

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-46**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Bushee

6 Councilor Calvert

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ADOPTING, AS CITY POLICY, THE LA TIERRA TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOR USE**
12 **BY THE CITY AS A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CITY WILDERNESS TRAILS**
13 **AND OPEN SPACE IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2008, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe adopted
16 Ordinance No. 2008-22, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of
17 \$20,000,000.00 to acquire land for, and to improve parks, trails, and open space for recreational
18 purposes, of which \$2,965,328.00 was later designated for the Northwest Quadrant Open
19 Space/Trails under the 2008 Parks Bond Implementation Plan; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City developed a Priority Plan for the Northwest Quadrant Trails in
21 May 2009, with extensive stakeholder participation including the general public; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Priority Plan identified five priorities for the Northwest Quadrant Open
23 Space/Trails funding including: developing a master plan for trails; establishing access control to
24 prevent illegal trespassing; providing clean up of trash in many sites where illegal dumping has
25 occurred; providing trail signage for user safety and way-finding; and providing connections

1 between the Northwest Quadrant trail system, and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe, in cooperation with the Santa Fe Public Schools and
3 other proximate private property owners, has conducted an extensive community-oriented public
4 process, for developing a trails master plan for the La Tierra Trails system; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails system is located on 1,500 acres of public land in the
6 Northwest Quadrant of Santa Fe just three miles northwest of the Plaza and close to many Santa
7 Fe residential neighborhoods as depicted in Exhibit A, attached hereto; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails area provides a network of trails for at least five
9 distinct user groups (hiker/trail runners, mountain bikers, equestrians, BMX/dirt jumpers,
10 ATV/MX riders) who were identified and who share the area as depicted in Exhibit B, attached
11 hereto; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan will formalize the 25+ miles of trails into a
13 cohesive trail system with three distinct technical areas and guide the development of the trails
14 and open space areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan includes additions or modifications to
16 existing internal trails, trailheads, and access points and also identifies future connections to local
17 and regional trails as depicted in Exhibit C, attached hereto; and

18 **WHEREAS**, with the exception of a designated ATV/BMX Park located in the
19 southwest corner of the site, the remainder of the La Tierra Trails system will prohibit
20 recreational motorized vehicles and use of the recreational area will be in accordance with
21 existing city code with respect to parks and open space; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the La Tierra Trails Master Plan has identified a prioritized list of projects
23 for development of the trails into a cohesive network as described in Exhibit D, attached hereto.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the La Tierra Trails Master Plan is approved and adopted as City

