

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, November 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Nov 09 2020

TITLE: SKATE PARK ASSESSMENT.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☐ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The Parks and Recreation Department has recently completed an assessment of the condition of the skate park with a consultant, American Ramp Company (ARC), including recommendations regarding improvements for the skate park. City Council has received state legislative capital outlay funding for the existing park's renovations in the amount of \$845,000 and anticipate receiving the additional \$100,000 for a new skate park planning/design in the winter 2020/spring 2021. This allows staff to commence on skate park renovations now and the design of a new skate park in early 2021. ARC will describe the assessment process undertaken so far and City staff will update Council on the proposed projects for skate park renovation and skate park design and construction.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

[Las Cruces, NM Report 8_27_20 small](#)

PLAN(S):

Other

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

Parks & Rec



REPORT FOR:
CITY OF LAS CRUCES SKATEPARK ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RENOVATION/REPLACEMENT
JULY 26, 2020

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARC will be working alongside (CLC P&R) to take a concerted look at the current skatepark conditions and potential innovative park and sports elements; and establish a comprehensive list of options and identify recommendations for immediate skatepark improvements. To maximize available funding and provide a park which is updated to current sport standards and expectations.



SKATEPARK



BIKE SKILLS



SKATEPARK



BIKE COURSES

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

ARC has been tasked to assess and determine any renovations that should be made to the existing infrastructure to improve maintenance, condition, safety and rideability of the park. This task will include preparation of a report identifying opportunities for short-term renovations, limited removal and replacement of areas within the skatepark, larger scale removal and replacement of the facility. ARC will coordinate with the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department and also receive feedback from the general skate community and other interested persons. A summary graphic and narrative of the assessment demonstrating areas within the skatepark that are problematic and result in conditions that affect safety and usability of the park.

As we assess your park, we will carefully document aspects including but not limited to as it relates to your current skatepark conditions:

- Joint caulking
- Flatwork patching
- Shotcrete transition patching
- Ledge patching
- Metal coping repair
- Aging concrete
- Uneven coping reveal
- Water seepage
- Coping termination points
- Deteriorating expansion joints
- Poor coping on edges
- Steep transitions
- Rideability
- Corrosion
- Spalled concrete surfaces
- Rust
- Drainage
- Settlement issues
- Feature dimensions
- Cracked concrete surfaces

1.1 History

The design and construction of the Las Cruces Skatepark project was a community effort, which included local volunteers, skaters, vendors, contractors and the City of Las Cruces. After many local fundraising efforts the construction began. The skatepark opened in 1998 and is located at 1600 Hadley Avenue adjacent to the BMX and remote-control vehicle tracks.

Early on the skatepark received some state recognition in the parks and recreation community, but since then it has shown wear and many design flaws and has not kept up with the demand for more complex and challenging features. Feedback from the skating community and others shows that the skatepark is not inclusive of other wheel sports, such as scooter and BMX riders or younger, less experience users.

While Las Cruces in 1998 built what is believed to be the first public skatepark in New Mexico, it has now fallen behind other cities in the region, some of which have modern, professionally built skateparks. The facility is the city's only skatepark but other parks have since popped up throughout the years in Dona Ana County such as in Chaparral, Mesquite, and Sunland Park.

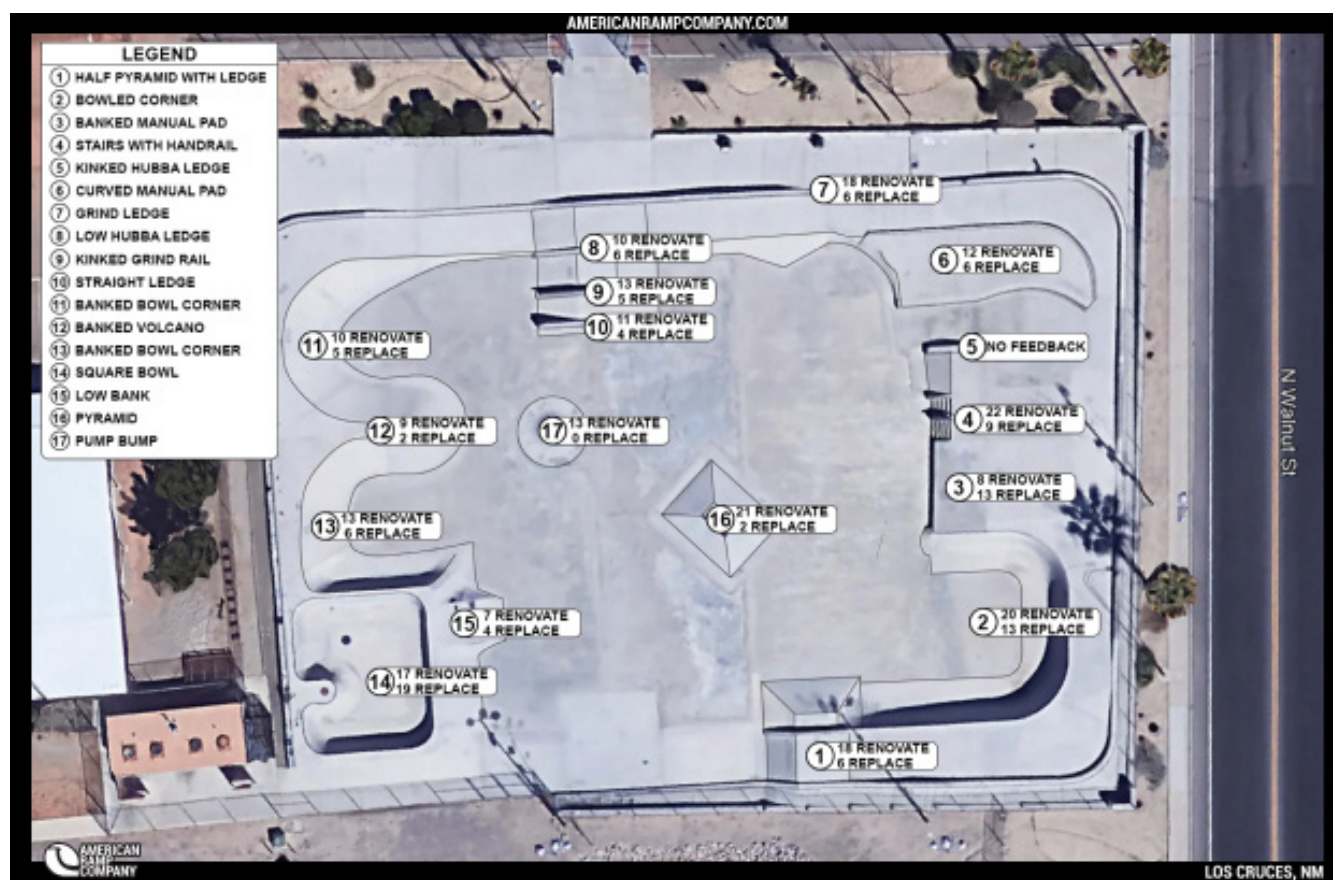


SECTION 2 SITE ASSESSMENT

2.0 SITE ASSESSMENT

The Las Cruces Skatepark is located at 1600 Hadley Avenue adjacent to the BMX and remote-control vehicle tracks. The site also includes landscaping, fence, restroom, lighting, a parking lot with baseball fields located nearby. Since the park wasn't professionally designed by an official skatepark company using construction drawings (to our knowledge) there aren't any record drawings to reference to see just how this park was constructed. Due to the ongoing global pandemic Covid-19, there was a travel ban at that time so we were not able to visit the skatepark site. However, we did communicate with the local skate community and managed to obtain current photographs of the overall park with individual features. We were also able to have conversations with them on just how the skatepark is ridden, problematic areas, and areas of improvement.

Below is an overall aerial highlighting each obstacle/feature within the park so that we can help identify specific areas in need of improvement:





Feature #1 (low speed) - Half Pyramid w/Ledge: This feature is showing signs of concrete spalling/cracking on the surface and the toe/blend of the Half Pyramid is not smooth and has a kink at the bottom. The ledge height is also too steep and too short in order to properly land a trick.



Feature #2 (high speed) - Bowled Corner: The coping reveal at the edge appears to be sunken into the concrete, which does not provide an adequate grind or slide for the rider. The coping reveal is also inconsistent as it wraps around the corner of the bowl which can be misleading for a rider.



Feature #3 (low speed) - Banked Manual Pad: This obstacle is more for the advanced rider as you typically access this feature from the bottom and it's relatively tall in height. The concrete is showing signs of spalling/cracking and it appears that the aggregate is getting exposed, which will cause a rough surface when ridden upon.



Feature #4 (low speed) - Stairs w/Handrail: This 5 Stair w/Handrail isn't in bad shape and has the proper amount of run-up in order to clear the stairs. The handrail looks good in height but the overall length is too small, which makes this feature hard to ride.



Feature #5 (low speed) - Kinked Hubba Ledge: The ledge starts out too low in height from the top of this feature. The angling bank ramps will increase your speed when going down and does not provide the rider enough setup time to get onto the ledge. The concrete surface is showing spalling/cracking and there is a crack at the bottom/toe of the ramp.



Feature #6 (low speed) - Curved Manual Pad/Ledge: This feature looks good in height and it looks consistent throughout this obstacle. There is a kink with the metal protection in the middle of this feature, which can make this hard to grind/slide. The concrete surface is showing spalling/cracking at the approach and there is chipping on the edge as well. It appears that this obstacle was poured in at least two separate sections so the levelness of the top of the manual pad is inconsistent/wavy.



Feature #7 (low speed) - Grind Ledge: This feature wraps around the entire perimeter of the skatepark varying in height and angle throughout. Some of them lineup with one another and are the same width and some don't, which can create a hazard when trying to ride. BMX bike pegs may have caused damage to the face of the ledge in some areas below the metal protection as the aggregate is exposed creating a rough surface.



Feature #8 (low speed) - Low Hubba Ledge: This ledge is relatively low in height for how tall the bank ramp is that leads you up to this feature. The height of this ledge is better off on flat ground and not on a fun box combination.



Feature #9 (low speed) - Kinked Grind Rail: This rail is good in height but it sits on top of another ledge type of obstacle that could be hazardous when trying to ride the rail. Typically a grind rail is fastened independently into the concrete. The ledge underneath the grind rail has potential to be a tripping hazard.



Feature #10 (low speed) - Straight Ledge: This ledge is relatively low in height for how tall the approach ramp is. The end of this ledge drops straight to flat, which is okay but not preferred as the ledge height at the end is very high.



Feature #11 (high speed) - Banked Bowled Corner (Mellow): This feature is a good perimeter obstacle where the rider can carve/turnaround on and redirect their momentum. The concrete surface is showing spalling/cracking throughout and the manhole located at the toe of the ramp isn't in an ideal location and doesn't create a smooth transition on and off of this feature.



Feature #12 (high speed) - Banked Volcano: This obstacle is good in design but the concrete surface appears to be deteriorating. Some areas show the exposure of aggregate where it can cause a rougher surface when a skatepark is supposed to be smooth.



Feature #13 (high speed) - Banked Bowled Corner (Steep): This bowled corner is very steep and sharp, which makes it difficult to ride. There is also a manhole located at the toe of the ramp that is not ideal to traverse across as it is large in size and doesn't allow for a smooth transition on and off of this feature.



Feature #14 (high speed) - Square Bowl: The transition walls to this bowl are very steep and almost unrideable. There is also a manhole located in the flat-bottom of the bowl that is large in size. There is also a manhole located on the top deck of the bowl making this surface unrideable.



Feature #15 (low speed) - Low Bank: The bank has exposed concrete edges that are starting to reveal the aggregate and cause an inconsistent riding surface. The surface area is also showing spalling/cracking that could possibly impede the riders momentum.



Feature #16 (low speed) - Pyramid: This feature appears to still be in good shape but is showing signs of wear at the top. Unfortunately, there seems to be a lot of space between the features leading up to this obstacle which will require a lot of effort in order to reach it.



Feature #17 (low speed) - Pump Bump: This feature is in a good location within the skatepark design but it is too steep and not long enough.

