

CHAPTER 4

Policies, Actions and Projects

INTRODUCTION

This chapter includes the recommendations and initiatives to realize the vision for the future of Morgan Hill’s Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation system. These directives build on the community needs assessment and goals identified in preceding chapters. They are organized into policies and supporting actions that will guide the implementation of the policy or strategy. While the goals in Chapter 3 present an integrated vision of the system, the policies, actions, and programs here in Chapter 4 are organized by plan element – parks, recreation (including programs, community services, and facilities), bikeways, and trails. There are also policies and actions that apply systemwide, and for organizational development and management. Each element is assigned a letter and number, with supporting policies listed numerically below.

Following the policies and actions, beginning on page 4-31, are tables describing recommended projects that will implement the preceding policies.



PARKS

Morgan Hill is committed to providing an integrated and diverse park system by balancing development and investment in different types of parks and open spaces. The planned park system is designed to best meet needs and preferences expressed by community members through the master planning process.

The following Park Classifications table describes the types of existing and recommended parks and open spaces. The classification system was updated and customized to best reflect the current use of Morgan Hill’s parks as well as the priority for future investment and development.

Table 4-1: New Park and Open Space Classifications

| Park Classification | Typical Size | Service Area | Description |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mini Parks | 1 acre or smaller | Immediate neighborhood (up to quarter-mile walk) | <p>Mini Parks provide open space to residential neighborhoods. Due to the limited size and high maintenance costs for limited recreational value, Mini Parks are not recommended for residential neighborhood parks in the future.</p> <p>Mini parks can also be small parks with specific functions such as community gardens or social gathering spaces. This type of Mini Park is appropriate for Downtown or other dense mixed-use areas.</p> |
| Neighborhood Park | 1-3 acres | Walking distance (half-mile walk) | <p>A Neighborhood Park is intended primarily for the enjoyment of nearby neighbors within a short walk or bike ride. These parks often include limited recreation amenities—such as playgrounds, sport courts, and open turf play areas. They serve as social gathering spaces and may also include natural areas.</p> |
| Small Community Park | 3-10 acres | Citywide | <p>Small Community Parks serve the needs of the entire City and are destinations for residents from across the City as well as adjacent neighborhoods. They provide more amenities than neighborhood parks and allow group activities.</p> |

| Park Classification | Typical Size | Service Area | Description |
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| Large Community Park | 10 or more acres | Citywide | Large Community Parks focus on meeting the recreational needs of the community at-large. They provide a diversity of amenities and activities and allow for group activities and other recreational pursuits that are not recommended at neighborhood parks. Large Community Parks may include both outdoor and indoor facilities. |
| Recreational Open Space | No minimum or maximum size | Citywide | Recreational Open Spaces provide publicly accessible undeveloped recreation opportunities and opportunities to be in nature. They also protect ecological functions and scenic or heritage resources while providing green corridors for trails and greenways. |
| Non-Recreational Open Space | No minimum or maximum size | Citywide | Non-Recreational Open space is not publicly accessible. The primary function of these spaces is to protect ecological functions and scenic resources valued by residents. Non-recreational open space is managed by the City's Parks & Recreation Department. |
| Privately-owned, Privately Accessible Parks | Depends on facility | Neighborhood served by residential development | Privately-owned Parks are generally within a residential area for the exclusive use of residents and are privately developed and maintained by the homeowner or resident association or property managers. |
| Privately-owned, Publicly Accessible Parks | Depends on facility | Neighborhood served by residential development | Privately-owned, publicly accessible Parks are generally within a residential neighborhood. They are privately developed and maintained by the homeowner or resident association or property managers but allow access to the public. |

Recommendations: Parks

P1. Distribute City-owned neighborhood and community parks throughout the City to fill existing gaps and prevent future gaps, especially where densely populated areas are not well-served by parks.

Actions

- P1-1.** Strategically identify and acquire land for a new large community park east of Hwy 101 to be developed as Morgan Hill continues to expand. (See Figure 3-1.)
- P1-2.** Site new small community parks in areas of new growth and development, consistent with the 2035 General Plan.
- P1-3.** Focus City resources on improving and developing large community, small community and neighborhood parks, recognizing that privately-owned parks meet the need for small, close-to-home parks for many residents.
- P1-4.** Continue encouraging the development of high quality neighborhood parks and privately-owned parks in new developments through the Residential Development Control System (RDCS) competition requirements. Ensure that parks constructed and maintained by developers meet the City's park standards described by General Plan Policy HC-3.31.
- P1-5.** Continue to maintain the City's existing Mini Parks while not adding (acquiring or developing) more, unless developed to meet specific goals in this plan.
- P1-6.** Construct the planned Downtown parks and trails, including Railroad Park, Third Street Creek Park, and Nob Hill Trail Park.
- P1-7.** Partner with the Morgan Hill Historic Society to expand and diversify the community uses of Villa Mira Monte and integrate it into the Downtown park system.

P2. Maximize park access to ensure community members can comfortably and easily travel to and use the parks closest to their homes.

Actions

- P2-1.** Strive to meet the five acres/1,000 residents level of service park standard as defined in Chapter 2.
- P2-2.** Expand the level of service definition to include a walkability standard with a goal that every resident lives within a half-mile walk of a park and residents in higher-density areas of the City live within a quarter-mile walk of a park.

- P2-3.** Strive to reach the 60/40 use ratio for residents/non-residents at the City's current and future Recreation and Special Use Facilities to ensure that the facilities meet local demand.
- P2-4.** Encourage public accessibility of new privately-owned and developed parks through the RDCS process.
- P2-5.** Strive to connect new and existing parks to surrounding neighborhoods and commercial centers via bikeways, multi-use trails, sidewalks and vehicle access including adequate parking.

P3. Continue to create unique park features and programs in Downtown.

Actions

- P3-1.** Develop the new permanent Downtown parks.
- P3-2.** Plan future pop-up and temporary programs and installations in Downtown parks.
- P3-3.** Integrate public art into the Downtown parks.
- P3-4.** Program community events including performance art, concerts, and family events in Downtown parks.

P4. Partner with Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD) to increase access (i.e., keep gates unlocked) to school facilities during non-school hours.

Actions

- P4-1.** Develop formal joint use agreements to enhance access and amenities at existing and future school sites.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Nordstrom Park/School, Paradise Park/School, Jackson Park/School, El Toro School, Future Borello School Site, Other Future School Sites.

- P4-2.** Consider joint planning for facilities at Paradise and Nordstrom Parks/Schools.
- P4-3.** Review opportunities to increase park land and amenities adjacent to Jackson Park/School.
- P4-4.** Partner with the school District to land bank for future park sites adjacent to future school sites.

P5. Work in partnership with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to enhance community use of regional parkland adjacent to and near the City and to bring regional visitors to the City, per General Plan Policy HC-3.15.

Actions

P5-1. Promote nearby County and regional facilities with the citywide bikeways and trails map that encourages active transportation to park and open space destinations.

P5-2. Consider joint-use agreements to develop park activities and amenities in heavily-used nearby Anderson County Park.

P5-3. Partner with the County and OSA to support and fund regional recreational facilities located in City parks and facilities.

P6. Enhance and diversify play environments throughout the City.

Actions

P6-1. Prioritize park improvements and playground enhancements in underserved areas of the City, including northwest Morgan Hill.

P6-2. Diversify the types of play equipment and experiences in community and neighborhood parks by adding nature play, adventure play, and creative play opportunities.