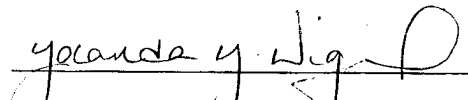
1 policy for use by the City as a guide for development of City wilderness trails and open space in
2 the Northwest Quadrant.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2011.
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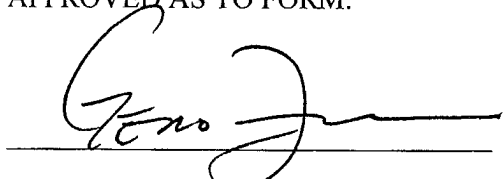
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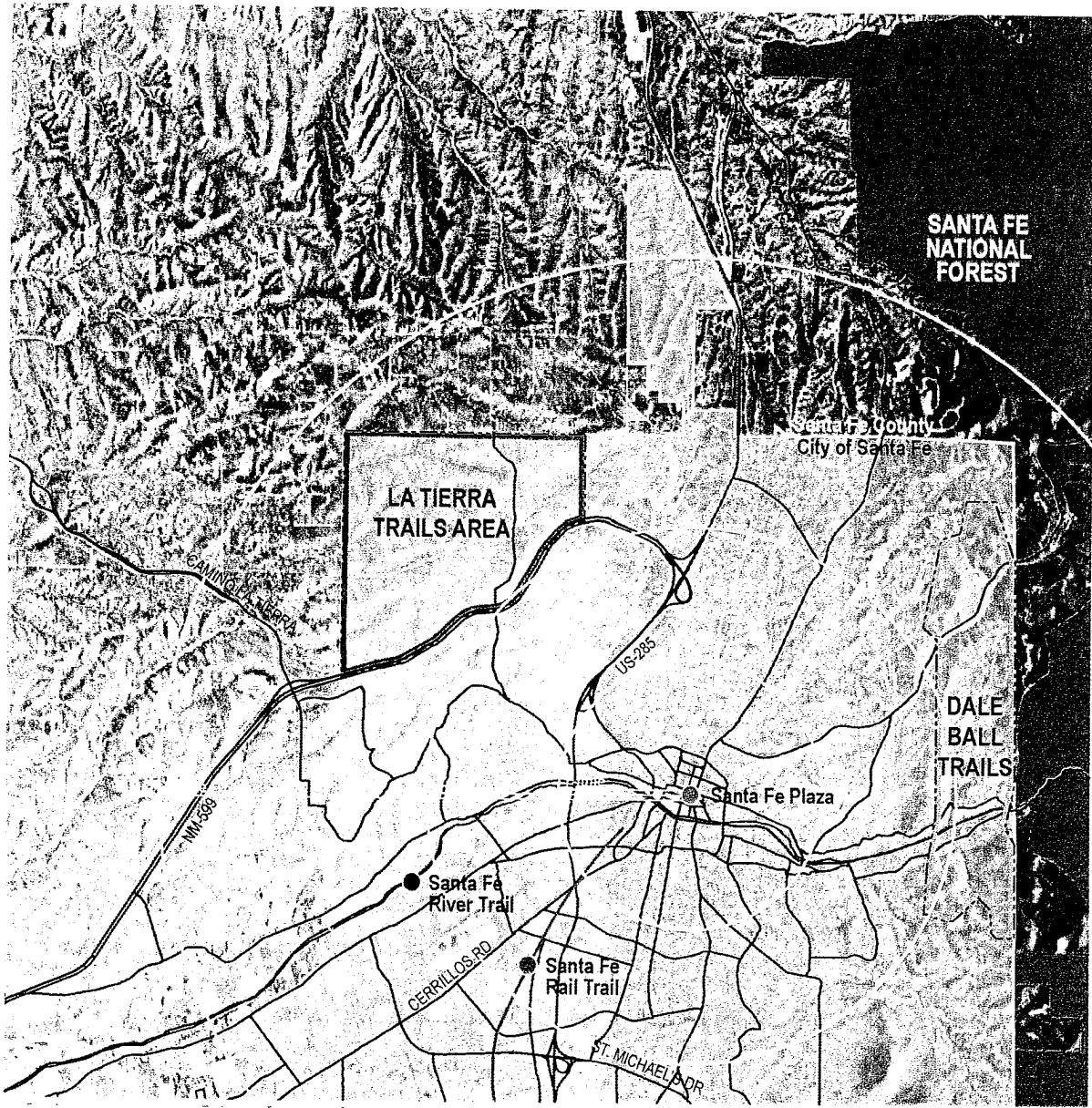
7 ATTEST:

DAVID COSS, MAYOR





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10 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY



LEGEND

-  La Tierra Trails Area
-  City of Santa Fe
-  Major road
-  State road
-  Santa Fe National Forest



ANALYSIS MAPS

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REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP

