



PROJECT UPDATE — CRAIG PARK BIKE FACILITY

OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting— December 1, 2021



PROJECT UPDATES:

OC Parks meets quarterly with ACOE to discuss project progress.

Summer 2020

- Submitted initial NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) document to Army Corps of Engineers for (ACOE) review.

Spring 2021

- Received redlined comments on initial EA document.
- Re-submitted revised draft EA to ACOE for second review.

Summer 2021

- ACOE indicated EA review is half-way complete with cultural review in progress.

Fall 2021

- ACOE Environmental Division & Office of Counsel (Counsel) completed review of draft EA.
- Revisions are being performed on draft EA based on ACOE Office of Counsel's review & comments.

NEXT STEPS:

- Resubmit revised draft NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) to ACOE Office of Counsel (Counsel) by early December for final approval.
- Upon approval, ACOE will post EA for 30-day public review period.
- Regional Park Program grant application to be submitted in January 2022 to fund construction phase of the project.
- Next quarterly projects meeting with ACOE to occur in January 2022.

Thank you.



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Craig Park Bike Facility

Aerial Overview Map

OC Parks is planning to construct, operate, and maintain the Craig Park Bike Facility, a 9.7-acre mountain bike skills course facility for all ages and abilities. The proposed project is located within Craig Regional Park in the City of Fullerton, California. The project site is on land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in relation to the operation of the adjacent Fullerton Dam for flood control purposes. In addition, the land is leased from ACOE by OC Parks for recreation purposes in association with the operation and maintenance of Craig Regional Park.

The Project's design-development phase was funded by OC Parks and the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Bike Park Initiative Grant. The Bike Park Initiative Grant is an IMBA-led project designed to foster the development of world-class bike park facilities across the country. In early 2014, OC Parks initiated a study with the IMBA Trail Solutions program to determine the feasibility of hosting a bike park facility in Orange County and to explore creating a bike facility within OC Parks. Although several existing County regional park locations were considered, Craig Regional Park was selected as the most feasible due to the site location, size, topography, and proximity to existing amenities.

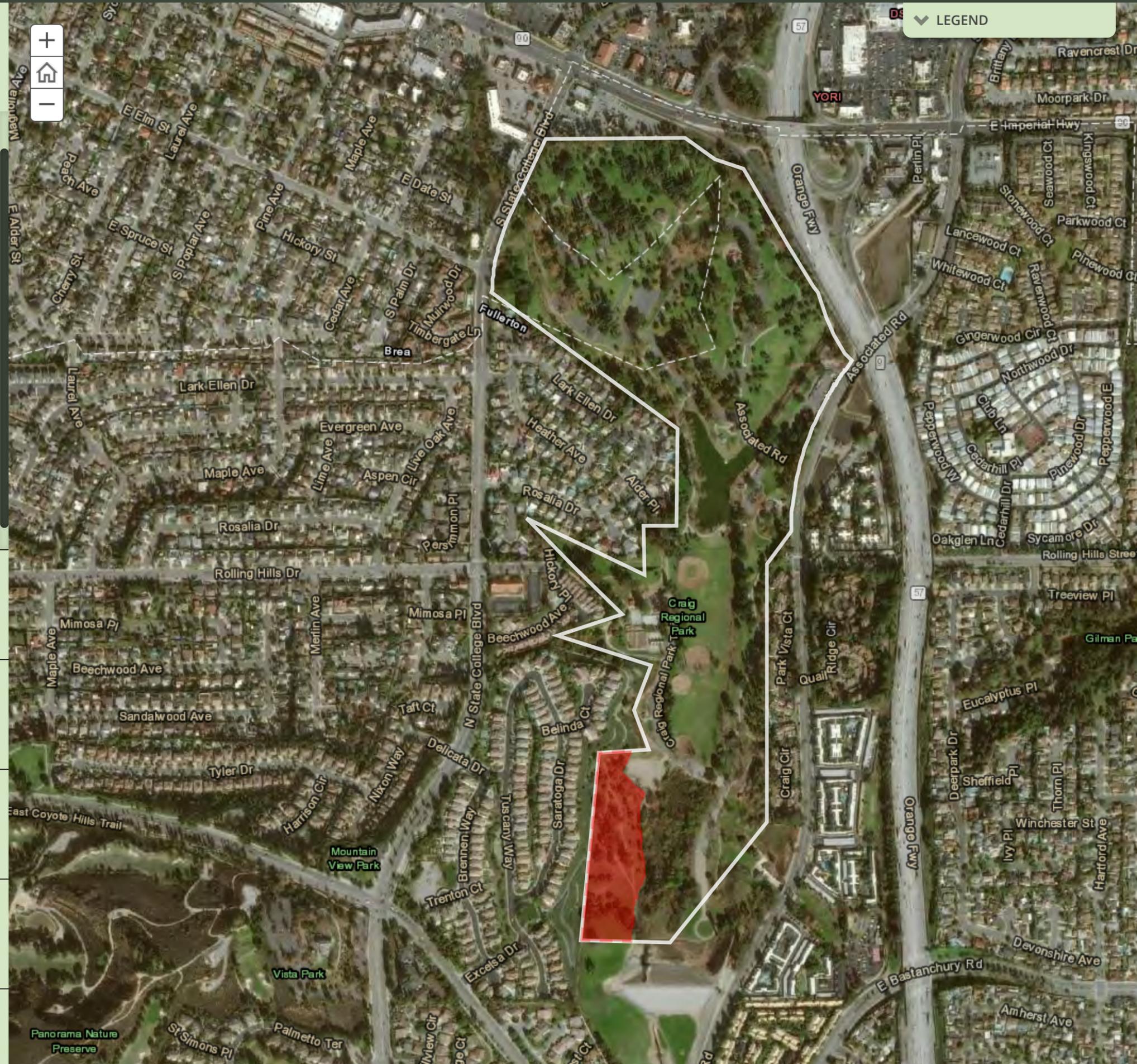
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Two public workshops were held in January and March of 2015 to solicit public feedback on design concepts and proposed bike facility features toward finalizing a design-development plan, signage guidelines, and project report. Engagement opportunities such as these have demonstrated the general public's demand, desire and interest for a bike park facility based on public input and participation in this process.



