

Media Alert

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Ribbon-cutting Celebrating the Improvements on East Roberts Lane for the Panorama Vista Preserve Greening & Connectivity Project

1.07 miles of bicycle lanes and road reconstructed to mitigate air pollution and increase access to the Preserve's greenspace



What: Kern County Public Works to celebrate the completion of bicycle lanes and road improvements on East Roberts Lane with the Panorama Vista Preserve Greening & Connectivity Project ribbon-cutting.

When: **Monday, December 9, 2024**
10 a.m.

Where: **Panorama Vista Preserve Kiosk**
901 East Roberts Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Parking: Continue on East Roberts Lane for ¼ mile to the parking lot on the left side

Who: Ribbon-cutting Remarks and Attendees:

- Kern County Supervisor Jeff Flores, District 3 – *Master of Ceremonies*
- Kern County Public Works Assistant Director Salvador Gomez & Staff
- Panorama Vista Preserve Board of Directors
- Steven Kemp, Field Representative for U.S. Congressman David G. Valadao

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Background: Join Kern County Public Works, elected officials, and community members as we celebrate the completion of bicycle lanes and road improvements on East Roberts Lane with the Panorama Vista Preserve Greening & Connectivity Project.

In 2020, Kern County Public Works and partner Panorama Vista Preserve (Preserve) were awarded \$815,700 in grant funds, from the California Natural Resources Agency's Urban Greening Program, for bicycle lanes, planting native trees and shrubs, and construction engineering. In total, the project cost \$1,591,406 with Kern County Public Works providing a local contribution of \$775,706 through the Senate Bill (SB) 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), which paid for the reconstruction of East Roberts Lane and design engineering services.

The improvements on East Roberts Lane begin with 0.67 miles of new bicycle lanes from North Chester Avenue to Angus Lane. From Angus Lane to the Panorama Vista Preserve parking lot, 0.40 miles of road widening, shoulder paving, and additional bicycle lanes were added to increase access to the Preserve.

Construction began on April 29, 2024, and was completed on July 25, 2024. The grant program won't officially be finished until March 2026 when the tree planting and irrigation work are completed on the Preserve by River Partners.

The project will increase the Preserve's greenspace and tree canopy, encourage active lifestyles for residents, promote positive educational experiences, and encourage the community to be exposed to the native, wild habitat along the Kern River, which the Preserve and its partners have protected since 1997.

Panorama Vista Preserve



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