P6-3. Replace outdated play structures with new types of play equipment and play environments.

P6-4. Add more multigenerational play experiences to neighborhood and community parks.

P6-5. Provide nature play experiences throughout the system.

P6-6. Expand recreation uses near Silveira Lake and consider integrating a fishing pond into new park sites.

P6-7. Construct the Inclusive Playground at Community Park.

P7. Support Morgan Hill as a sports tourism and recreation event destination by hosting events within the City.

Actions

P7-1. Form a Destination Management Organization, Visitors Bureau or Sports Commission to promote Morgan Hill and ensure unified, coordinated promotion activities.

- P7-2.** Promote Morgan Hill sports tourism via social media, web, and traditional marketing means.
- P7-3.** Provide a streamlined and customer-friendly special events permit applications process.
- P7-4.** Continually evaluate management partnerships for the OSC and other Sports Facilities.

P8. Enhance park amenities to increase park user comfort and accessibility.

Actions

- P8-1.** Add shade structures and trees that provide shade to parks, especially over play and seating areas. Every City park in Morgan Hill has opportunity for additional shade.
- P8-2.** Ensure that shade is included when designing and developing new parks.
- P8-3.** Add restrooms to small community parks.
 - Locate restrooms where they are highly visible from the street and nearby activity areas.
 - Consider restroom designs that minimize ongoing maintenance costs and enhance safety.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Nordstrom Park, Paradise Park, and Diana Park.

- P8-4.** Install drinking fountains that allow for easy water bottle refilling (as feasible) and separate pet drinking stations (as appropriate) throughout the park and trail system.
- P8-5.** Add additional seating to parks, focusing on seating options designed for comfort and social interaction.
- P8-6.** Add wi-fi to high use parks, especially Downtown Parks.

P9. Expand opportunities for fitness and health oriented activities for all ages in Morgan Hill parks.

Actions

- P9-1.** Pilot fitness equipment in two (2) parks and monitor and evaluate usage. Identify opportunities for unique fitness stations and equipment, such as par course.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Nordstrom Park and Galvan Park.

P9-2. Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to parks so that users can access parks via active transportation modes.

P9-3. Identify opportunities for loop trails within new parks and JUA facilities.

P10. Continue investing in destination community parks that offer a range of activities.

Actions

P10-1. Implement planned lighting and handball court improvements to Galvan Park to enhance access and safety.

P10-2. Continue working with community members to identify priority improvements for Galvan Park.

P10-3. Continue to maintain and program Community Park at a high standard while adding and enhancing amenities.

P10-4. Design a new large community park to provide the same high level of services as the existing Community Park while also offering unique experiences that establish the park as a destination. Consider including the following elements in the new community park:

- Fenced dog park;
- Bike skills/pump track;
- Traffic garden (bicycle and safety and skills course);
- Fitness equipment;
- Loop trail;
- Parking;
- Tennis/pickleball;
- Sand volleyball;
- Water filling station; and/or
- Community garden.

P11. Protect and improve un-programmed, flexible spaces in neighborhood and small community parks for informal games and other self-directed recreation uses.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Galvan Park, Belle Estates Park, Stone Creek Park, Diana Park, Jackson Park, Paradise Park, Mill Creek Park, Howard Wiechert Park, Hamilton Square Park, and Oak Creek Park.

P12. Design new parks and park improvement that are welcoming, distinct, and represent the qualities of the park and surrounding neighborhood.

Actions

P12-1. Enhance park entry points by providing seating or other features to help activate entrances and make them highly visible from the street and from

within the park. Where needed, install signage to clearly identify the accessible path of travel or direct users to primary points of entrance.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Belle Estates Park, Community Park, Diana Estates Park, Fox Hollow Park, Galvan Park, Jackson Park, Murphy Springs Park, Paradise Park, and Oak Creek Park.

P12-2. Locate certain site furnishings, including trash receptacles and pet care stations, outside of the park entry points in order to improve the aesthetic qualities of the entry.

P12-3. Design spaces that are simple and logical to facilitate wayfinding by people of all abilities.

P12-4. Incorporate public art into parks.

P13. Provide urban agriculture opportunities throughout the City to provide access for residents.

Actions

P13-1. Establish one or more permanent locations for the community garden and expand its capacity.

P13-2. Maintain a community garden opportunity in downtown for higher density housing.

P14. Integrate more natural elements and spaces and nature play opportunities into Morgan Hill's parks system.

Actions

P14-1. Reveal and enhance nature and natural processes using native plants and by using stormwater management as a functional and aesthetic park feature.

P14-2. Incorporate low-impact, drought-tolerant plantings in new and existing parks to minimize irrigation requirements and enhance visual interest without reducing usable turf area.

P14-3. Develop nature play areas in appropriate areas that allow children and users of all ages to interact with nature and natural materials.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Jackson Park, Murphy Springs Park, and New Downtown Parks.

RECREATION

The City of Morgan Hill provides recreation facilities and programs that are well loved and used by the community. There are opportunities to broaden participation in existing programs and expand and diversify programs and facilities to meet the community's growing and changing needs and interests. The existing and potential future facilities recommended in this section are important to advancing the City's sports tourism goals.

Recommendations: Programs / Membership / Facility Rentals

PR1. Create programming that supports City goals to build community cohesion, support families, and encourage healthy lifestyles.

PR2. Develop and promote programs to serve the entire Morgan Hill community.

Actions

PR2-1. Continue providing the scholarship program for CRC memberships and recreation programs.

PR2-2. Increase awareness of available programs and scholarships through increased bilingual outreach and strengthened outreach to a diversity of community-based organizations such as churches and non-profits groups.

PR2-3. Expand program offerings for teens and preteens.

PR2-4. Reach out to residents that are differently abled, have limited mobility, and seniors to better understand how existing programs may be made more adaptable and inclusive and if there is a need for adaptive programs.

PR3. Continue to ensure flexibility in program offerings so that new programs can be tested and unpopular programs can be retired.

Actions

PR3-1. Use evaluation criteria tied to registration rates, community need, and cost recovery to inform programming decisions.

PR3-2. Develop pilot recreation programs to test and evaluate the community's interest in new types of classes, events, and activities.

PR3-3. Diversify offerings within a programming category (e.g., fitness) rather than adding identical programs to meet peak demand.

PR4. Diversify the location of programs beyond the CRC, CCC, and AC.

Actions

PR4-1. Offer programs in neighborhood and community parks throughout the City, including fitness classes and youth programs.

PR4-2. Focus outdoor programming in neighborhood and small community parks in the northwest areas of the City to reduce barriers to participation and address under-served neighborhood needs.

PR4-3. Pilot mobile programming in neighborhood and small community parks throughout the City.

PR4-4. Offer special events, such as movie nights, in neighborhood and community parks throughout the City.

PR5. Continue to provide recreation-based preschool services and expand capacity as needed.

Actions

PR5-1. Expand the preschool program to support increased cost recovery of recreation programs.

PR5-2. Consider increasing preschool programs through facility expansion.

Recommendations: Community Services

CS1. Continue to serve as a facilitator of community and social services to ensure there are family support services for all ages in Morgan Hill.

Actions

CS1-1. Maintain and enhance partnerships with non-profit organizations to facilitate the delivery of services to Morgan Hill and south County residents.

CS1-2. Continue to provide facility space for community services including day care and senior services, focusing on multi-use and multi-generational spaces.

CS2. Proactively plan to adapt and/or expand senior services to meet projected growth in demand.

