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Arkansas Riverwalk - West Extension

The extension of the Arkansas Riverwalk west from Centennial Park is underway. Plans are to connect the existing trail to the trailhead at Tunnel Drive and include an extension to the Pueblo Community College as well. This project will take several years to complete as all the components come together, including funding; however, construction has begun. Funding sources to date are Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Department of Transportation, Natural Resource Damages Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, County of Fremont, John Nichol's Memorial Fund, Cañon City Area Recreation & Park District, and the Biggerstaff Memorial Fund. Current project funding is just under \$1.7 million. As matching funds for the grants, the City is providing in-kind services such as engineering, surveying, project management, and some of the light construction. The remaining work is being bid and built under contract.

[\(Click here for overall proposed trail map\)](#)

The project route and critical components are as follows (updated 08-22-11):

Segment: Riverfront Recreation Area near the Sante Fe Train Depot west under the 4th Street Viaduct to the Pedestrian River Bridge Crossing into Centennial Park.

Description of Work: Realignment of trail and installation of concrete trail surface.

Status: Construction in progress

Projected Completion Date: Summer 2011

[\(Click here for Riverfront Recreation Area at the Santa Fe Depot photos\)](#)

Segment: Pedestrian River Bridge Crossing into Centennial Park west along south bank of river to Forked Gulch.

Description of Work: Construction of concrete trail and bank stabilization.

Status: Construction of trail in design; bank stabilization complete; revegetation & picnic shelter relocation underway.

Projected Completion Date: Summer 2011

[\(Click here for photo of bank stabilization at Centennial Park.\)](#)

Segment: Forked Gulch.

Description of Work: Construction of gulch crossing (low flow or bridge).

Status: Construction of trail in design; floodplain analysis underway.

Projected Completion Date: Winter 2011/2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Forked Gulch west along south bank of river to 1st Street.

Description of Work: Construction of concrete trail and bank stabilization.

Status: Construction of trail in design; bank stabilization complete; revegetation underway.

Projected Completion Date: Summer 2012

[\(Click here for Forked Gulch before/after photos\)](#)

Segment: 1st Street and Riverside Drive.

Description of Work: Construction of an at-grade crossing including curb radiuses, handicap ramps, sidewalk, & crosswalks.

Status: Construction of at-grade crossing in design.

Projected Completion Date: Fall 2011

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: 1st Street west along south bank of river to Plum Street.

Description of Work: Construction of trail; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail in design; vegetation clearing underway.

Projected Completion Date: Fall 2011

[\(Click here for 1st Street west along south bank of river to Plum Street photos.\)](#)

Segment: Plum Street west along south bank of river to Bennett Ave.

Description of Work: Construction of trail; construction of retaining wall; drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail in design; retaining wall construction, drainage improvements, & vegetation clearing underway.

Projected Completion Date: Fall 2011

[\(Click here for progress photos.\)](#)

Segment: Bennett Ave west along south bank of river to Colburn Lane.

Description of Work: Construction of trail; bank stabilization; drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail in design; bank stabilization under contract; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway.

Projected Completion Date: Fall 2011

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Colburn Lane west along south bank of river to Garden Street.

Description of Work: Construction of trail; spill crossing; bank stabilization; drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail and spillway crossing in design; bank stabilization under contract; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway.

Projected Completion Date: Winter 2011/2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: River crossing at Garden Street to north bank of river at Sand Creek.

Description of Work: Construction of pedestrian bridge over river; bank stabilization; drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail and river crossing in design; floodplain analysis underway; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway; final easement negotiation in progress.

Projected Completion Date: Winter 2011/2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Railroad underpass north from river crossing at Garden Street along west bank of Sand Creek to Highway US50.

Description of Work: Construction of pedestrian underpass below RGX and UP railroad; floodway dredging & drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail and underpass in design; floodplain analysis underway; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway; final easement negotiation in progress.

Projected Completion Date: Winter 2011/2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Highway US50 at railroad north along west bank of Sand Creek to Tunnel Drive.

Description of Work: Construction of trail and ditch & Sand Creek crossings; floodway dredging & drainage improvements; install fencing; vegetation clearing.

Status: Construction of trail and crossings in design; floodplain analysis underway; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway; final license agreement and IGA negotiation in progress.

Projected Completion Date: Spring/Summer 2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Highway US50 from Tunnel Drive north along east bank of Sand Creek to Pueblo Community College.

Description of Work: Construction of trail and at-grade crossing at Tunnel Drive; floodway dredging & drainage improvements; install sidewalk & crosswalk; earthwork & revegetation.

Status: Construction of trail and crossing in design; floodplain analysis underway; drainage improvements & vegetation clearing underway; final license agreement and IGA negotiation in progress.

Projected Completion Date: Spring/Summer 2012

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Tunnel Drive from Highway US50 west along north side of Tunnel Drive to Tunnel Drive trailhead.

Description of Work: Construction of trail and at-grade crossing at Water Treatment Plant road; drainage improvements; install retaining wall along treatment pond; install fencing; install crosswalk; earthwork & revegetation.

Status: Construction of trail in design; Easements in place.

Projected Completion Date: Summer 2013

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)

Segment: Tunnel Drive trailhead improvements.

Description of Work: Trailhead signage; trail surface improvements; parking lot improvements; drainage improvements; fencing improvements; earthwork & revegetation.

Status: Construction of trailhead in design.

Projected Completion Date: Summer 2013

(Photos not available at this time. Please check back later.)