Miscellaneous Observations:



Water Pooling



ExposedAggregate



Exposed Aggregate/
Steep Transition



InconsistentCoping
Reveal



Water Pooling &
Cracked Concrete



Steep Ledge &
Steep Bank



Spalling/Cracking &
Large Cold Joint



Heaving Joints



Water Pooling



Spalling/Cracking



Water Pooling



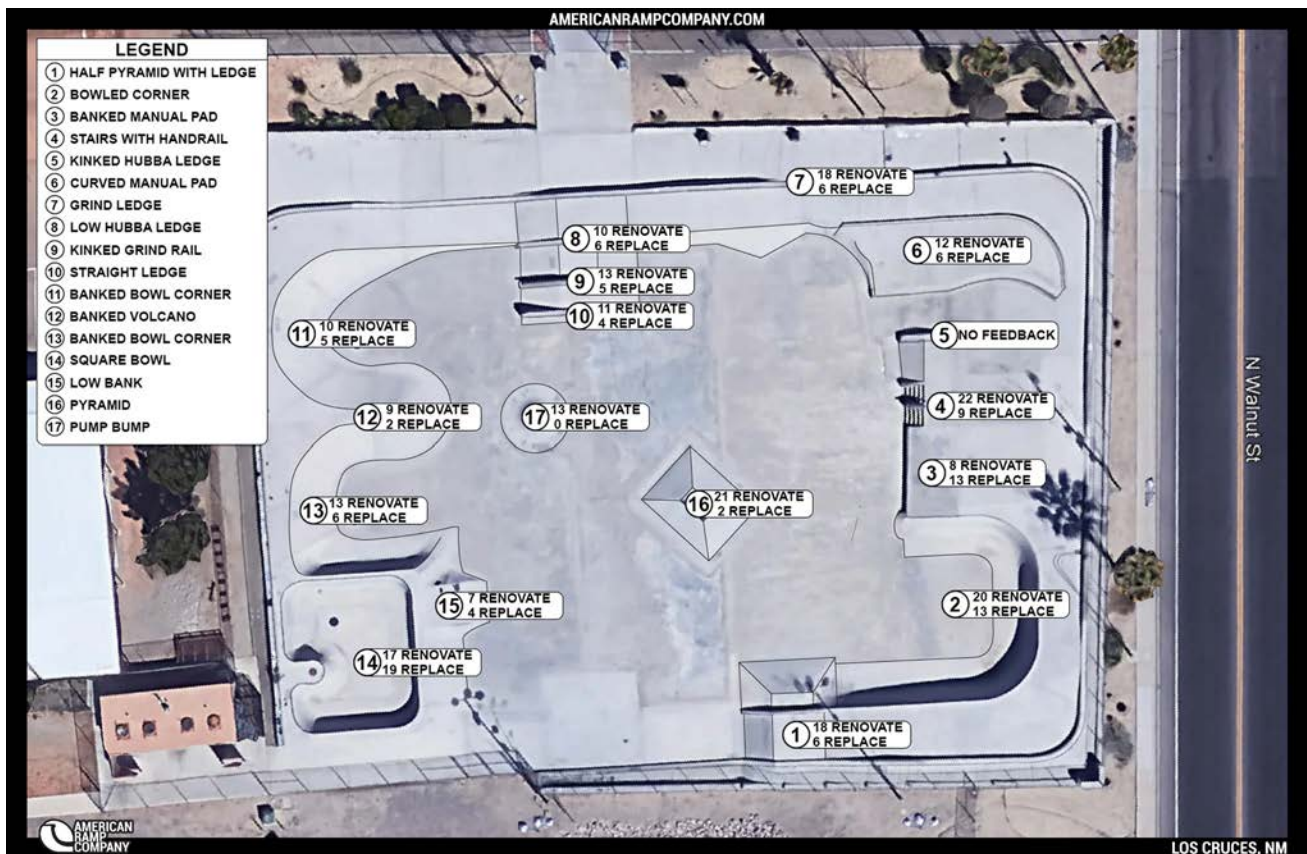
Water Pooling

SECTION 3

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

3.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Originally we were tasked with an onsite meeting with the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department along with a design workshop with the skate community to solicit and receive input from skatepark users including suggestions, complaints, and wishes. Due to the ongoing global pandemic Covid-19, there was a travel ban at that time so we were not able to visit the actual skatepark site. However, we did create innovative methods to help gather input such as a virtual design website, user survey, direct emails, and CLC P&R Facebook comments/suggestions. Sonya Delgado the Director of CLC P&R provided us with an introductory video that was uploaded onto our virtual design website to welcoming each visitor.



There was a total of 17 different obstacles/features to select from and comment on along with a general user questionnaire that asked general questions:

- 1) Are you a resident of Las Cruces?
- 2) What is your Zip Code?
- 3) What is your Email Address?
- 4) What is your Age?
- 5) What do you Normally Ride?
- 6) What is your Skill Level
- 7) How many days a week would you get out and ride the skatepark in your town?
- 8) Describe your perfect skatepark:

OVERVIEW

An online survey along with an interactive map of the current skatepark was uploaded onto a web page where the general community was able to fill out a questionnaire and comment on each obstacle that is existing at the current skatepark. Individual photos were used for each feature where you could view, rate, and comment if you would like to renovate or replace it, and then which feature you would like to replace it with. The CLC P&R helped advertise this survey website via social media outlets and was boosted on Facebook to help spread the word. This survey was made available for 2-weeks (May 19th - June 2nd) and a total of 133-responses were received with 15-direct emails that provided additional feedback.

INSTRUCTIONS

First step is for you to take the brief survey below and hit submit. Please only do this once per person. Following that you will find an aerial of your skatepark with highlighted areas throughout the park that go over each obstacle/feature. Click on each one to open-up the name and picture of the feature/obstacle then click on the Comment button to open the questionnaire. Please vote on each feature/obstacle that are highlighted throughout the skatepark to provide us with your feedback.

SUMMARY RESULTS

The majority of the people who took the online survey are residents of Las Cruces. Skill levels seems to average in the intermediate range with the youngest age of 10 years old and oldest of 79 years old of who completed the survey. The primary user group of your current skatepark are skateboarders who the majority of ride between one to two days a week. An even split between transition terrain versus streetstyle terrain is preferred by your community.

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Please make sure that you fill out both the survey and feature/obstacles questions that are highlighted in the aerial image below.

Las Cruces Survey

Active 12pm MDT on May 19th through 12pm MDT on June 2nd

* Required

1. Are you a resident of Las Cruces? *

☐ Yes
 ☐ No

2. What is your Zip Code? *

(Click a Red Circle)

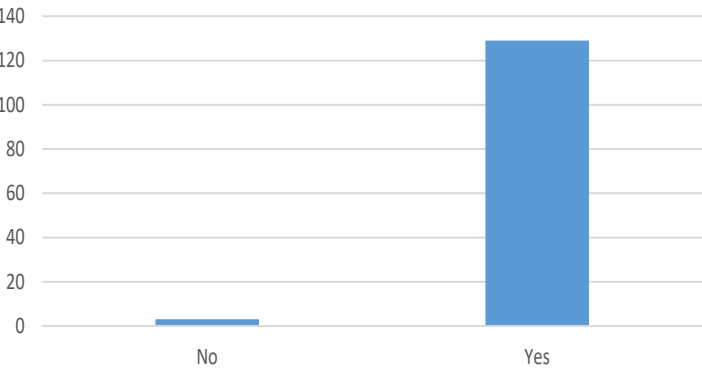
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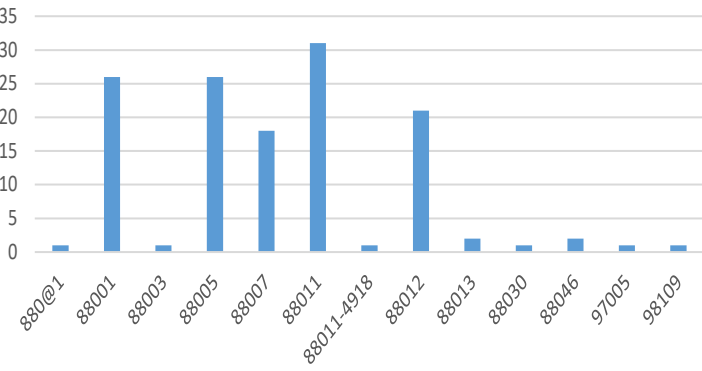
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Are you a resident of Las Cruces?

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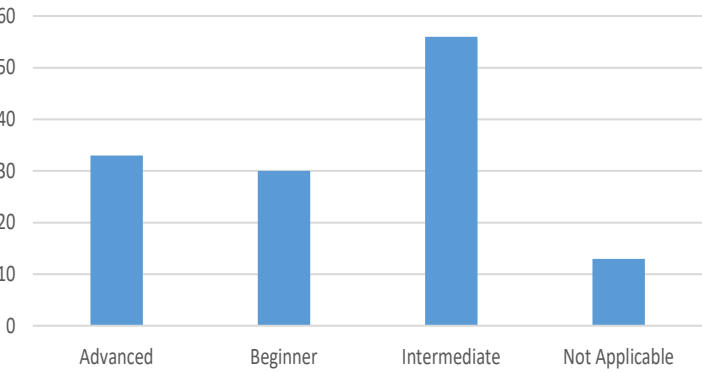
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What is your Zip Code?

Count of What is your Skill Level?

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What is your Skill Level?

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Responses

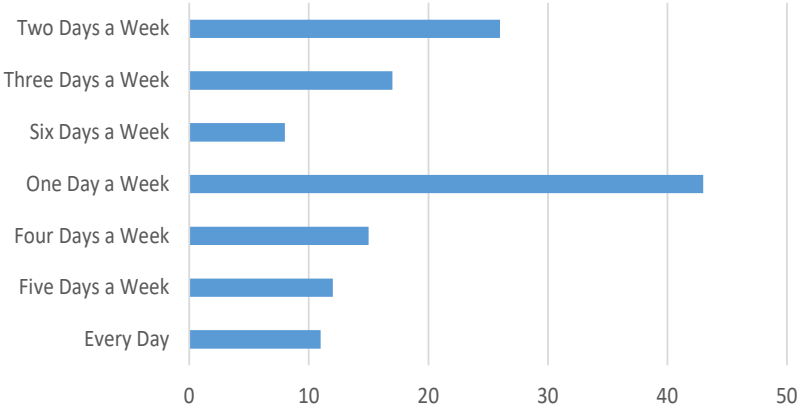
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Average time to complete

Count of How many days a week would you get out and ride the skatepark in your...

Count of How many days a week would you get out and ride the skatepark in your town?

How many days a week would you get out and ride the skatepark in your...



SECTION 3 FEATURE INPUT RESULTS

OVERVIEW

We uploaded an aerial photo of the overall skatepark and numbered/labeled each feature (1-17) for commenting. When you clicked on the feature it opened up a second window where you could view a larger recent image of that obstacle and then asked the following questions:

- 1) On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?
- 2) Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?
- 3) What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

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SUMMARY RESULTS

Each feature that is currently found within the Las Cruces Skatepark was voted upon with a decision to either renovate or completely replace each feature. There was a total of 17 features that were identified with the Square Bowl receiving the most responses with a total of 33. Most comments acknowledged that the current concrete surface is rough inside of the bowl with the transition walls being too steep to ride.

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On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you? *

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Not Important
Extremely Important

*THIS IS A SAMPLE FROM ONLINE SURVEY





FEATURE #1

Name: Half Pyramid w/Ledge

Responses: 24

Renovate/Replace: 18/6

Common Response: Smoothen and mellow out, fix rough concrete, and improve it.



FEATURE #2

Name: Bowled Corner

Responses: 33

Renovate/Replace: 20/13

Common Response: Make less steep, improve quality of surface, needs better transition.



FEATURE #3

Name: Banked Manual Pad

Responses: 21

Renovate/Replace: 8/13

Common Response: Fix angle, add ledge or rail, and stairs.



FEATURE #4

Name: Stairs w/Handrail

Responses: 31

Renovate/Replace: 22/9

Common Response: Remove the bank before the stairs and make the rail longer.