2015-01-28 Public Workshop



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2015-03-18 Workshop 02_Concept Plan

In late-September 2021, additional public outreach efforts were conducted at SHARE Mountain Bike Club's Poker Ride event at Santiago Oaks to elicit further support toward a Regional Park Program grant submittal in early-November to fund the construction phase of the project.



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The proposed project includes a variety of trail designs for riders at different skill levels – such as pump tracks, dirt jump areas, slope style courses, flow and loop trails – as well as covered picnic tables and rest areas. The project also includes installation of wayfinding signage, an informational kiosk, storm water catch basins and bioswale/filtration systems.

Since the project requires approval from ACOE in the form of a Lease Agreement Consistency Determination or Modification, OC Parks is in the process of obtaining concurrence from the federal agency. The final design phase (preparation of plans, specifications and estimates) is anticipated in fiscal year '21-22 as the Board of Supervisors adopted the environmental document (CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) back on 9/25/18 and ACOE is anticipated to provide their concurrence by fall/winter 2021 pending NEPA Environmental Assessment review.



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CONCEPTUAL TRAIL LAYOUT



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Orange County hosts extensive mountain biking trail opportunities, as there are hundreds of miles of trails available on County, State, and Federal lands, from the Pacific to the Santa Ana Mountains. Despite intensive development, Orange County has long been viewed as one of the mountain biking capitals of the U.S. and is home to some of the most influential cycling companies in the industry.

While there are extensive trail opportunities, there are few of the progressive riding opportunities popular with mountain bikers today: machine and hand-built trails which feature aggressive rolling terrain, or open in-sloped turns created with wheeled users in mind. The progressive riding opportunities that do exist in Orange County are on unsanctioned social trails, with a high level of technical difficulty and inconsistent maintenance. Stakeholders have expressed a strong desire to create a community-centric use of Craig Regional Park and the development of natural surface trails will encourage good stewardship and help to replace unauthorized uses.

The addition of a bike facility within Craig Regional Park will fill a notable service gap by providing progressive bicycle optimized tracks and trails to mountain bikers, which are a large group of mobile, engaged, and dedicated users who are seeking these trail experiences that do not exist in the formal network.