Actions

CS2-1. Support the City's Age-Friendly City resolution by meeting the needs of the growing senior community.

CS2-2. Update the Strategy for Older Adult Programs and Services, incorporating the World Health Organization "Age Friendly City" designation to guide future programmatic planning.

CS2-3. Conduct a feasibility analysis to determine which type of Adult Day Care Program is needed in Morgan Hill and the partnerships required to provide these services.

CS2-4. Evaluate options to support “transitions” that allow older adults to age in place in Morgan Hill.

CS2-5. Develop a sponsorship and donation program that will support growth of the Senior Support Endowment Fund.

CS2-6. Continue to partner with the YMCA, County of Santa Clara, and/or other organizations to provide the Senior Nutrition Program.

CS2-7. Continue to use partnerships to enhance resources and deliver services for Older Adults at the Senior Center and throughout the community.

CS2-8. Continue to actively participate in regional Older Adult initiatives such as the Santa Clara County Seniors Agenda.

CS2-9. Support improved transportation for Older Adults through partnerships and operations.

CS3. Continue to support Community Service activities that support community health.

Actions

CS3-1. Continue to actively recruit community-based community service organizations to locate at the City-owned Non-profit Center and/or alternate locations within the City.

CS3-2. Support the Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley’s future use of the Friendly Inn Community Center, including evaluating the feasibility of a facility exchange or relocation for the community service organizations currently using utilizing the Friendly Inn.

CS3-3. Seek grant funding to support after-school programs and activities for residents in underserved and low-income areas.

CS3-4. Support partnerships and collaborations with government agencies and non-profit organizations that provide social services to youth in the community, such as South County Youth Task Force, South County United for Health and Community Asset Builders.

CS3-5. Continue to support the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clara County or other non-profit organizations to operate the El Toro Youth Center.

FACILITIES

The following Facilities Classifications table describes the types of recreation facilities recommended for Morgan Hill’s future system.

Table 4-2: Morgan Hill Recreation Facility Classifications

| Classification | Service Area | Description |
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| Recreation Facilities | Citywide. Users include all residents, community-based organizations and school groups and may serve non-resident sport participants. | These properties were purchased or designated for a specific purpose, or were acquired to take advantage of a unique feature. These facilities require staff to manage and operate. Special use facilities include the Outdoor Sports Center, Aquatic Center, and Villa Mira Monte property. |
| Special Use Facility | Citywide. Users include all residents, community-based organizations and school groups | Special Use Facilities provide space for specific uses. They are often rented for events or classes and are not always open to the public for general use. These facilities include Centennial Rec Center, the Community & Cultural Center, and El Toro Youth Center. |

Recommendations: Facilities

- F1. Incorporate historic and cultural resources into the parks and recreation system when the resources provide opportunities for community education, events, and recreation, in support of General Plan Goal HC-8.**

Actions

- F1-1.** Develop a partnership with the Morgan Hill Historical Society to make Villa Mira Monte viable and sustainable as a community resource.
- F1-2.** Ensure future site development includes:
 - Culturally, historically, and context appropriate design approaches to improvements and additions.
 - Expanded recreation uses.
 - Property improvements designed to integrate into the Downtown parks system and facilitate attracting more visitors to Downtown businesses.
 - Design improvements to maximize revenue and limit ongoing maintenance costs.
 - Improved technology at the site.

- Opportunities for urban agriculture and agriculture education with a demonstration garden/orchard or a community garden.

F1-3. Continue to collaborate with the Historical Society to support organization and site management and operations.

- The Morgan Hill Historical Society should continue to manage the Villa Mira Monte Site.
- Consider providing operational support to the Historical Society to hire limited-term staff for site management with the intent to identify and secure revenue for long-term fiscal sustainability.
- Ensure future programming includes establishing and expanding revenue generating uses such as event rentals as well as programming to attract new visitors to the site.
- The City shall utilize existing Community Services Department resources to coordinate marketing and promotion of the site to increase access and revenue generation.
- Consider formally assigning the Library, Culture, and Arts Commission to make recommendations relating to historic resources.

F2. Support the development and maintenance of infrastructure that supports sports tourism, per General Plan Policy ED-4.3.

Actions

F2-1. Pursue the development of a new Baseball / Softball Field Complex on City-owned land in the SE Quadrant. The new fields should focus on serving local teams and players. However, accommodating smaller regional tournaments may also be considered.

F2-2. Conduct a market study to evaluate the feasibility of a regional sand volleyball tournament complex adjacent to the OSC/AC.

F2-3. Develop a site plan for 10 acres of property adjacent to the Aquatics Center and Outdoor Sports Center, for which the City has a future option to purchase. Property shall be used for parking and additional regional sports uses (sand volleyball, additional soccer fields, etc.).

F2-4. Update aging facilities at the Outdoor Sports Center including replacement of existing turf fields, considering new turf to replace natural grass fields, installation of lighting and more frequent routine maintenance at the facility.

F2-5. Consider a market study to evaluate the feasibility of an indoor multipurpose facility.

- F3. Ensure that regional use of Morgan Hill’s recreation facilities do not adversely impact established neighborhoods and that they support quality of life for residents.**

Actions

- F3-1.** Site regional recreation facilities outside of established residential neighborhoods to avoid traffic, parking, and noise impacts.
- F3-2.** Consider transportation programs such as shuttles and bike shares that will minimize impacts from vehicular traffic and encourage visitors to travel to Downtown Morgan Hill and other shopping and dining centers.
- F3-3.** Develop adequate parking at recreation and sports facilities.

- F4. Actively pursue joint-use agreements with MHUSD to help meet demand for sports fields and indoor facilities, per General Plan Policy HC-3.25.**

Actions

- F4-1.** Create joint use agreement(s) with the MHUSD for existing school gym and field facilities.
- F4-2.** Develop a new gym facility in partnership with the school district that meets the needs of both the City and MHUSD and is constructed, maintained, and programed through a joint-use agreement.

- F5. Maximize utilization of existing aquatic facilities, while ensuring high levels of maintenance and sustainable funding.**

Actions

- F5-1.** Adjust facility schedules to meet community demand for lap swim and programs with high demand.
- F5-2.** Establish a coordinated reservation system with the school district for access to high school pools.

- F6. Maintain and support public access to Morgan Hill’s destination parks and recreation facilities.**

Actions

- F7-1.** Continue to pursue 60 percent local use and 40 percent regional use for existing and new recreation facilities, based on hours of use.
- F7-2.** Continue to use the City’s community use policy to promote facility use for resident groups.
- F7-3.** Improve the lighting, accessibility, and irrigation at the OSC.

BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS

The Morgan Hill community indicated that a connected bikeways and trail network that is accessible to all ages and abilities is a top priority. The following recommendations guide the development of an integrated system that supports an active and healthy lifestyle and increases multi-modal access to the City’s popular destinations and services.

The following Bikeway and Trail Classifications describe the types of facilities recommended for Morgan Hill’s future system. These facility types reflect national and statewide best practices.