FEATURE #5

Name: Kinked Hubba Ledge

Responses: 0

Renovate/Replace: 0/0

Common Response: N/A



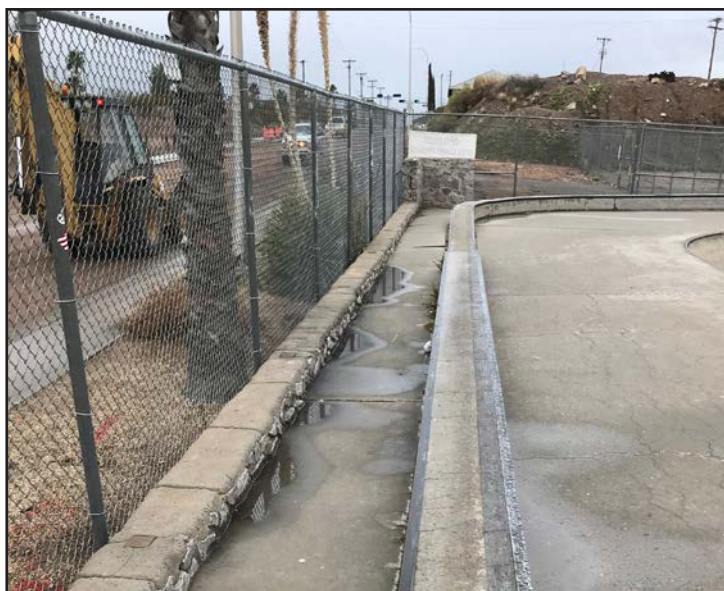
FEATURE #6

Name: Curved Manual Pad/Ledge

Responses: 33

Renovate/Replace: 12/6

Common Response: Fix the concrete around it and make smoother.



FEATURE #7

Name: Grind Ledge

Responses: 24

Renovate/Replace: 18/6

Common Response: Make in varying heights and wider, convert into an actual ledge that has an end.



FEATURE #8

Name: Low Hubba Ledge

Responses: 16

Renovate/Replace: 10/6

Common Response: Ledge needs to be higher with a drop off at the end.



FEATURE #9

Name: Kinked Grind Rail

Responses: 18

Renovate/Replace: 13/5

Common Response: Remove the ledge at the bottom but keep the same rail height.



FEATURE #10

Name: Straight Ledge

Responses: 15

Renovate/Replace: 11/4

Common Response: Make the ledge wider and add a stair set.



FEATURE #11

Name: Banked Bowled Corner (Mellow)

Responses: 15

Renovate/Replace: 10/5

Common Response: Fix the cracks and give it a smoother finish.



FEATURE #12

Name: Banked Volcano

Responses: 11

Renovate/Replace: 9/2

Common Response: Uniform smooth transition throughout but keep.



FEATURE #13

Name: Banked Bowled Corner (Steep)

Responses: 19

Renovate/Replace: 13/6

Common Response: Make it smoother and less steep. Add coping if you are going to leave it steep.



FEATURE #14

Name: Square Bowl

Responses: 36

Renovate/Replace: 17/9

Common Response: Fix the transitions and rough concrete. Mellow out the hips.



FEATURE #15

Name: Low Bank

Responses: 11

Renovate/Replace: 7/4

Common Response: Replace with a quarterpipe or kicker. Give it a smooth surface.



FEATURE #16

Name: Pyramid

Responses: 23

Renovate/Replace: 21/2

Common Response: Lower the height and fix the cracks.



FEATURE #17

Name: Pump Bump
Responses: 13
Renovate/Replace: 13/0
Common Response: Keep this obstacle as it is a popular feature in the park.

FEATURE THAT RECEIVED THE MOST RESPONSES: SQUARE BOWL

2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

[More Details](#)

● Renovate	17
● Replace	19



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

[More Details](#)

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Responses

Latest Responses

- "You need to build new transition over the old. This bowl is virtually u...
- "Smooth out transitions"
- "Make it taller and and more curvature! It's to steep and not safe at all"

OVERVIEW

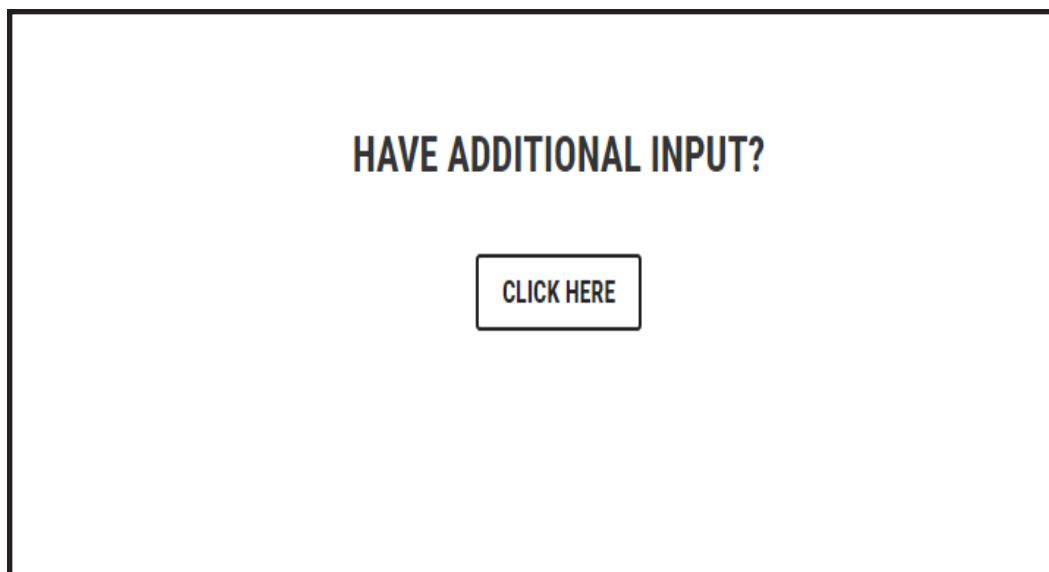
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SUMMARY RESULTS

We received a total of 15 direct emails from community members having additional input to provide as it relates to the skatepark project. Some comments were off the topic so we have only included the ones that are skatepark related. A lot gave input to the types of features they would like to ride at the park along with referencing other nearby skateparks that have already been built.



*THIS IS A SAMPLE FROM THE WEBAPGE

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From: Lucas A
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

I Think you guys should build ANOTHER Skating rink because the one that's built on Picacho is Very Very Small

From: DeeandDi J
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Looks really good for the public and our grandson's to use! So excited about all the improvements. Thank you very much!

From: Yoder, T
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Design_Voting
Cc:
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

I've been skateboarding for 47 years most of which have been in the Las Cruces area, I have ridden for skateboard companies/shops and helped build several skate parks/ramps. My recommendations are as follows:

- 1) Don't use funds to alter or destroy existing sk8 park, i.e. this would not be value added and would reduce the available funds for something new/different.
- 2) Locate new park elsewhere to provide better access to kids unable to drive. Spread out the resources for better community involvement
- 3) Concrete structure only. Wooden ramps are a hazard and require future funds up-keep.
- 4) Separate bowl/flow bowls from street areas to prevent stray boards from impacting others.
- 5) Do not landscape with wood chips or gravel. Either is a hazard to the skaters and eventually end up on the ridding surface.
- 6) Build bowls that are world class in design and height, i.e. so the next Tony Hawk could potentially come from Las Cruces.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If required, I can provide examples that support my recommendations.

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From: Rey G
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 10:56 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Skate park improvements- City of Las Cruces

Hi there,

I had seen an ad on Instagram for people to give their opinions on the skate park here in town, so I thought I would give you guys my input. The main issue I see with the skate park is the parking lot, as well as the water fountain needing to be fixed. I also had a question from the video I had seen, and it seemed like you guys had said there was gonna be another skate park in town?

From: Nathan J
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Shallow bowls, deep bowls, snake runs, street obstacles. Good transitions and good concrete. Keep in mind the overall flow. Multiple lines that move and flow from wall to wall.

The better the park the more skaters it will draw. More from outside our community, which boosts our economy.

Thanks for working on this. I'm looking forward to it.

From: Jerry B
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Sent from my iPhone. What happened to the old skate park and bicycle track?

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From: Mike H
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:28 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

I tried the current park a few times when I first moved to town, but the transition s are HORRIBLE! Its like running into a wall.

The best park I've skated in NM was the Los altos skate park in ABQ. That would be a great park to duplicate in Las Cruces. The current park needs to be completely re built.

Happy to provide additional feedback if needed.

From: olga f
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

An update is long over due. I dont know anyone thats skates but make it awesome for those who do. Thank you,

From: Carranza T
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:19 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Hello we live off hwy 70 Eastside, we are a family of 6 mom dad 3 high schoolers, and 1 middle schooler, we desperately need a scatepark or Anything our kids can go and get exercise hang out with friends. Nothing to do out here!! Please pay or do more for the youth, they are our future, thank you for allowing me to give input.

From: Guillermo A
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

I think it would be great for there to be an area of the skatepark that is sectioned off for beginners to skate without feeling overwhelmed or intimidated by more advanced skaters.

From: Rowan A
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Add a flat rail in some of the empty space

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From: Samuel G
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

If you could take some easy ideas from the following skateparks to blend in sure Cruces skate scene would agree.

SILVER CITY SKATEPARK
ALAMAGORDO SKATEPARK
MOUNTAIN VIEW SKATEPARK EL PASO TEXAS
NORTH EAST SKATEPARK EL PASO TEXAS
City Of Sunland Sports Complex

a fine balance of street and vert would be optimal for all of us. I have some prior autocad knowledge (about 8 years) and can assist in ideas if needed.
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Marilu K
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

Hi my name is Marilu and live at legends west here in Cruces. I moved from California in 2007 And love this city we're my child was born. I think we need a park or recreational park for our children in our area since it seems our town has forgotten that children live in this area. Just a thought, thank you

From: Amy S
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:17 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

How about a parking lot with parking spaces instead of parking on gravel and dirt?

From: Shaniqua S
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Design_Voting
Subject: Las Cruces Additional Input

I am not sure if this comes under your jurisdiction, but there are currently no shade structures, or seating, or working water fountains at the park. The drainage in the middle of the park is poor - after a rain, a large pool forms north of the pyramid (currently visible in Google Maps).

Thank you,
-Natalie



SECTION 3 CITY FACEBOOK COMMENTS

OVERVIEW

The CLC P&R helped advertise this online survey website via social media outlets and was boosted on Facebook to help spread the word. This survey was made available for 2-weeks (May 19th - June 2nd) where a total of 133-survey responses were received. During the online survey the CLC P&R were able to gather additional feedback via their Facebook page. There were over 50-different community members making comments and having brief conversations with one another regarding the proposed project.

INSTRUCTIONS

Las Cruces, Let's Improve Your Skate Park!

The skate park dream is on its way to becoming a reality! Help the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department determine which areas need improvement and what can be renovated or replaced at your skate park! Because of the public health emergency stay-at-home order, the community can give their input through the virtual Skate Park Assessment & Recommendations Survey beginning Tuesday, May 19.

Go to americanrampcompany.com/las-cruces and complete the short survey.

Then play on the interactive map! Users can hover over an aerial map of the Las Cruces skate park with numbered park features and comment on each one. It's easy to navigate and gives users a virtual walk-through of the skate park.

Deadline for submitting comments and ideas is 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Community input will be considered in the next phase of the park improvements and renovation designs which will be presented in follow up public input events. The skate park project is made possible by legislative capital outlay funding approved in February 2020.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation department at 575/541-2550 or email CLCEngagement@las-cruces.org.

SUMMARY RESULTS

With over 50-community members responding to the online survey post on the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook page the majority of the comments spoke upon how the park needed improvement. Some of the comments addressed the following:

- * Age restrictions
- * Build new park
- * Community wants more than one skatepark
- * Spectator seating
- * Shade structures
- * Limit bike usage
- * Design park for smaller kids
- * Hire skatepark contractor's for construction
- * Needs upgrade
- * Apply for grant money

Export of Records

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City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation

at 19:56:34 on 5/19/2020 UTC · 🌐

Do you have ideas for the Las Cruces skatepark? Here's your chance to tell us! Help the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department determine which areas need improvement and what can be renovated or replaced. Go to americanrampcompany.com/las-cruces and let us know! Deadline for input is midnight, June 2.



