

Dear Supervisor Villegas:

On behalf of the City of West Sacramento, I am writing to request Yolo County ARP funds be considered for the Bryte Park Master Plan Improvement Project. Specifically, funding in the amount of \$3.5 million is being requested to contribute towards completion of the City's Master Plan for the Park which otherwise cannot be realized in the immediate future.

Bryte Park is located in the northern portion of the city and is our most heavily used and programmed park. As you may know, the neighborhoods of Broderick and Bryte that surround the park are some of the city and region's more socioeconomically vulnerable, rating in the 87th and 93rd percentile on CalEnviroScreen 4.0, respectively. Studies have shown that well-resourced parks encourage physical activity, reduce chronic diseases, improve mental health, foster community connections, and support community resilience to climate change and pollution.

We believe Bryte Park is an especially appropriate investment for one-time ARP funds because the unique circumstances of its ownership and location make it difficult to acquire other grant funding to make improvements. For one, the property is owned by Washington Unified School District but is improved, programmed and maintained by the City through a Joint Use Facilities Agreement. This precludes the city from participating in a significant number of grant programs as site control/ownership is a prerequisite in many cases. Additionally, it is nearly impossible to obtain grant funding from any grant programs that require use of the State's Community Fact Finder tool. This tool collects census data for the portion of the community within a ½ mile radius of the project site and unfortunately, captures a higher-income neighborhood in Natomas, which is located on the other side of the Sacramento River *in a different City*, as well as a small enclave community of very affluent households in the nearby Rivers subdivision – rendering the median income in the area too high to be eligible for these funds despite the reality that nearly all other metrics identify the surrounding neighborhoods as disadvantaged. City staff raised this issue with State Parks staff but no adjustments to the tool have been considered to date.

Despite these obstacles, the city has leveraged funding with other outside public and private dollars to make a series of improvements in the park, including a new shaded play area, on-site parking, lighting, landscaping, new restrooms, a covered BBQ and picnic area and road crossing improvements. All of these improvements were catalyzed by the 2013 adoption of the Master Plan for Bryte Park, which was the result of a robust community engagement effort, developed in coordination with over 200 community members and stakeholders.

The City has maintained momentum in realizing the Master Plan, thanks in part to \$1.5 million in one-time state general fund allocation money granted to the City in 2021. We are currently utilizing those funds in addition to other City funding, to implement a \$9.3 million suite of improvements including: ADA improvements, a new dog park, a new all-weather soccer field with lighting and maintenance support building, angled street parking, fitness stations, and a walking loop and related pathway improvements (i.e., lighting, seating, hydration station).

This year, we are hoping to secure additional State funds in the amount of \$8 million to advance the community pool portion of the Master Plan, as well as County ARP funding to help us complete the balance of park improvements, which include: a new adult softball complex, soccer field renovation to support over 14 fields for use by multiple age groups and a public plaza/gathering hub. As construction costs continue to rise and parks become even more essential to the health and welfare of our community, completing the balance of the Master Plan improvements as soon as possible is paramount. In providing

ARP funding, the County has an opportunity to help alleviate the funding challenges described above, leverage significant local and State funding, and support equitable access to recreation for our community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Bryte Park Master Plan Improvement Project

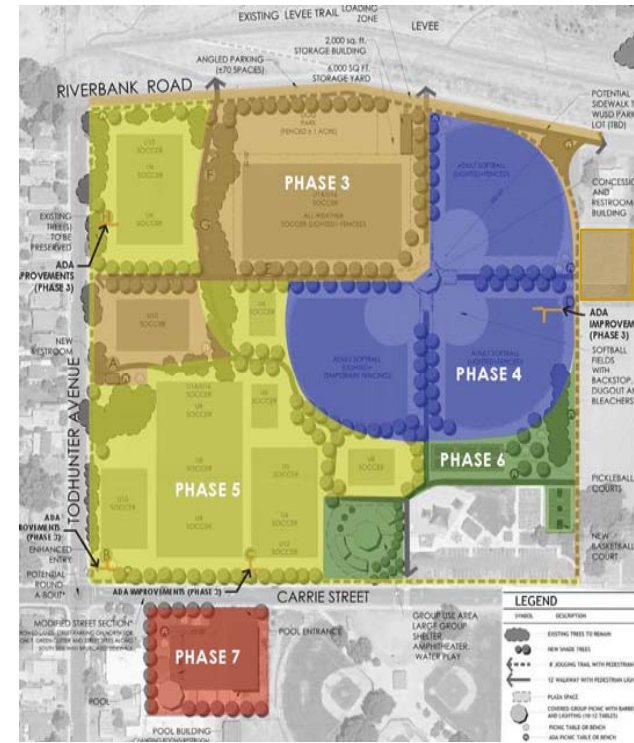
Planning/Phasing



Existing Site Conditions



Master Plan



Proposed Phasing Strategy
(Pending Funding Availability)

Bryte Park Master Plan Improvement Project

Funded Phase 3 Objectives:

