

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development Department

AGENDA DATE: June 21, 2011

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Action on providing pedestrian access to designated state trailheads.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 15, 2011, City Council directed staff to coordinate with the necessary State agencies, Home Owner Associations, and if necessary, amend Title 19, to provide pedestrian access to designated state trailheads, to not restrict it just to trailheads, to look at the funding issues, and to bring it back to Council within 90 days.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

On June 8, 2011 the Open Space Advisory Board voted to recommend a list to Council which includes the Top 7 priorities for trailhead designation.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew S. McElroy
Deputy Director – Planning & Economic Development

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

Proposed State Trailheads		
Trailheads	Required Action	Partner Agency
High Priority		
1 Thunderbird	MOU	PSB
2 Redd Road & Helen of Troy (Temp)	MOU	Developers/PSB
3 Palisades	MOU	PSB
4 Ojo de Agua Park at Los Pueblos	MOU	City of El Paso/State Park
5 Chuck Heinrich Park	MOU	City of El Paso/State Park
6 North Stanton @ 1000 Steps	MOU	PSB
7 Lomas Del Sol Park	Allow Future Access - MOU	
Medium Priority		
1 Kenyon Joyce		City of El Paso/State Park
2 Castellano at Cumbre Estates		
3 Stoney Hills	Allow Future Access	Private Property
4 Franklin Bluff	Allow Future Access	Developers/PSB
5 Redd at State Park	Allow Future Access	Developers/PSB
6 Redd at State Park 2	Allow Future Access	Developers/PSB
7 Hondo Pass	Allow Future Access	Private Property
8 FAA Road		PSB/FAA
9 North Open Reserve		
Low Priority		
1 Arroyo 41A Mountain-to-River Trail	Allow Future Access	Preserve as Open Space
2 Vinton at State Park	Allow Future Access	PSB
3 Northern Pass Entrance	Allow Future Access	PSB

OSAB Recommendations Proposed State/City Trailheads

Trailheads identified as High Priority by OSAB:

Location #1: Thunderbird (Westside)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Adequate parking can be accommodated on City owned land
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City signs

Location #2: Redd Road (In the Northwest Master Plan)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Coordination with Hunt Communities Holdings, LLC to allow access to State Park
- Install an Iron Ranger at the State Park entrance
- Adequate parking available along PSB access easement
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Location #3: Palisades @ Robinson (Westside)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Coordination with private property owners to allow access through private property onto State Park
- Adequate on-street parking available
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Location #4: Ojo de Aqua Park at Los Pueblos (Westside)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Replace existing gate with a 4-foot hiker pass gate
- Adequate on-street parking available
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Location #5: Chuck Heinrich Park (Northeast)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park- may need grading to allow pedestrian access to State Park
- Adequate on-street parking available
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Location #6: North Stanton @ 1000 Steps (Westside)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Coordination with private property owners to allow access through private property onto State Park
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Location #7 Lomas Del Sol Park (Westside)

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow public access through City-owned - PSB managed land to State Park
- Coordination with Hunt Communities Holdings, LLC to allow access to State Park
- Install an Iron Ranger at the State Park entrance
- Adequate parking available along PSB access easement
- Signage/marker – Joint State/City

Trailheads identified as medium to low priority but to be included in the overall trailheads plan for the City of El Paso:

