

## **APPENDIX G – MONO COUNTY TRAILS PLAN**

### from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Adopted 12/2019

#### **IV. ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND CONSTRAINTS BY PLANNING AREA**

##### **ANTELOPE VALLEY**

1. Recreation destinations in the area include Topaz Lake and the West Walker River. At Topaz Lake there is the potential to provide increased recreational opportunities, including hiking trails, rest areas, picnic areas, etc. The Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) manages the lake and owns much of the property surrounding the lake.
2. There is also the potential to develop public access trails to the West Walker River throughout the Valley. This would require cooperating with the WRID and private landowners who own most of the land in the valley adjacent to the river.
3. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use in the Antelope Valley occurs primarily on surrounding public lands.
4. There is an opportunity to enhance sightseeing in the Antelope Valley and to promote Walker as a gateway community to the Scenic Byway south of Walker.

5. Bicycle lanes and paths are needed to promote multi-modal connectivity in the Valley.

#### **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR TRAIL DEVELOPMENT**

Community priorities focus on those projects with the highest need.

##### **Antelope Valley**

- **Priority 1.** Enhance pedestrian facilities along US 395 in Walker consistent with the Design Guidelines and Character Inventory study.
- **Priority 2.** Work with the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) to provide recreational facilities at Topaz Lake, including a hiking trail around the lake and interpretive facilities.
- **Priority 3.** Work with WRID and local landowners to develop public access trails to the West Walker River, along with parking facilities, and informational signing (e.g., see the [Mountain Gate Park Recreation and Revitalization Project](#)).
- [Priority 4. Create a walking path circulating the Antelope Valley Community Center and adjoining park.](#)

#### **COMMUNITY ROUTES**

##### **Antelope Valley**

- **Topaz Lake recreational facilities:** Hiking trail around the lake. Recreational facilities accessible from US 395 along the south or west shore of the lake. Interpretive facilities along the trail and the recreational site. Depends on negotiations with Walker River Irrigation District (WRID), the BLM, and private landowners.
- **Pedestrian path along US 395 in Walker:** From Eastside Lane to west end of town. Linked to bike routes planned on US 395 and Larson Lane.

- **Public access trails to the West Walker River:** Seek public input on any possible locations of trails and parking facilities. Feasibility will depend on negotiations and input with landowners and the WRID. ~~Work with the community and adjacent landowners to determine appropriate uses on the County FEMA parcels within the Valley.~~
- **Implement the Mountain Gate Park Recreation and Revitalization Project:** Work toward implementation and construction of the highest priority components that have consensus and community support, and continue to refine elements that are of concern, such as trail alignments near private property and parking on Eastside Lane.