

5.10 RECREATION

This section describes existing parks and recreational facilities located within the vicinity of the project area. It also addresses the potential impacts to parks and recreational facilities that could occur as a result of implementation of the proposed project as well as the level of significance after mitigation (if required).

5.10.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

As described in Section 3.0 (Project Description) of this Draft EIR, the Santa Ana River (SAR) Riding and Hiking Trail and SAR Parkway is a landscaped corridor with recreational facilities intended to provide a recreational and commuter link from the Pacific Ocean to the San Bernardino Mountains for walkers, joggers, runners, hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. Since 1955, when the idea of the SAR Parkway was formalized, a total of 43 miles of the 110-mile trail have been completed (Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway 2010). It is estimated that over one million trail users visit the Orange County portion of the SAR Parkway each year.

The proposed project is located within a 2-mile stretch of the SAR Parkway along the north and south sides of the SAR. Specifically, the project area is located between Gypsum Canyon Road on the west and the Orange/Riverside/San Bernardino County boundaries on the east, and between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad and La Palma Avenue on the north and State Route (SR) 91 on the south. The majority of the project area is located within the City of Yorba Linda. The easternmost portion of the project area is located within unincorporated Orange County.

The area that surrounds the proposed project area is characterized by predominantly suburban development, surrounded by various natural geologic features and open spaces (refer to Section 5.5 of this Draft EIR for a complete description), including the Chino Hills, the Santa Ana Mountains, and the SAR. It is also characterized as an area with numerous parks and recreation opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, and equestrians.

Parks and recreational facilities located within 1 mile of the project area are described below in Table 5.10-1. Specifically, these other parks and recreation facilities are located within the cities of Yorba Linda and Anaheim as well as unincorporated Orange and San Bernardino counties.

**TABLE 5.10-1
PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE PROJECT AREA**

PARK NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION/AMENITIES
CITY OF YORBA LINDA OWNED/MAINTAINED PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES		
Vista Lampara Park	Intersection of Vista Lampara and Cam Caluroso, Yorba Linda, CA	This park includes the following: open field space and play equipment.
Bryant Ranch Park	24705 Paseo de Toronto, Yorba Linda, CA	This park includes the following: play area and picnic benches.
Brush Canyon Park	28282 Brush Canyon Drive, Yorba Linda, CA	This park includes the following: a par course, a playground, two baseball/softball fields, a soccer/multipurpose field, two tennis courts, and a basketball court.
Susanna Bixby Bryant Ranch Museum and Garden	5700 Susanna Bryant Drive, Yorba Linda, CA	This recreation facility includes the following: a Yorba Linda Heritage Museum and botanic garden.

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PARK NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION/AMENITIES
CITY OF ANAHEIM OWNED/MAINTAINED PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES		
Ronald Reagan Park	945 S. Weir Canyon Road, Anaheim Hills, CA	This recreational facility includes the following: softball fields, play area, group picnic shelter, football/soccer fields, basketball courts, and volleyball court.
COUNTY OF ORANGE OWNED/MAINTAINED PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES		
Featherly Regional Park	24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808	This recreational facility has limited public access and is predominantly natural wilderness riparian habitat. However, the eastern portion developed with Canyon RV Park
STATE OF CALIFORNIA OWNED/MAINTAINED PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES		
Chino Hills State Park (CHSP)	4500 Carbon Canyon Road (State Route 142) Brea, California 92823	This recreational facility includes: extensive network of open space and wilderness areas and numerous cycling, hiking, and equestrian trails.

Sources: City of Yorba Linda (2014b,c,d), City of Anaheim Parks Division (2014), OC Parks (2014), and State Parks (2014).

There are a total of seven parks and recreational facilities located within 1 mile of the project area. Specifically, there are four parks and recreational facilities in the City of Yorba Linda, one park and facility in the City of Anaheim, as well as a regional county park and state park. There are also a number of large parks and recreational facilities located within 3 miles from the project area, such as the OC Parks’ Yorba Regional Park (located approximately 2 miles to the west), Deer Canyon Park (located approximately 2 miles to the southwest), and Weir Canyon Regional Park (located approximately 2 miles to the southwest), and San Bernardino County’s Prado Regional Park (located approximately 2 miles to the northeast) (Google Earth Pro 2014). In addition, the Anaheim Hills Golf Course and Oak Canyon Nature Center are located approximately 3 miles southwest of the project area (Google Earth Pro 2014).

