

August 2022 Sycuan-Sloane Canyon Trail FAQ

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1	Who will be able to use the trail?	The trail will be open to the general public and will accommodate for walkers, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.
2	Who will maintain the trail?	The County of San Diego will be responsible for the maintenance of the trail.
3	Will the trail be multi-use?	Yes. The trail will be multi-use and accessible to walkers, hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians.
4	Are motorized vehicles allowed on the trail?	No person shall operate a vehicle in a County maintained trail (unless written authorization issued by the Department) pursuant to Section 41.127 et. Seq.
5	What is the schedule to get to construction of Phase 1 (Segment 2)?	To begin construction, a right-of-way application must be secured with Sycuan, a federal environmental document must be completed, and a construction contract must be executed. The team anticipates these actions will be complete in Winter 2022/23.
6	What is the overall schedule for the other project phases?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current phasing anticipates that funding for design and construction of Segments 1, 3-6 will be allocated between now and FY 2026/2027 • Based on public and community feedback, the current phasing plan anticipates that the next segment to be designed will be Segment 6b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 (Segments 1 and 6b) Design/Environmental: Winter 2022/23 • Phase 2 Construction: Summer 2024 – Winter 2025 • Phase 3 (Segment 3) Design/Environmental and Construction: Summer 2025 - Fall 2026 • Phase 4 (Segments 4 & 5) Design/Environmental: Summer 2026 – Spring 2027 • Phase 4 Construction: Summer 2027 – Fall 2028
7	Are all trail segments for the project included within the BIA ROW Application?	Yes. The ROW Application to BIA will include all phases and trail segments for the Sycuan-Sloane Canyon Trail.
8	For the ROW trail easement request from BIA, how was the area of requested easements determined?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area of easements being requested is based upon the current anticipated width and length of the trail segments to be constructed outside of County roadway right of way • Two types of easements are being requested; permanent trail easements and temporary construction easements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The areas needed for the permanent trail easements were determined by the width and length of trail to be constructed outside County ROW ○ The areas needed for the temporary construction easements are in addition to the permanent trail easements and were determined by offsetting a distance, approximately 5 to 10 feet depending on specific site conditions, from each side and end of the trail segment. The temporary construction easements allow additional temporary access for construction of the trail segments
9	What will determine final trail alignments?	Final trail alignments will be determined by design and engineering feasibility, construction feasibility, biological and cultural constraints, and available construction funding. Detailed construction documents will be developed as the design is completed for each phase of construction. At this time, the County only has funding for final design of Segments 1, 2, and 6b. Design and construction of all future segments will require additional funding.
10	What trail segments does the environmental document cover?	The environmental document includes environmental analysis for all phases and trail segment options.

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11	Why is Segment 6 the now on the next last project phase?	DPR has revised the segment phasing in response to the public and community support to have Segment 6b a priority. Because community groups have highlighted the importance of this segment to the community, we are moving forward with Segment 6 to be design and constructed with Segment 1 which are both scheduled for the next subsequent phase of the project (Phase 2).
12	Why did the County select the preferred alternative options chosen for Segment 4 and Segment 5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the eastern part of the proposed Sycuan-Sloane Canyon Trail, KDLC has an existing conservation easement over their property • The terms of the conservation easement preclude new construction from occurring on KDLC property that is not within an existing roadway • With the current conservation easement, the proposed trail can only be located within an existing road for Segments 4, and 5 • An amendment to the conservation easement is necessary to allow the trail to be located off the road into KDLC property • The County is actively working with the parties involved in the conservation easement to determine the feasibility and next steps necessary to amend the conservation easement
13	Which stakeholders commented on the Mitigation Negative Declaration?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego National Wildlife Refuge staff • Chair of the Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group (CPG) • Dehesa Valley Community Council (DVCC) members • Dehesa Valley residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hikers ○ Equestrian users
14	When were stakeholders contacted about this project?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since March 2012, County staff has attended multiple meetings of the Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group (CPG) to obtain input and provide updates on the proposed trail • In public outreach workshops and site visits conducted in 2017 and 2018, the trail conceptual plan was presented to stakeholders (CPG, the Dehesa Valley Community Council, the Sycuan Band, and KDLC) who demonstrated support for the development of the Sycuan/Sloane Canyon Trail • In 2019 and 2020, the County hosted and attended additional project meetings and site visits with community stakeholders for continued collaboration on the proposed trail alignment and design • In December 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the authorization to advertise and award the construction of Phase 1 and approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND-Environmental Document) • On August 9, 2021, staff presented project updates during the Crest-Dehesa Community Planning Group meeting • On June 13, 2022, staff presented project updates during the Crest-Dehesa Community Planning Group meeting
15	How much will each phase cost?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 (Segment 2): Estimated \$3.5M • Phase 2 (Segments 1 & 6b): Estimated \$5.25M • Phase 3 (Segment 3): Estimated \$1.0M • Phase 4 (Segments 4 & 5): Estimated \$3.50M

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16	What is the status of the plans for the Segment 1 realignment?	<p>Conceptual Segment 1 plans are now available online per the following link: https://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/AboutUs/Plans/ParksImprovementPlan.html#Sycuan</p>
17	Do you have the additional environmental analysis updating the technical reports of the MND? Do you have those reports, and will it be necessary to amend the MND?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No determination has been made on whether the realignment will result in an addendum or supplemental MND. Environmental reports are still being analyzed and prepared for such determination. • We anticipate this determination to be made by the end of Summer/early Fall 2022.
18	Have you or are you in a position now to submit the finalized trail easement relocation and documents to the BIA?	Please see response to #5 above.
19	Are there other updates you can provide regarding this project?	<p>Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) FY21-26 was planned to receive funding every subsequent year to fund the design/construction of the trail project in phases. The most current CINA FY22-27 recently approved on 3/1/2022 shows funding for this project to be delayed by two years (FY22-23 & FY23-24). This means there is a potential for construction of Segments 1 & 6b to be delayed to 2025. Below are links to the approved CINA for Sycuan Kumeyaay Dehesa Road/Sloane Canyon Road Trail from the previous two years for your reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) FY21-26: https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e80cfd526 • Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) FY22-27: https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e80e3449e