

CVAG to host meetings for public input on CV Link path

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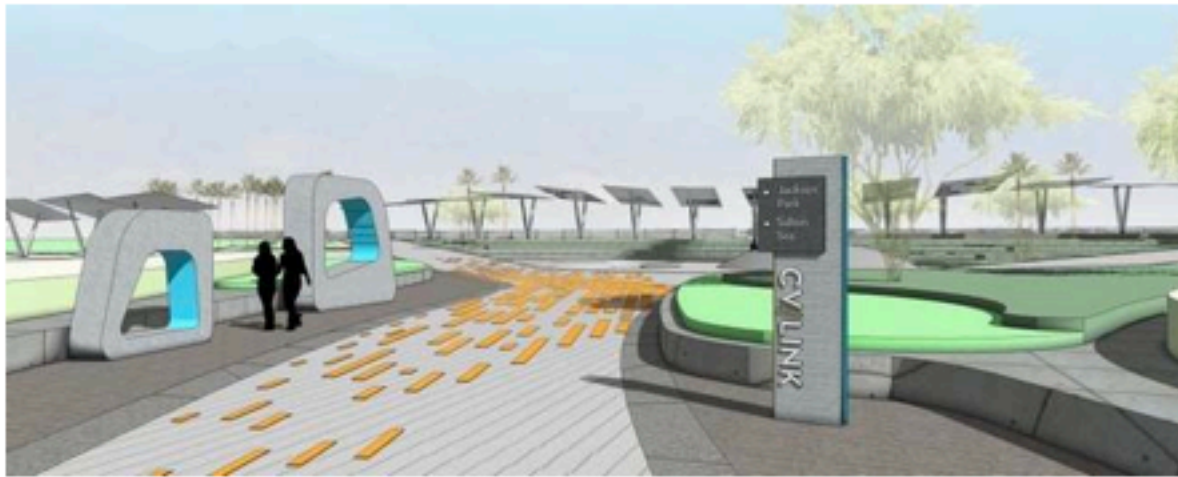
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The latest rendering for the CV Link project. / courtesy of CVAG

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The Coachella Valley Association of Governments has announced two meetings to gather public input on its plans for a cross-valley bicycle, pedestrian and neighborhood electric vehicle pathway, stretching from Palm Springs to Coachella.

- The association has scheduled an environmental "scoping" meeting on the 52-mile pathway, called the CV Link, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the CVAG offices, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert.

As part of the planning process for the \$80 million pathway, which is expected to follow the Whitewater River wash, CVAG will have to complete an environmental impact report that will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. The scoping meeting is a first step in the process, aimed at gathering community input on the issues that should be covered in the report.

Areas already identified for study include transportation and traffic, aesthetics, drainage and floodplain impacts, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, construction impacts on air and noise, land use and planning impacts, and biological and cultural resources. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the meeting.

- A second community meeting is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Coachella City Council Chambers, 1515 Sixth St.,

Coachella.

This event will be a more informal session where residents will be able to get an update on the project, see the latest computer simulations and maps and share their concerns and suggestions. CVAG officials and members of the project management team will be available to answer questions.

For information about either meeting, contact Mike Shoberg at (760) 346-1127 or by email at mshoberg@cvag.org.

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