

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the Sacramento River Parkway Project?

The Sacramento River Parkway Project (Project) is a multi-phase project that will create a levee-top trail throughout the Pocket-Greenhaven community, provide multiple neighborhood access points, develop a parkway security plan, and connect to existing levee-top trails near Garcia Bend Park and Zacharias Park.

Can the public currently access the Sacramento River Parkway for recreation?

Certain parts of the Sacramento River Parkway are open to the public, including the paved area south of Garcia Bend Park. However, portions of the levee north of Garcia Bend to Zacharias Park are private property and not open for public access or recreation. Any necessary easement acquisitions associated with the project will be part of the second phase of work following the engineering and environmental review and approvals.

What is the current design process for the Sacramento River Parkway Project?

The Department of Public Works has structured the Project into two segments, allowing greater flexibility when pursuing construction funding. Segment 1 runs from Garcia Bend Park to Arabella Way. Segment 2 is from Arabella Way to Zacharias Park. Both segments are being designed and undergoing environmental clearance concurrently.

What is the difference between the phases and the segments of the of the Sacramento River Parkway Project?

The segments are the geographic boundaries explained above. The project “phases” refer to the stages to complete the project. The first phase of work is the preliminary environmental and design, and the second phase of work is the final design, and right of way acquisition. The final phase of work is the construction of the trail.

How is the surveying being done and do you need access to my property?

Survey work began in April 2022. This included project site visits, walking the levee at locations to take measurements, and the use of drone technology to establish the topography of the site without impacting private property or the ongoing levee construction project. If we require access to private property, we will notify the owner and coordinate with them in advance of access.

When will the right of way process begin?

Once the engineering and environmental review is approved, the City will begin work on assessing the right of way phase of this project. The project will not initiate any acquisition, appraisals, or discuss any negotiations until the environmental clearance and preliminary engineering are complete.

When will construction begin?

After the design and environmental clearance is obtained, and right of way has been completed, the City will issue bids and award a construction contract. We estimate that

the right of way phase of the project development will begin in 2024, and depending on the time needed to obtain the public access rights of way and the availability of the construction funds, the trail may be ready to construct in 2025/2026.

Will the City visit my property along the alignment to see how the trail will directly affect property owners?

Early feedback from property owners requested that city officials and staff not enter private property, and the project team will not enter private property without permissions for entry, unless otherwise permitted by law. However, site visits would be beneficial and help the City understand the concerns of property owners. Please contact us at the project email or phone number to schedule a site visit.

Is there a safety plan in place for the trail?

The City will be working with several organizations and agencies, including City Council, the Parks Department, Sacramento Police, and Sacramento Fire, to develop a safety plan for the corridor. Several considerations are being investigated, including increased patrolling, dedicated park rangers, curfews, and improved cameras and surveillance. It is too early to make any final determination, but input from the community is welcome.

Where will access points be located?

The project team is evaluating a number of potential locations for access points, with the intention to select approximately 5 locations for residents to access the trail. The potential access points are being evaluated on several factors including impacts to private property, environmental constraints, and effectiveness of location. The potential access points will be discussed with the community and residents, as well as our public safety and state partners.

Does this project plan to cut down trees to make way for the trail?

The project intends to avoid removing trees from properties as much as possible. However, some trees may need to be removed to properly develop access points.

Will there be ADA considerations around the access points?

Yes. Ramps will be designed for accessibility to all.

Is there a noise mitigation plan?

The project will perform noise and sound evaluations as part of the technical studies.

Will there be a dedicated area of the trail separating cyclists from pedestrians?

The Sacramento River Parkway Project is designated as a 12-foot wide Class 1 trail and would be a shared space between cyclists and pedestrians. . The width of the trail is constrained by the existing width of the top of the levee, which limits the potential to provide separate spaces for bicyclists and pedestrians. However, opportunities to maximize the space on the levee top are being explored.



Will you provide further outreach regarding the project?

Yes. The Sacramento River Parkway Project includes a robust outreach program. In the coming months, outreach will include community-wide communications, small group meetings, and an education program. The Project website and information line are active:

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