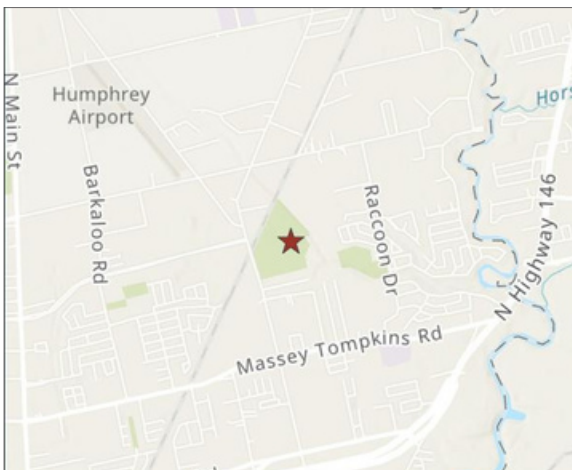




Jenkins Park to Goose Creek Trail Connection Plan



- Location:** Sjolander Road and Blue Heron Parkway adjacent to W.L. Jenkins Park.
- Description:** This planning-only phase will include right-of-way acquisition and address safety and engineering challenges to develop a comprehensive construction plan connecting Jenkins Park to the Goose Creek Trail with an elevated, ADA-compliant pedestrian railroad crossing. Parks and Recreation considers this project a high priority.
- Benefits:** This project addresses safety issues by planning a safe crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad and Crosby Cedar Bayou, while supporting Baytown's strategic trail goals.

Project Timeline

Grant Application	Grant Award	Design Start	Construction Start
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Project Budget

\$451,000

Bond Funding	\$451,000
Grant Funding	\$0



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Figure 1

A view of the park trail system connecting Jenkins Park to Goose Creek Trail, showcasing the missing small segment that, once completed, will significantly expand safe trail access throughout Baytown, enhancing connectivity and quality of life opportunities for residents.

