

Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the rural characteristics of Morongo Valley

Action Statement A.6: Maintain and improve existing multi-use trails to be suitable for bicyclists, hikers and runners, and equestrians.

Benchmark: Establishment of a trail management or advocacy group, identify trails needed for improvement, secure funding or trail sponsorships, and create a plan for on-going trail maintenance.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$20,000–\$4 million; variable upon project scope

IN PROCESS

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a meeting to create a trails management/ advocacy group.	Champion	Month 1	Morongo Basin Active Transportation Plan https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinATP/
2. Inventory and map existing community trails, and identify deficiencies or needed improvements.	Trails Advocacy or Management Group	Month 1	Caltrans Active Transportation Program http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/index.html
3. Develop a community plan for on-going trail maintenance.	Trails Advocacy or Management Group	Months 2 – 6	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy – How to build a “Friends of the Trail” group and promote community support http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/outreach/building-community-support/
4. Identify community members or groups who could assist in maintenance or improvements. For example, a local construction business could repave potholes or a neighborhood youth group could pick up trash quarterly.	Trails Advocacy or Management Group, in coordination with local businesses, nonprofits and organizations	Month 6 – onward	Planning Trails and Greenways http://www.americantrails.org/resources/land/CarlsonNY04.html Park, trail, and recreation grant funding http://www.thegranthelpers.com/municipal-grants/parks---recreation-grants http://www.americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/ http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/
5. Secure grant funding for trail maintenance, or allow local businesses and organizations to sponsor trails.	Trails Advocacy or Management Group	Months 6 – 12	http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/acquisition/financing-and-funding/ http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324
6. Revisit the Trail Maintenance Plan annually, to ensure trail maintenance needs are met. Include maintenance plans for any new trails developed in the community.	Trails Advocacy or Management Group	Months 12 – 18	