Kenyon Joyce

Castellano at Cumbre Estates

Stoney Hills

Franklin Bluff

Redd at State Park

Redd at State Park 2

Hondo Pass

FAA Road

North Open Reserve

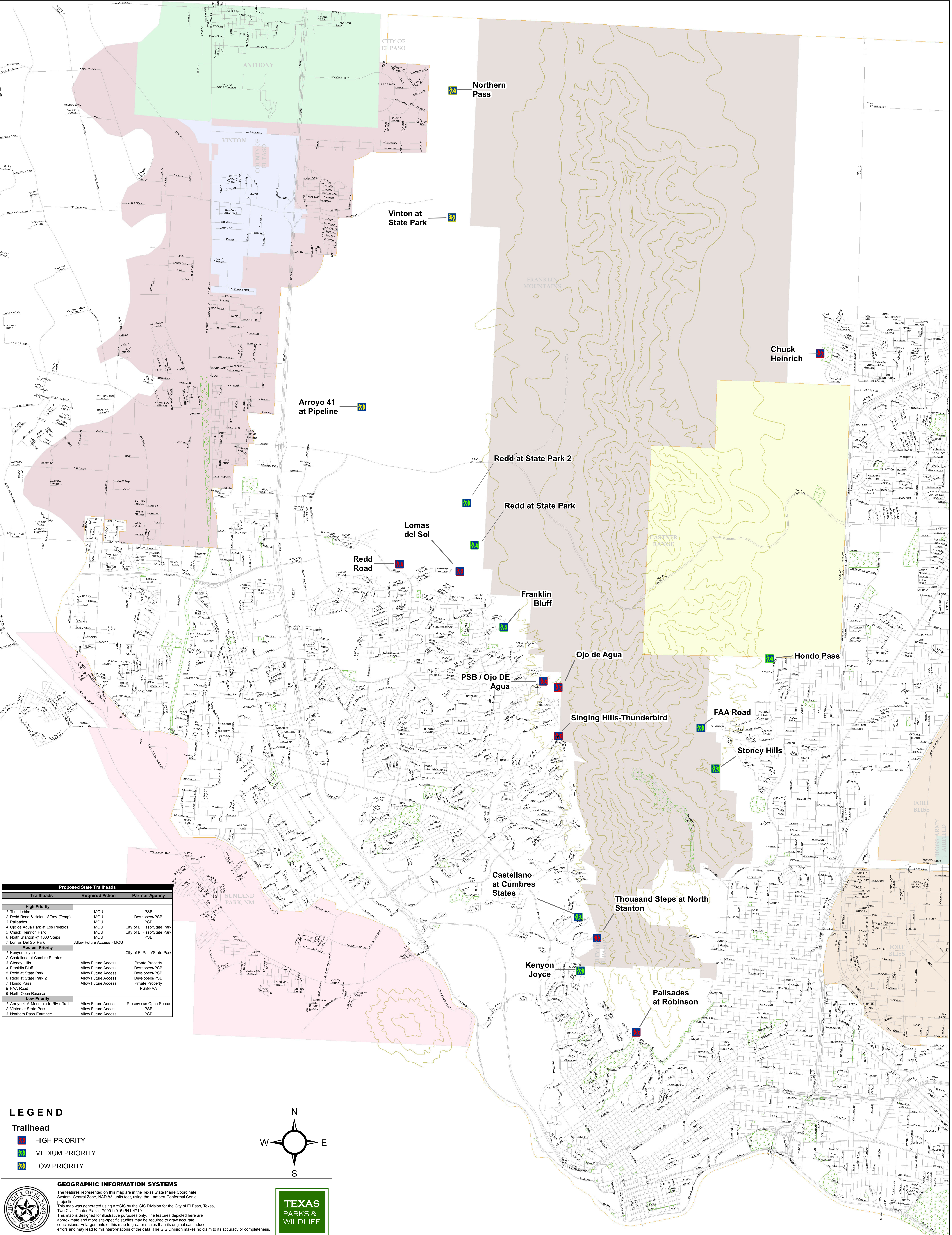
Arroyo 41A Mountain-to-River Trail – proposed to be preserve as open space

Vinton at State Park

Northern Pass Entrance

Ownership Information

TRAILHEAD	OWNER
NORTHERN PASS	CITY OF EL PASO
VINTON AT STATE PARK	CITY OF EL PASO
ARROYO 41 AT PIPELINE	EP TRANSMOUNTAIN RESIDENTIAL LLC
REDD ROAD	CITY OF EL PASO
LOMAS DEL SOL	SPORTSPARK EL PASO
FRANKLIN BLUFF	SUN 262 PARTNERS LTD
PSB/OJO DE AGUA	EP PARK HILLS II LTD
OJO DE AGUA	STATE PARK
SINGING HILLS THUNDERBIRD	STATE PARK
CASTELLANO AT CUMBRES STATES	MONTANA DEL REY LP
THOUSAND STEP STANTON	TX PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPT
KENYON JOYCE	SYVERTSEN DON TR
PALISADES AT ROBINSON	COLES HELEN S & OTIS C III (TR)
STONEY HILLS	STATE PARK
FAA ROAD	STATE PARK
HONDO PASS	NORTHEAST ROTARY FOUNDATION
CHUCK HEINRICH	CITY OF EL PASO

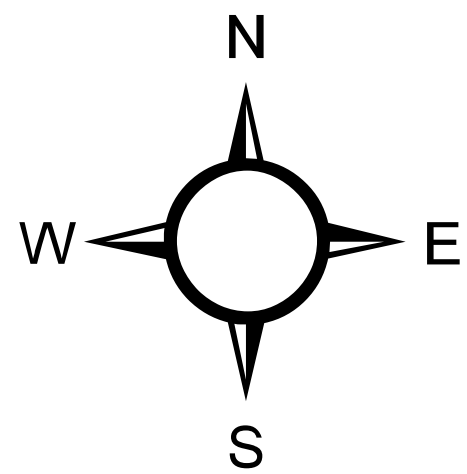


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LEGEND

Trailhead

-  HIGH PRIORITY
-  MEDIUM PRIORITY
-  LOW PRIORITY



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