

## Community Based Transportation Planning Grants

### Santa Ana River Trail, Bikeway, and Greenway

- **Grant Recipient:** City of Corona
- **County:** Riverside

**Project Area** - The Santa Ana River corridor

**Project Focus** - The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of life in portions of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties by completing a combined commuter/recreational bicycle corridor and greenway that: (1) Provides safe and attractive links from affordable neighborhoods to adjacent transit stations, jobs, and other destinations for a variety of users; and (2) showcases the Santa Ana River and habitat and provides a buffer between development and the river and its habitat, thus providing a non-motorized link between four major State Parks in the region.

**Project Goals** – To create safe, direct bicycle links from the residential communities of Chino, Chino Hills, and Yorba Linda to the Metrolink station in Corona, as well as from the residential communities of Redlands and Highland to the San Bernardino International Airport. An additional goal is to reduce automobile trips and emissions by providing an attractive and accessible route from residential neighborhoods to community centers and parks for experienced and inexperienced bicyclists, including children. Finally, a goal is to increase sense of pride and ownership as a result of being designated as a National Recreational Trail.

**Community Outreach** – A public workshop was hosted to present an overview of the Santa Ana River Trail planning effort. Invitations were mailed or e-mailed to agency staff, local bicycling and equestrian groups, and attendees at the annual Santa Ana River Trail Symposium. Additionally, notices were posted in local newspapers. The intention of the presentation was to inform the public about opportunities and constraints in the project area, describe the process through which the proposed trail alignments were chosen, and to stimulate conversation and comments during breakout sessions that were conducted during the latter part of the workshop.

**Project Outcome** - A document that will be used to guide the completion of the nationally significant (110 mile-long) Santa Ana River Trail, Bikeway, and Greenway project. Benefits from this project include creating a buffer between development and environmentally sensitive areas in Prado Basin and the Riverwash, and it would provide non-motorized access to major recreational destinations such as the State Parks, Prado Basin, Edison Field, The Pond, La Sierra Wildlife Area, and the Riverwash Loop Area.

#### **Planning Goals Realized** -

- Reduce dependence on single occupant vehicle trips;
- Foster neighborhoods and project designs that enable more walking and biking;
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

