

Sabercat Trail and Fossil Museum Projects

Progress Update and Actions



Map of existing Sabercat Historical Park and trail

City Council Meeting
May 2, 2023



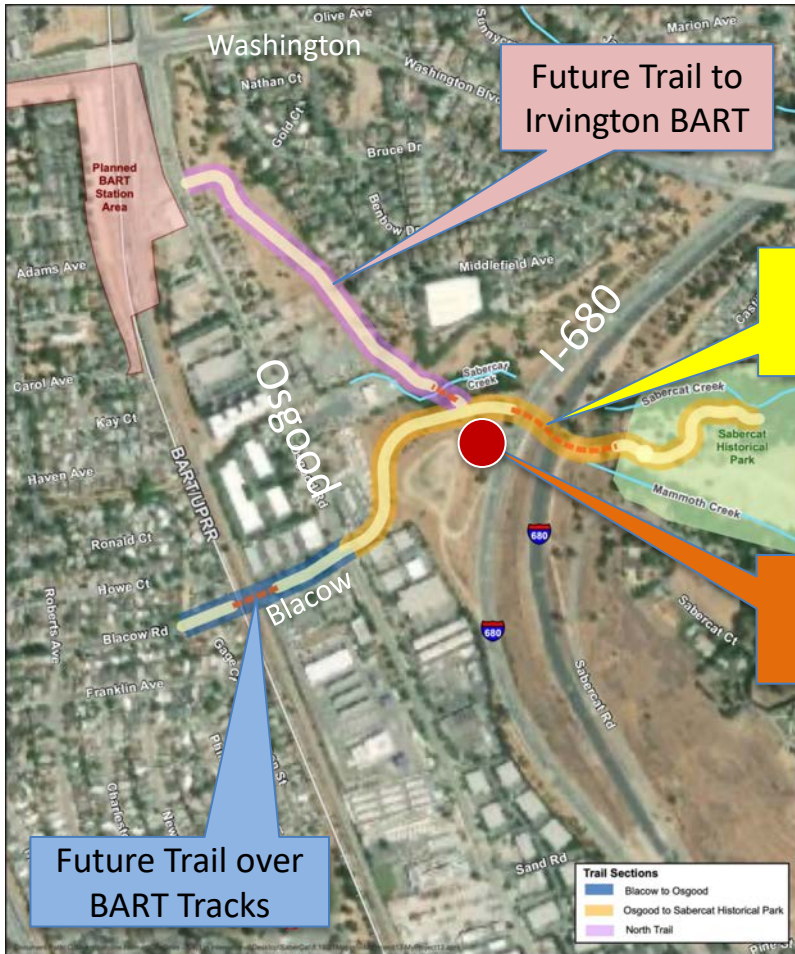
Extraordinary History



“Irvingtonian Age” one million years ago

Fossils excavated by Wes Gordon and the “boy paleontologists”

Project Location and Context



Continued State Funding Support



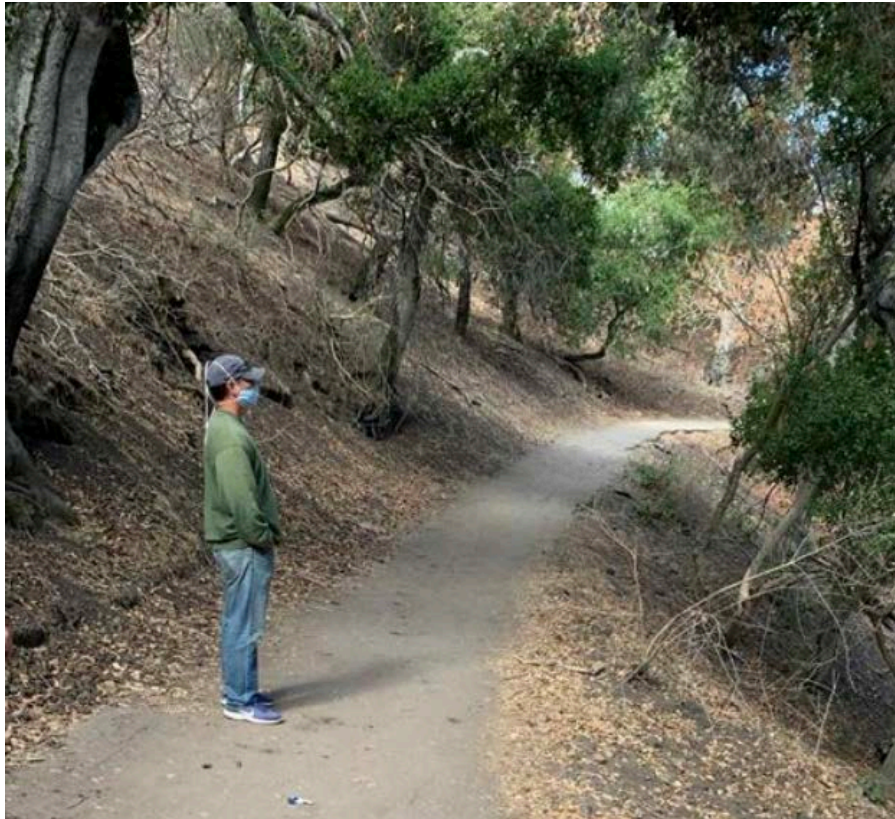
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\$6.0M (2022) California Department of Parks and Recreation