Captain S Full bowl. Bigger ant hill. A stariway heaven that doesn't have an incline before the set

at 21:37:01 on 5/20/2020 UTC



Haley M I just want trails more suitable for skating distance. at

21:46:27 on 5/20/2020 UTC



Adrian A Rowan A Carlos R Ethan W at 22:12:43 on

5/20/2020 UTC



Ethan W Adrian A at

22:17:30 on 5/20/2020 UTC



Caitlin L Angelica T how is this not an appropriate use of funds? Skateboarding is healthy exercise, it's a supportive group for teens, and it can be a creative outlet for many.

at 22:40:02 on 5/20/2020 UTC



Brian S The city has one, at Walnut and Hadley. But if they continue to keep parks closed, instead of fining people for walking through, social distancing, and being safe on their own, what is the point of having another skate park that nobody is allowed to use?!

at 23:01:29 on 5/20/2020 UTC

Dylan B An age limit is what we need more than anything. I HATE trying to skate and you've gotta bail off your board and front flip over a kid who pulls out right in front of you on his bike with training wheels. Or at least an age restricted area! Some days there's so many kids everywhere it's hard to SKATE at the SKATE park. But I get it. Maybe have one exclusively for people with skateboards

-everyone who skates
at 4:01:36 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Nicolas R Brian S we need more! El Paso has over 10. Small ramp parks we need more like that!

at 5:17:05 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Dylan B Brian S you apparently don't go there very often. Because up until it closed recently there would easily be 25 + people at a time up until it closed. Coming from someone that went almost every day, myself.

at 12:00:38 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Dylan B Some days there are actually too many people, especially children. And it's hard to skate or to do anything because you're bumping into somebody else or almost having an accident. Especially in the afternoon just before sunset when it's nice and cool that's when people flock by the dozens there

at 12:01:41 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Max R Brenden Pat 13:06:23 on
5/21/2020 UTC

Spenser T Demolish what's there and build a new park with people that actually know how to build a proper skatepark. Not some city planners that think they know everything.

at 13:13:16 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Chayo G In Apodaca park there was an old pool. That could probably be changed to a skate park.

at 13:28:08 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Caitlin L Brian S they were asking for suggestions on additions or renovations to the current skate park - they never said they were building a new one.

at 13:41:38 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Reed E Or just leave the existing park as is and build a new park somewhere else.
Better use of funds.

at 13:48:34 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Elyn C Captain H please fill out the survey. That is the best way for the designer to know what you want

at 13:58:13 on 5/21/2020 UTC

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Thanks for the suggestion. Please add your input to the assessment and survey too. Thanks again.

at 15:38:58 on 5/21/2020 UTC

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation We need your input. Please complete the survey and assessment if you haven't already. Thanks!

at 15:40:04 on 5/21/2020 UTC

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Thanks for the input. Please do the assessment too if you can.

at 15:42:23 on 5/21/2020 UTC

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Thanks. We'll add your comments to the input but please do the assessment if you can.

at 16:31:39 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Willard S Brian S AMEN at 16:34:54

on 5/21/2020 UTC

Nick R We need two skate parks period. at

17:12:27 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Sunil K Marissa V at 18:11:01 on

5/21/2020 UTC

James R Consult with the cities of Silver City and El Paso. They both have well thought out skateparks and could probably give good input.

at 18:20:12 on 5/21/2020 UTC

Frank H Get input from Arturo U, Simon, and all the Actual skaters in this city. They're the only ones that should have any say in how to improve the skate park...

Alex C More areas to sit and rest. Preferably with a shaded area!

Eliyahu R If there's enough room, build it with an adjacent bicycle motocross track. at 3:53:49 on 5/22/2020 UTC

Julie L Bikes shouldn't be allowed in a skate park period. What happened to the BMX track?
at 11:58:14 on 5/22/2020 UTC

Julie L Nicolas R True, could use another one. But don't compare to El Paso that has 10x higher population.
at 11:59:34 on 5/22/2020 UTC

Dylan B City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Please provide a link and everyone might consider it. Thank you.
at 18:55:24 on 5/22/2020 UTC

Skurv M Seems like we don't need this anymore. Why spend bond money for parks we can't use?
at 1:44:42 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Liz R They should make a skate park only for little kids so the little kids won't get run over with the big kids
at 1:56:12 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Rene B Complain complain complain!! Kuddos to those who want to help build another skate park!!! That would be awesome 🙌
at 10:59:06 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Kimmie H Step one. Hire concrete contractors who follow instructions and don't just "do it how they wanted" like they did this one.
at 17:28:32 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Wil B Open up all parks and lakes asap.
Was it in LC that a skating place has been covered in sand??
And I hope facemasks will stop to be mandatory at places where we can keep our distance!
at 17:36:50 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Jo P Cheyenne D: Share this with Jude please. at 18:42:42
on 5/23/2020 UTC

Nancy P I have an idea why not open skate parks and parks in the city. No evidence of transmission of COVID19 out in sunshine and fresh air. Start with that first. No sense talking about new plans and design when the ones we have are closed 🤔

at 20:20:09 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Angelica T Caitlin L I'm a voter and I pay taxes for them to do what is voted for. I follow info and see this city not doing what is funded and for. And you must be one of those groupies that have the right to go complain and change everything or what the heck.

at 22:23:42 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Angelica T Rene B 🙏🙏🙏 at 22:24:32 on

5/23/2020 UTC

Angelica T Chris M 👍 at 22:24:50 on

5/23/2020 UTC

Angelica T Nancy S well go live in El Paso and stay there so you can run a higher risk yourself with the family that's all you are contributing to illness and death

at 22:26:18 on 5/23/2020 UTC

Hector M Rocky G at 12:54:18

on 5/24/2020 UTC

Cerrillos M Look at the largest covered skate park in the US in Eugene Oregon. It is absolutely breathtaking. Anything close to that, or to see whose built ones like it but smaller, that we could use. And take the chain link fencing down.

at 13:47:03 on 5/24/2020 UTC

Eva N Skurv M there are so many kids and adults who use them for sure. at 2:49:54 on

5/25/2020 UTC

Skurv M Eva N not now at 2:50:32 on

5/25/2020 UTC

Eva N I think a covered skate park is much needed in las cruces at

2:51:11 on 5/25/2020 UTC

Eva N Brian S that one is old and dangerous. Needs upgrade at 2:53:09 on 5/25/2020 UTC

Sheryl D An area for the smaller, beginner kids 🧒 at 5:38:43 on 5/25/2020 UTC

Haley M I took the survey but I also wanted to throw in another suggestion. Some places have outdoor skating pavilions. It could be a simple concrete slab (and hopefully covered ☀️) where you can roller skate, inline, scooter, skateboard. The size of a regular skating rink. That's also in my "dream park". Thanks!
at 22:31:48 on 5/25/2020 UTC

Jessica H Joseph T there's a survey.. at 0:50:02 on 5/26/2020 UTC

Kari L How about OPENING a park?at 4:27:11 on 5/27/2020 UTC

Jon R Brian S well if your not satisfied fight for it.. it wasn't easy getting this to happen..we showed up at every city meeting and worked hard for it ..maybe you can get a group of swimmers and do the same thing
at 4:50:49 on 5/27/2020 UTC

Brian S Jon R Would be nice, but I'm not living there anymore at 4:51:51 on 5/27/2020 UTC

Rolando L Apply for a grant with the Tony Hawk Foundation, duh at 8:11:44 on 5/28/2020 UTC

Joe C Let's look at some successful skate park designs from other cities. Hold a day to speak to Las Cruces skaters at the current skate park to get input. Punch and pie always draws a crowd!
at 14:59:25 on 5/28/2020 UTC

Rob W Need one or two more and the one we have reopened. at 22:09:44 on 5/28/2020 UTC

Brian M If you make it skateable you might wanna put an age limit on it at 2:58:20 on 5/29/2020 UTC

Haley M Repave the Lalorona trail for the skaters. It is too rough but would be amazing repaved!!

at 18:06:43 on 5/29/2020 UTC

Matt S It needs a large enough parking lot for auto x and car meets at

1:06:23 on 5/30/2020 UTC

Caitlyn D Olivia Li hey are making some changes to our skate park. I know you & Eric have skated there, maybe you'd have some suggestions.

at 0:26:47 on 6/02/2020 UTC

Dave L Yeah open it back up at

2:02:56 on 6/02/2020 UTC



City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Thank you everyone for your comments and ideas! The input period is now closed for this phase. Your input will be considered as we move forward to the next phase.

at 18:21:21 on 6/02/2020 UTC

CaptainHowdy S When will our skatepark be open so we can evaluate it thoroughly at

18:28:04 on 6/02/2020 UTC

Rudy J City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation how about my question? Or if you can put me in contact you can would be appreciated.

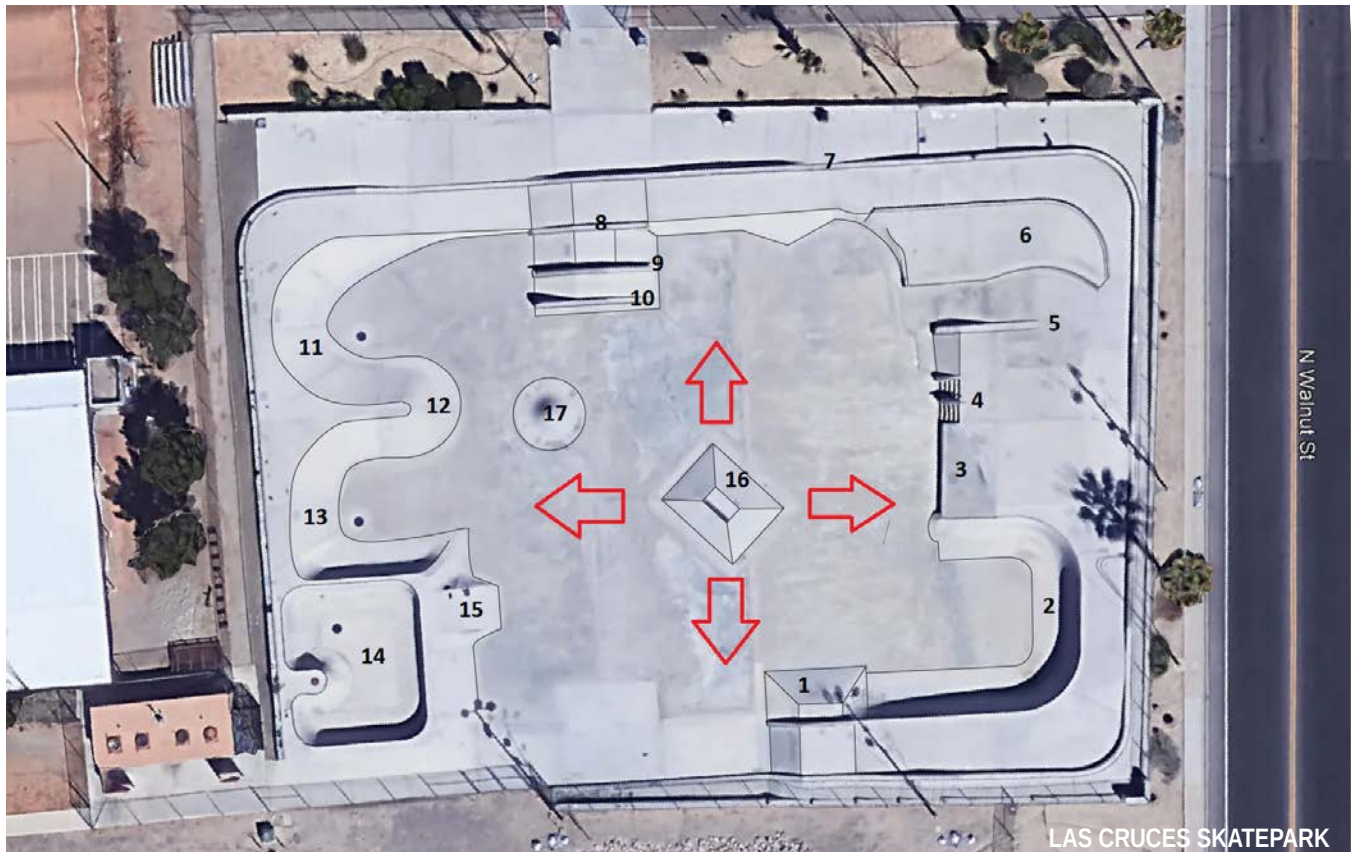
at 19:59:03 on 6/02/2020 UTC

SECTION 4

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS/USABILITY

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SKATEPARK DESIGN ANALYSIS: The overall design has a lot of flat bottom or 'flat' in the middle of the park causing large amounts of space between features. Typically the rider uses the momentum from the obstacles to help gather speed and when the features are spaced-out too far apart their speed decreases forcing them to 'foot push' to and from. Even if this skatepark design was built with today's construction standards it wouldn't be a successful skatepark.