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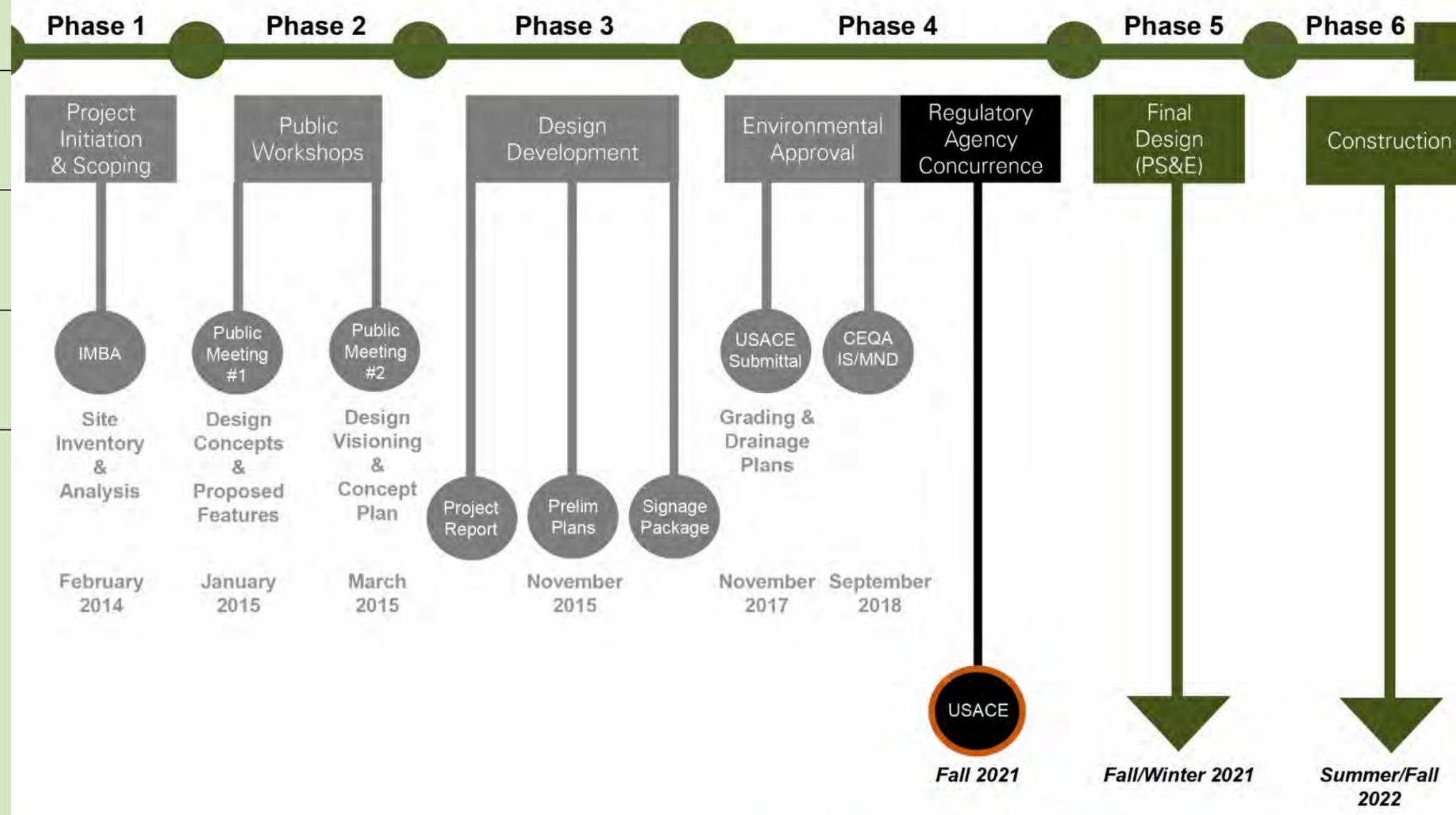
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For additional project information, updates, and document downloads, please refer to project website:

<https://www.ocparks.com/about-us/projects/craig-park-bike-facility>

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Project Phases