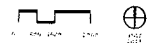
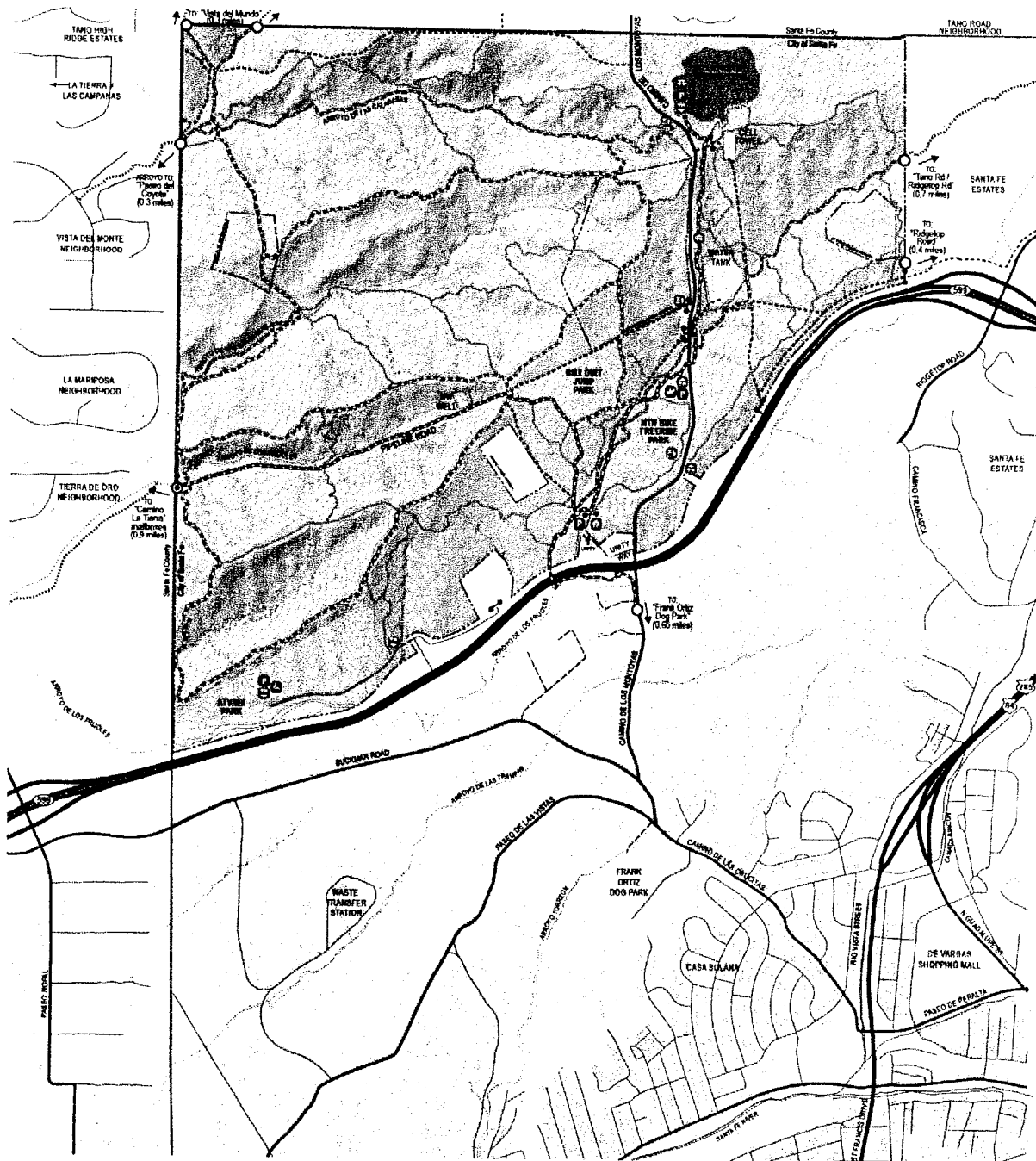


EXHIBIT A



Future Park Project Boundary	La Tierra Open Space Area	Trail: Proposed/Under Review (Bike, Hike, equestrian)	Trail: Access: Parking, 4 spaces
Property Line (to Water-Permit Area)	River	Trail: Multiple (Bike, Hike, equestrian)	Trailhead: Parking lot (10+ spaces)
City/Courthouse Boundary	Arroyo	Trail: Army, Mountain Bikes, Hike, equestrian	Equestrian Trailhead and Trailhead Parking
Major Road	Other City Boundary	Trail: Backpack (hike, hike)	AT/ATM Trailhead and Trailhead Parking
Minor Road		Trail: Tailwalk (mountain bike)	Trail: Access: Trailhead
Mountain Road/Highway		International Open Space	Bicycle/Cycle Trailhead/Access
Recreational Area (Bike, equestrian)		International/Nature Trail Area	
Property Line		Other City Boundary (Trail Connections)	
City Boundary		Trail (Bike, Hike, equestrian)	
Bus Stop/Transfer Station		Trail (Bike, Hike, equestrian)	
		Trail (Bike, Hike, equestrian)	