THE CONS:

- Concrete areas are not smooth
- Extensive surface failure in the bowl
- Concrete areas are spalling/cracking
- Previous patchwork is starting to deteriorate
- The street/flat area does not contain proper obstacle distancing
- Rough concrete
- Radii at critical areas are not smooth
- Some of the elevations in the street area are not proportioned
- Dead ends in the street area
- Retention walls could have been designed to be skate-able
- Transition walls are too steep
- Many elements are not well designed
- Brittle concrete or non-suitable compacted sub-base

SECTION 4

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS/USABILITY

4.0 SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS/USABILITY BY COMMUNITY

SKATEPARK DESIGN ANALYSIS BY COMMUNITY: The overall consensus was that the skatepark is in bade shape and has been showing wear throughout the years. Comments were that the park is old and dangerous with poor drainage and is in need of an upgrade. Others recommended newer and state-of-the-art features that have been developed throughout the years and has become todays standards when designing public skateparks. Below is a list of pros and cons suggestions about the overall park:



EXISTING SQUARE BOWL

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SUGGESTIONS:

- Skating rink
- Seperate bowl/ flow bowls from street
- Need shallower bowl
- Skateable trails
- Add colors to skatepark
- Add a full bowl
- Remove chain link fence
- Rebuild completely
- Age restrictions
- Need more than one skatepark
- Concrete structures

THE PROS:

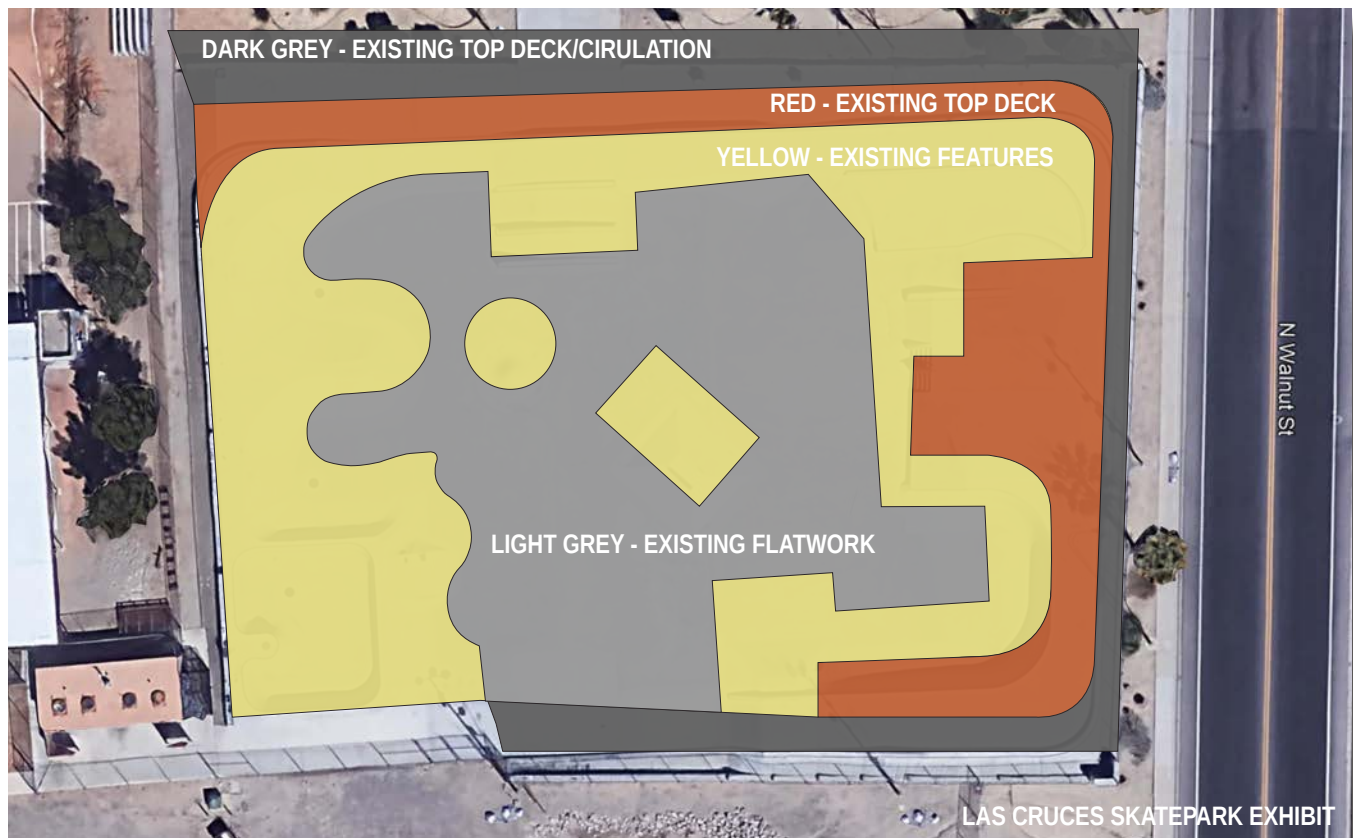
- Seperate transitions features from street
- Want new concrete surface/no ramps
- Feature #17 is a very popular obstacle
- Excited about the improvements
- Looking forward to grandkids using the improved park
- Rough concrete due to age, or not proper concrete mix
- Update is long overdue

THE CONS:

- Parking lot needs improvement
- Drinking fountain needs repair
- No shade structures
- No spectator seating
- Poor drainage
- Section for beginner riders
- Park doesnt have a standard flat rail
- Main bowl isn't functional

5.0 CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS - **OPTION #1**

We've developed two (2) options for the renovation and replacement of your skatepark. We've identified options that include limited removal and replacement of areas and a larger scale removal. Both options will provide your community with brand new skating terrain that will be designed to today's standards. This option was created based upon community input with the majority agreeing that at least the concrete surface needs to be replaced throughout.



OPTION #1: We are proposing that we keep the Perimeter Area (dark grey)/approx. 6,000sf and demo/remove the Deck Area (red)/approx. 4,000sf along with all of the existing Features/Obstacles (yellow)/approx. 12,500sf. All of the Existing Flat Area (light grey)/approx. 10,500sf we would recommend that you have ground smooth and sealed to help produce a new/smooth riding surface. All new terrain would be designed and constructed in the red and yellow areas with limited additions in the light grey area as the two features that exist there would be surgically demolished and replaced.

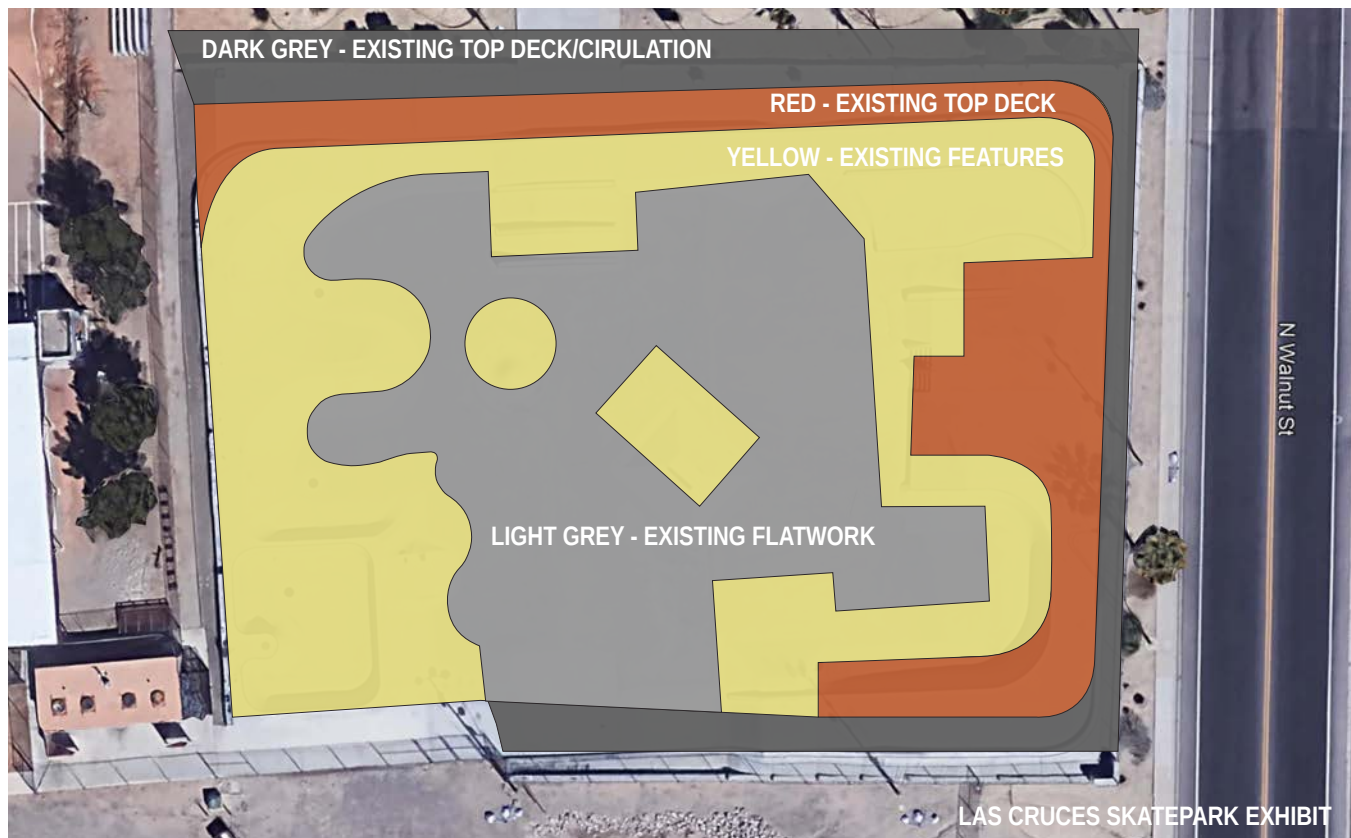
Associated General Costs For **Option #1:**

- * Demo & Removal of Deck Area & Existing Features (red & yellow) = \$132,000.00 (surgical demo)
- * Renovation of Existing Flat Area (light grey) = \$55,000.00 (10,500 SF x \$5.00 SF)
- * Construction Budget For New Terrain (approx.) = \$825,000.00

OPTION #1 APPROX. FINISHED COSTS = \$1,012,000.00

5.0 CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS - **OPTION #2**

We've developed two (2) options for the renovation and replacement of your skatepark. We've identified options that include limited removal and replacement of areas and a larger scale removal. Both options will provide your community with brand new skating terrain that will be designed to today's standards. This option was created based upon community input with the majority agreeing that at least the concrete surface needs to be replaced throughout.



OPTION #2: We are proposing that we keep the Perimeter Area (dark grey)/approx. 6,000sf and demo/remove the Deck Area (red)/approx. 4,000sf along with all of the existing Features/Obstacles (yellow)/approx. 12,500sf. and the Flat Area (light grey)/approx. 10,500sf. All new terrain including a new Flat Area would be designed and constructed in the red, yellow, and light grey areas occupying about 27,000sf.

Associated General Costs For **Option #2:**

- * Demo & Removal of Deck Area & Existing Features (red, yellow, & light grey) = \$108,000.00 (full demo)
- * Construction Budget For New Terrain (approx.) = \$1,350,000.00 (27,000 SF x \$50 SF)

OPTION #2 APPROX. FINISHED COSTS = \$1,458,000.00

5.0 CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Design wise, most of the park is somewhat obsolete, and not designed or built to today's standards causing many areas to become unusable. Some areas are dangerous with heaving slabs that could cause small wheeled (skateboard, rollerblades, & scooters) equipment to trip/stop. For a proper renovation, most of the flats before each obstacle, the obstacle itself, and the flatwork after the obstacle would need to be rebuilt or renovated to proper standards to help avoid any liability issues and ensure a safe and fun riding experience for the stakeholders.

Back in the early 2000's there were ASTM Standards (see attached Appendix) created for skateparks specifically as the sport continued to grow as more public facilities were being constructed. ARC attended these ASTM meetings to provide feedback and collaborate with other builder's to help determine the best construction methods and materials specifically for skateparks. The Las Cruces Skatepark currently does not meet these ASTM standards and we recommend a full rebuild with an updated design along with construction methods and materials. This determination was concluded from the many public input recommendations that addressed the safety and functionality of the park.

The two (2) options that we had presented are over your proposed 845K renovation budget, but we feel like we can still make that construction budget work for your project. Today's skatepark designs have progressed since your park was built back in 1998. Street skating is more popular, such as riding stairs, handrails, ledges, benches, etc. as these features replicate real street terrain that you would find at your local schools, parking lots, or downtown city streets. Typically, this particular style of design requires a lot of flatwork for proper setup and landing zones before and after each obstacle. This style of design is also cheaper to construct compared to a skatepark design that includes large bowls or flow courses throughout.

