

YBC Urban Trail

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the overall project schedule?

The trail is in the Preliminary Design stage at this time. During this time, we will evaluate the entire corridor and develop a preferred alignment with alternatives. The process will then be presented in a draft Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). This report will then be presented to the public, in a series of public meetings, where feedback and comments will be gathered and used to finalize the PER. The final report will then include recommendations for an implementation strategy.

2. How will the trail be funded?

At this time, construction funds have not been identified.

3. When will the trail be constructed?

Once funds are secured, the trail will enter a design phase followed by construction. There is currently no timetable.

4. How wide is the YBC Urban Trail?

The trail will be evaluated as 12 feet wide in accordance with the recommendation set forth by the Urban Trail Master Plan.

5. What type of surface material will be used?

A surface material has yet to be selected as the evaluation of the trail is still under way. Typical surface material for an Urban Trail is asphalt or concrete, due to its smooth, hard all weather surface that can accommodate a wide range of users, but due to the environmentally sensitive area, all options are still under consideration

6. How will parking of the proposed trail be handled?

Parking is a concern that's been very vocalized by the community, so we will look for logical, designated parking areas along the route. This may mean partnering with local businesses and employers such as AMD or HEB. We could look at developing an agreement for the establishment of a trail head at these locations that would designate parking for trail users.

7. Will there be lights on the trail?

Lighting may be provided in sections of the trail and will be determined at the time of design. Impacts due to additional lighting will be evaluated and designed in accordance with City ordinances.

8. What is the anticipated maintenance cost?

The anticipated maintenance costs are based on the type of surface material as well as the overall length of the trail. Once these two variables are determined, an anticipated maintenance cost will be determined and presented in the PER.

9. Will you be removing trees?

Tree preservation is an important piece of the process and the various alignments are being evaluated to avoid tree removal as much as practicable in coordination with City Arborist and Urban Forestry staff. Once an alignment is determined and more information is gathered, we will have a better understanding of how to preserve as many trees as possible.

10. Will there be connectivity to the Violet Crown Trail?

As the trail alignments are evaluated, we will look into the possibilities of connecting to the Violet Crown Trail.

11. Are there additional public meetings?

Yes, a series of meetings are expected between October and December to review the draft Preliminary Engineering Report and gather feedback and comments.