

San Diego River Coalition - Urban Trail Alliance



Kickoff Meeting | October 14, 2026



Land Acknowledgement

I wish to acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands of the Kumeyaay people, whose presence flows through this place like the San Diego River itself - sustaining life, carrying stories, and connecting generations. The Kumeyaay people continue to live, thrive, and care for the water, wildlife and land today, and I honor their enduring relationship and stewardship that inspires us all.

VISION

SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK



Mission Valley Inset



CONNECT THE TRAIL

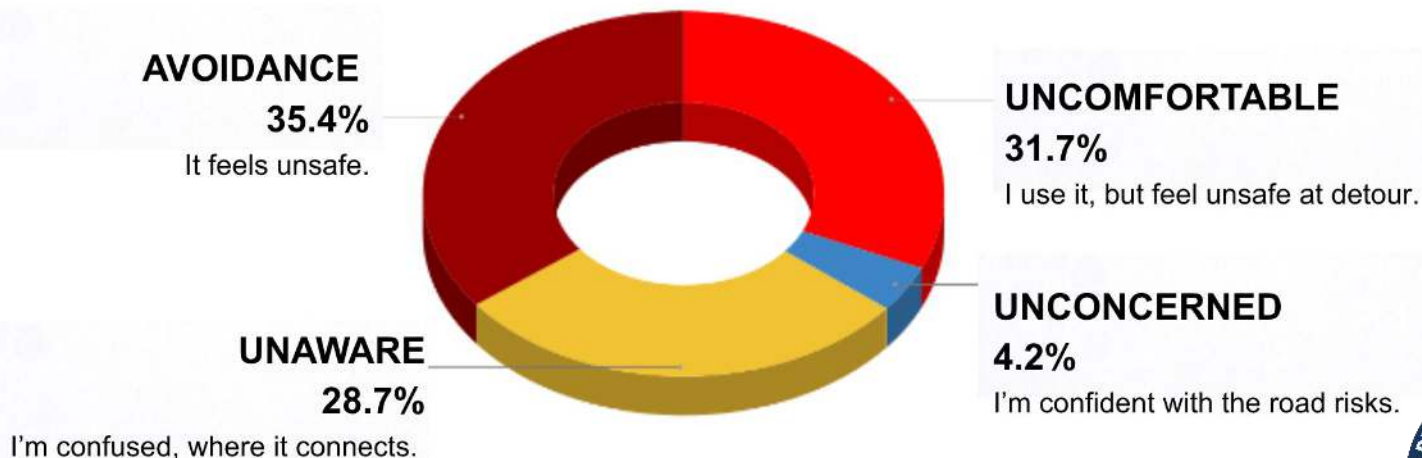