- Complete required ADA improvements by 2025 (★)
- Minimize impacts to current programs
- Implement Master Plan features:
 - New all-weather soccer field w/lights
 - New dog park
 - New fitness stations
 - Improved parking along Riverbank Rd
 - Walking paths around/within park
 - Age-friendly features integrated
 - New restroom along Todhunter
 - New U10 soccer field
 - Tennis court renovations w/lights

Estimated Cost: \$9.3 million



Bryte Park Master Plan Improvement Project

Summary of Total Costs

Phasing	Description	Estimated Cost
Current Planned Improvements	ADA improvements, new dog park, all-weather soccer field w/lighting, angled street parking, maintenance building, fitness stations, walking loop, pathway improvements/amenities	\$9.3 million
Softball Complex	Construct 3 new adult softball fields with concession and restroom facilities to support tournaments	\$6 million
Community Pool	Neighborhood pool and pool building	\$8 million
Soccer Fields Renovation	Renovate existing turf for up to 14 new soccer fields that support play for multiple age groups	\$3.5 million
Plaza/Amphitheater	New park plaza, amphitheater/outdoor performance and classroom space, lighting, potential water feature	\$1.5 million

Subtotal \$28.5 million

Funding Appropriated (\$9.3 million)

Additional State Funding Request - Pending (\$8 million)

Additional City Funding/Measure N - Pending (\$7.5 million)

Remaining Funds Needed \$3.5 million

Dear Supervisor Villegas:

On behalf of the City of West Sacramento, I am writing to request Yolo County ARP funds be considered for the California Great Delta Trail/Clarksburg Branch Line Trail (CBLT) Improvements Project. Specifically, funding in the amount of **\$2 million** is being requested to design, permit and construct trail improvements that will improve connections for Yolo County residents from the Delta to Downtown Sacramento, directly link the trail with the new Southport Levee Recreation Trail that offers improved access to the Sacramento River and unique recreation and educational experiences, serve as an active transportation corridor and safe route to schools and supports the continued implementation of the Great California Delta Trail Master Plan.

The project includes completing all design and permitting work to extend the paved portion of the CBLT approximately 2 miles south, including a variety of amenities. The project also includes constructing improvements which will include at a minimum: a paved trail with an adjacent natural equestrian path, an activity hub at the intersection of the Southport Levee Recreation Trail and the CBLT with educational and wayfinding features, as well as respite amenities (seating, shade, trash, and recycling receptacles). This 2-mile stretch of the trail extends through groves of heritage oak trees and its direct connection with the Southport Levee Recreation Trail forms a 10-mile loop adjacent to the Sacramento River and multiple park and nature areas that offer additional amenities such as parking, restrooms, hydration stations and truly unique recreation and education opportunities just minutes from the State Capitol and downtown Sacramento.

The CBLT has the potential to serve as a major destination for tourism by providing the infrastructure for events and programming, including walk/run/cycling events, offering access to trail amenities such as activity hubs, hydration and bike-repair stations, access to parks and nature areas and direct connections to businesses, parking, and transit to support trail access and use. Programmed activities on the trail have the potential to draw thousands of people annually.

To date, this project has not been competitive for traditional trail or transportation grant funding due to nearby population densities being too low and/or median household incomes being too high. Developer fees from nearby projects are being pursued to cover a portion of the trail improvement costs.

Despite these obstacles, the city has already leveraged funding with other public and private dollars to complete significant portions of the Great Delta Trail. The River Walk Trail Project is part of the Great Delta Trail and is located along the Sacramento River in the Bridge District. This project received \$1.7 million in Prop 50 River Parkways Grant Program funds combined with \$1.6 million in local funds. Phase 1 of CBLT "Rails to Trails" Project included removal of 3.25 miles of existing railroad track and construction of a new, paved, multi-use trail spanning 1.25 miles parallel to Jefferson Boulevard, River City High School, and the City's Recreation Center. This project received over \$575,000 in SACOG grant funding and \$150,000 in local funding. Additional projects such as the Southport Levee Project, Southport Levee Recreation Trail and Southport Levee Trailhead projects have received millions of dollars in federal, state, and local funding that will contribute towards enhancing Great Delta Trail use and experiences.

This year, we are hoping to secure County ARP funding to help us complete an important segment of the Great Delta Trail. As we work to promote and build stewardship of the Great Delta Trail, offer active transportation options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve access to essential outdoor recreation and educational opportunities and maximize opportunities to leverage resources, there has never been a better time to advance this important project.