Table 4-3: Recommended Bikeway and Trail Classifications

| Facility | Description |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Natural Surface Trail | A path of travel for recreation and/or transportation within a park, natural environment, or designated corridor that is not classified as a highway, road, or street. 100 percent of trail acreage and adjacent recreational uses are included in LOS calculations. |
| Multi-Use Trail (Class I) | A multi-use trail allows for two-way, off-street pedestrian and bicycle use. Wheelchairs, joggers, skaters, and other non-motorized users are also welcome. These trails are frequently found in parks, along rivers, beaches, and in greenbelts or utility corridors where there are few conflicts with motorized vehicles. 100 percent of trail acreage and adjacent recreational uses are included in LOS calculations. |
| Buffered Bike Lane (Class II) | A buffered bike lane is a Class II Bikeway that has a marked (painted) buffer without flexible posted or inflexible barriers as the separation between the bike lane and the vehicular traffic lane. If a marked buffer is provided with flexible posts or inflexible physical barriers, this is considered a separated bikeway or protected bike lane. |
| Protected Bike Lane (Class IV) | A Class IV Bikeway (separated bikeway) is a bikeway for the exclusive use of bicycles and includes a separation between the separated bikeway and the vehicular traffic. The separation may include, but is not limited to, grade separation, flexible posts, inflexible physical barriers, or on-street parking. |
| Bicycle Boulevard (Class III) | Bicycle boulevards are streets with low motorized traffic volumes and speeds, designated and designed to give bicycle travel priority. Bicycle Boulevards use signs, pavement markings, and speed and volume management measures to discourage through trips by motor vehicles and create safe, convenient bicycle crossings of busy arterial streets. |

BICYCLE FACILITIES

Bicycle Boulevard



Protected Bike Lane



Buffered Bike Lane



Intersection Improvement



Recommendations: Bikeways and Trails

B1. Create a bikeways and trails network that serves the needs and abilities of cyclists of all ages and abilities, consistent with General Plan Policy TR-8.1.

Actions

B1-1. Construct the priority bikeway and trail projects identified in the Master Plan based on improving safety and enhancing both commute and recreational cycling, consistent with General Plan Policy TR-8.8.

B1-2. Prioritize the creation of all ages and abilities bikeway types including bicycle boulevards on neighborhood streets (local roadways) and protected bike lanes on busy streets (arterial roadways).

B1-3. Support General Plan Policy TR-8.3 by providing options for people of different abilities riding bikes by establishing alternative routes, such as direct routes on busy streets for experienced bike riders, and less direct routes on quieter streets, bicycle boulevards, and trails for less experienced and recreational bike riders.

B2. Develop an interconnected network of bikeways and multi-use trails that safely connect neighborhoods and residences with workplaces, schools, parks, and community destinations, consistent with General Plan Goal TR-8.

Actions

B2-1. Strive to connect each new bikeway project to an existing bikeway, trail, or community destination. Provide complete connections in the network and avoid abruptly ending a bikeway before a connection is made.

B2-2. Prioritize implementation of projects that address existing barriers, including Highway 101 and challenging intersections, to facilitate and encourage walking and riding a bike to destinations.

- B2-3.** Where feasible and safe, support General Plan Policy TR-8.13 by requiring pedestrian and bicycle public access from a cul-de-sac to an adjacent public amenity, such as a park or school, or from a cul-de-sac to an adjacent street, especially when developing bicycle boulevards.
 - B2-4.** Support General Plan Policy TR-8.7 by designating private roads as part of the bikeway network if there is an agreement between the City and the appropriate owner for such a designation.
 - B2-5.** Coordinate bikeway and trail network implementation with partner agencies, including but not limited to Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, and Valley Transportation Authority.
 - B2-6.** Conduct public engagement during bikeway and trail design and implementation.
- B3. Improve safety for all roadway users by providing bikeways and trails with comfortable separation from motor vehicles and a focus on safety.**

Actions

- B3-1.** Continue to support the City's adopted Vision Zero Framework to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. Once adopted, implement strategies to improve safety.
- B3-2.** Upgrade existing bikeways to create dedicated space for people riding bicycles separated from motor vehicle travel and parking lanes where possible.
- B3-3.** Improve intersections to accommodate through and turning bicycle traffic with both time and space separation where possible.
- B3-4.** For all roadway improvements, implement vehicular, transit, and freight improvements that minimize conflict with people riding bicycles.
- B3-5.** Review opportunities to enhance technology for the Police Department to collect and upload bicycle-involved collision data to the County Crossroads database, to analyze for targeted enforcement and improvements to reduce the likelihood of future collisions.
- B3-6.** Improve bicycle safety across or along highway entrances, railroad and rail transit crossings and parallel facilities.
- B3-7.** Reevaluate configuring Downtown streets to one lane of vehicle traffic and one buffered bike lane upon the completion of the development of the Hale Avenue Extension Project.

B4. Encourage active and safe transportation through education and outreach.

Actions

- B4-1.** Develop multi-modal traveler safety education materials and programs to teach all roadway users about how to safely drive and ride bikes on or near streets with bikeways and trails.
- B4-2.** Develop a user-friendly, multi-modal network map that allows users to easily navigate the system according to their comfort and ability level.
- B4-3.** Provide bicycle education for primary school children. Work with schools to continue and expand the Safe Routes to School program to teach children to safely walk and ride a bicycle to school.
- B4-4.** Support General Plan Action TR-8.G by actively pursuing bicycle safety and promotion programs, encouraging partnership with the police department, MHUSD, bicycle clubs, and other interested agencies and organizations to provide information and resources such as helmet fittings at community events.
- B4-5.** Seek grant funding to support active transportation education and outreach.

B5. Support economic and community development through active transportation and active recreation activities.

Actions

- B5-1.** Support the Downtown district and business owners in accommodating customers arriving by bicycle.
- B5-2.** Enhance connections to regional bicycle routes and develop programs to encourage visitors or bicycle riders passing through Morgan Hill to visit Downtown.
- B5-3.** Promote and support people walking and bicycling to community events by providing legible wayfinding and convenient bicycle parking.

B6. Provide safe, accessible and convenient bicycle parking and other support services to people travelling by bicycle.

Actions

- B6-1.** Monitor bicycle parking facility usage to determine when new or expanded facilities are needed.
- B6-2.** Establish visible and accessible platforms for community members to request new or expanded bike parking. At destinations with high bicycle parking demand, consider allocating more public right-of-way to provide bicycle racks and bicycle corrals, possibly in the place of a vehicular parking space.

B6-3. Work with Caltrain and major employers to ensure there is adequate short- and long-term secure bicycle parking for bicycle commuters.

B6-4. Focus the addition of new bicycle parking facilities at destinations, especially Downtown, including development of the bike hub site.

B7. Coordinate development of the bikeways and trail network with regional partner agencies and organizations.

Actions

B7-1. Support General Plan Policy TR-8.4 by coordinating development of the bikeways and trails network with the VTA Cross County Corridors, Santa Clara Countywide Trails Master Plan, the Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan, the South County Joint Area Plan, the Santa Clara County Bicycle Technical Guidelines, and the California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual.

B7-2. Support General Plan Policy TR-8.11 for multi-jurisdictional alignments by developing partnerships with Santa Clara County to plan, finance, implement, and maintain the bikeways system.

B7-3. Evaluate opportunities to coordinate trail alignments along the future California High Speed Rail line.

B7-4. Partner with the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority on the development and maintenance of trails on the El Toro Mountain.

B7-5. Create an east-west connection to Coyote Creek Trail via a Burnett Ave bridge, per General Plan Policy TR-8.8.

B8. Design all bikeways and trails to meet or exceed the latest federal, state, and local design guidelines.