PUBLIC SAFETY

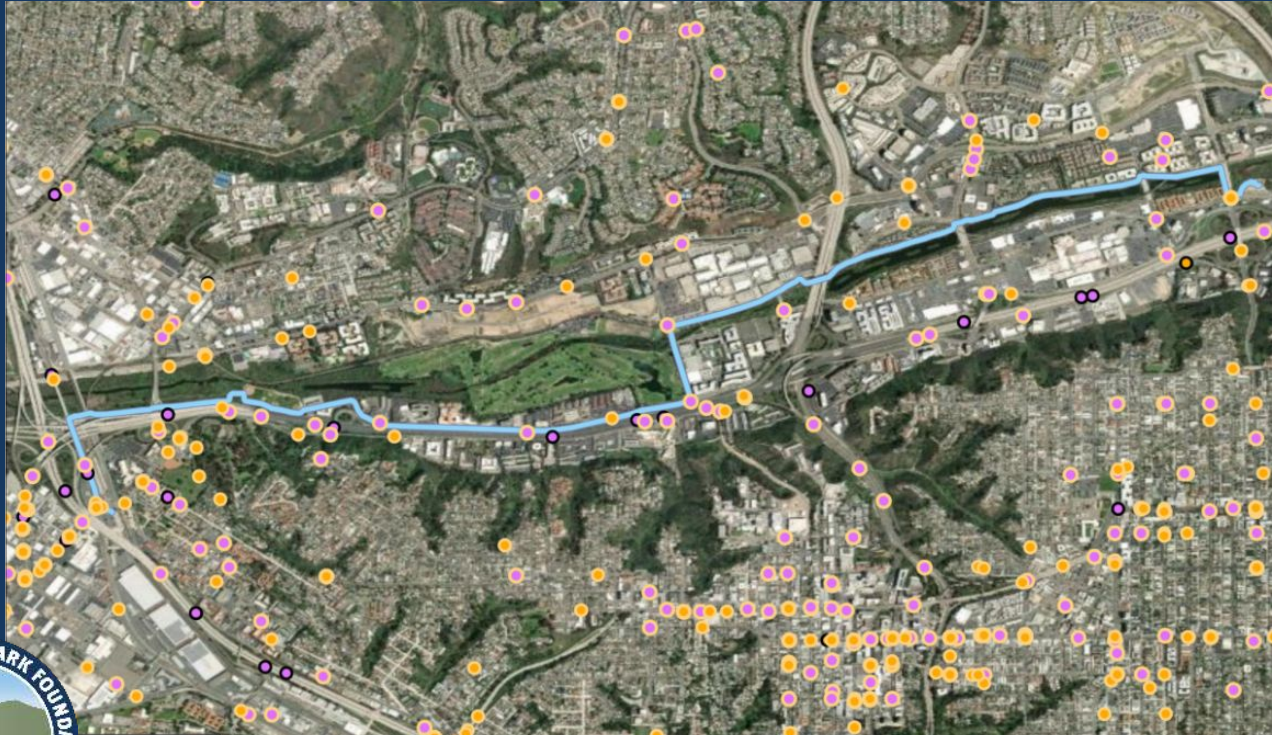


Public Safety - Resident Feedback

How do missing trail connections in Mission Valley affect your use of the San Diego River Trail?



Public Safety - Harm Caused



Legend

 Bike Audit Route

Bicycle Crashes

 Bicyclist Fatalities

 Bicyclist Injuries

Pedestrian Crashes

 Pedestrian Fatalities

 Pedestrian Injuries



Pedestrian & Bike Safety Audit – Mar 2026



ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN



Air
Pollution

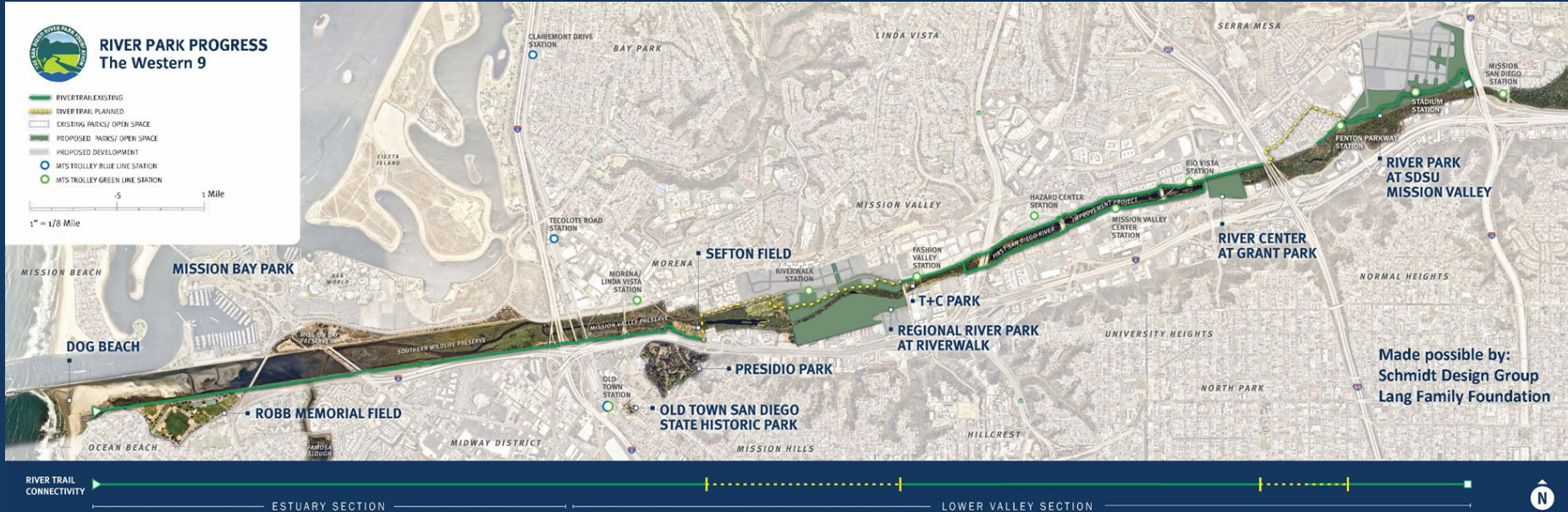


MISSION VALLEY		
Year	Population	% Growth
2010	19,357	
2020	29,192	51%
2050	72,400*	148%
*Projected		

