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UC MERCED STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS PROPOSAL

UC Merced/Lake Yosemite Trail

Project Description

The proposed UC Merced/Lake Yosemite Trail project consists of constructing a pedestrian path (see map on page 2) that connects the UC Merced campus to the Lake Yosemite Regional Park. The trail is approximately 0.25 mile long and goes along the edge of the Kolligian Library Lot, Fairfield canal bank and connects to an existing path located in the Bicentennial Grove area of Lake Yosemite.

The proposed UC Merced/Lake Yosemite trail would provide greater mobility access for the campus community to enjoy recreational activities at Lake Yosemite. Also, the path would reduce travel time to the lake and also provide greater connectivity to recreational uses. The recreational uses at Yosemite Lake include opportunities for boating, fishing, swimming, jogging, biking, and baseball. The proposed path would connect the campus to these recreational amenities.

The UC Merced campus community would benefit from the Lake Yosemite Trail because it directly connects the UC Merced campus to the lake and also creates a much larger loop pedestrian trail. The path would offer students, faculty, staff and visitors an opportunity for better access to the recreational opportunities at the lake. The potential impact of the project provides a significant additional campus resource in promoting physical and mental wellness through passive and active recreation use.

UC Merced/Lake Yosemite Trail



NORTH
NOT TO SCALE
Date: 11/19/2015

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Proposed Trail
(2,265')

Existing path/sidewalk
(4,796')



Yosemite Lake
Recreation Area

Le Grand Canal

Fairfield Canal

2,265'

Lake Road

Ranchers Road

Scholars Lane

Little Lake

UC Merced
Campus



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Project Budget

The project would be facilitated by the Physical and Environmental Planning Department, Office of Planning and Budget. The requested budget amount would be \$50,000. This would cover the cost for the planning, permitting, design and construction of the path. **Table 1** provides a preliminary budget breakdown.

Table 1: UC Merced/Lake Yosemite Trail Budget

Item	Cost
Planning and Permitting	\$2,000
Design Drawings	\$8,000
Construction Cost	\$40,000
Total	\$50,000

The planning and permitting and design would be completed by early winter 2015 and construction would start in early Spring 2016 for completion in Summer 2016.