From reviewing your survey results we feel like a street/plaza style of design would best suit your skating community along with an individual bowl that functions properly. That way, the new skatepark wil have both street and transition style of terrain that will help cater to all skill levels and age groups.



5.0 NEXT STEPS

Due to the complications of this project, a design/build approach is highly recommended. That way, the design team can stay involved throughout the construction process and help troubleshoot or value engineer along the way. The design team will know exactly what can be done and cannot be done and help prioritize a list of changes while conducting an initial opinion of probable costs. With a design/build delivery it will help minimize costs and time while maximizing the construction budget.

This will be important as the skatepark footprint is bigger than the proposed construction budget so understanding the community needs along with the existing site conditions will be a key factor. Having a qualified skatepark designer/builder will also be critical as typically they have crew members who skate or ride bmx and possess highly specialized concrete construction expertise. The skatepark must be formed, shaped, and finished correctly, it is critically important not to overlook the intricacies of effective concrete mix design and reinforcement specifications.





Agenda Item #3.1.

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Las Cruces Survey

133 Responses 03:18 Average time to complete Closed Status

1. Are you a resident of Las Cruces?



2. What is your Zip Code?

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3. What is your Email Address?

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4. What is your Age?

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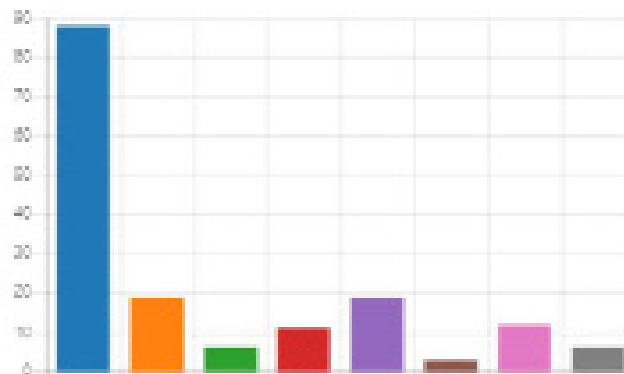
"28"

"32"

"31"

5. What do you Normally Ride?

Skateboard	88
BMX Bike	19
Inline Skates	6
Scooter	11
Mountain Bike	19
Longboard	3
Not Applicable	12
Other	6



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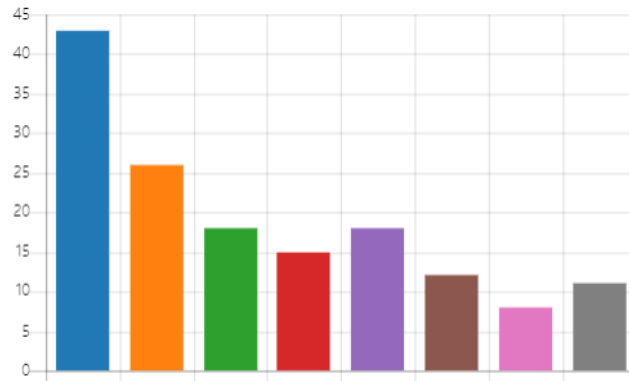
6. What is your Skill Level?

Beginner	30
Intermediate	56
Advanced	34
Not Applicable	13



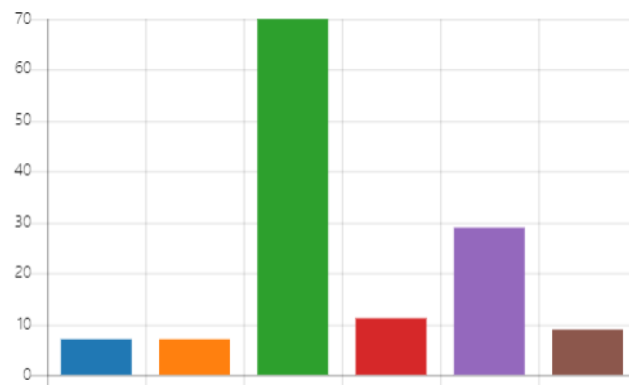
7. How many days a week would you get out and ride the skatepark in your town?

One Day a Week	43
Two Days a Week	26
Three Days a Week	18
Four Days a Week	15
Three Days a Week	18
Five Days a Week	12
Six Days a Week	8
Every Day	11



8. Describe your perfect skatepark:

Plaza Only/No Transition (typi...	7
Ramp Park (ramp features on t...	7
Even Between All Disciplines (...)	70
Bowl/Tranny (transition-only c...	11
Street Course (common eleme...	29
Other	9

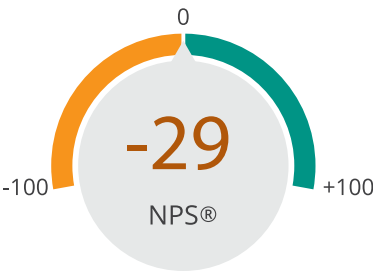


Feature #1 Half Pyramid with Ledge

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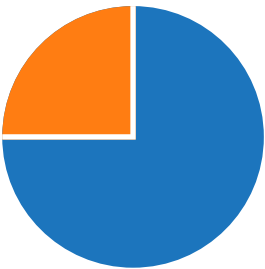
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	6
Passives	5
Detractors	13



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	18
Passives	6



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

24 Responses

Latest Responses

"A Quarter Pipe"

"smoothen it out and make it more skate able by lessing slope and cr...

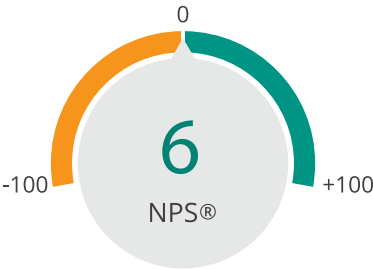
"Leave the feature, but make the down- ledge less steep and fix the fi...

Feature #2 Bowled Corner

33 Responses 01:01 Average time to complete Active Status

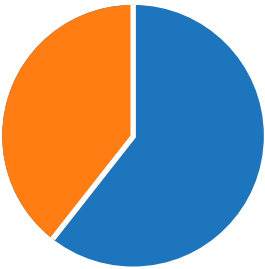
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	12
Passives	11
Detractors	10



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	20
Passives	13



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

33 Responses

Latest Responses

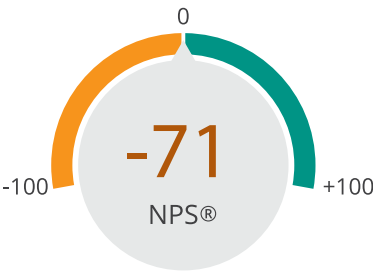
- "You need to build new transition on top of the old. The current transi...
- "Smooth it out the whole bowl"
- "People mostly just ollie and do tricks off this. The tranny is sooo bad i...

Feature #3 Banked Manual Pad

21 Responses 01:12 Average time to complete Active Status

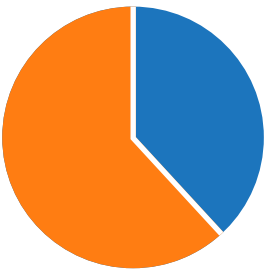
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	1
Passives	4
Detractors	16



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	8
Passives	13



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

21 Responses

Latest Responses

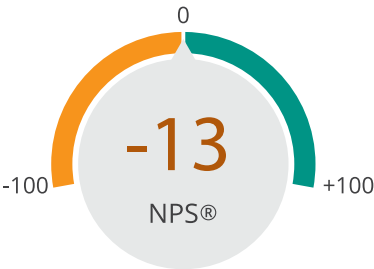
- "Maybe we could place a quarter pipe here instead of a bank"
- "this is skated as a drop and a manual pad. maybe add a little 2 stair ..."
- "none"

Feature #4 Stairs with Handrail

31 Responses 00:58 Average time to complete Active Status

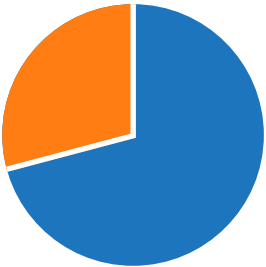
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	9
Passives	9
Detractors	13



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

● Promoters	22
● Passives	9



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

31 Responses

Latest Responses

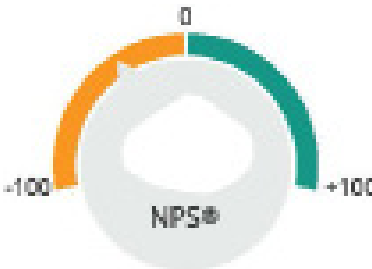
- "Make ledges on the whole area Hubba ledges"
- "Only stair set in the park. Rail is too short and run up is weird. Essent..."
- "make ledge higher at the start so you can ollie on to it."

Feature #5 Kinked Hubba Ledge

0 Responses 00:00 Average time to complete Active Status

1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	0
Passives	0
Detractors	0



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

● Promoters	0
● Passives	0



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

0 Responses

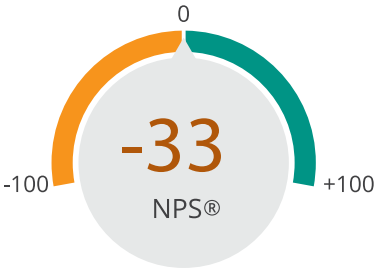
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Feature #6 Curved Manual Pad/Ledge

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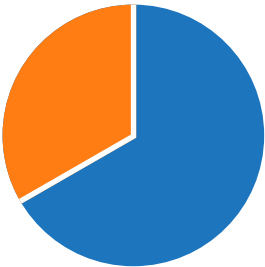
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	3
Passives	6
Detractors	9



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	12
Passives	6



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

18 Responses

Latest Responses

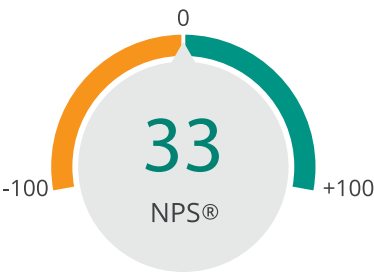
- "This once again back to the ledges being improper. This is used as a ...
- "replace with a little transfer into the bank"
- "maybe on of those double quarter pipes that have one at the bottom..."

Feature #7 Grind Ledge

24 Responses 00:55 Average time to complete Active Status

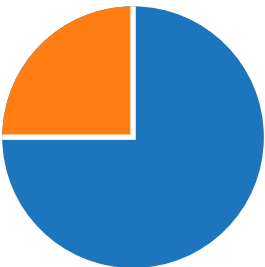
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	12
Passives	8
Detractors	4



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	18
Passives	6



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

24 Responses

Latest Responses

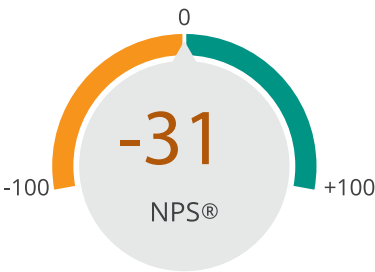
- "Just get rid of the roll ups.. lte the ledges end all around the park"
- "see comment"
- "These are are only ledges in the park. We need ledges that end! Benc..."

Feature #8 Low Hubba Ledge

16 Responses 00:52 Average time to complete Active Status

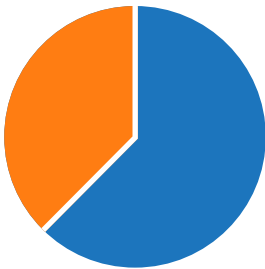
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	4
Passives	3
Detractors	9



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	10
Passives	6



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

16 Responses

Latest Responses

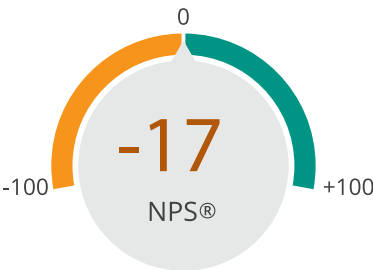
- "Too low. No true end or pop off. A proper hubba and handrail would...
- "make the down ledge so that it drops off. and smoothen out the bank"
- "Make it taller and add a hubba on both sides. Make the ledge end on...