Population
Growth

San Diego River Trail

"Western Nine"



ADOPTED PLANS & CAPITAL PROJECTS

- San Diego River Park Master Plan
- Mission Valley Community Plan
- SANDAG 2025 Regional Plan & Early Action Plan
- I-8 Kumeyaay Corridor CMCP
- City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan
- City of San Diego Climate Action Plan
- Sefton Field - Capital Improvement Project
- West Valley River Crossing - Capital Improvement Project



SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN

2013 City adopted

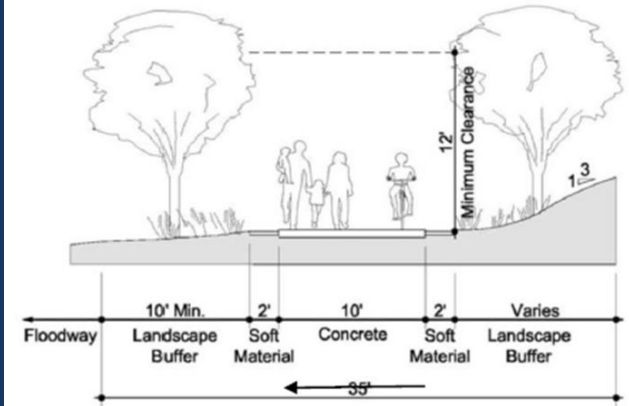
Recommendation 3.1.3.A

Organize an east-west multi-use San Diego River Pathway from the Pacific Ocean to the City of Santee.

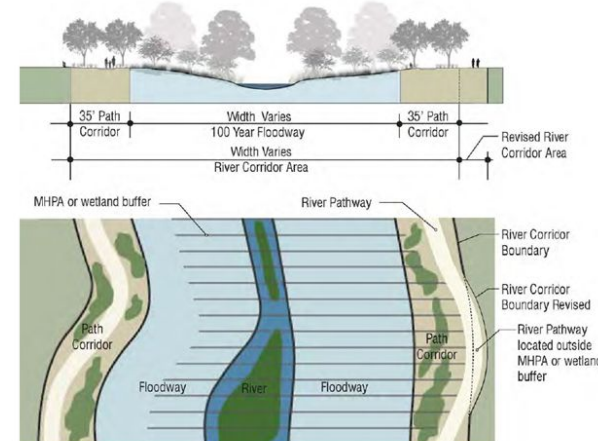
This pathway is referred to in this document as the San Diego River Pathway and serves as a recreational opportunity and in some areas can serve as a non-motorized transportation route.

The San Diego River Pathway should be continuous, open to pedestrians and bicycle users, and uninterrupted by conflicts with vehicles, wherever possible, through grade separations.

The San Diego River Pathway should be designed per the design guidelines of the Master Plan, Section 4.0.