5.10.2 THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based upon the thresholds contained in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, implementation of the project would result in a significant adverse impact related to recreation if it would:

- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have a physical effect on the environment.

5.10.3 METHODOLOGY RELATED TO RECREATION

Information related to parks and recreational facilities was gathered from Google Earth Pro, Google Maps, City of Yorba Linda Park and Recreation Department website, the City of Anaheim Parks Division website, OC Parks website, State of California Department of Parks and Recreation website, San Bernardino County Regional Parks website, and Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District website. A 1-mile radius was used to identify parks and recreational facilities beyond the project area because this distance represents an approximate commuter distance that park users would be willing to travel to other recreational facilities. The potential impacts of the proposed project on parks and recreational facilities were assessed based on whether implementation of the proposed project would result in increased use of existing parks and recreational facilities, and/or result in the construction or expansion of recreational facilities.

5.10.4 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

5.10.4.1 Potential Deterioration of Parks and Recreational Facilities

During construction, the proposed project would result in ground disturbance to portions of the Canyon RV Park (within Featherly Regional Park) and Green River Golf Club (GRGC), which could result in temporary deterioration of these facilities. However, it would be temporary and the results of the completed project would improve the park and GRGC with the addition of a new hiking trail, extension of the SAR Parkway Class I Bikeway, and additional turnouts, trailheads, and vista points, thereby adding connectivity to other recreational amenities in the area. It should be noted that during construction, the use of the existing Class I Bikeway that parallels the SR-91 would remain open to the public but there might be some temporary delays/interruptions due to construction activities.

During construction, a temporary increase in the use of nearby parks and recreational facilities in the vicinity of the project area could occur from construction employees utilizing these parks and facilities. However, due to the large number of parks and recreational facilities located within the vicinity of the project area and the short project construction period of 18 months, it is anticipated that the temporary increase at parks and recreational facilities within the vicinity of the project area during construction would not result in substantial or accelerated physical deterioration of these parks and recreational facilities. Therefore, construction impacts would be less than significant.

The addition of the Class I Bikeway, Riding and Hiking Trail, and associated amenities would result in an increased use of the SAR Parkway, and also a potential increased use of the Canyon RV Park, GRGC, and CHSP (immediately adjacent to the proposed project). However, this new portion of the Class I Bikeway, Riding and Hiking Trail, and associated amenities located within Orange County would be regularly maintained by Orange County. Specifically, as discussed in Section 3.0 (Project Description), a maintenance plan would be adopted as part of the proposed project. Also, CHSP would continue to be maintained by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. Such maintenance would prevent substantial deterioration or substantially accelerated deterioration of the new and existing recreation and park facilities. Therefore, operational impacts would be less than significant.

5.10.4.2 Potential Physical Effects of Proposed Project Recreation Element

The proposed project is a recreation-related project involving the implementation of a Class I Bikeway, Riding and Hiking Trail, and associated amenities. Construction or expansion of these recreational facilities may have an adverse physical effect on the environment. Potentially significant physical impacts related to the construction and operation of proposed project recreational facilities are analyzed in the various subsections of Section 5.0 of this Draft EIR.

5.10.5 MITIGATION MEASURES

No mitigation measures would be required related to the physical deterioration of existing parks and recreation facilities. Mitigation measures related to the impacts resulting from construction and operation of proposed project recreation facilities are disclosed in the various subsections of Section 5.0 of this Draft EIR.

5.10.6 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION

Implementation of the proposed project would result in less-than-significant impacts to the deterioration of existing parks and recreational facilities. Refer to the other subsections of Section 5.0 for the level of significance after mitigation related to the physical impacts of construction and operation of the proposed project recreational facilities.