Actions

B8-1. Conduct engineering studies for new bikeways, using design standards that are consistent with regional guidelines and current nationally-recognized guides. Resources include:

- The Santa Clara County Bicycle Technical Guidelines;
- California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual.
- Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD);
- National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide;
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities;
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide;

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and Universal Design recommendations;
 - US Access Board's Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way: Shared Use Paths;
 - Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) publications; and
 - Other nationally and internationally recognized guides.
- B8-2.** Provide ongoing education opportunities to City of Morgan Hill planning and engineering staff on the planning, design, implementation and maintenance of innovative bikeways and trails.
- B8-3.** Include green bike lane striping at potential high-conflict intersections following best practices and policies listed in B8-1.



B9. Evaluate the potential to expand pathways along creeks and drainage ways.

Actions

- B9-1.** Support General Plan Policy HC-3.14 by working in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to establish easements and joint use agreements and to develop trails and linear parks along creeks and drainage channels.

Relevant Sites

- Llagas Creek west of Silveira to Santa Teresa;
- Madrone Channel trail;
- The trails at Silveira to incorporate desired community uses;
- The loop trail and usable open space at San Pedro Percolation Ponds as a loop trail and usable open space;
- The northern extension of the Little Llagas Creek Trail from Spring Ave to W Main Ave, per General Plan Policy TR-8.8;

- The Madrone Channel Trail northern extension to the Coyote Creek Trail and southern extension to Middle Ave; and
- The Tennant Creek Trail from E Dunne Ave to Middle Ave.

B10. Support the comfortable use and appeal of the bikeways and trails network through regular maintenance and adequate facilities.

Actions

B10-1. Improve bikeways and trails based on maintenance standards and an established schedule.

B10-2. Plan for and adequately fund maintenance activities and needs, including equipment and labor.

B10-3. Consider maintenance costs, procedures, and long-term funding mechanisms as a part of all new bikeway and trail projects.

B10-4. Create and publicize an online maintenance request form and a phone number for bikeway and trail users to identify and submit improvement requests. Respond to requests in a timely manner.

B10-5. Develop a process to assess the condition of City-owned bicycle racks and on-street bicycle corrals, and replace as needed.

B10-6. Include trash cans and dog bag stations along heavily used mixed-use trails.

SYSTEM-WIDE GUIDELINES

S1. Integrate universally accessible recreation experiences across the system in support of General Plan Policy HC-3.1.

Actions

- S1-1.** Improve access for all users to existing parks, facilities, and amenities. Consider various aspects such as accessible parking spaces, paving materials, and site furnishings.
- S1-2.** Continue to advance the Inclusive Playground at Community Park. Create a phased construction approach to leverage available funding and support.
- S1-3.** Provide signs at trailheads that indicate trail surfaces so that users know the trail's level of accessibility.
- S1-4.** Evaluate the need for adaptive programming.

S2. Develop a wayfinding system for the City's bikeways, trails, parks, and recreation network that includes signage along bikeway routes and trails indicating key destination points, in support of General Plan Action TR-8.E.

Actions

- S2-1.** Coordinate with any broader city-wide signage and wayfinding efforts.
- S2-2.** Ensure signage across the system for parks, open space, and recreation opportunities shares iconic and recognizable design elements.
- S2-3.** Include signage and wayfinding to and in Downtown and commercial business districts to encourage pedestrian and bicycle access to in support of economic activity.

S3. Enhance sustainability features and support City greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals when planning or renovating parks and facilities, developing new site plans, and replacing equipment and facilities.

Actions

- S3-1.** Expand the collection and use of solar power and other renewable energy sources at parks and facilities, including on roofs and in parking lots, including new sport facility parking lots.

Relevant Sites

- Community and Cultural Center;
- Outdoor Sports Center/Aquatics Center

- S3-2.** Design parks to be low impact developments that include pervious surfaces (permeable pavers, pervious concrete, porous or open-graded asphalt) when practical and feasible.

- S3-3.** Select Energy Star and equivalent energy-efficient products for equipment purchases.
- S3-4.** Provide convenient and well-marked recycling receptacles throughout the park system, in recreation facilities, and at special events.
- S3-5.** Enforce a “No Idle” program with vehicles and other gas-powered equipment.
- S3-6.** Install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at park and recreation facilities that serve the region.
- S3-7.** Train City maintenance staff and include specific standards and expectations in maintenance contracts for the care of low-water, naturalized landscapes, natural play environments, and other new types of features in the system.

S4. Develop community education elements throughout the system, including the following elements:

- Printed and online biking and trails map with parks and trails at trailheads and public places including community centers, recreation facilities, libraries, and tourist destinations.
- On-site signage, as appropriate, to educate the community about parks maintenance benefits, trail etiquette and environmental sustainability (e.g. native plants and water efficient features).
- Online and mobile-accessible tools including social media platforms, websites and maps.

S5. Transition to water efficient irrigation systems, landscapes, and planting practices throughout the system.

Actions

- S5-1.** Implement an irrigation central control system to assist in applying the least amount of water necessary for the current climatic conditions and in the monitoring, operation, and maintenance of the irrigation systems.
- S5-2.** Transition existing high water-use trees to native and drought tolerant trees to maintain and provide natural shade throughout the park system.
- S5-3.** Design new and renovate existing parks for water conservation. Use native plants, apply xeriscaping, and reduce turf areas that are not needed as open play space to reduce water needs, balanced with long-term funding for maintenance needs.
- S5-4.** Emphasize the use of well-designed, efficient irrigation systems that consider the mature size of plant material and the size of planting areas to be irrigated. Irrigation systems should also incorporate innovative technologies, such as low-volume drip irrigation and high efficiency overhead nozzles.

- S5-5.** Retrofit less efficient existing irrigation overhead irrigation system with more efficient drip or point source systems.
- S5-6.** Conduct regular maintenance and irrigation audits to regularly adjust and maintain operation of the irrigation system at its highest efficiency.
- S5-7.** Provide turf only where it contributes to recreation opportunities. Evaluate the need for mowed and irrigated turf when designing new parks or renovating existing ones to efficiently use maintenance resources. Additionally, transition non-recreation turf areas to drought-tolerant and climate-adapted species.
- S5-8.** Emphasize the use of water-conserving turf varieties after evaluating the need for providing turf surfaces. Additionally, considering transitioning existing turf into drought-tolerant turf.
- S5-9.** Transition existing landscape to drought-tolerant and climate-adapted species.
- S5-10.** Minimize stormwater runoff through on-site retention facilities, bioswales, and rain gardens. Use best practices for sustainable landscape designs to manage the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff.
- S5-11.** Create demonstration gardens throughout the system that include signage to educate park users about sustainable landscaping and water conservation.

[Relevant Sites](#)

Jackson Park, Stone Creek Park, and Nordstrom Park.

S6. Plant native and California-friendly species that create healthy ecological systems and important habitats for wildlife and insects.

Actions

- S6-1.** Emphasize the use of plant materials with habitat value. Consider plant species and landscape practices that provide habitat for local and migratory animals, conserve native plants, and improve water quality.
- S6-2.** Consult with the California Invasive Plant Council to avoid the use of invasive plant species or non-native plants with seeds that can be easily dispersed.
- S6-3.** Implement landscaping that will blend ecologically and visually with the existing native vegetation or the region. When appropriate, non-native trees and plants, fully adapted to the area's environmental conditions, may be provided when they add visual compatibility, beauty, and avert losses caused by overdependence on a single species.

S7. Use plant materials or plant species that contribute to safe and healthy environments.

