Workshop Outline
1) Project Intro and Grant Requirements
2) Background Overview (Past)
3) Study Area Conditions (Present)
4) Future Possibilities (Future)
5) How You Can Help?
1. Project Introduction

✓ Project purpose is to update / develop concepts to apply for grant.
✓ KTUA hired to conduct workshops & support the grant application.
✓ The project limits or concepts to be included in the grant have not been decided.
1. Grant Requirements

✓ Proposition 68 is a state parks grant due in August.
✓ Grant focuses on disadvantaged communities and park poor areas.
✓ The grant will be highly competitive- project needs to maximize points.
✓ Needs to include new parkland & not just enhancements as well as recreation, healthy activities, water quality, urban greening & public involvement.
2. Background Overview

- Flood Control Channel Built in 1966
- Underpasses constructed in 2002 and 2013
- Revealing Escondido Creek Vision Plan 2010
- Master Plan Completed in 2012
- Trail, Fencing & Lighting Improvements 2013
- ATP Grant for Path around Grape Day Park in 2014
- Nine Street Crossings in 2020-2021
Historic Aerials - 1947
Historic Aerials - 1964
Historic Aerials - 1989

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Escondido Creek Master Plan
Escondido Creek Trail

Master Plan Report

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Proposed Segments

Grand Downtown

Mission Park - Urban Central

Mountain Gateway East

Trail Character
- Urban feel
- Edges of creek are narrow and multi-story buildings line the channel
- Most heavily used portion of the trail
- Some trail segments stretch long distances and have limited trail connections

Key destination points in this area include:
- Grape Day Park
- City Hall
- California Center for Performing Arts
- Civic Center Plaza Shopping Center
- Downtown core and Maple Street pedestrian corridor
- Juniper Village Senior Housing
- Grocery stores

Typical Land Uses
- Mix of residential, commercial, and public institutional land uses
- High variety of land uses and population density

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Key destination points in this area include:
- Community Healthcare
- Grocery Store
- Schools

Typical Land Uses
- Typically high density residential on the north side of the channel
- Includes two of the lowest income census tracts in San Diego County (102.12 and 202.02)
- Commercial and institutional uses line the majority of the south side of the channel

Trail Character
- Suburban feel
- Edges of creek undulate as homes are located in varying locations on their lots
- Views eastward to local hills

Key destination points in this area include:
- Daley Ranch conservation area
- Connections to lake Wohlford and Bloom Lake
- Athletic fields and community parks
- Schools
- Dog Park

Typical Land Uses
- Primarily low density residential
- One and two story housing
Future Conditions

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3. Study Area Conditions

- Trail is continuous, but not on both sides, although potential exists.
- Fencing is mostly chain link with some new sections of rod-iron.
- Several streets have improved crossings.
- Most other streets will obtain crossings under new SANDAG grants.
- The study area is well positioned for disadvantaged communities.
- Landscape treatments are minimal as are other trail amenities.
- The concrete channel is dominant and a negative aesthetic.
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Implemented or Programmed Elements

Street Crossings

- Existing Traffic Signal
- Proposed Pedestrian Activated Signalized Crosswalk
- Future Pedestrian Under-Crossing
- Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk with Signage, Striping and Pedestrian Activated LED Lights
Existing Conditions – El Norte Pkwy to Daley Ranch

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Existing Conditions – Citrus Ave to El Norte Pkwy

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Existing Conditions – Midway Dr to Citrus Ave

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Existing Conditions – Rose St to Midway Dr

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Existing Conditions – Harding St to Rose St

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Existing Conditions – Ash St to Harding St

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Existing Conditions – Fig St to Ash St

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Existing Conditions – Juniper St to Hickory St
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Existing Conditions – Broadway to Juniper St

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Existing Conditions – Grape Day Park

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Existing Conditions – Centre City Pkwy to Grape Day Park Bike Blvd

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Existing Conditions – Transit Center to Centre City Pkwy

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Existing Conditions – Tulip St to Transit Center
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Existing Conditions – Tulip St to Auto Park Way

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Existing Conditions – Harmony Grove to Auto Park Way

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4. Future Possibilities to be Considered

1) Trails could be on both sides.

2) Ample area exists for increased landscaping, bio-swales & shade.

3) An educational interpretive program is warranted as well as art.

4) Improved trail-heads and trail amenities are also warranted.

5) Grant chances are improved with new parkland.

6) Some reclamation of concrete channel could occur thru art or revegetation as long as flooding capacity is not negatively impacted.
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Roadway Crossings
Street Furnishings
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Water Bottle Filling and Bike Fix it Stations
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Bio-swales and Drainage Basins

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Gardens and General Landscaping
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Green Channels and Channel Walls
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Natural Reclamation of the Creek

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Exercise Equipment
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Signage, Gateways & Mile Markers
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Fencing & Lighting
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5. How can you help?

1) Fill out a survey (here or on-line)

2) Exercise #1: Layout ideas along the trail (20 minutes).

3) Exercise #2: Layout park elements at 1 of 2 new parks (20 minutes).

4) Exercise #3: Present your table’s ideas back to the group (15 minutes)
Next Steps

1) Place your “good idea” dots on the trail and park boards.
2) Place your “good idea” dots on the dotmocracy board.
3) Tell your friends, come to the next workshop and support the grant.
4) Workshop #2- July 18th