Feature #9 Kinked Grind Rail

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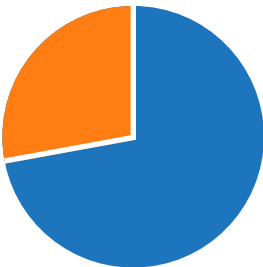
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	6
Passives	3
Detractors	9



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	13
Passives	5



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

18
Responses

Latest Responses

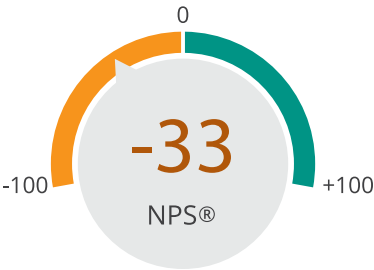
- "Make smaller and get rid of little ledges connected to the rail"
- "replace fun box with a smooth three sided box that has a lower down..."
- "Get rid of the little ledge under the rail and make it the height of the..."

Feature #10 Straight Ledge

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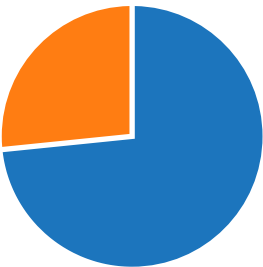
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	3
Passives	4
Detractors	8



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	11
Passives	4



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

15 Responses

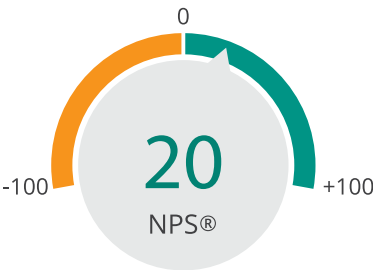
- Latest Responses
- “a hubba that is about knee high. that drops at the end”
 - “Make the Ledge at the top taller and maybe add something like a qu...
 - “none”

Feature #11 Banked Bowled Corner (Mellow)

15 Responses 00:33 Average time to complete Active Status

1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	7
Passives	4
Detractors	4



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	10
Passives	5



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

15 Responses

Latest Responses

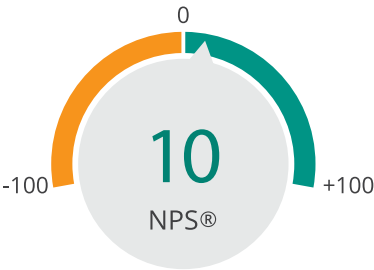
- "Mostly used as a bank and hip out of the side pocket. Would love to s...
- "Just give it a smoother finish "
- "none"

Feature #12 Banked Volcano

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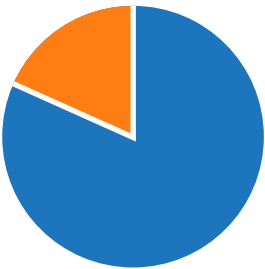
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	6
Passives	0
Detractors	5



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	9
Passives	2



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

11 Responses

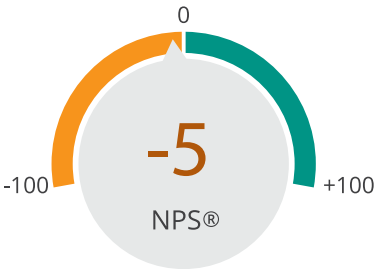
- Latest Responses
- "redo the concrete and give it a smoother finish."
 - "none"
 - "

Feature #13 Banked Bowled Corner (Steep)

19 Responses 00:42 Average time to complete Active Status

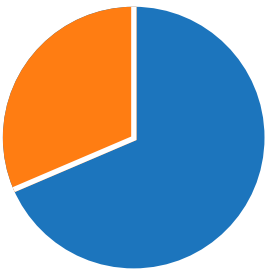
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	7
Passives	4
Detractors	8



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	13
Passives	6



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

19 Responses

Latest Responses

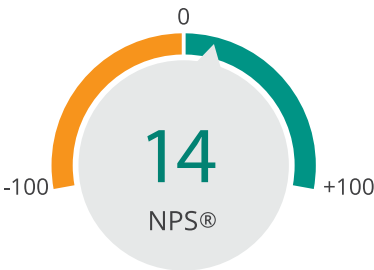
- "turn into a smooth pocket that can be carved around "
- "give it a smoother finish and make the bowl corner larger, the steep ...
- "none"

Feature #14 Square Bowl

36 Responses 01:32 Average time to complete Active Status

1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	17
Passives	7
Detractors	12



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	17
Passives	19



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

36
Responses

Latest Responses

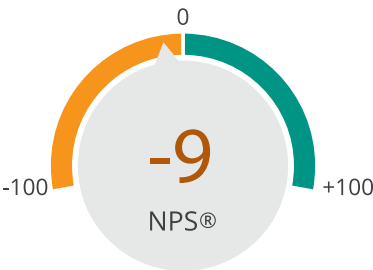
- "You need to build new transition over the old. This bowl is virtually u...
- "Smooth out transtitions"
- "Make it taller and and more curvature! It's to steep and not safe at all"

Feature #15 Low Bank

11 Responses 00:59 Average time to complete Active Status

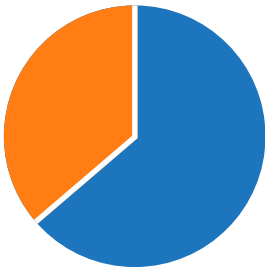
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	4
Passives	2
Detractors	5



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	7
Passives	4



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

11 Responses

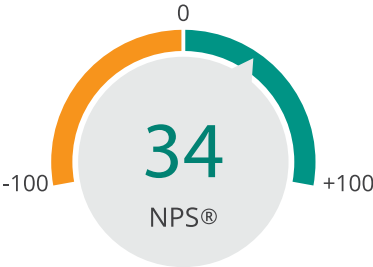
- Latest Responses
- "give it a smooth finish this obstacle is wonderful "
 - "none"
 - "We need a new skatepark. "

Feature # 16 Pyramid

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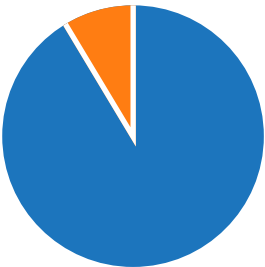
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	10
Passives	11
Detractors	2



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

● Promoters	21
● Passives	2



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

23 Responses

Latest Responses

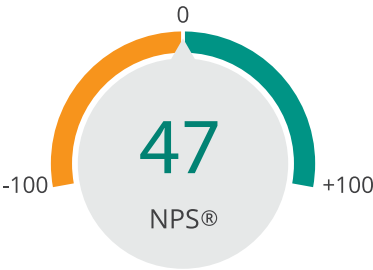
- "Put a ledge longways or a round rail on top"
- "Most skated obstacle in the park probably. I think its essential to get ..."
- "I dont believe it needs to be replaced. It just needs to be redone with f..."

Feature #17 Pump Bump

13 Responses 00:42 Average time to complete Active Status

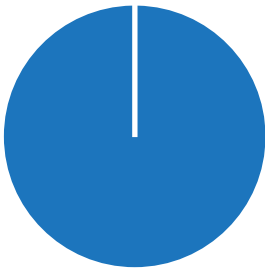
1. On a scale of 1-10 how important is this feature to you?

Promoters	8
Passives	3
Detractors	2



2. Would you like to renovate this feature or completely replace it?

Promoters	13
Passives	0



3. What feature would you recommend to replace this feature?

13 Responses

Latest Responses

- "Pay homage to this in new design. One of the most used things in th...
- "Redo the concrete work, there's nothing wrong with this obstacle "
- "none"



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1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers safety and performance guidelines pertaining to in-ground skatepark facilities built primarily out of concrete and other designed materials. This guide pertains to any concrete materials and other designed materials intended to be used in the performance of the sports including skateboarding, inline skating and BMX biking. Items such as fencing, lighting, and operational structures are not intended to be a part of this guide.

1.2 *Tolerance: General Measures, Tolerances, and Conversions*—General dimensional tolerances for this guide (unless otherwise noted) follow. These tolerances still apply to a dimension even when terms like greater than, less than, minimum, or maximum are used.

Dimension	Tolerance
X in. or ft	± 0.5 in.
X.X in.	± 0.05 in.
X.XX in.	± 0.005 in.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

¹ This guide is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F08 on Sports Equipment, Playing Surfaces, and Facilities and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F08.66 on Sports Facilities.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

A184/A184M Specification for Welded Deformed Steel Bar Mats for Concrete Reinforcement

A185/A185M Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain, for Concrete (Withdrawn 2013)³

A497/A497M Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Deformed, for Concrete (Withdrawn 2013)³

A615/A615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement

A616/A616M Specification for Rail-Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (Withdrawn 1999)³

A617/A617M Specification for Axle-Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement (Withdrawn 1999)³

C33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates

C94/C94M Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete

C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

C150 Specification for Portland Cement

C260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete

C494/C494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete

C1116 Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete and Shotcrete

C1141 Specification for Admixtures for Shotcrete

C1436 Specification for Materials for Shotcrete

C1480 Specification for Packaged, Pre-Blended, Dry, Combined Materials for Use in Wet or Dry Shotcrete Application

C1582/C1582M Specification for Admixtures to Inhibit Chloride-Induced Corrosion of Reinforcing Steel in Concrete

E1155 Test Method for Determining F_F Floor Flatness and F_L Floor Levelness Numbers

2.2 ACI Standards:⁴

ACI 117–90 Specifications for Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.aci-int.org>.



ACI 302.1R-04 Guide for Concrete Floor and Slab Construction

ACI 309R Guide for Consolidation of Concrete

2.3 ANSI Standards:⁵

ANSI 2535.4 Product Safety Signs and Labels

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *bowl*—fully enclosed or partially enclosed free-flowing form with specific transitions.

3.1.2 *coping*—circular pipe or other material installed on some features.

3.1.3 *extension*—additional elevation of the top-riding surface within the platform area.

3.1.4 *features*—sections of the skate surface, which is level, inclined, or curved solid surface on which the user of skateboards, inline skates, and BMX bicycles can maneuver.

3.1.5 *flat bottom*—horizontal part of the riding surface between the transitions.

3.1.6 *flat ground*—flat, horizontal space, which is greater than 12 in. long.

3.1.7 *flatness*—degree to which a line or surface approximates a plane and is a measurement of local surface bumpiness/undulation.

3.1.8 *free falling height*—perpendicular distance between the floor space and an adjacent low-lying space.

3.1.9 *in-ground concrete skatepark*—any concrete structure placed in ground that is to be used for skateboarding, inline skating, and BMX bicycles.

3.1.10 *levelness*—degree to which a line or surface parallels horizontal or design grade; and is a measurement of local conformance to design grade over a distance.

3.1.11 *performance edging*—durable material installed on the accessible edges or surfaces of intersecting and terminating planes on features for performance purposes.

3.1.12 *pool coping*—manufactured masonry product similar in shape and function to that typically manufactured for swimming pools. (See *coping* in 3.1.2.)

3.1.13 *protective edging*—durable material that protects accessible edges of intersecting and terminating planes on the riding surfaces for the purposes of reducing wear.

3.1.14 *transition/radius*—radial change in slope between two elevations.

3.1.15 *resting area*—sport-functional clearance required for standing out of the flow of active skaters and clearing the active skating zone to avoid a collision.

3.1.16 *riding surface*—part of skatepark structure on which the skater will be in contact.

3.1.17 *skatepark*—element, feature, structure, or group of elements, features, structures within a defined boundary for use by skateboarders, inline skaters, or BMX bikers.

3.1.18 *specified surface, plane, or line*—surface, plane, or line specified by the contract documents; specified planes and lines may slope and specified surfaces may have curvature.

3.1.19 *tolerance*—(1) the permitted variation from a given dimension or quantity; (2) the range of variation permitted in maintaining a specified dimension; and (3) A permitted variation from location or alignment.

3.1.20 *vert*—vertical part of the riding surface.

3.1.21 *vertical alignment*—location relative to specified vertical plane or a specified vertical line or from a line or plane reference to a vertical line or plane. When applied to battered walls, abutments, or other nearly vertical surfaces, vertical alignment is defined as the horizontal location of the surface relative to the specified profile.

4. Materials

4.1 *General*—All materials used shall fulfill the sport-specific requirements for skatepark facilities.

4.2 *Steel Elements*—All exposed steel shall be inherently corrosion resistant or be provided with a corrosion resistant coating.

4.3 Concrete:

4.3.1 All concrete should consider the following, which is not necessarily all-inclusive: compressive strength, flexural strength, or both, and finishability; maximum size, grading, and type of coarse aggregate; grading and type of fine aggregate; combined aggregate grading; air content of concrete, if applicable; slump of concrete; water-cement ratio or water-cementitious material ratio; and preplacement soaking requirement for lightweight aggregates; and should conform to but are not limited to the requirements of Specifications C33 and C94/C94M, Terminology C125, Specifications C150, C260, C494/C494M, C1116, C1141, C1436, C1480, C1582/C1582M, and ACI 302.1R-04.

