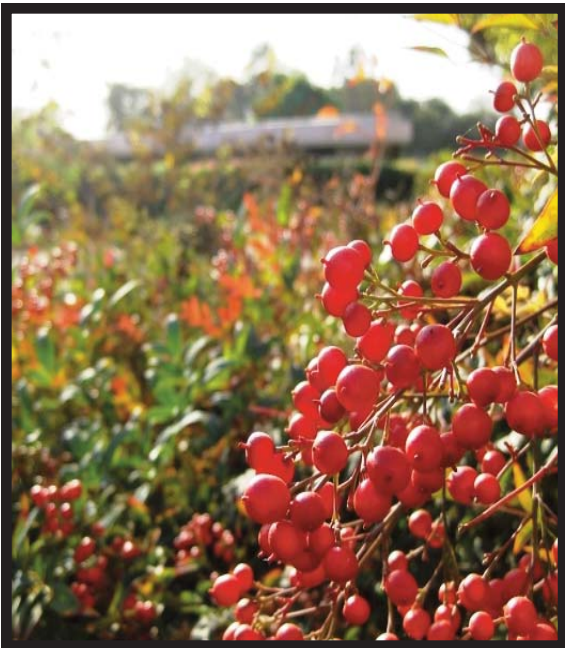


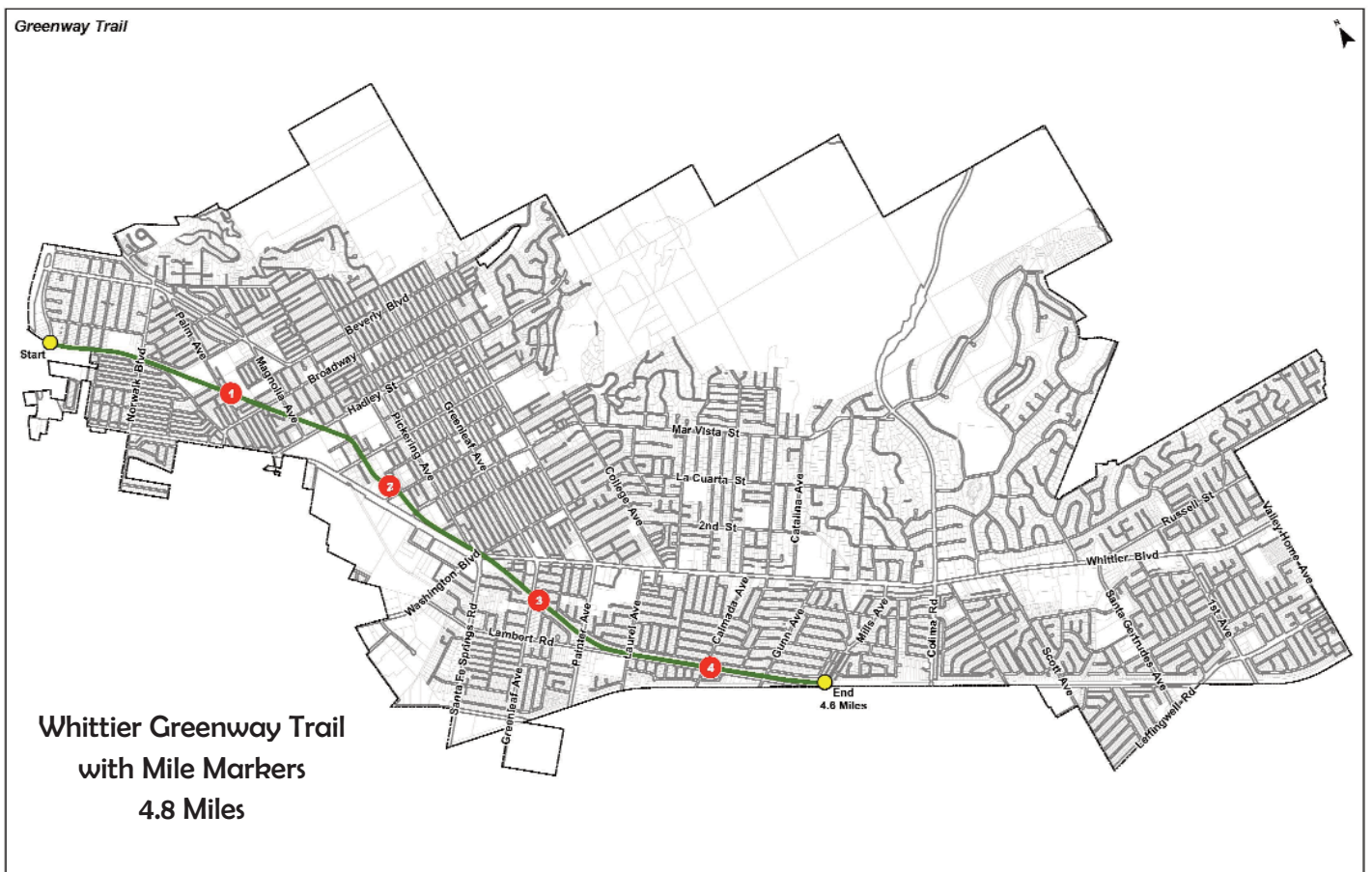
# Whittier Greenway Trail

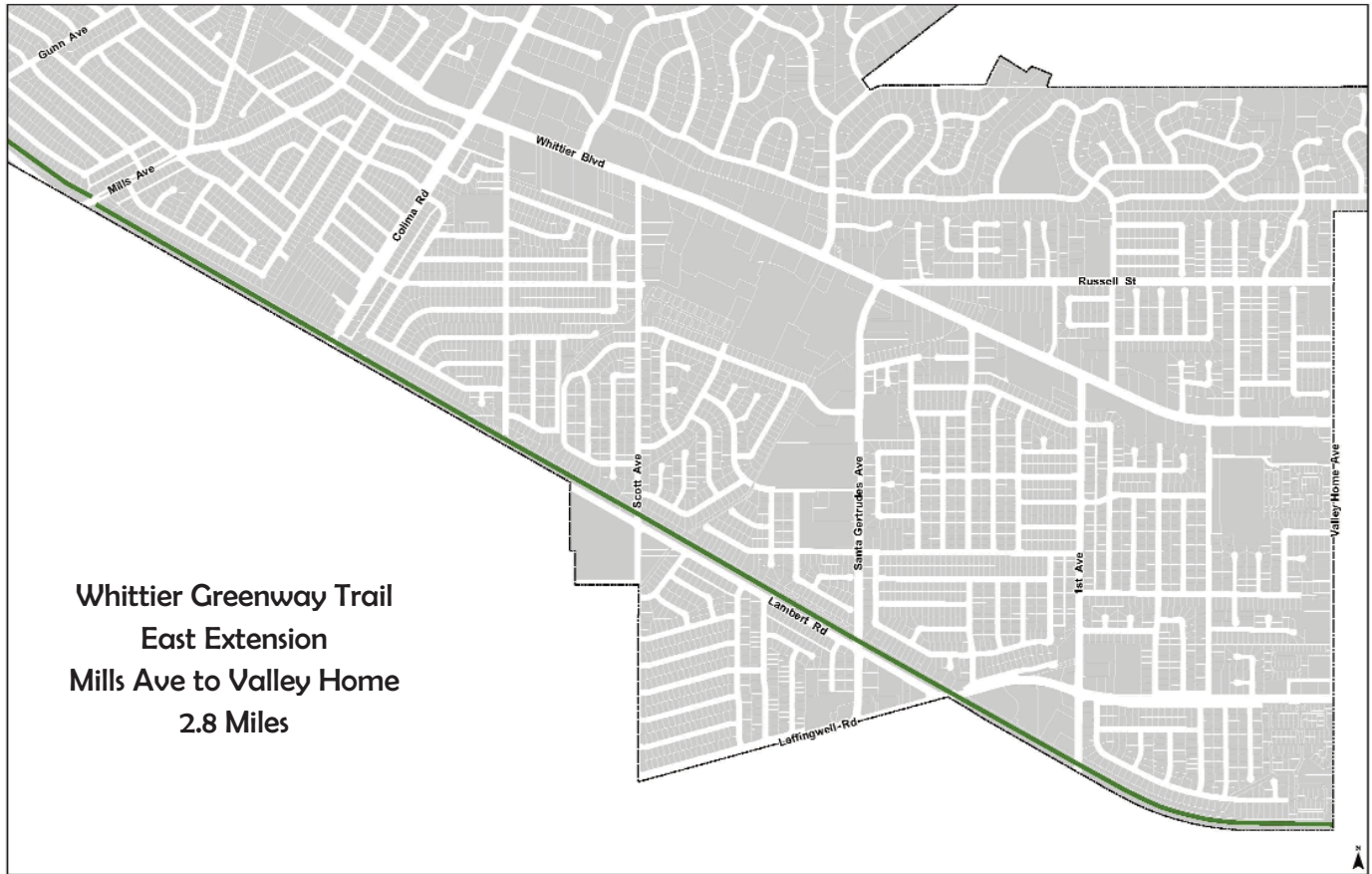
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The Whittier Greenway Trail begins in the northwest corner of Whittier, near the 605 Freeway, and closely parallels Whittier Boulevard. When it reaches Painter Avenue, it travels along Lambert Road to Mills Avenue, where the abandoned right-of-way ends. There is an active rail line traveling east from Mills to the city limits, and Whittier hopes to eventually acquire an easement along this line to extend the trail. The cities of La Habra and Brea are interested in continuing the pathway through their communities. This extension would effectively link Los Angeles County's trail system with Orange County's trails, and would be the only such connection in southeast Los Angeles County.

