



Final Report  
For  
The Phase 1 Trail Improvements on Southern California  
Edison (SCE) Corridor Project  
“Silverado Trail”  
Contract No. ML16049

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Buena Park would like to acknowledge the Buena Park City Council for their vision and support of providing a multi-modal public trail that creates open space to be enjoyed by the community.

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- Joel Rosen – Director of Community Development
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Phase 1 Trail Improvements on Southern California Edison (SCE) Corridor Project, also known as Silverado Trail, is part of the larger SCE Corridor Master Plan. The SCE Corridor Master Plan intent is to convert an underutilized area that runs along the SCE transmission line corridor, into an open trail to promote an active lifestyle and multi-modal transportation activities in the Buena Park community. With the promotion of alternative multi-modal transportation, the dependence on traditional gas-powered vehicles in the City will decrease. This trail also allows residents and visitors to connect with their environment and see parts of the City that most people in their cars cannot access. It also provides a safer route to school for many school-aged children and their families in the area.

Phase 1 constructed a 12-foot wide concrete trail alongside a 8-foot wide decomposed granite trail, combined with water-efficient landscaping and an irrigation system throughout the pathway. The improvements meander for approximately a mile between the major cross streets of Knott Avenue/Thelma Avenue and Valley View Street/La Canada Circle. This trail also connects to an existing trail within the City of La Palma, providing connectivity going westbound towards the Coyote Creek Bikeway.

## PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

Thanks to a well-thought out design by the project's design team, many problems were mitigated during the course of construction. Four change orders were issued to primarily rehabilitate the existing irrigation system, and provide additional trash receptacles and DogiPots (e.g. dog waste bag dispensers) to promote cleanliness.

## EMISSIONS BENEFITS

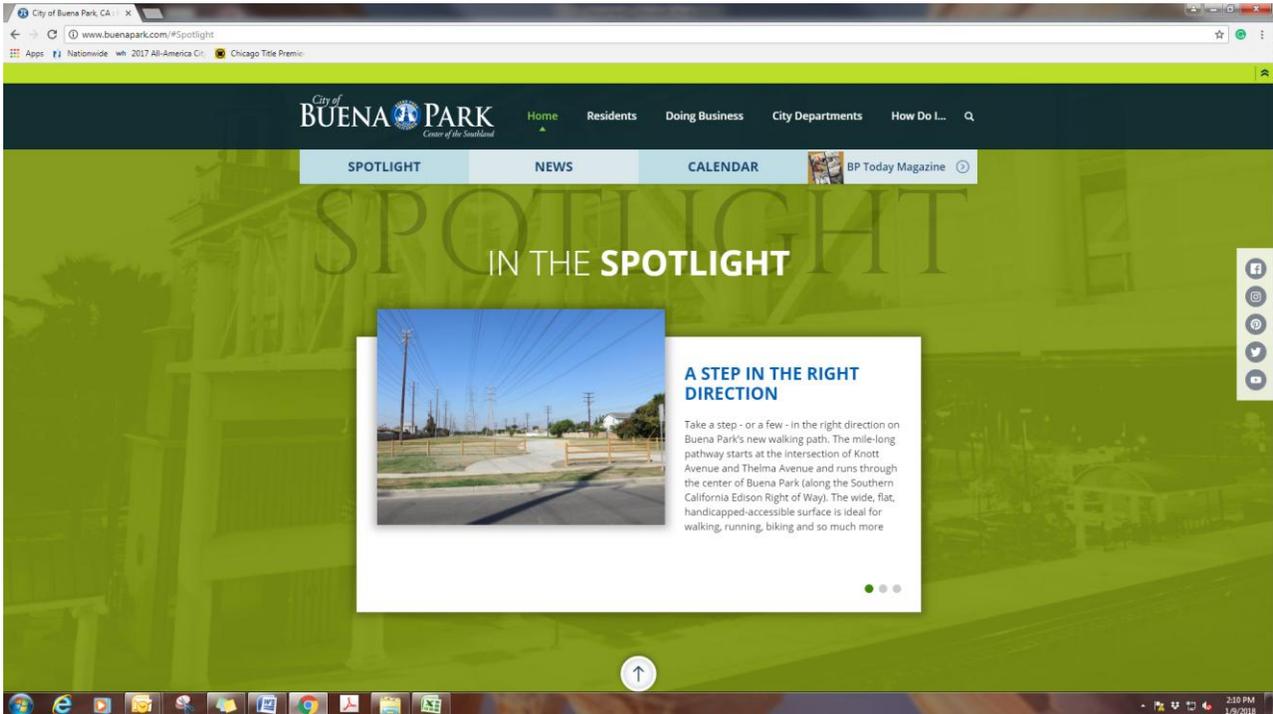
This project provided a multi-modal trail for the public to traverse this section of Buena Park, which was previously not possible, aside from driving through a fairly circuitous route. This area is now used as a bicycle path; a walking trail for children going to/from school, a leisurely stroll; non-competitive rollerblading pathway; and much more. This pathway has given residents in the surrounding neighborhood an alternative means of transportation. This trail has yielded such a positive feedback from the community that Phase II - extension of this trail further east, is now desired.