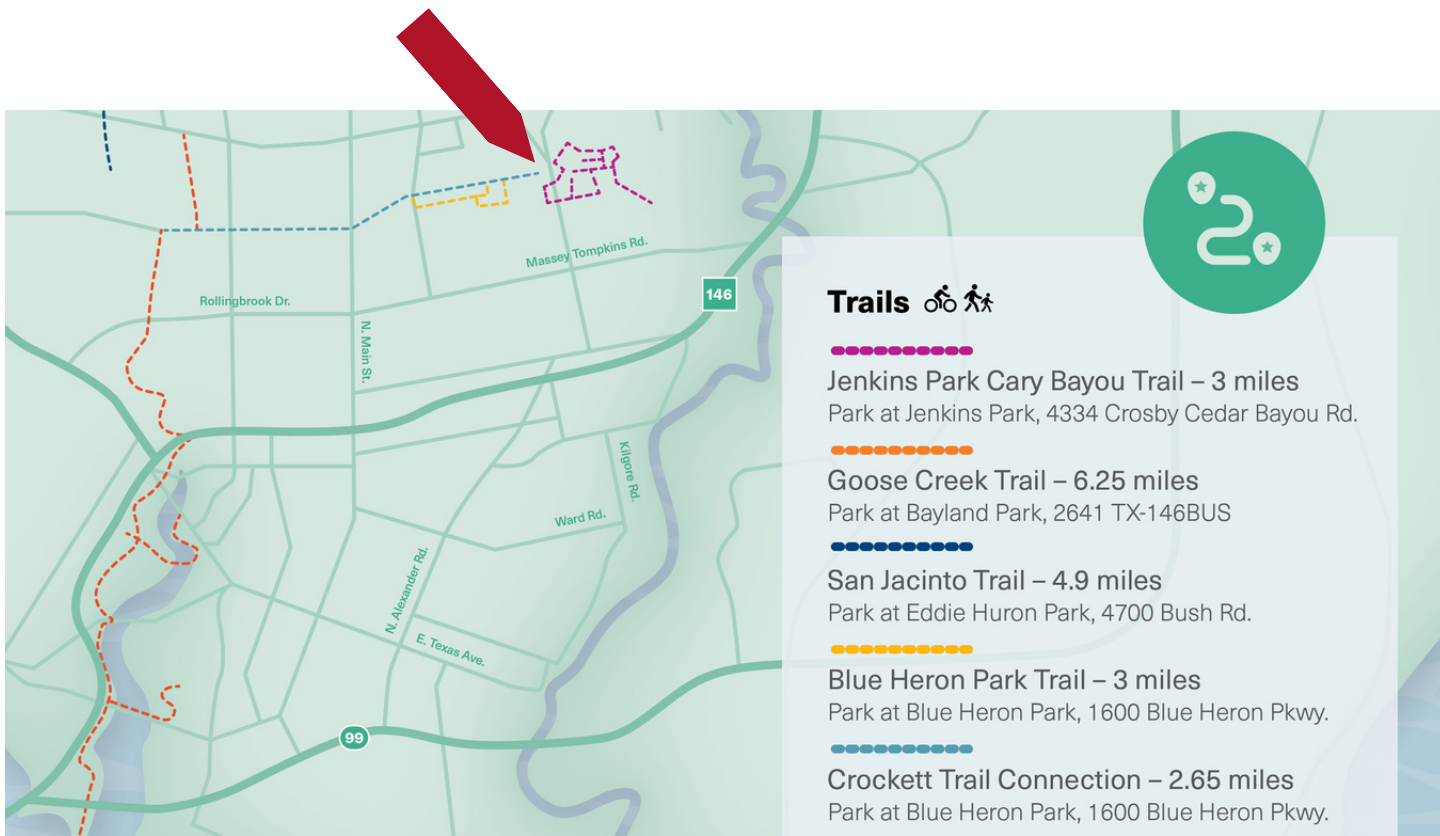


Figure 2

A photo taken on April 4, 2025, documents the stop sign that was run over, underscoring the urgency of addressing this intersection.



Figure 3

A conceptual image illustrating the comprehensive planning and right-of-way acquisition required to design a pedestrian railroad crossing.

Project Timeline

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Project Budget

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Additional Information

The Jenkins Park to Goose Creek Trail Connection Plan aims to develop a comprehensive plan for connecting Baytown's only Regional Park, Jenkins Park, to the existing Goose Creek Trail. While the proposed connection segment is geographically small, it presents significant challenges due to the need to safely cross the Union Pacific Railroad and Crosby Cedar Bayou near Blue Heron Parkway.

Currently, there is no safe or designated crossing for pedestrians or cyclists at this location. In fact, a stop sign was recently replaced after being struck by a vehicle at this very crossing—highlighting the real safety concerns for residents attempting to navigate this area.

It is important to note that this project is solely for planning purposes. No construction will occur as part of this phase. Instead, the allocated budget will fund activities such as preliminary design, engineering analysis, right-of-way acquisition, and materials testing. These critical steps are necessary to produce a detailed, implementable plan. The ultimate goal is to develop a fully scoped project that can then be used to pursue external funding from local, state, federal, and other grant or partnership sources. By investing in a well-prepared plan now, the City of Baytown can improve its competitiveness for future funding opportunities and ensure that any future construction is guided by informed, coordinated design.

Connecting the Goose Creek Trail to Baytown's Jenkins Park supports several important community goals and aligns directly with Strategy 4.1.1 from the Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan Adopted by City Council on 08/12/21: Construct 10-foot wide off-street multi-use paths along key major and minor streets throughout Baytown to create an interconnected network of trails for cyclists and pedestrians connecting homes, neighborhood facilities, and recreational destinations. This project addresses a critical safety concern by providing a secure crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad and Crosby Cedar Bayou—areas currently unsafe for non-motorized users. It also strengthens community connectivity by linking the city's only regional park to an existing major trail system, promoting healthier lifestyles and greater access to outdoor recreation.

Lastly, the inclusion of an elevated structure as part of the crossing offers a unique opportunity for cyclists and athletes to train on a grade-separated path, free from traffic interruptions. This added feature not only increases the functional value of the trail system but also enhances its appeal as a fitness and training asset. By advancing this plan, Baytown proactively addresses current infrastructure gaps while supporting long-term, strategic improvements that contribute to a safer, more accessible, and active community.

Figure 4-5 Street view of the railroad crossing referenced in the proposed trail connection project.



Project Timeline

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Project Budget

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Bond Funding	\$451,000
Grant Funding	\$0