Benefits of the Whittier Greenway Trail are alleviating traffic congestion, improving air quality and providing a scenic greenbelt area through the center of Whittier. The trail increases travel safety for those who prefer to bike or walk to their destinations. The Greenway connects with local and regional bus systems, including Metro, Foothill Transit, Montebello Bus Lines and Norwalk Transit.





Whittier Greenway Trail  
East Extension  
Mills Ave to Valley Home  
2.8 Miles

## Whittier Greenway Trail Awards

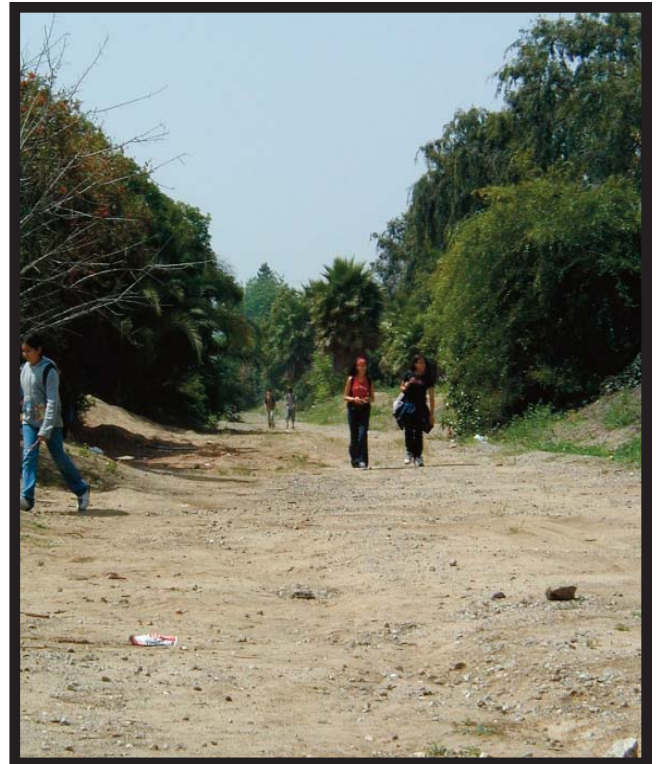
California Park and Recreation Society  
Park Planning - Specialty Park  
Award of Excellence  
2010

