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River Oaks Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project

Overview

This project constructed a bridge over the Guadalupe River to connect San Jose and Santa Clara neighborhoods. It includes ramps that conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, rest areas, and paved levee paths. The bridge facilitates bicycle and pedestrian access across the river and provides convenient access to the River Oaks Light Rail Station. The project maintains the Guadalupe River ecosystem.

Objective

The purpose of this project is to meet the demand for safe and efficient pedestrian and bicycle pathways in the cities of San Jose and Santa Clara for both recreational and commuting use.

Project Features

First Phase

- A prefabricated steel bridge across the Guadalupe River at the end of the River Oaks cul-de-sac
- A ramp that complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and stairs to allow users to access the trail at the River Oaks section of the project
- Rest areas to allow the trail users to rest and observe the natural environment in the Guadalupe River
- A 12-foot wide paved levee path on the Santa Clara side of the bridge

City of Santa Clara Elements

- Bicycle and pedestrian path connecting Lick Mill Boulevard
- A ramp that complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, to allow users to access the trail at the Lick Mill section of the project.

Second Phase (Unfunded)

- Bicycle and pedestrian path along River Oaks Parkway
- An entry plaza at the southwest corner of the River Oaks Parkway and North First Street intersection.

Capital Cost/ Project Funding

First Phase: \$3 million from the City of San Jose, City of Santa Clara, 1996 Measure B Bicycle Program, Transportation Funds for Clean Air, and Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Project Schedule

First Phase construction began: Early 2005
First Phase completed: May 2006

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