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Final Plans for Salt Creek Trail Approved by County

Menifee, CA– The Riverside County Board of Supervisors recently voted to approve the final plans and specifications for the initial segment of a 16-mile pedestrian and bicycle path that will traverse a portion of Menifee. The unanimous vote of approval by the board authorized the county clerk’s office to begin soliciting bids from prospective contractors to construct a 5.2-mile stretch of the Salt Creek Trail in Menifee and Hemet. Construction of the first segment is slated to begin in the first half of 2020 and will take about six months to finish.

The \$3.35 million project is being overseen by the County Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA) and when completed, will provide a 16-mile Salt Creek regional trail with a paved bike path from Hemet through the unincorporated area of Winchester and the City of Menifee into Canyon Lake. “It will provide the opportunity for expansion of local and regional trail systems, sidewalks and bike path connections from the trail to surrounding communities, school and commercial areas,” according to a statement from the TLMA.

“This project is right in line with our [General Plan](#) and what we envision from a community development standpoint,” said Menifee City Manager, Armando Villa. “We are currently developing an Active Transportation Plan and have invested resources to develop a cohesive [Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan](#) because we know that incorporating recreation is a key element of sustainable city planning strategy. The County clearly sees the value in this too, which is just one of a multitude of reasons we so strongly value our relationship with the County Board of Supervisors and its corresponding agencies.”

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 94,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California’s premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee’s business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community’s character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city’s strong financial position. Menifee’s growing family-oriented population values the city’s ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city’s strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state’s most promising new cities.*