Actions

- S7-1.** Plant materials in park sites and around areas with amenities for children must be tough, impervious to trampling, fast growing, and not poisonous.
- S7-2.** Locate appropriate plant materials along walkways and entrances to improve safety and avoid blocking sightlines.
- S7-3.** Emphasize the maintenance of healthy soils and soil quality to sustain plant productivity, and to maintain and enhance water and air quality in support of human health and habitation.
- S7-4.** Emphasize the design and maintenance of landscapes to reduce the risk of fire hazard by providing defensible space zones and any plant species that are known to have unfavorable fire performance ratings.

S8. Install lighting strategically to enhance the safety and usability of the City's facilities.

Actions

- S8-1.** Consider providing pedestrian-level lighting (combined low ground-level and higher-level lighting) at park perimeters to enhance park entrances.
- S8-2.** Consider lighting in parks as means of increasing surveillance and park safety by locating lights in problem areas and areas of potential concealment.
- S8-3.** Consider providing lighting at courts, playgrounds, and gathering areas to encourage greater evening use, promote surveillance, and reduce the risk of vandalism.
- S8-4.** Design lighting systems and select fixtures to minimize light pollution.
- S8-5.** Design lighting systems to provide a consistent level of lighting with minimal glare and uneven lighting or shadow areas.

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

OM1. Continue developing strategic partnerships with other organizations and agencies to expand and diversify services and meet the needs of the growing community.

Actions

OM1-1. Grow partnerships by targeting specific groups that can improve parks, trails, and programming within identified service area gaps.

OM1-2. Formalize all partnerships through written agreements that specify roles, responsibilities, liability, financial, and other terms.

OM1-3. Define usable time and access when joint-use agreements are used to formalize partnerships.

OM1-4. Consider concessionaire agreements or leases where appropriate.

OM1-5. Monitor the City's role and contributions (staff time and financial) to partners of the parks and recreation system. Investments and resources directed from the City should align with expected outcomes and benefits, linking to the goals, policies, and recommendations of this Plan.

OM2. Continue to be a community-driven department that actively solicits and values input and ideas from residents, stakeholders, and partners. Develop and refine the City's approach to community outreach and communications.

Actions

OM2-1. Replicate or continue successful engagement efforts from this master planning process, including use and promotion of online surveys and coordination with stakeholder advisory group members.

OM2-2. Assess community needs and update the Master Plan every five years to respond to changing trends and the needs of new residents. A more frequent review of plan progress by the PRC is advisable.

OM2-3. Identify segments of the community that are under-represented in community discussions and develop targeted approaches to increase their involvement.

OM2-4. Strive to incorporate new technologies and tools that enhance community access to information.

OM2-5. Continue involving Morgan Hill residents in the design and development of bikeways, trails, parks, and recreation facilities and programs from the earliest possible stage.

OM2-6. Continue and expand an annual survey system that solicits feedback from customers, including program participants, facility renters, and the general community.

OM2-7. Promote programs and facilities and receive community input through a variety of methods, including but not limited, to open houses and workshops (with childcare provided), presentations to neighborhood groups and community based organizations, booths at community events, social media content and targeted advertising, and partnerships with schools.

OM2-8. Raise awareness about issues and initiatives pertinent to bikeways, trails, parks, and recreation in Morgan Hill through letters to the editor and guest articles.

OM2-9. Develop and maintain stakeholder lists and provide targeted outreach relating to key program and service areas, addressing uses such as:

- Active recreation;
- Bicycling;
- Walking/jogging/running/mountain biking paths and hiking trails;
- Natural resource interpretation and protection;
- Historic and cultural resources; and
- Accessibility for people with disabilities.

OM2-10. When developing large projects, convene a limited term ad-hoc advisory group as a strategy for gathering public input and disseminating information about the project. Examples of large projects would be the new Community Park, Villa Mira Monte, and the Baseball / Softball Complex.

OM3. Monitor and track park and facility condition to inform capital improvement and maintenance plans. Develop capital improvement plans, criteria for prioritization, and schedules aimed at addressing deficiencies in existing parks including:

- Replacing infrastructure and refreshing or renovating old parks.
- Replacing old, worn, or damaged facilities or equipment as per the capital replacement plan. Refresh or renovate old parks periodically, updating facilities and landscaping as per new recreation trends and needs.

OM4. Develop a strategic plan for park and facility maintenance to protect and preserve public investment in existing assets.

OM5. Develop regular maintenance plans for all parks and facilities including reinvestment schedules for major elements (roof, HVAC, etc.)

Maintenance plans should include the following:

- Budget and schedule for system-wide renovation programs of critical recreation components, including bikes, trails, fields, courts, play areas, and amenities.
- A routine preventive maintenance program for all bikeways, trails, parks, facilities, equipment, vehicles, and other assets.
- Assessment of long-term maintenance, repair, and replacement needs for all parks, facilities, and equipment.
- Provisions for adding features that meet current needs and address ADA accessibility and sustainability issues when upgrading or renovating existing parks and recreation facilities.
- Opportunities for volunteer support for site maintenance and improvement.

OM6. Continue to implement staff development and training programs on a wide range of topics such as customer service, cultural competency, health and fitness, senior and youth issues, and local history and culture.

OM7. Continue to engage all relevant City departments and divisions in planning, design, and programming, drawing on the unique and specialized skills and perspectives of:

- City Manager's Office;
- Community Services Department;
- City Attorney's Office;
- Engineering and Utilities Department;
- Development Services Department;
- Administrative Services Department;
- City Commissions,
- Police Department; and
- Fire Department.

OM8. Coordinate with and/or use other relevant City plans and policies to ensure consistency, including:

- Morgan Hill 2035 General Plan;
- Residential Development Control System (RDCS);
- Specific plans;
- Master plans; and

- Future urban development areas.

OM9. Participate in and support implementation of regional plans related to parks, recreation, natural open space, and trails, such as:

- Santa Clara County General Plan;
- South County Joint Area Plan;
- Santa Clara County Trails Master Plan; and
- Santa Clara Open Space Authority Greenprint.

PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

This section includes a list of site-specific project recommendations for Morgan Hill’s bikeways, trails, parks, and recreation system. These projects will help to achieve the policies described in this chapter. The planning level costs and construction timing for priority projects are included in the following Chapter 5: Implementation and Action Plan.

Proposed Bikeway Projects

The following table includes recommendations for the development of new and enhanced bikeways. These proposed bikeways are illustrated on maps in Appendices G and H.

Table 4-4: Recommended Bikeways Projects

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| B-A | Protected Bike Lanes (Class IV) | Construct protected bike lanes including multimodal intersection improvements at major arterial intersections. | B-A1. Live Oak High School Access and Coyote Creek Connection: E Main Avenue from Butterfield Blvd to Hill Rd |
| B-B | Buffered Bike Lanes (Class II) | Construct buffered bike lanes and upgrade the existing shoulder/ discontinuous bike lanes to continuous buffered lanes including multimodal intersection improvements at major arterial intersections. | <p>B-B1. Cochrane Rd and Malaguerra Ave from Monterey Rd to Coyote Creek Trailhead</p> <p>B-B2. Monterey Road from Tilton Ave to W Main Ave</p> <p>B-B3. Sobrato School Access: Burnett Rd from Monterey Rd to Coyote Creek</p> <p>B-B4. Santa Teresa Corridor: Hale Ave from Palm Avenue to W main Ave to reach Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve (CVOSP). (County coordination is needed.)</p> <p>B-B5. West Main Ave from Butterfield Blvd to Dewitt Ave</p> <p>B-B6. Tilton Rd from Monterey Rd to Hale Ave</p> <p>B-B7. Peet Rd/Hill Rd from Eagle View Dr to Tennant Ave</p> <p>B-B8. Dunne Ave from Dewitt Ave to Jackson Oaks Dr</p> |