The pathway also provided a connection to another trail, ultimately leading to the Coyote Creek Bikeway, which is also part of the OC Loop – a 66-mile North Orange County bicycle loop initiative led by the County Board of Supervisors, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). This connectivity provides cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts with additional mileage and takes an additional step toward a complete loop. Continued promotion of active multi-modal transportation space that meets the needs of recreational users and commuters will ultimately help minimize reliance on vehicular transportation, and minimize interference with vehicular traffic.

## PHOTOGRAPHS & OUTREACH

The City has publicized the trail on all of its social media platforms, City website, at the City Council meeting, and held a staff trail walk and ribbon cutting events. The City also underwent a social media public campaign to name this section of the Silverado Trail. Below are excerpts from some of the City's outreach campaign.

The opening of the project was featured in the “Spotlight” section of the City’s website.



On October 17, 2017, the City’s Assistant City Engineer and Community Development Director hosted a City Council and staff walk-about of the nearly complete pathway. This walk introduced both the City Council and various City staff to the trail. Several employees have started using the trail during lunch breaks for walking or running.



Prior to the ribbon cutting, the City issued a press release publicizing the event and the official opening of the trail.

**BUENA PARK STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
Walk, Run, or Bike Along the New Walking Path**

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**Buena Park, Calif.** - Take a step - or a few - in the right direction on Buena Park's new walking path, officially opening with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, December 12, at 10 a.m. at the corner of Holder Street and Thelma Ave.



The mile-long pathway starts at the intersection of Knott Avenue and Thelma Avenue and runs through the center of Buena Park (along the Southern California Edison Right of Way) where it connects with an existing pathway at Valley View Street. Join the City Council at the opening ribbon cutting and enjoy a light stroll and refreshments.

The walking pathway includes a 12-foot-wide concrete path and an 8-foot-wide decomposed granite path, ideal for walking, running, biking and so much more! The wide, flat, handicapped-accessible surface accommodates everyone regardless of age or physical ability. The City Council is excited for the many outdoor opportunities and benefits this pathway brings to the community.

"The pathway project is a step in the right direction for safety and healthy living," said Dr. Elizabeth Swift, Buena Park Mayor. "It provides a safe route to school for children and their families, and it will encourage people to be outdoors and enjoy the benefits of a more active lifestyle in our community."

This is Phase 1 as the City's future plans include expanding the pathway eastward adding amenities as funding becomes available. The \$1.26 million walking pathway project was made possible by funding from the City's Park-in-Lieu Fund, a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) and a grant from St. Jude Hospital.

Parking for the ribbon cutting is available in the surrounding residential area. For more information, please call (714) 562-3550.

On December 12, 2018, the City held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Silverado Trail. On hand were the Buena Park City Council, representatives from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Review Committee, representatives from St. Jude Hospital, as well as teachers and students from adjacent Raymond Temple Elementary School. After speeches, presentations, and the traditional ribbon cutting, attendees walked a portion of the trail to refreshments. It was a great way to open the trail, and the students were so excited to be a part of it. Later that evening, the City Council approved the final payment to the Contractor and directed a Notice of Completion to be issued for the project.



Following the ribbon cutting event, the City Council calendared an agenda item to discuss naming the path. After discussion the City Council decided to invite the public to name the path. City path posted the naming contest on all its social media platforms as well as invited local elementary school students to pitch names. Below are the social media posts advertising the trail's opening and inviting the submission of names. The City received over 100 name suggestions during the campaign.



