City of Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

Agenda Staff Report

TO: Mayor Amabile and City Council Members

FROM: Joe Heim, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 7, 2026

TYPE OF REPORT: Regular Agenda

SUBJECT: Pump Track Project Concept Review

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the report and provide directions on any changes to the pump track concept or proceed with final design.

Background:

The City has been exploring a pump track as a new recreational amenity for several years. The 2021 Parks Master Plan found that Los Banos generally has adequate neighborhood park service but lacks specialized recreation facilities. Community input gathered for the plan specifically identified a pump track as an amenity residents would like to see.

A pump track is a paved course consisting of rollers, berms, banked turns and other features that allow users to generate momentum through body movement. The proposed Los Banos facility is intended for a range of non-motorized wheeled users, including bicycles, skateboards, scooters and roller skates, and will accommodate varying ages and skill levels.

The project has been in development for several years. In 2023, staff began evaluating locations and concepts for a pump track. Meadowlands Basin Park, located at 2599 S. Creekside Drive, was subsequently identified as the preferred location.

Staff presented the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 23, 2024. The site was identified because of its proximity to existing parking, restrooms, playground, basketball court and shade amenities, its proximity to Pacheco High School, and its ability to provide a specialized action-sports amenity on the east side of Los Banos.

The project subsequently returned to the Parks and Recreation Commission as planning continued. In October 2025, the Commission also reviewed potential rules and regulations for operation of the future facility. Public outreach meetings were held in November 2025 to gather community input regarding the project location, desired track features, shade, seating, landscaping, lighting and other potential amenities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the 60% concept on September 8, 2026, and expressed support for the pump track. Commissioners also discussed site security and how to discourage use by motorized vehicles, including electric bicycles. Staff is bringing the concept to Council for feedback before moving into final design.

The City also successfully secured $177,952 in State of California Per Capita Grant funding for the Meadowlands Basin Pump Track project. These funds will be reimbursed to the City as eligible project costs are incurred.

For FY 2026-27, $775,000 has been appropriated for the project.

Discussion:

Meadowlands Basin Park is a 24.4-acre park that currently includes playground equipment, a half-court basketball court, picnic facilities, restrooms and parking. Much of the park consists of stormwater basin areas; however, the southern portion includes more than two acres of relatively flat and accessible land adjacent to S. Creekside Drive and existing park amenities. This area has remained comparatively underutilized and provides an opportunity to introduce a significant new recreational use without displacing an existing park amenity.

The City's existing skate park is located at Colorado Ballpark on the west side of the community. Development of the pump track at Meadowlands Basin Park would provide a complementary wheeled-sports destination on the east side while directly serving the Meadowlands neighborhood and students within walking distance at Pacheco High School.

The project is particularly intended to expand recreational opportunities for teens and young adults. Currently there is a gap in serving this age group as traditional neighborhood park amenities such as playgrounds and picnic areas are not specifically design for this age group. Staff anticipates that the pump track could become one of the City's more popular specialized recreational amenities because it would accommodate riders of varying ages and skill levels using bicycles, skateboards, scooters and roller skates.

Following the November 2025 public outreach meetings and continued design development, Spohn Ranch prepared the current concept. It includes two separate asphalt pump track loops. The beginner loop provides a more approachable course with features designed at approximately two to three feet high. The intermediate loop has larger rollers and banked turns, with elevation changes of up to four feet.

The overall design remains welcoming to newer riders while giving them room to progress. A raised connection between the loops would allow riders to move from one to the other while requiring them to slow down at the crossing.

The concept also includes a small concrete skate park in the central space between the beginner and intermediate loops. Pedestrian and spectator areas, seating, landscaping and drainage improvements are shown around the riding areas. Synthetic turf is proposed in some spaces between the track features to reduce maintenance and limit loose material that could be carried onto the asphalt. Shade structures are not included in the current concept, although proposed trees would provide shade as they mature.

The preliminary estimate for all improvements shown in the concept is approximately $950,000:

- Asphalt pump tracks: $450,000
- Concrete skate park: $290,000
- Landscaping: $75,000
- Pedestrian concrete and seating: $60,000
- Drainage: $40,000
- General construction requirements: $35,000

The full concept is approximately $175,000 above the current $775,000 project appropriation. Staff recommends removing the concrete skate park, estimated at $290,000, from the current concept due to its cost. This would allow the City to prioritize the two asphalt loops and their supporting improvements within the available budget. The skate park could remain excluded or be considered as a second phase if funding or grant opportunities become available in the future.

Staff proposes six-foot black chain-link fencing as a bid alternate, which is anticipated to cost $50,000. The fencing would help secure the facility and direct users through designated entrances with posted rules. If Council wishes to retain the concrete skate park as an option during bidding, staff could include it as a separate bid alternate.

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this report and provide comments on the proposed concept and bid alternates. If Council supports moving forward, staff would proceed with final engineering and construction documents.

Fiscal Impact:

The City has appropriated $775,000 in FY 2026–27 for the Meadowlands Basin Park Pump Track, including $177,952 in State Per Capita Grant funding reimbursable for eligible project costs.