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | <p>B-B9. Butterfield Blvd/Watsonville Rd from Cochrane Rd to Santa Teresa</p> <p>Bldv (Phase 1: Watsonville Rd from Monterey to Santa Teresa)</p> <p>B-B10. W Edmundson Ave/Tennant Ave from Olympic Dr to Hill Rd</p> <p>B-B11. Santa Teresa Blvd from Wastsonville Rd to California Ave</p> |
| B-C | Bicycle Boulevard | <p>Improve low-traffic and low-speed streets by adding signs, pavement markings, and speed and volume management measures to discourage through trips by motor vehicles and create safe, convenient bicycle crossings of busy arterial streets.</p> | <p>B-C1. Morning Star Dr/Peet Rd from Eagle View Dr to Cochrane Rd</p> <p>B-C2. Depot St from E Main Ave to E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-C3. Thomas Grade parallel to E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-C4. Olympic Dr/Cosmo Ave from Monterey Rd to W Edmundson Ave</p> <p>B-C5. Serene Dr/Walnut Grove Dr from Sutter Blvd to E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-C6. Dewitt Ave from W Main Ave to W Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-C7. Peak Ave from W Main Ave to W Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-C8. Diana Ave from UPRR right-of-way to Walnut Grove Dr</p> |
| B-D | Multimodal Intersection improvements | <p>Improve intersections to create separation between car traffic and people bicycling and walking/rolling. Multimodal intersection improvements can include both time- and space-separation that continues a protected or buffered bike lane's separation from vehicles through intersections.</p> | <p>B-D1. Monterey Rd downtown intersection improvements between E Main Ave and E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-D2. E Main Ave and Butterfield Blvd</p> <p>B-D3. W Main Ave and Hale Ave</p> <p>B-D4. Cochrane Rd and Highway 101 (North & South ramps, Madrone Parkway and Depaul Dr)</p> <p>B-D5. Monterey Rd and Cochrane Rd</p> <p>B-D6. Butterfield Blvd and Cochrane Rd</p> |

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | <p>B-D7. Monterey Rd and Tilton Ave/Burnett Ave</p> <p>B-D8. Butterfield Blvd and E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-D9. Dunne Ave and Highway 101 (North & South ramps, Condit Rd and Murphy Ave)</p> <p>B-D10. Butterfield Blvd and Tennant Ave</p> <p>B-D11. Monterey Rd and Watsonville Rd</p> <p>B-D12. Monterey Rd and Tennant Ave</p> <p>B-D13. Tennant Ave and Highway 101 (North & South ramps)</p> <p>B-D14. Watsonville Rd and Sunnyside Ave</p> <p>B-D15. Serene Dr/Walnut Grove Dr bicycle boulevard crossings at E Main Ave and E Dunne Ave</p> <p>B-D16. Monterey Rd and Vineyard Blvd</p> <p>B-D17. Monterey Rd and Old Monterey Rd</p> <p>B-D18. Butterfield Blvd and E Central Ave</p> <p>B-D19. Butterfield Blvd and Diana Ave</p> <p>B-D20. Butterfield Blvd and San Pedro Ave</p> <p>B-D21. Hale Ave and Llagas Rd</p> <p>B-D22. Tennant Ave and Vineyard</p> |

Proposed Trail Projects

The following table includes recommendations for the development of new and enhanced trails. Several of these projects require collaboration with other agencies. These proposed bikeways are illustrated in Appendices G and H.

Table 4-5: Recommended Trail Projects

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T-A | Multi-Use Trails | Construct two-way, off-street paved trails for pedestrian and bicycle use. Trails should also accommodate wheelchairs, joggers, skaters, and other non-motorized users. | <p>T-A1. Pave and enhance access the existing Madrone Channel Trail (Cochrane Rd to Tennant Ave) through signage and trail improvements</p> <p>T-A2. Madrone Channel Trail extension from Cochrane Rd to Burnett Ave connecting to Coyote Creek</p> <p>T-A3. Coyote Creek Trail – Malaguerra Staging Area to Burnett Staging Area</p> <p>T-A4. Burnett Ave trail from Madrone Channel Trail to Coyote Creek Trail</p> <p>T-A5. Downtown Hilltop Trail connecting Del Monte Ave to the water tower and Hale Ave</p> <p>T-A6. Trail from Live Oak High School to the Madrone Channel Trail</p> <p>T-A7. Silveira Park trail around Atherton Way Hidden Pond with associated pedestrian bridges</p> <p>T-A8. West Little Llagas Creek Trail from W Main Ave to Spring Ave</p> <p>T-A9. Santa Teresa Blvd trail south of Watsonville Rd (Ph. 1: Pave existing trail between Watsonville and Llagas Creek)</p> <p>T-A10. Murphy Ave/Mission View Dr multi-use trail from Burnett Ave to Tennant Ave</p> <p>T-A11. Trail connecting the San Pedro Percolation Ponds to the Outdoor Sports and Aquatics Centers</p> |

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | <p>T-A12. Butterfield Linear Park extension from San Pedro Ave to West Little Llagas Creek Trail at Watsonville Rd</p> <p>T-A13. Trail from West Little Llagas Creek Trail at Watsonville Rd to Silveira Park</p> <p>T-A14. Edmundson Creek Trail from La Crosse Dr to W Edmundson Ave/Sunnyside Ave</p> <p>T-A15. Hale Ave trail connection to El Toro</p> <p>T-A16. Trail connecting Community Park/Sunset Ave to Dewitt Ave</p> <p>T-A17. Butterfield Linear Park extension from E Central Ave to Cochrane Rd</p> <p>T-A18. Trail from Diana Ave to Caltrain pedestrian crossing</p> <p>T-A19. Llagas Creek Dr Trail from Hale Ave to Llagas Rd</p> <p>T-A20. Trail along east side of railroad tracks south of Butterfield Blvd connecting to basin east of railroad tracks between Maple Ave and Pollard Ave</p> <p>T-A21. Trail from Hill Rd to Jackson Park and Fountain Oaks Dr</p> <p>T-A22. Madrone Channel Trail from Tennant Ave to E Middle Ave</p> <p>T-A23. Tennant Creek Trail from Dunne Ave to E Middle Ave</p> |
| T-B | Natural Surface Trails | Develop and improve natural surface multipurpose trails. | <p>T-B1. El Toro Trails</p> <p>T-B2. Downtown Hilltop Trail connecting Del Monte Ave to the water tower from the south</p> <p>T-B3. Silveria Park Trail from Santa Teresa Blvd to east of pond</p> <p>T-B4. Trail north of Llagas Rd extending north toward Willow Springs Rd</p> |

| Project | Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | T-B5. Trail around basin east of railroad tracks between Maple Ave and Pollard Ave |

Proposed Park Projects

The following table includes recommendations for the development of new and enhanced parks. The recommended location for new facilities are illustrated in Figure 3-1: Proposed Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation System Concept.