4.3.2 Design details, site preparation, type of concrete and related materials should be provided by the designer of the concrete skatepark prior to bid documents and be applicable to the local environmental conditions. Design details should reference specifications for concrete strength characteristics, use of admixtures for freezing exposure, use of reinforcing steel, testing and inspection requirements. Concrete shall be manufactured to meet the specifications of the designer, method of concrete construction-ready-mix, precast or shotcrete concrete should comply with applicable specifications.

4.4 *Steel Reinforcing*—Steel reinforcing should conform to but are not limited to the following specifications: deformed bars should conform to the requirements of Specifications A615/A615M, A616/A616M, or A617/A617M. Bar mats conforming to Specification A184/A184M can also be used. Welded wire reinforcing should conform to Specifications A185/A185M or A497/A497M.

4.5 *Synthetic Fibers*—Synthetic fibers for use in concrete slabs should meet the requirements outlined in Specification C1116 or ACI 302.1R-04-26.

4.6 *Other Materials*—Utilization of other materials is admissible.

⁵ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.



5. Physical Properties

5.1 In general, physical properties outline characteristics best suited for skateboard, roller blade, and BMX activities.

5.2 *Concrete Finish*—The concrete surface should provide a smooth and nonslip surface characteristic (see ACI 302.1R-04 Class 9 Finish).

5.3 *Surface Flatness and Levelness*—Tolerances should conform to the requirements set forth in ACI 117–90. A discussion of concrete flatness/levelness is given in the commentary to ACI 117–90.

5.3.1 Flatness and levelness requirements should be described in bid documents. Methods for defining flatness and levelness should be in accordance with ACI 117–90 and Test Method E1155. The flatness values should control local surface bumpiness in accordance with Test Method E1155. The levelness values should control local conformance to design grade (see Test Method E1155).

5.3.2 *Precautions*—Concrete surface tolerance specification and measurement procedures should be pre-bid determined. Tolerances should be defined based on what can be reasonably expected from a given construction method. The concrete flatness/levelness constitutes a potential issue, the following precautions are suggested:

5.3.2.1 The exact meaning of the flatness/levelness requirement and the exact method and time of measurement to determine compliance should be established before beginning construction.

5.3.2.2 The contractor or fabricator should confirm an ability to satisfy the concrete surface tolerance requirement by profiling previous installations or specimens.

5.3.2.3 Where feasible, test slabs or specimens should be installed or supplied to verify the effectiveness of proposed fabrication procedures under actual job conditions. If necessary, methods and procedures should then be modified for the actual job installation based on these results. The acceptance of the test slab or specimen by the owner as to tolerances and surface finish should clarify requirements for the project slab and becomes the project “Exemplar/Benchmark.”

5.3.2.4 The exact remedy to be applied to every possible concrete surface tolerance deficiency should be confirmed with the designer.

5.3.3 Levelness and flatness design in concrete skatepark construction should define acceptable tolerances for radii of curved surfaces, flatness values on a radius should be similar to those of a flat surface. This applies to all elevation change tolerances, banks, ledges, and so forth.

5.4 Expansion Joints and Control Joints:

5.4.1 Expansion joints should be placed where they are least likely to interfere with a wheel. Careful consideration to expansion joints location must be given, using the flow of skaters as critical design criteria.

5.4.2 Unfilled cut control joint must not exceed $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch.

5.4.3 *Filled Control Joint*—Size of control joint is not important. It must be a rigid control joint filler, which must be flush with the skating surface and close the joint completely.

5.4.4 *Tooled Control Joints*—Joints should be placed where they are least likely to interfere with skate wheels, and a cut control joint is not possible.

5.5 *Consolidation and Compaction of Concrete Around Exposed Steel Materials*—The placement of concrete on sloped radii or any areas incorporating a change in elevation is critical to the stability of the exposed steel material or concrete coping. The difficulty of achieving proper consolidation around the steel material and their reinforced attachments through the use of standard air removal consolidation techniques can lead to slumping and the creation of an air pocket around the steel material, which may not be visible during construction and may result in concrete failure on the riding surface. See Section 8.3 of ACI 302.1R-04 and ACI 309R for detailed discussion.

6. Other Requirements

6.1 Protective Edging:

6.1.1 If protective edging/surface is used, it shall be flush with the finished riding surface. It shall be strong enough to protect the surface from damage and excessive wear due to prolonged use.

6.1.2 When protective edging is used as protection against bike pegs, it shall extend a minimum of 4.0 in. behind the coping, and be flush with the riding surface.

6.2 Coping shall protrude 0.25 ± 0.125 in. above the resting deck and shall protrude $0.25 + 0.25$ in. or -0.125 in. above riding surfaces (see Fig. 1).

6.2.1 The outside radius of coping shall be a minimum of 1.18 in. or 30 mm.

6.3 Gaps or transitions between riding surfaces intended to be in the same plane shall not exceed 0.188 in. in any direction.

7. Owner's Responsibility

7.1 *Signage*—Skatepark signage shall be provided by the owner/operator for installation on a signboard at the skatepark.

7.2 Skatepark signage, free standing or fixed fence, must comply with the following:

7.2.1 Convey safety information to the user and to those providing parental or guardian supervision.

7.2.2 Indicate that adult supervision of minors is or is not present.

7.2.3 Indicate the owner-operator emergency telephone numbers.

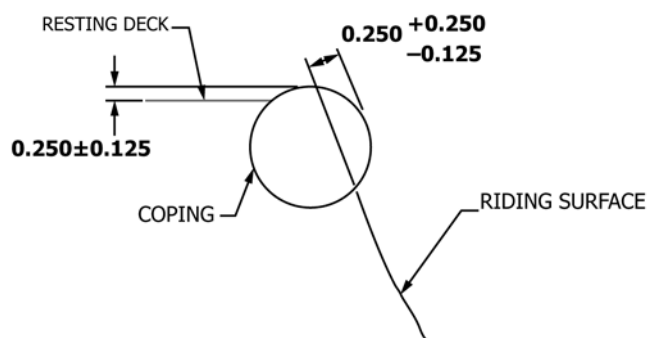


FIG. 1 Coping Example



7.2.4 Indicate emergency telephone numbers for medical, ambulance, and police.

7.2.5 Indicate any applicable regulations regarding the use of safety gear.

7.2.6 Indicate there is an inherent risk in the participation of skatepark activities. Users of skateparks, by participation, accept the risks inherent in such participation of which the ordinary prudent person is or should be aware. Users have a duty to exercise good judgment and act in a responsible manner while using the skatepark and obey all oral or written warnings, or both, prior to or during participation, or both.

7.2.7 Indicate users have a duty not to participate in or on any skatepark while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

7.2.8 Shall be readily visible to the intended viewers/users as in accordance with Section 8.2 and Annex B3.28: B3.29 and B3.2.11-13 of ANSI 2535.4.

7.2.9 Sign type shall be the same style as in accordance with ANSI 2535.4B.

8. Maintenance

8.1 *Skatepark*—The designer or manufacturer or constructor of the skatepark shall provide to the owner/operator clear and concise inspection, maintenance, and repair instructions, including, but not limited to, what, when, and how to inspect maintain, and repair.

8.2 *Riding Surface*—The owner/operator shall maintain all riding surfaces within the skatepark free from extraneous materials that could cause injury and eliminate all holes, ruts, or tripping hazards that could cause injury.

8.3 *Records*—The owner/operator shall establish and maintain detailed installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair records for each skatepark.

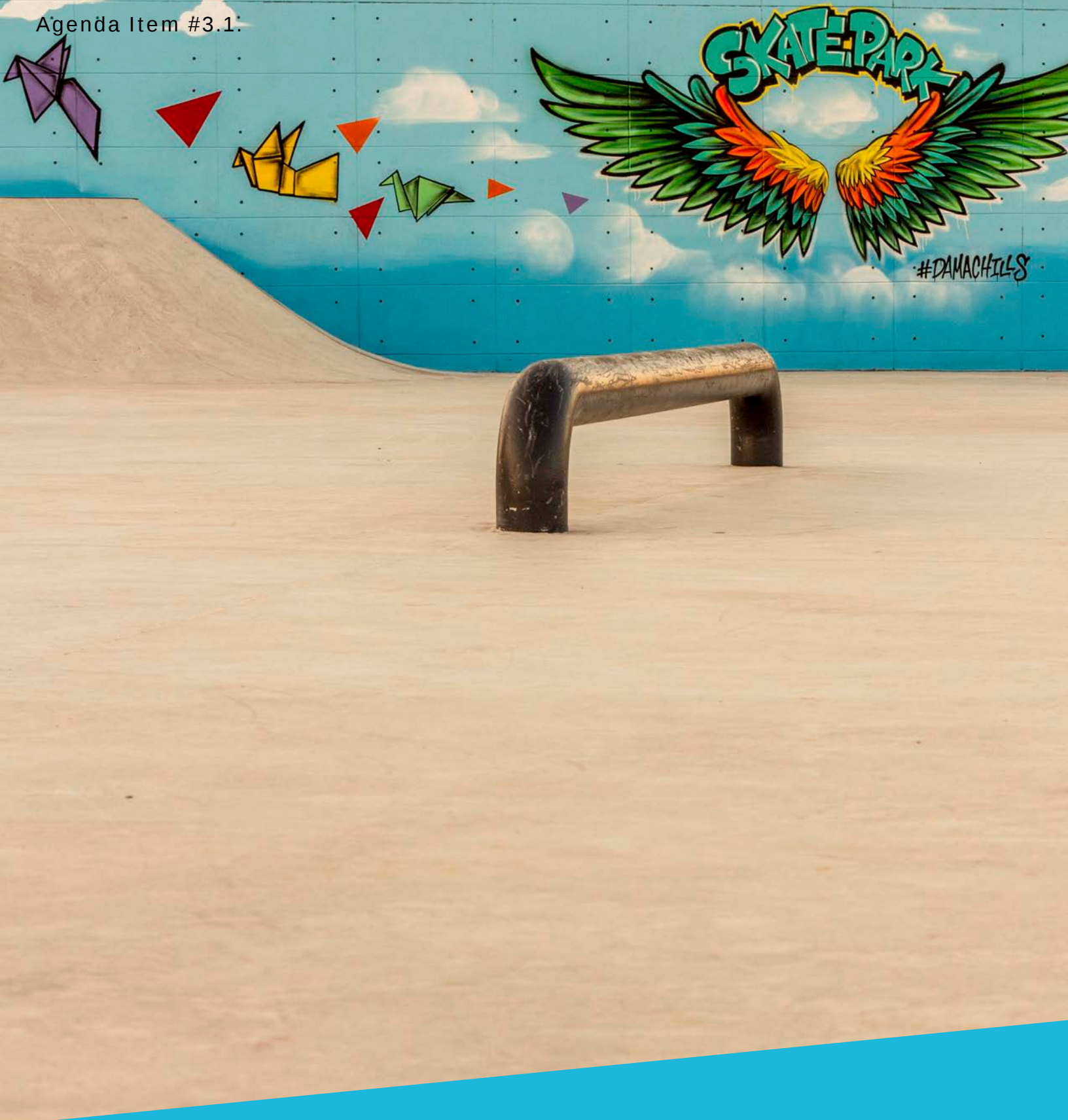
9. Keywords

9.1 bid documents; concrete; consolidation; durable; in-ground; riding surface; skatepark

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Nov 09 2020

TITLE: PARKS AND RECREATION / JUVENILE CITATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

To educate and provide information on the program and area served by the City of Las Cruces Juvenile Citation Program.

PLAN(S):

Department Strategic Business Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Nov 09 2020

TITLE: 2020 ETHICS SURVEY.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

In accordance with the Legal Department's Mission and Strategic Business Plan, the 2020 Ethics Survey was completed. A presentation has been prepared to inform City Council of the survey's results.

PLAN(S):

Department Strategic Business Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None



Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Nov 09 2020

TITLE: EAST LOHMAN AVENUE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City has contracted with Sites Southwest to prepare a development plan for city-owned property generally located south of East Lohman Avenue and west of South Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. One task of the project is to prepare an Existing Conditions Report. Sites Southwest will be presenting a summary of this report and highlighting potential issues, key opportunities, site connectivity, potential land uses, and initial real estate analysis. The City Council will be asked to provide their initial input and comments. The report can be previewed at <https://www.planeastlohman.com/documents>.

PLAN(S):

Comprehensive Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

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