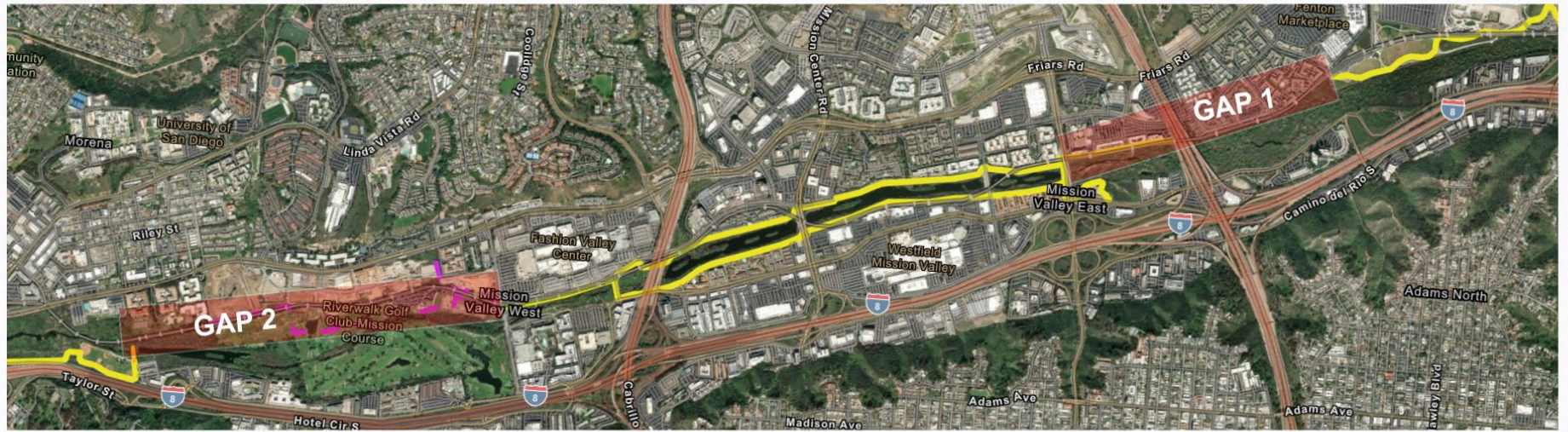


San Diego River Pathway Section



Plan and Section of River Corridor with mapped MHPA and/or Wetland Buffer Area

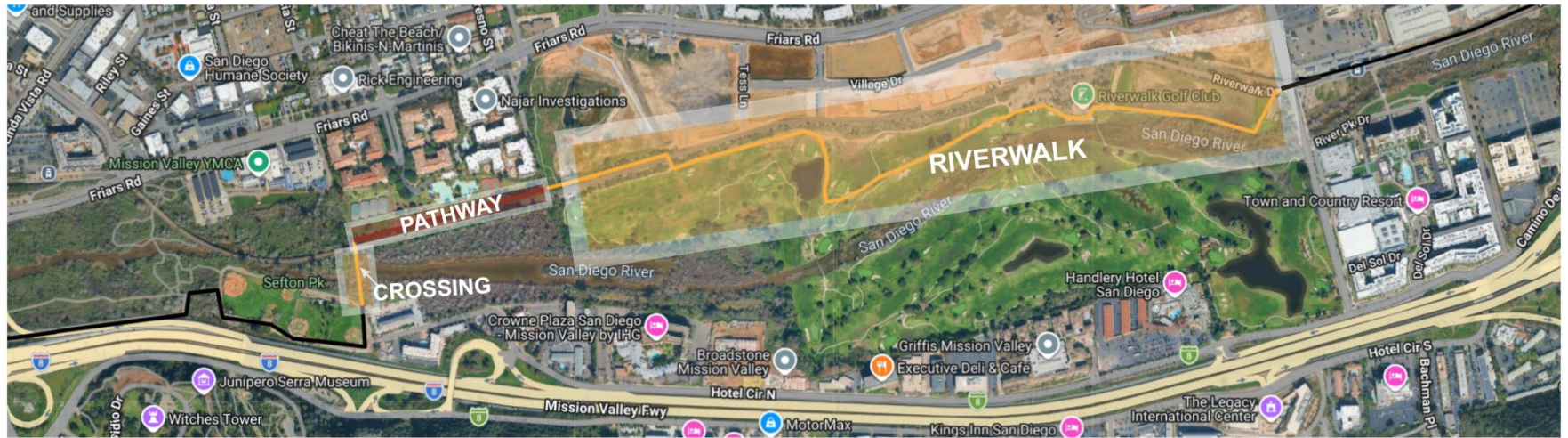
The Main Gaps



GAP: The “805 Challenge”