**City of Buena Park - City Hall**  
Like This Page · February 13 · 🌐

#BuenaPark took a step in the right direction with the new walking path. Now, we need your help naming it! Suggest a name for our #walkingpath. Who knows, there may be a #prize if we choose your name! — In 📍 Buena Park, California

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#contest #buenapark #cityofbuenapark #active #walkingpath #outdoors #prize #community #creative #greenspace #cleanair #gogreen

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### Name Our Walking Path Contest

Marketing Assistant Gina Van Stratten from City of Buena Park · 13 Feb

Buena Park took a step in the right direction with the new walking path. Now, we need your help naming it! Suggest a name for our walking path. Who knows, there may be a prize if we choose your name!



13 Feb · Subscribers of City of Buena Park in General

REPLY · 47

★ Laurie, Beverly, Diana, and 4 others thanked you

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 Nick D. from Buena Park Friendlies · 17 Feb  
I second naming "Where is this path?" 🗣️  
Thank

 Terry & Kathy C. from The El Tract · 17 Feb  
"Stride with Pride"  
Thank

 Janell C. from Buena Park South · 17 Feb  
Coyote walk  
Thank

Write a reply...

On March 13, 2018, the City Council selected "Silverado Trail" as the new name for the pathway. The name was suggested both by a member of the public and a student at the adjacent Raymond Temple Elementary School. The winners will be recognized at a future City Council meeting. A flyer will also be in circulation at City Hall and the Council Chamber to announce the new trail name and increase publicity of its existence (Exhibit A).

Finally, Silverado Trail will be featured in the upcoming edition of the *Buena Park Today*, which is distributed to all of the City's 23,000 residences on a quarterly basis. The article will feature the new name as well as encourage residents to use the pathway to become more active (Exhibit B).

ADDITIONAL PICTURES OF THE TRAIL



## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Phase 1 Trail Improvements – SCE Corridor, now known as Silverado Trail, was completed in December 2017, and open for the public's use immediately thereafter. Improvements included a 20-foot wide trail, of which 12 feet is concrete and 8 feet is decomposed granite. No major issues were encountered during the course of construction. Observations have shown that this dedicated non-motorist trail was well-received by the public and is used daily by surrounding residents and visitors. School-aged children and their families also use the path on a daily basis as a safe route to school. Hopefully, this is just the first step in a complete citywide pathway.

EXHIBIT "A"



12-FOOT-WIDE CONCRETE PATH  
8-FOOT-WIDE DECOMPOSED  
GRANITE PATH

1 MILE LONG

# SILVERADO TRAIL



**RUNS THROUGH THE CENTER  
OF BUENA PARK**  
(ALONG THE SO. CALIFORNIA EDISON RIGHT-OF-WAY)

- wide & flat surface
- handicapped-accessible
- ideal for walking, biking & more!



**THANK YOU!**



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## Buena park Opens "Silverado Trail" - A New Walking & Cycling Path



The new pathway is Phase I of the City's plan to make healthy living a part of the community.

Put your feet or wheels in motion this spring on Buena Park's new mile-long walking and cycling pathway, Silverado Trail. Officially opened in December, the pathway starts at the intersection of Knott Avenue and Thelma Avenue, and runs through the center of Buena Park (along the Southern California Edison Right-of-Way) where it connects with an existing pathway at Valley View Street.

Great opportunity  
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move!

The City Council enlisted the help of the community via social media and local schools to create a name for this part of the pathway. On March 13, 2018, the City Council reviewed all proposed names, and selected "Silverado Trail" as the new pathway name.

The new pathway includes a 12-foot wide concrete path and an adjacent 8-foot-wide decomposed granite path. The pathway is ideal for walking, running, skating, skateboarding or biking with the entire family. The wide, flat, handicapped-accessible surfaces can accommodate everyone regardless of age or physical ability.



The City Council is excited for the many outdoor opportunities and benefits this brings to the community. The City's future plans include expanding the pathway eastward and adding amenities as funding becomes available. "The new walking path is a great opportunity for the community to get up and move," said Mayor Virginia Vaughn. "Children are able to walk safely to school with their families, and adults are able to enjoy the benefits of a healthier lifestyle right here in the City."

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