Av

Minness

Vineyard Pw

Camino Diablo

Walnut Bl



Implementation & Phasing

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- Phase 1: Clayton City Limits to Clayton Ranch - \$19.1m
- Phase 2: Clayton Palms to Round Valley - \$7.1m
- Phase 3: Dark Canyon - \$16.5m

Cost estimates are high level and will need to be adjusted over time.
Multiple funding sources will be required.



Implementation & Phasing

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- There is no eminent domain or forced sale of property for this trail
- Access will depend on arrangements with willing sellers
- This could include the purchase of an easement that would preserve agricultural operations
 - Can include the potential for trail closures during key periods of land activity if trail use might interfere with operations or safety



Draft Plan Feedback

- Concerns about risks to adjacent property owners, including fire risk, liability, personal safety, privacy, and impacts to ranch and livestock operations
- Draft provides a high-level overview of how these details would be addressed in a management plan for the trail
 - Best practices for safety, maintenance, and mitigation of liability/risk
 - At this time, no owner/operator has been identified



Draft Plan Feedback

- Support for on-road improvements and desire for better bike connections between East and Central CCC
 - Adopted Vision Zero and Active Transportation Plans both speak to these items
- Support for coordination with existing recreational resources and agencies such as EBRPD and State Parks



Next Steps

- Review and incorporate feedback from TWIC
- Final plan to the Board of Supervisors in early 2023



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Questions?

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