THE WESTERN GAP



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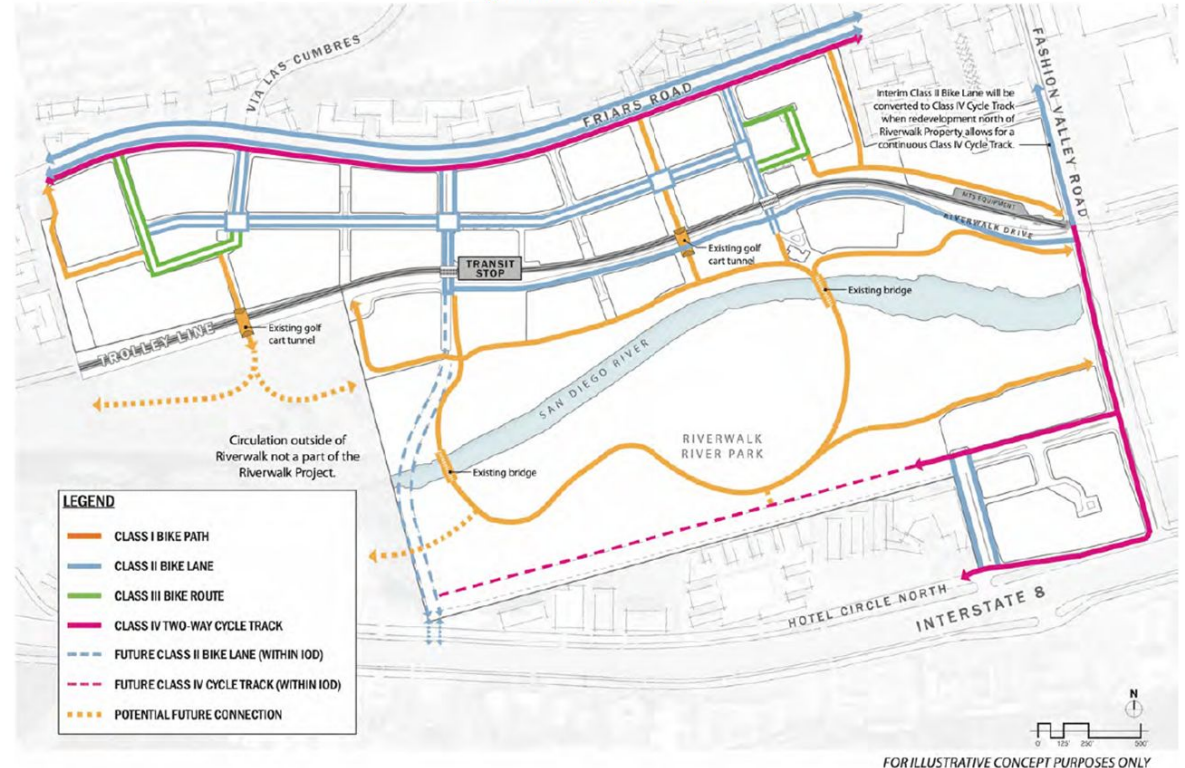
Riverwalk



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Figure 4-3. Bicycle Circulation