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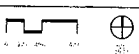
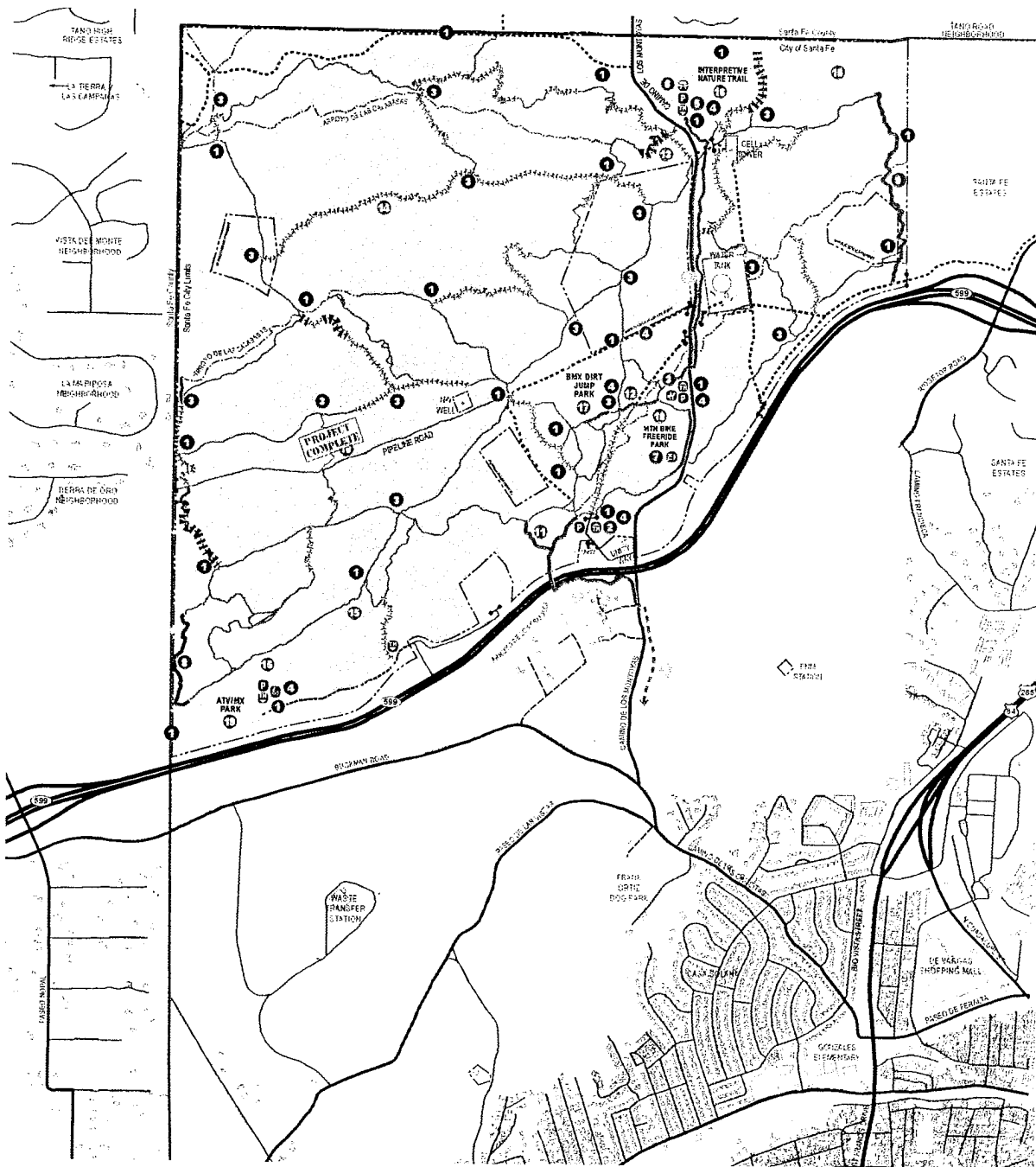


EXHIBIT B



LEGEND

- Water Pipe Street Boundary
- Utility Property Line
- City/County Boundary
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Major Road (on private)
- Private/Unimproved Road (on private)
- Property Line
- Utility/Service Property Line
- Building Footprint