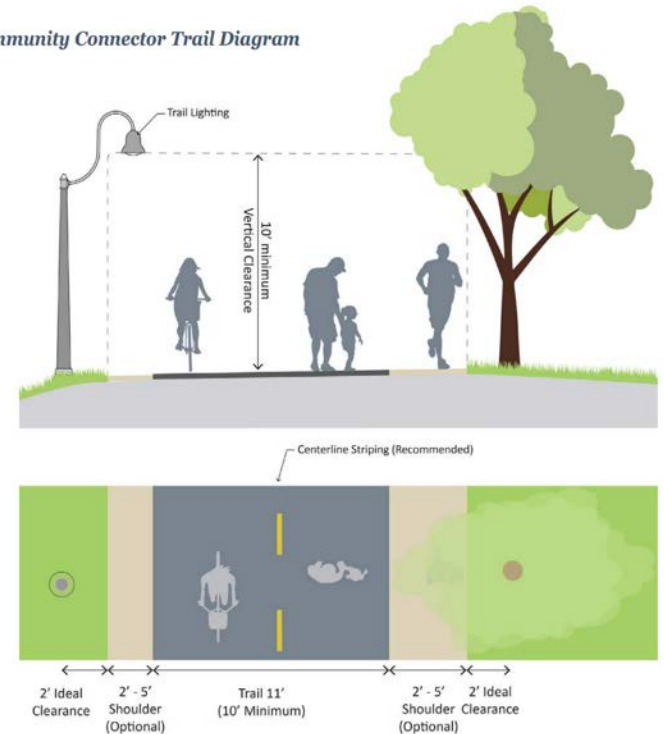
\$6.0M (2022) California Department of Transportation

Recreation Commission Review

Approved **trail width design standard of 14 feet** where feasible. Provides safety and comfort for all users; widen narrow areas; Provide “bicycle calming” (June 1, 2022)



Community Connector Trail Diagram



Fossil Museum

*Conceptual Site Plan on "Caltrans Hill"
40,000 sq ft building; 90 parking spaces*



Fossil Museum

Preparation of Concept Plan for Scientific Content

- Led by Math Science Nucleus in partnership with UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology (\$220,000)
- Museum advisory committee
- Document scientific content that will be foundation of museum exhibits and programs
- Used to promote partnerships and funding



*Photos from Page Museum, La Brea Tar Pits
(Exhibits, Theatre, Working Fossil Lab)*

Summary of Project Status

Sabercat Bridge & Trail Extension/Upgrade (Osgood to Mission)

- Planning/Environmental: Complete
- Final Design/Land Acquisition: In Progress
- Ready for Construction: 2024
- Next Step: Obtain Construction Funding (\$25M)

Irvingtonian Fossil Museum

- Planning/Environmental: In Progress
- State Land Transfer: In Progress
- Concept Plan for Museum Content: In Progress
- Next Steps:
 - Identify "Institutional Ownership/Partnership"
 - Obtain Funding for Design and Construction (\$50M)

Summary of Recommended Actions

- **Approve recommendations from Recreation Commission**
 - 14-foot trail width standard for existing and extended Sabercat Trail
 - Site master plan for trail extension and Interpretive Area
- **Agreement amendment with TY Lin for continued design of trail extension (\$487,000)**
- **Agreement with Math Science Nucleus for Irvingtonian Museum Concept Plan (\$220,000)**
- **Actions are exempt under CEQA**
 - environmental clearance approved in 2022



Recent youth coloring contest submission