THE WESTERN GAP

Riverwalk Pathway Connection

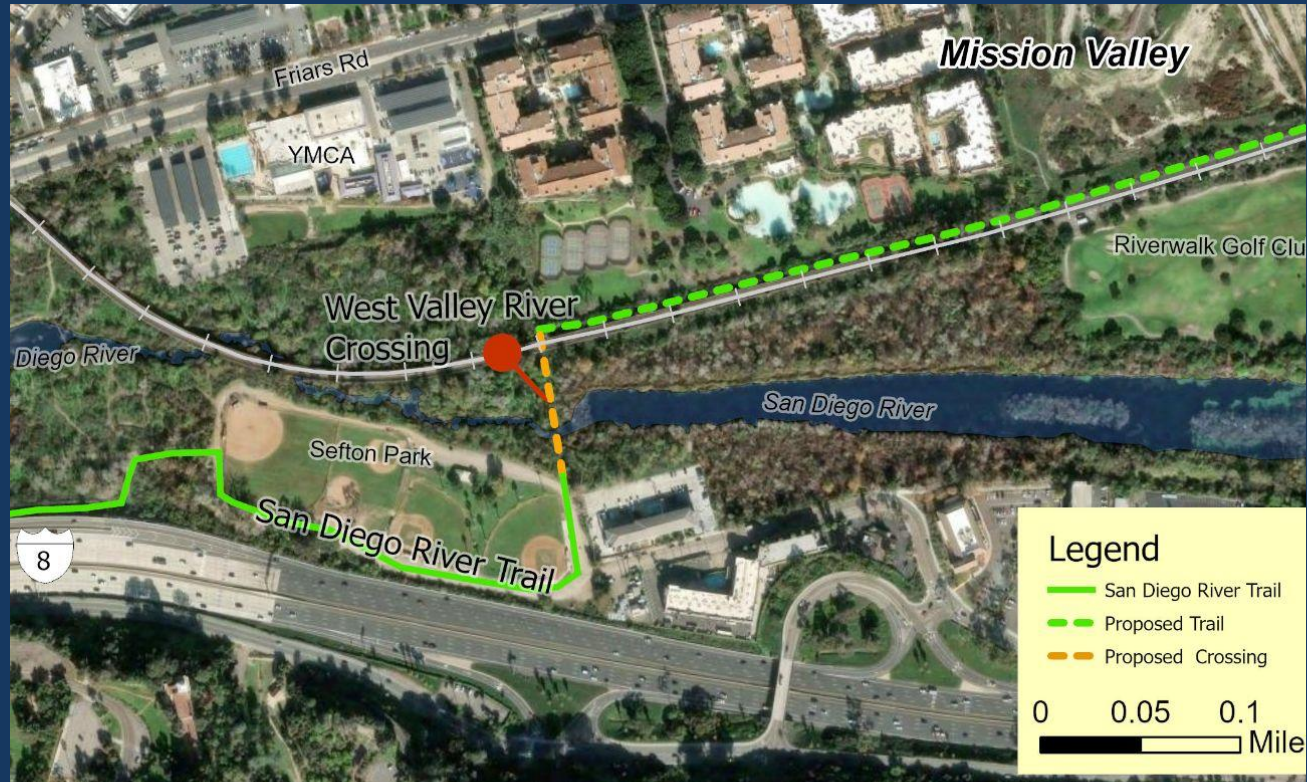


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THE WESTERN GAP

West Valley River Crossing



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West Valley River Crossing

\$750,000



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REVIEW COMMITTEE ITEM 1 JUNE 5, 2024
cil Modifications to the Mayors Proposed F



Agenda Item Item 704

Joe LaCava	●	Yes
Sean Elo-Rivera	●	Yes
Vivian Moreno	●	Yes
Raul A. Campillo	●	Yes
Kent Lee	●	Yes
Marni von Wilpert	●	Yes
Henry L. Foster III	●	Yes
Stephen Whitburn	●	Yes
Jennifer Campbell	●	Yes

PARTNERS - West Valley River Crossing

RIVERWALK

SAN DIEGO 350
CLIMATE ACTION

CABO

Hines

CIRCULATE
PLANNING & POLICY



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River Trail Action Crew



Showing Love for the River,
One Mile at a Time.

Estuary Trail Enhancement



Estuary Trail Enhancement

3.2 Focal Points



There are several opportunities to create unique experiences by creating new spaces adjacent to the



Group Discussion

1



What do you see as the **biggest obstacles** to completing a connected San Diego River Trail?

2



How can organizations **working together** accomplish more than individual organizations advocating separately?

3



What would make this Coalition **most effective** in moving projects from plans to implementation?

