# SOUTHWEST TRAIL

# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design means being proactive during design and planning to create a project that reduces the risk of crime and enhances quality of life. CPTED takes a holistic approach to design safer environments in which public and private spaces are better defined, the built environment feels safe, and operations and maintenance are considered.

During the design phase of the Southwest Trail project, and where appropriate or practical, these design strategies will be incorporated.



#### NATURAL SURVEILLANCE



Design the space to allow visibility by users and prevent spaces that could conceal illicit activity.

- Removing vegetation within 10 feet of the trail to create visibility into and out of the trail corridor
- Using landscaping to provide a clear zone between 2 and 6 feet in height
- Ensuring trailhead and trail segment visibility from adjacent buildings and roadways
- Scheduling activities, such as trail rides and law enforcement patrols, to increase surveillance

### ACCESS CONTROL

Define entries and limits to show where users are welcome and provide cues to what is not welcome.



- Defining roadway crossings
- Preventing motor vehicles (except those from law enforcement) from using the trail through access control

#### TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT



Clearly define the delineation of public and private spaces to ensure users do not trespass where they are not welcome.

- Clearly defining the trail and and its access
- Posting trail rules and regulations
- Using signage and landscaping to define the edge of the trail's public space
- Fencing where appropriate
- Using signage markers with unique identification codes for law enforcement
- Coordinating with first responders and law enforcement during the planning stages

## MAINTENANCE

*Ensure the project is well maintained to reinforce that the location is cared for and important.* 



- Removing trash
- Repairing damaged furnishings or pavements
- Pruning landscaping