

MOUNTAIN PARKS WEST TRAIL STUDY AREA PROJECT

The West TSA area, including most of Mountain Parks and Open Space west of Broadway, is infamous for the longest standing ban on bikes anywhere in the United states. It was first shut in 1983 and the closure was reconfirmed in 1986. This is BMA's first opportunity to debate this exclusion in a public forum that might lead to positive results.

BMA was aware this process was coming. For most of 2008 a group of dedicated volunteers worked to be ready for this conversation with the community. We have reached out to other stakeholder groups to elevate the level of discussion. We helped them formulate their own aspirations for this area.

BMA has clearly articulated what we want from this decision making process:

- A shared-use trail east of the Mesa Trail connecting Baseline Avenue with the trailhead at Eldorado Springs Road
- A connector trail with Walker Ranch
- Opening up access to South Boulder Creek, Big Bluestem, and Shanahan Ridge trails

BMA prepared an information packet including details about the present bike opportunities in the West TSA area and our desires for the future. We submitted it to OSMP staff, Board of Trustees, and City Council members.