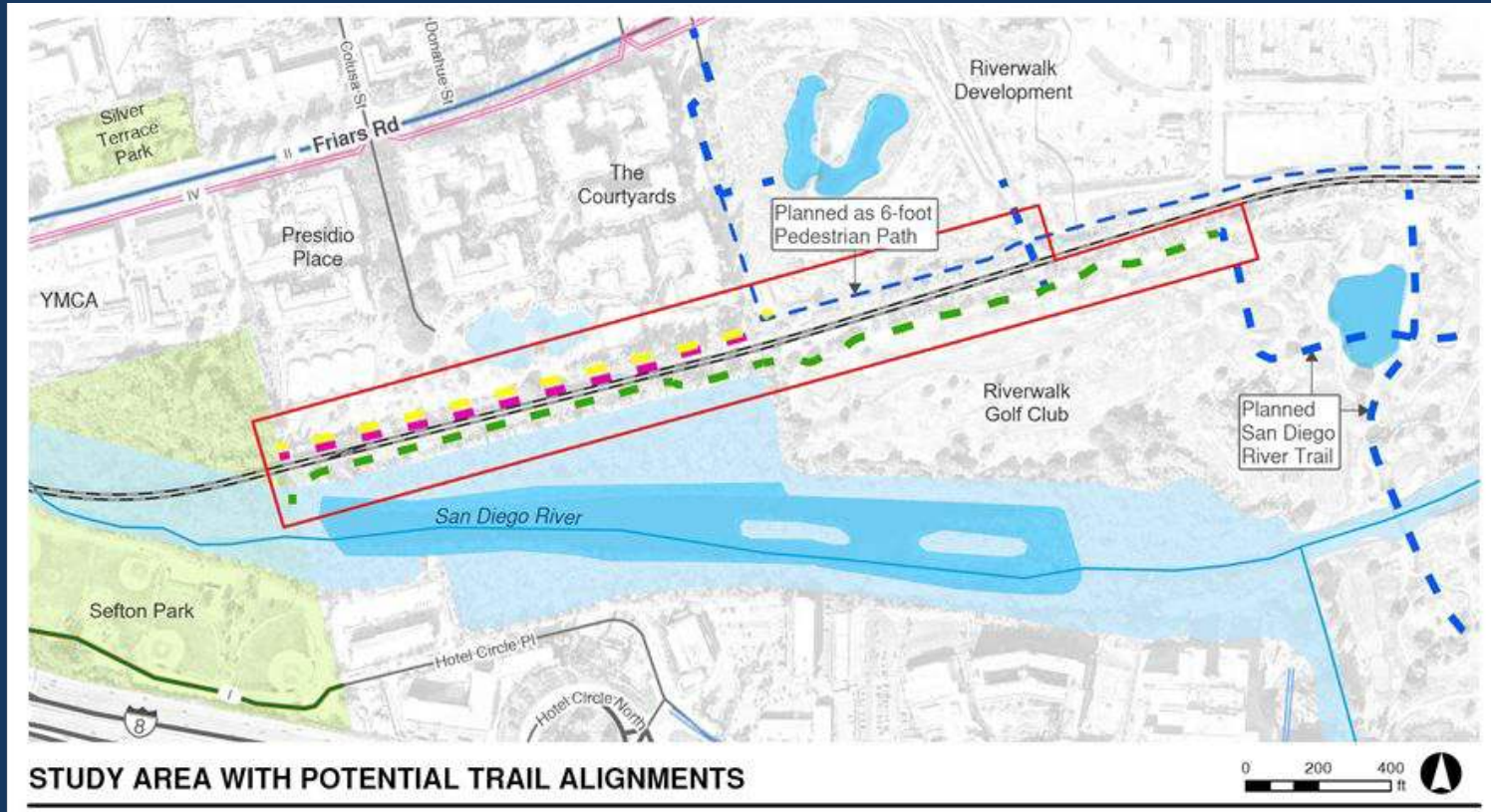
BREAKOUTS - Choose 1 Group

The “805 Challenge” - with Rob

THE WESTERN GAP - with Marina & Ashlie
of KTUA & Chris Schmidt, West Valley Crossing Advisor

Estuary Trail Enhancement - with Jillian

Riverwalk Pathway Connection



IN PROGRESS



BREAKOUTS - Shareback

- The most important challenge identified.
- One action the Coalition could take.
- An organization or individual interested in helping.

The Plans Exist. Now Let's Make Them Happen.



San Diego River Coalition – Urban Trail Alliance From Snapdragon Stadium to the Sea

Building the collective voice, advocacy, strategy, partnerships,
and funding needed to connect the river trail.

Join the Alliance >

Connect with Jackson, Coalition Advisor,
to become part of this effort.

Individual participants and organizational partners welcome.



Wrap Up & Feedback / Next Steps



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Thank You!