- La Tierra Open Space Area
- River
- Arroyo
- Other Waterway
- Seasonal Creek

- Proposed Trail Improvement
- Existing Wilderness Trail
- Existing Access Trail
- Trail Proposed New Segment
- Trail Proposed Ramp/Junction
- Trail Proposed Path/Point
- Trail Proposed Structure

- Proposed New Construction Details
- Ramp / Obstacle To be Built
- New / Improved Parking
- Proposed Trail Way
- Access Control Structure
- Trail Signage
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PROPOSED TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS MAP

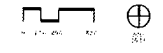


EXHIBIT C

DRAFT TRAILS MASTER PLAN PROJECTS LIST

PROJECT INVENTORY FOR THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT TRAILS

Five Priority Categories for Future Expenditures

- Trails Master Plan** - La Tierra Trails - improvement projects
- Access Control** - fencing, gates, closures
- Trait Connections** - regional multi-use trail, regional trailheads
- Clean Up** - large trash pick-up
- Trait Signage** - signage plan, design + placement of signs

Cost Estimates: The project estimates are based on the best available information, including design, construction, and other costs. Project up to 10% cost escalation is allowed in the budget.

Priority Project Selection: The selected projects are based on the project's priority, the project's location, the project's impact on the public, and the project's impact on the environment. The project's impact on the public and the environment is the primary consideration.

Environmental Sensitivity: The project's impact on the environment is the primary consideration. The project's impact on the environment is the primary consideration.