Reviewed by:

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Attachments:

Pump Track 60% Concepts

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LOS BANOS WHEELS PARK

60% DESIGN DEVELOPMENT // AUGUST 18, 2026

SPOHN RANCH SKATEPARKS

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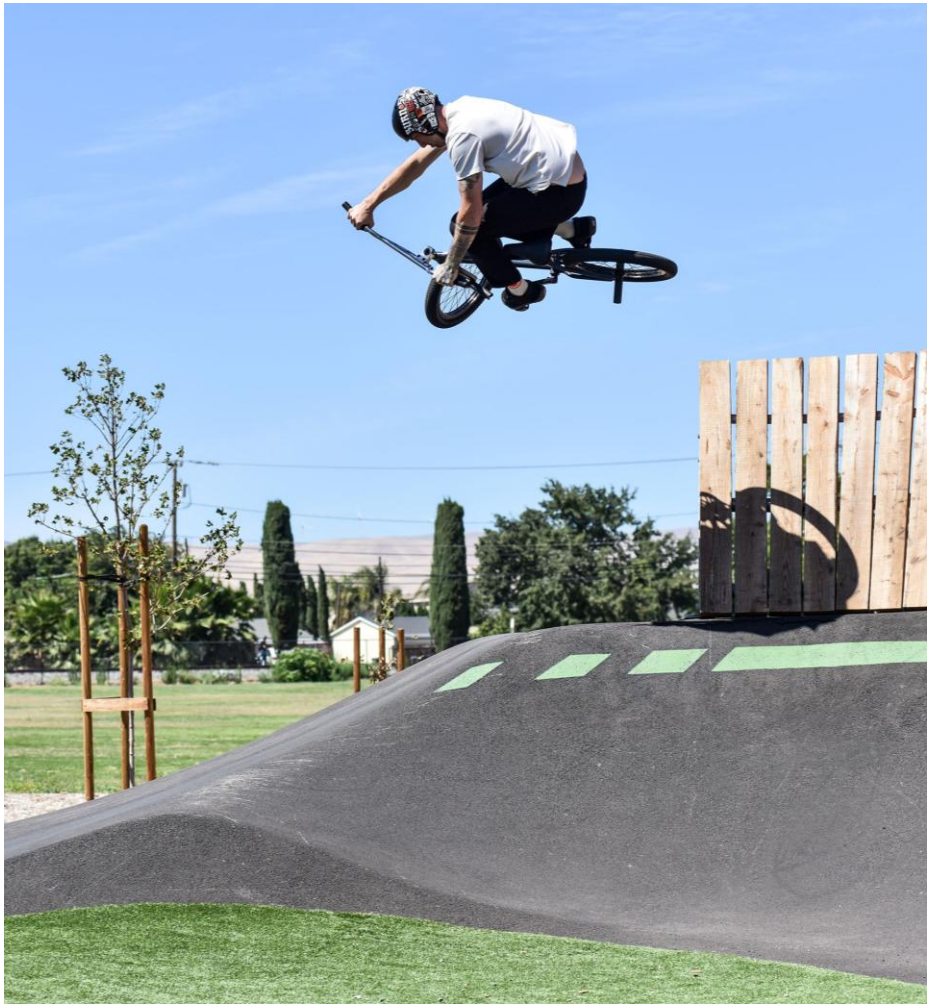
IF YOUR CITY DOESN'T HAVE A PUMP TRACK. IT IS ONE.



SPOHN RANCH SKATEPARKS

KEY BENEFITS

SERVE DIVERSE RANGE OF USER GROUPS

- ALL NON-MOTORIZED WHEEL TYPES (BIKE, SKATEBOARD, ETC.)
- ALL SKILL LEVELS
- ALL AGES

PROVIDE SAFE + DESIGNATED SPACE

WHEEL SPORTS WILL HAPPEN WHETHER THERE IS A DEDICATED FACILITY OR NOT. THE SAFEST OPTION IS TO CREATE A SPACE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THESE SPORTS.

ENCOURAGE POSITIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

WHEEL SPORTS FACILITIES PROVIDE YOUTH WITH A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO SCREEN TIME AND ILLICIT BEHAVIOR AND HAVE NUMEROUS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS.

POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT

MODERN RECREATION AMENITIES LIKE WHEEL SPORTS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO CREATE POSITIVE ECONOMIC FOR ADJACENT REAL ESTATE AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AS WORD SPREADS AND FAMILIES TRAVEL TO EXPLORE NEW FACILITIES.

ELEMENT LEGEND

1. SPECTATOR BENCH
2. BEGINNER PUMP TRACK LOOP
3. BANK RAMP
4. MANUAL PAD
5. GRIND LEDGE
6. GRIND RAIL
7. BANK-TO-CURB
8. WALL-RIDE
9. MINI HALF-PIPE
10. PUMP HUMP
11. CANTILEVERED SCULPTURE
12. INTERMEDIATE PUMP TRACK
13. ACCESS RAMP

MATERIAL LEGEND

- A ASPHALT
- B SPECIALTY CONCRETE
- C PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE
- D SYNTHETIC TURF
- E NATURAL TURF
- F COBBLES
- G TREE

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SCOPE OF WORK:	ESTIMATED COST:
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS	$35,000.00
PEDESTRIAN CONCRETE & SPECTATOR SEATING	$60,000.00
DRAINAGE SYSTEM	$40,000.00
ASPHALT PUMP TRACKS	$450,000.00
CONCRETE SKATEPARK	$290,000.00
LANDSCAPING	$75,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:	**$950,000.00**