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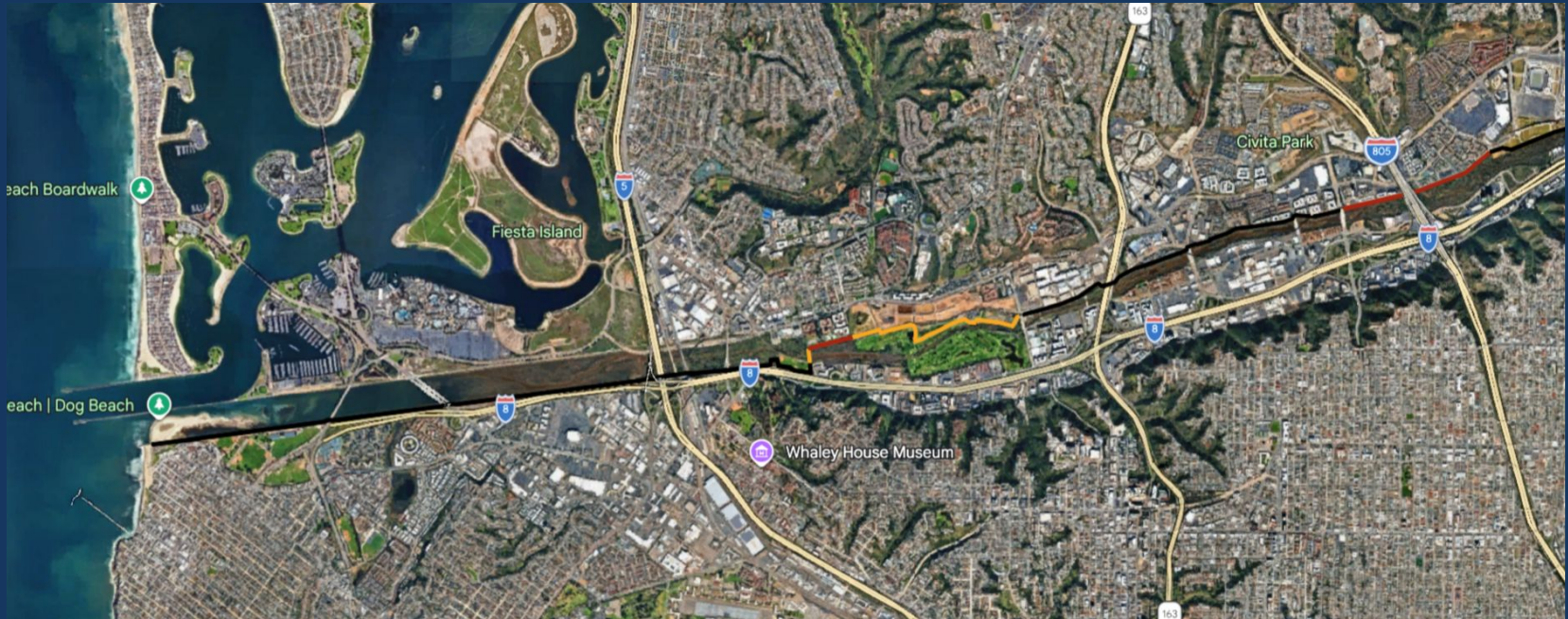
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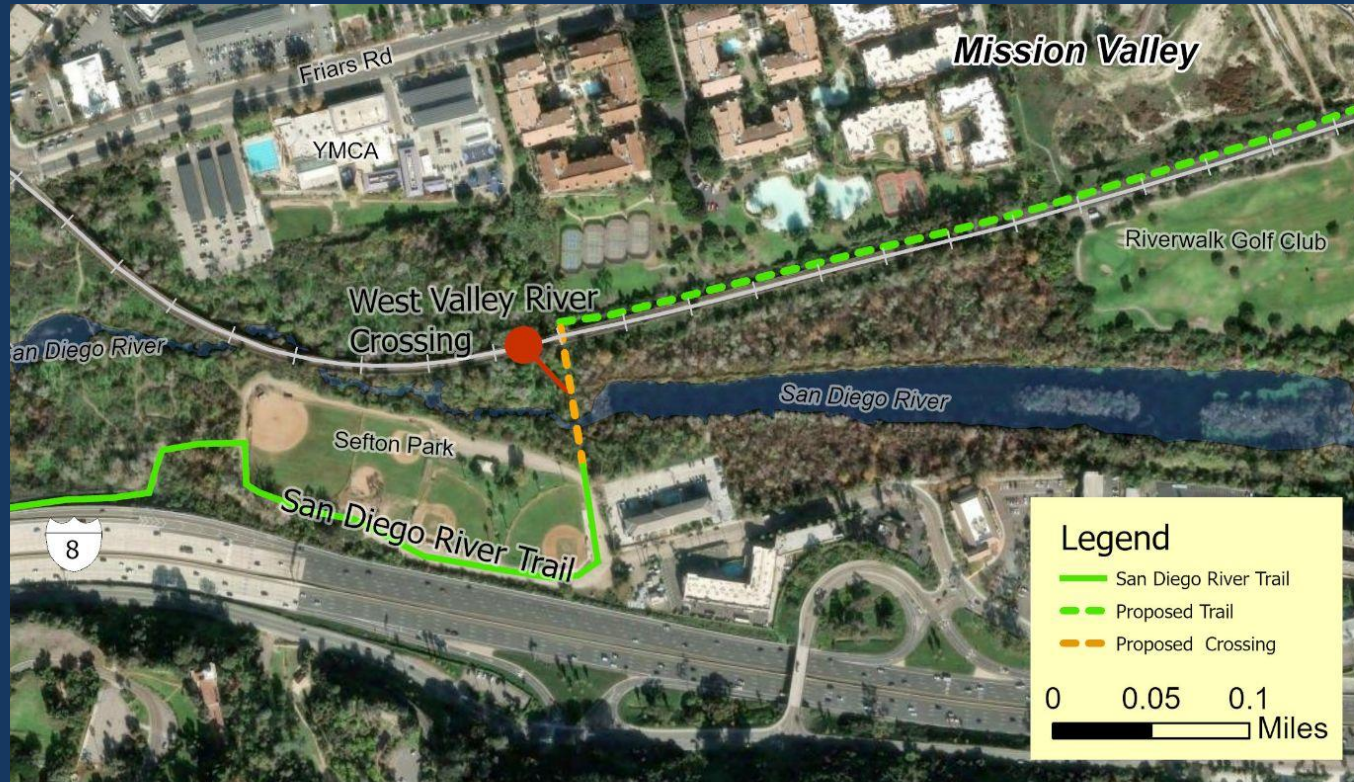


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OB/Dog Beach to Snapdragon/SDSU Mission Valley



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