Table 4-6: Recommended Park Projects

Note: Projects P-F through P-P are recommended enhancements for existing parks.

| Project | Project/Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P-A | Inclusive Playground | Construct the proposed inclusive playground. (Included in 2015-16 CIP). Create a phased approach to facilitate implementation as appropriate. | P-A1. Community Park |
| P-B | Develop new parks in Downtown | Implement master plans for Downtown parks. (Included in 2015-16 CIP) | P-B1. Railroad Park, Third Street Creek Park, and Nob Hill Trail Park |
| P-C | New Large Community Park | Land-bank acreage (10+ acres). | P-C1. Northeast Morgan Hill in the Potential Open Space and Heritage Agricultural Land identified in the General Plan |
| P-D | New Small Community Parks | Develop new small community parks. | P-D1. Within current City boundaries west of Hwy. 101, between Barrett Road and Dunne Road P-D2. Within the City growth boundary, west of Hwy. 101, and north of Cochrane, south of Burnet. |

| Project | Project/Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P-E | New Recreational Open Space | Acquire open space for future trail development. | <p>P-E1. East Side of El Toro Mountain</p> <p>P-E2. Foothills east of Hill Road and north of E. Dunne Ave.</p> <p>P-E3. Northeast Morgan Hill in the Potential Open Space and Heritage Agricultural Land identified in the General Plan</p> |
| P-F | Targeted Park Improvements | Construct planned park improvements. | <p>P-F1. Galvan Park Improvements (handball and lighting)</p> <p>P-F2. Nordstrom Park/School Improvements</p> |
| P-G | Improve Parking | Construct recommended parking enhancements for existing facilities. | <p>P-G1. Community Park: Inclusive Playground Parking</p> <p>P-G3. Anderson Lake County Park</p> <p>P-G4. Paradise Park</p> |
| P-H | New Restrooms | Add restroom facilities to heavily use small community parks. | <p>P-H1. Nordstrom Park</p> <p>P-H2. Paradise Park</p> |
| P-I | Community Garden | Relocate community garden to new location. (The current location has been identified for redevelopment.) | <p>P-I1. Downtown near the Courthouse OR City property near Butterfield overpass</p> |
| P-J | Off-Leash Dog Areas | Develop new designated off-leash dog area(s). | <p>P-J1. To be determined in consultation with neighbors.</p> |

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| Project | Project/Project Type | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P-K | Enhance Play Environments | Develop new, diverse, multigenerational and accessible play environments to parks. | P-K1. All City Parks |
| P-L | Shade Structures | Add shade structures to parks, especially over seating and play areas. | P-L1. All City Parks |
| P-M | Seating | Add new and diverse seating options in parks. | P-M1. All City Parks |
| P-N | Picnic Areas | Add covered picnic areas. | P-N1. All City Parks |
| P-O | Low-water Landscaping | Transition landscaping to low-water, native plantings. | P-O1. Hamilton Square Park P-O2. Oak Creek Park P-O3. Mill Creek Park |
| P-P | Bioswales | Transition water retention basins to bioswales. | P-P1. All City Parks |
| P-Q | Tennis/pickleball Courts | Add courts striped for both tennis and pickleball at the Community Park corporation yard. | P-Q1. Community Park |
| P-R | Fitness/exercise Opportunities | Add fitness equipment and opportunities for all ages to exercise in parks. | P-R1. Galvan Park P-R2. Nordstrom Park |
| P-S | Borello School Park (Peet Road Future School Site) | Develop park amenities at future school site. | P-S1. Borello School |

Proposed Recreation Facility Projects

The following table includes recommendations for the development of new and enhanced recreation facilities.

Table 4-7: Recommended Recreation Facility Projects

| Project | Project | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| R-A | Centennial Recreation Center expansion | Construct proposed addition including new fitness rooms and storage area. | R-A1. Centennial Recreation Center |
| R-B | Outdoor Sports Center | Improve the Sports Center by adding a sidewalk, lights, irrigation, and restroom. | R-B1. Outdoor Sports Center (Phased improvements) |
| R-C | Baseball / Softball Complex | Continue to pursue the development of a complex in the SE Quadrant; Engage the community. | R-C1. City property in the SE Quadrant |
| R-D | Sand Volleyball Complex | Conduct Feasibility Analysis and construct for a regional facility (or add courts to neighborhood parks). | R-D1. Location to be determined |
| R-E | Villa Mira Monte | Establish PRC subcommittee and draft a partnership agreement and establish a working relationship with the Historical Society. | R-E1. Villa Mira Monte (Phased improvements) |
| R-F | Expand gymnasium capacity | Pursue joint-use agreement(s) to expand gymnasium facility capacity. | R-F1. Location undetermined |
| R-G | Expand aquatic capacity | Expand capacity at existing facilities. | R-G1. Splash pad at community park R-G2. Aquatic Center improvements |
| R-H | Expand Senior Service Center | Conduct a feasibility analysis to determine programming and the need for additional facility space. | R-H1. Centennial Recreation Center |

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| Project | Project | Recommended Enhancements | Relevant Sites |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| R-I | New Community Center | Consider re-purposing the Friendly Inn as a Community Center. | R-I1. Friendly Inn, Galvan Park |
| R-J | Expand preschool program | Add space and capacity for additional preschool enrollment | R-J1. Cultural & Community Center |
| R-K | Increase parking | Add parking capacity for OSC/AC | R-K1. City land adjacent to OSC/AC |

PROJECTED PARKLAND LEVEL OF SERVICE

The projects recommended in this chapter expand and enhance the Morgan Hill Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation system to meet the needs of the City’s current and projected population. If the projects are constructed, by 2035, the City’s parkland level of service (LOS) will be **4.8 acres per 1,000 residents**.¹ This is an improvement over the 2016 LOS of 3.4 acres per 1,000 residents. The planned and proposed projects include the development of 73 acres of new parkland, special use recreation facilities, trails, and recreational open space, which will increase the City’s total parks and recreation acreage from the current 193 acres to 351 acres. The proposed parks and facilities will move the City closer to meeting its goal of five acres per 1,000, even with an increased population. For the Level of Service calculations see Appendix B.

Table 4-8: Morgan Hill 2035 Level of Service Calculations

| Facility Type | Existing Acreage Counted Toward LOS (2016) | Future Acreage (Existing + Planned) | Percent (%) Acreage Counted Toward LOS | Future Acreage Counted Toward LOS |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| City-Owned Parks (Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Downtown Parks, Community Parks) | 59.16 | 94.96 | 100% | 94.96 |
| Special Use Non-Recreation Facilities | 11.90 | 11.90 | 50% | 5.95 |
| Special Use Recreation Facilities | 46.00 | 81.40 | 100% | 81.4 |
| Trails (Natural Surface and Multi-Use) | 10.40 | 33.80 | 100% | 33.8 |
| City-Owned Recreational Open Spaces* | 0 | 120.70 | 25% | 30.18 |
| School Joint Use Agreements | 0 | 10 | 100% | 10 |
| Privately-Owned Parks** | 23.05 | 46.10 | 50% | 23.05 |
| Privately-Owned Recreational Open Spaces (not counted in LOS) | 19.10 | 19.10 | 0% | 279.34 |

¹ The projected LOS is calculated with a 2035 population—58,200-- that is based on the 2035 population growth ceiling set by the proposed 2035 RDCS Update. The City’s population may not reach this level.

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| Facility Type | Existing Acreage Counted Toward LOS (2016) | Future Acreage (Existing + Planned) | Percent (%) Acreage Counted Toward LOS | Future Acreage Counted Toward LOS |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Acreage Counted Toward LOS | 150.51 | | | 279.35 |

* Trail acreage is not included in the Recreation Open Spaces total acreage. It is counted separately at 100% in Trails.

** Planned privately owned parks are not included in this acreage total. New privately developed parks will contribute to a higher level of service.