

Community Focus Statement A: Provide economic development opportunities that capitalize on the natural environment, attract visitors, and provide entertainment for residents.

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Action Statement A.2: Provide amenities to support visitors to the area such as parking, restrooms, seating areas, open space, trails connecting key nodes/activity centers, and a visitor information center/kiosks.

Benchmark: The community has drafted and submitted to the County for review and potential adoption of a comprehensive plan or mobility plan that outlines proposed public amenity improvements and trails in the area and incorporated it in to the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to allow for grant opportunities.

Champion: Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

Estimated Cost: \$2 million and higher



Infrastructure improvement options. Photo source: Michael Baker International

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District adopted an Active Transportation Plan in early 2018 that identifies potential trails. In addition, all three Rim communities support an Intermountain Trail. Development nodes are geographic points where economic or social resources/activities are concentrated for the benefit of a community. Nodes facilitate cost-effective economic and community development efforts by pulling people, resources, and certain land uses together within a close distance. Amenities in locations of community gathering and tourist activities can provide supportive infrastructure, keep areas clean and modern, and increase the number of users. It is forecast that with the development of key nodes/activity centers in the

Hilltop communities, the need for quality infrastructure such as parking, restrooms, seating areas, open space, and trails that connect the various portions of the key nodes/activity centers will likely increase.

Upgrades and amenities such as restrooms and seating areas can often be donated by a local business or organization or obtained through grant funding. Maintenance will be an ongoing cost for such amenities, however. The sponsorship of a particular amenity by a donor or business can encourage community buy-in and cover the cost of maintenance. Organizations such as schools, youth groups, churches, and volunteer teams can aid with keeping rest areas and restrooms clean and stocked.

In addition to ensuring upgraded amenities, the connectivity and mobility of the Hilltop communities can be greatly enhanced by ensuring adequate trails and paths that connect community and activity centers. These trails would encourage non-vehicular travel and enhance the experience of living and visiting the Hilltop communities.

Community members can identify locations and connections that would be greatly beneficial to the area and can work with County agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local businesses to create them.

Implementation of new amenities and trail facilities can require design, construction, and operational and maintenance costs. The table below includes a range of facilities and typical costs for design and construction.

Estimated Infrastructure and Amenities Costs

| Type | Typical Cost |
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| Comprehensive Plan | \$50,000–\$100,000 |
| Street Signs | \$800–\$1,000 per sign |
| Multipurpose Trail | \$140–\$190 per linear foot |
| Restroom | \$200,000–\$300,000 per restroom structure |
| Bench | \$500 per bench |

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| Action | Action Leader | Timeline | Resources |
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| 1. Engage with the community to understand what types of public amenities are needed and where. Review ROTWPRD | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, local community groups | Months 1–6 | Corporate sponsorship guidance http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Parks-and-Recreation/Parks-and-Recreation-Funding/Corporate-Sponsorship-and-Naming-Policies.aspx |
| 2. Draft a comprehensive plan and/or mobility plan that outlines proposed public amenity and trail improvements for the area and identifies a palette of public streetscape furnishings. | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, local businesses | Months 6–18 | Federal grant funding resources http://reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/ |
| 3. Review of plan by county Department of Public Works and potential adoption for the CIP. | | | California grant resources http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/ http://www.ca-ilg.org/funding-opportunities |
| 4. Reach out to local businesses and organizations about donating or sponsoring the cost of various public amenities (e.g., adopt-a-bench program). | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce | Months 12–18 | Bicycle and pedestrian facility grant resources: http://www.calbike.org/funding_sources |
| 5. Apply for grant funding for public amenities and trails. | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce | Months 12–18 | San Bernardino County Public Works http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/home.aspx |
| 6. Install new and/or improved public amenities and trails at key nodes/activity centers. | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, San Bernardino County Public Works | Months 18–60 | Rim of the World Parks and Recreation District (ROTWPRD) http://rim-rec.org/ |
| 7. Prepare a plan for ongoing maintenance of public amenities and reach out to organizations such as schools, youth groups, churches, and volunteer teams to help with maintenance. | Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, local community groups | Months 13–60 | Adopt-a-bench program: http://www.losgatosca.gov/1687/Adopt-A-Bench-Program |