

Sun Corridor Trail

Linking significant regional trails along a burgeoning megapolitan corridor

The Sun Corridor Trail (SCT) Project is a multi-agency effort being led by the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, Pima County Natural Resources, Pinal County Trails and Open Space, and the National Forest Service Department; to link together some of the most scenic, and significant, regional trails in the southwestern United States along a burgeoning economic, transportation, and tourism corridor.



What started as a vision to connect the largest regional trail in Maricopa County, the Maricopa Trail, with the largest regional trail in Pima County, the Tribute Trail using the planned Central Arizona Project Trail in Pinal County has quickly expanded to include large regional loops and long linear trails from Las Vegas to the southern border of Arizona. After a mapping exercise and a focused discussion, it became apparent that many of the pieces to knit this unique system together were already in place, or in the planning stages.

The Sun Corridor Trail is a blend of terrific trails, in excess of 1,200-miles in total length. The trail begins in a loop around Las Vegas, Nevada, meandering its way through the countryside, connecting town and city alike, finally ending in Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties in southern Arizona. When completed, the trail will consist of at least seven regional trail loops including; Las Vegas, Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott, Phoenix, Casa Grande and Tucson, which will be connected by linear trail corridors. Those linear trail corridors will continue southeast from Tucson linking trail and rail corridors through Benson, Fairbank, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Sonoita, Patagonia, Naco, Bisbee, Douglas and Pearce. The SCT is a cutting edge trail concept that is rapidly gaining strong support.

Linking these communities will showcase the beauty and diversity of the area's natural resources, and highlight the unique cultural and historical differences found within each region. The project will also showcase the impressive trail planning and construction done by the communities along the route. Once completed, the project will enhance quality of life opportunities for area residents by providing additional venues to recreate, increasing property values, and leaving a legacy of natural corridors to explore for generations to come. In addition, the trail will enhance the regions travel and tourism portfolios as it provides visitors new destination points and venues to learn about the flora, fauna and culture backgrounds.