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Great California Delta Trail/Clarksburg Branch Line Trail Improvements Project

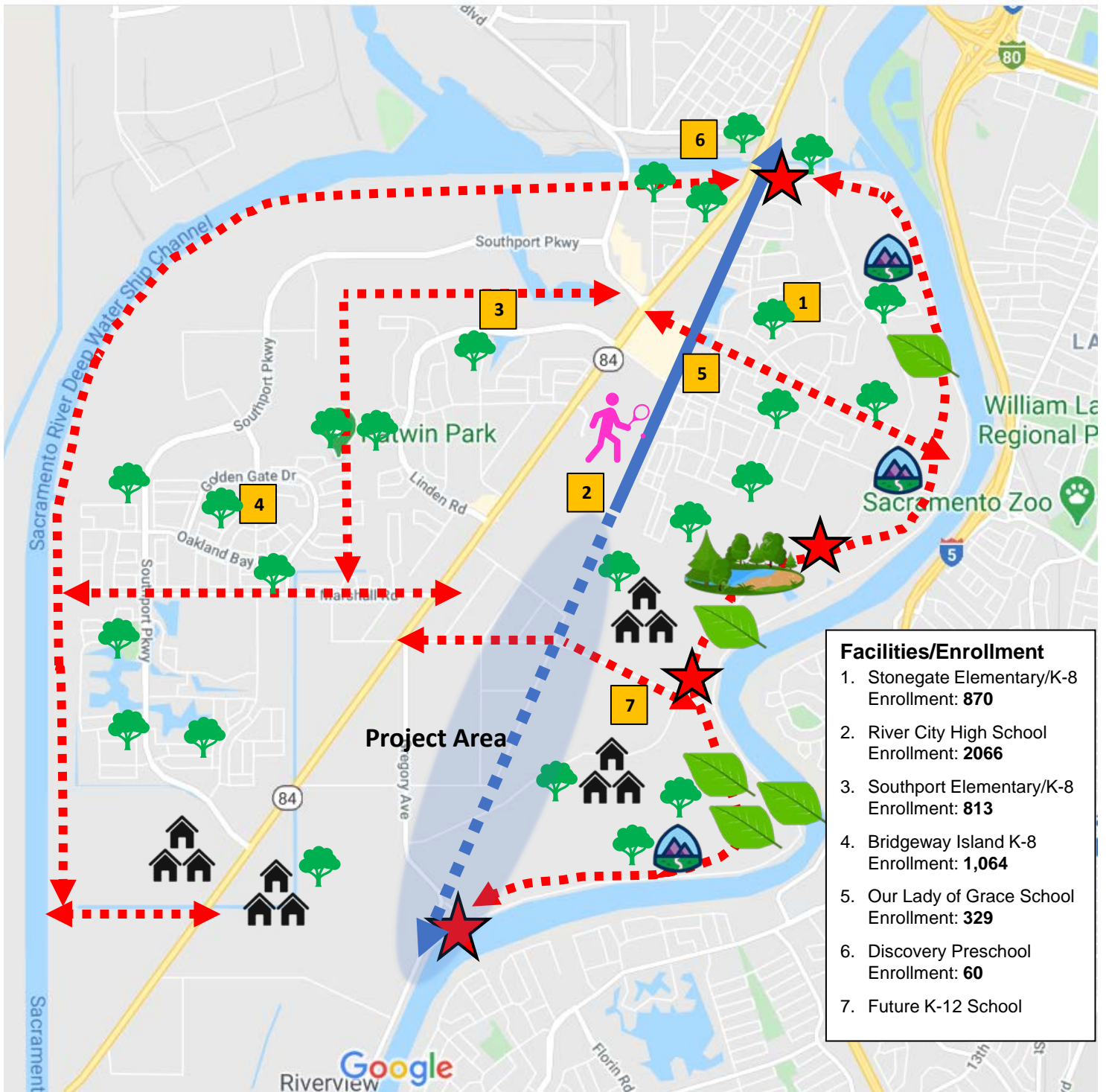


Improvements To Be Considered:

1. Trailhead at major entrance point
2. Trail amenities including:
 - Paving
 - Signage/Wayfinding
 - Informational Kiosk
 - Solar Lighting
 - Shaded Seating
 - Trash/Recycling Receptacles
3. Native Plantings



Great California Delta Trail/Clarksburg Branch Line Trail MAP OF NEARBY AMENITIES



Legend

Great Delta/Clarksburg Branch Line Trail (paved vs. unpaved)

Existing/Proposed City Trails

Major Trail Access Points

Schools

Bees Lakes Public Access Improvements

Existing/Planned Parks

Future Trailhead Facility

Nature/Wildlife Areas

Recreation Center

New Development Areas

Great California Delta Trail/Clarksburg Branch Line Trail Improvements Project

Phasing Plan	Description	Estimated Cost
Design and Permitting	Design and permitting of project to include approximately 2 miles of paving, signage, historical information and wayfinding to guide trail users along the Great California Delta Trail and provide a direct connection to the Southport Levee Recreation Trail	\$300,000
Construction Costs	Construction of trail improvements and amenities as defined by the design and permitting process.	\$2 million
Other Costs	Project Mgmnt, Contingency, Insurance, Inspections, etc.	\$500,000
	Subtotal	\$2.8 million
	<i>Developer Requested Funding - Pending</i>	(\$500,000)
	<i>Additional City Funds/Measure E or PIF – Pending</i>	(\$300,000)
	Remaining Funds Needed	\$2 million