State of California Parks Department  
California Trails and Greenways  
Merit Award  
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League of California Cities  
Helen Putnam  
Award of Excellence  
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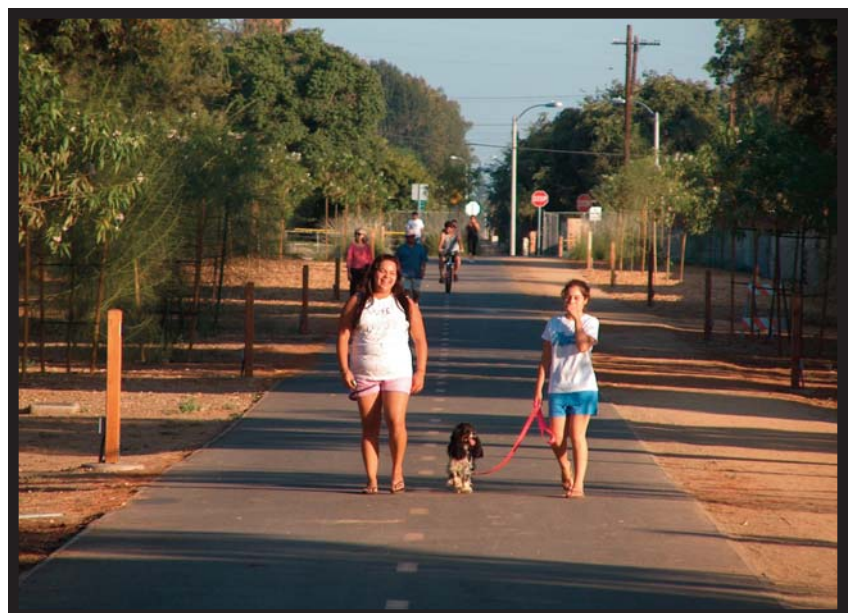
The Trail is the result of the City's purchase of an abandoned Union Pacific right-of-way, and was constructed using transportation, air quality and parks funds. All of the acquisition and development funds came from Federal, State and County sources, primarily administered through Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans).

### Greenway Trail before construction



Through our agency's Call for Projects, we were able to program \$9 million in bikeway funding over a three-year period for the Whittier Greenway Trail. This is a substantial contribution that will make Whittier a better place for bicyclists and pedestrians alike. The Greenway Trail, while providing a scenic greenbelt area through the center of Whittier, also benefits the City by alleviating traffic congestion and improving air quality.

### Greenway Trail after construction



# Whittier Greenway Trail Amenities

- Wind Sculptures: West of Mills; at Five Points; and at Palm Park, funded by Art in Public Places
- Oak Station: West of Mills Avenue, funded by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
- Sycamore Station: North of Five Points, funded by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe
- Citrus Station: South of Penn Street, funded in part by Central Basin Water District and Metropolitan Water District
- Palm Station: At Palm Park, funded by Southern California Edison via Whittier Conservancy



**Wind Sculptures:** Located west of Mills; at Five Points; and at Palm Park. A commercial development Art in Public Places fee paid for the eleven beautiful and unique wind sculptures at three locations along the trail. The AIPP Committee and the Cultural Arts Commission worked with New Mexico artist Lyman Whitaker to install these large pole-top designs about four to five feet in width that move with the wind, creating a dynamic and energetic element to the Greenway Trail.



**Oak Station:** West of Mills Avenue, funded by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe.

This exhibit describes Whittier's founding as a Quaker colony and traces the community's growth. Three wind sculptures are displayed near the interpretive panels.





**Sycamore Station:** North of Five Points, funded by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe.

This exhibit recognizes the native California sycamore trees and describes the history of transportation along this corridor from the wagons and railroads that transported citrus crops to the early automobiles that traveled along the path of a pre-Whittier Boulevard.



## Citrus Station: South of Penn Street, funded in part by Central Basin Water District and Metropolitan Water District.

This exhibit features Whittier's agricultural history and the need for water policy and conservation. The exhibit is near the old Sunkist packing house (now King Richard's Antiques) and focuses on the historical importance of that facility and the railroad to the local citrus industry.



**Palm Station:** At Palm Park, funded by Southern California Edison via the Whittier Conservancy.

The Whittier Conservancy received a grant from Southern California Edison to use historic wooden columns from the Fred C. Nelles site for an arbor on the Whittier Greenway Trail. Future Palm Station exhibit panels will review the architecture of Whittier's oldest residential neighborhoods with the predominant styles of architecture of Craftsman, Spanish, and Victorian.