Implementation Timeline for Future Projects

- Planning + Design + Approvals
- Construction + Implementation

No.	Project Type	Project	Cost Range	Timeline
				TODAY
				2011-Q1
				2011-Q2
				2011-Q3
				2011-Q4
				2012-Q1
				2012-Q2
				2012-Q3
				2012-Q4
ACCESS CONTROL				\$3,270,000*
1	Fencing	New / Repair	Perimeter Fencing + Access Control	\$300,000
Secure perimeter of site along LTT property lines (new fence installation + fence repair), install perimeter fencing around technical park areas, and upgrade access gates/alcoves to comply with standards				
CLEAN UP				\$100,000
1	Clean-Up	Trash Cleanup	Clean up remaining areas with trash	\$100,000
SIGNAGE				\$120,000
1	Signage	New	Phase 1 - Orientation Signage	\$30,000
A phase 1 signage system will include critical orientation signs and internal trail markers				
2	Signage	New	Phase 1 - Trail Maps	\$10,000
Trail map brochures will be published for public distribution				
3	Signage	New	Orientation / Regulatory Signage	\$50,000
Fabricate and install wayfinding signage for the La Tierra Trails area. This includes orientation and regulatory signage as proposed in the draft signage master plan. The family of signs includes trailhead kiosks, trailhead signs, internal regulatory signs, internal orientation signs, and internal trail markers				
4	Signage	New	Interpretive Signage	\$25,000
Interpretive signs of major trailheads, nature areas, and vantage points will provide information on the native ecology, geology, history of the site, etc.				
CONNECTIONS				\$600,000
1	Trait	New	Multi-Use Regional Trail - NM 599 ROW Underpass Connector Trail	\$600,000
A new multi-use regional trail will provide a safe connection to the LTT trail system by making use of the existing NM 599 underpass (west of NM 599 / Montoya's intersection). This ca. 0.5 mile new trail segment will connect from a new trail access point on the east side of Montoya's (south of NM 599) to a new trailhead north of Unity Church and terminate at a new large trailhead/parking area at the Frijoles Arroyo / Montoya's intersection.				
2	Trait	New	Multi-Use Regional Trail - Dog Park to NM 599 Connector Trail	\$300,000
A new multi-use regional trail segment will provide a safe off-road connection from neighborhoods south of NM 599 to the LTT trail system. This ca. 0.65 mi trail will connect from the Frank Ortiz Dog Park to the NM 599 underpass trail				
3	Trait	New	Multi-Use Regional Trail - North of NM 599	\$300,000
A new ca. 0.65 mi multi-use regional trail will provide a safe off-road connection from the new Frijoles trailhead north to a new expanded off-leash trailhead				
4	Traithead	New / Repair	Meja Park N Ride	\$50,000
New trailhead and wilderness trail connection at the Park-N-Ride along Calle Meja with signage				
MASTER PLAN				\$1,500,000*
1	Traithead	New	ATV / MX Trailhead	\$400,000
New ca. 0.3 mi access road and trailhead parking (15 vehicles w/ trailers) for dedicated motorized ATV/MX Park. The new ATV/MX Park will have a perimeter fence, signage, trail and maintenance access, and site amenities				
2	Traithead	Expansion	Unity Church Trailhead	\$150,000
New trailhead north of Unity Church with parking area for up to 30 cars, trail and maintenance access, signage, and site amenities				
3	Traithead	New	Frijoles Trailhead	\$125,000
New trailhead east of Montoya's south of Frijoles Arroyo with parking area for up to 60 cars, trail and maintenance access, signage, and site amenities				
4	Parking	New	Trailhead Event Parking	\$250,000
New event parking area off of pipeline road for up to 80 cars				
5	Traithead	Expansion	North Trailhead	\$100,000
Drainage improvements and expanded parking area for up to 24 cars. The improved trailhead will have accessible parking, signage, trail and maintenance access, and site amenities				
6	Picnic Area	New	North Trailhead Picnic Area	\$50,000
New group shade structure (18 x 36) with picnic tables (50 person capacity), 8 individual picnicking areas with connecting accessible pathway, signage, and site amenities				
7	Traithead	New	Southwest Trailhead Montoya's + Miscellaneous Trailhead Improvements	\$5,000
New trail access (ditch) west of Montoya's to access perimeter loop trail of entire 1500 acre area				
8	Trait	New	West Connector Trail	\$20,000
New ca. 0.35 mi connector trail internal to site along west property boundary				
9	Trait	New	East Connector Trail	\$30,000
New ca. 0.65 mi connector trail internal to site along east property boundary				
10	Trait	New	Central Connector Trail	\$15,000
New ca. 0.25 mi connector trail between existing trail south of pipeline north to ridge trail				
11	Trait	New	Meadow Connector Trail	\$10,000
New ca. 0.20 mi connector trail between new regional trail to meadow trail				
12	Trait	New / Repair	Mountain Bike Friends Park Connector Trails	\$20,000
New ca. 0.40 mi connector trails around Friends Area and connecting to BMX Park				
13	Trait	Repair	Trail Rehabilitation	\$20,000
Various trail re-alignments into sustainable alignments				
14	Trait	Closure	Trail Repair / Rehabilitation	\$45,000
Trail repair / rehabilitation for ca. 4.50 miles of trail				
15	Trait	Closure	Trail Closure	\$20,000
Ca. 0.40 mi of trail to be closed and restored (old ATV / MX trail)				
16	Trait	New / Repair	Nature Trail - North of Corner	\$15,000
Nature trail area restoration and clean-up				
17	Technical Area	New / Repair	BMX Dirt Jump Park Improvements	\$75,000
BMX Park improvements to increase safety between BMX riders and spectators / other trail users, and to create a safer environment for BMX riders of various skill levels. Park improvements include perimeter fencing and signage, grading and drainage, maintenance amenities (water cistern, tool shed, etc.), and site amenities				
18	Technical Area	New / Repair	Mountain Bike Friends Park Improvements	\$50,000
Friends Park improvements to increase safety between Friends riders and spectators / other trail users, and to create a safer environment for Friends riders of various skill levels. Park improvements include perimeter fencing and signage, grading and drainage, maintenance amenities (water cistern, tool shed, etc.), and site amenities				
19	Technical Area	New / Repair	ATV / MX Park Improvements	\$50,000
ATV / MX Park improvements to increase safety between ATV / MX riders and spectators, and to create a safer environment for ATV / MX riders of various skill levels. Park improvements include internal fencing and signage, beginner area track, and additional site amenities				
20	Archaeology	New	Archaeological Clearance for Master Plan Improvement Projects	\$20,000
Archaeological surveying, reporting, and clearance of areas of planned improvements				



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PROPOSED PROJECTS + IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

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