

FLOW TRAIL PROJECT 2017

Council Presentation

DECEMBER 15, 2017

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Flow Trail Project Motion

During October 25, 2016 County Council meeting councilor Izraelevitz motioned for the County to utilize \$50,000 of the \$500,000 previously earmarked for mountain bike trails on Pajarito Mountain currently contained in the CIP funds to pursue a pilot project on demonstrating the construction and maintenance of a mountain bike flow trail on County land.

Flow Trail Critical Timeline – Winter of 2016/2017

- Many public meetings were held to discuss Flow Trail concepts and trail location options
- Outreach presentations: KRSN interviews, Nature on Tap at UnQuarked, Farmers Market, Trails Working Group

PRB Meeting 4-13-17

Meeting Discussion

- Discussed all possible locations of proposed Flow Trail to Board and public
- Three trail locations were presented (Bayo Canyon, Walnut Canyon, and Pueblo Canyon)
- The public sentiment agreed on the desire for a Flow Trail at Pajarito Mountain
- A townsite location could not be agreed upon

Flow Trail Critical Timeline – Spring of 2017

- LAC staff working with public determined that Bayo Canyon was the best option on County Open Space land and mapped and flagged a potential trail route
- Challenges for Bayo Canyon:
 1. Topography
 2. User conflict
 3. View shed disruption
 4. Shuttle service
 5. Remediation sites
 6. Historical and Cultural sites
 7. Habitat
 8. Natural areas

Proposed Bayo Canyon Flow Trail



PRB Meeting 6-8-17

Meeting Discussion

- LAC Open Spaces staff gave update on a proposed route in Bayo Canyon and challenges were discussed
- Public sentiment reiterated that the most appropriate location was still at Pajarito Mountain because of the challenges associated with Bayo Canyon

Flow Trail Critical Timeline – Summer of 2017

- LAC staff evaluated all challenges and prepared an RFP for flow trail design and construction
- RFP was advertised
- LAC staff invited many trail design and construction firms to bid on the RFP
- One respondent submitted a proposal. Due to costs beyond the Council allocated amount we had to decline the RFP proposal

Flow Trail Critical Timeline – Winter 2017/2018

- Work with all public land owners (LANL, National Forest, Pajarito Mountain) and residents to develop a holistic, family friendly, long range masterplan for the future of mountain biking in Los Alamos County.
- Los Alamos County Mountain Bike Amenities:
 1. New Flow Trails – Beginners to Advanced
 2. New Intermediate to Advanced Bike Park
 3. Upgrade Beginner to Intermediate Bike Park
 - New Pump Track
 - New Obstacle Courses
 - BMX Track
 - Strider Bike Park

Flow Trail Critical Timeline – Winter 2017/2018 cont.

- Once completed, the plan will allow bikers to start at the top of the ski hill and bike to Highway 4 seamlessly and/or enjoy the varied amenities throughout the entire system

- This plan will align all parties to collaborate on:
 1. Grants and funding sources
 2. Trail standards that are sustainable, long lasting, and low maintenance
 3. Targeting all levels of mountain bikers
 4. Marketing efforts, cross promotional efforts to attract tourism
 5. Complementary mountain biking amenities
 6. Future development planning

Questions?