

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**UPDATE ON THE BMX BIKE PARK**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Since the last update to Council, the ad hoc BMX Bike Park Committee has met on numerous occasions in an attempt to develop solutions to accommodate the requests of the BMX bike community to use the existing skate park.

Staff has been looking at alternative solutions to mitigate the liability concerns and ensure compliance with state law to allow BMX bikes to use the existing skate park. As has been presented to Council many times, the Three Diamond Skate Park was originally designed as a skate park and was not built to allow BMX bikes. Retro fit options were looked into several times over the last four years resulting in options that were deemed too costly and even if they were approved, would not allow for concurrent mixed use. A representative of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) will be present to provide information and answer questions as to the recommendations if we were to allow BMX bikes in the existing skate park.

The recommendation of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority is that we do not allow BMX bikes in the existing skate park and that we continue to follow state law posting safety equipment requirements and enforcing our Municipal Code.

If we choose to allow BMX bikes, the recommendations of the CJPIA are as follows:

If we do want to allow for BMX use in the existing skate park, we would need to:

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**Recommended Action:**

1. Instruct Staff to work with our design consultant, ASD, to complete the construction documents to include the custom concrete park design.
2. Provide direction with regard to the Phase 1 option.

**Attachments:**

Original steel amenities diagram, custom concrete rendering and phasing rendering.

**Proposed by:** Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager

**Item Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**T. M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Item**  Yes  No  N/A

## Update on the BMX Bike Park -- Continued

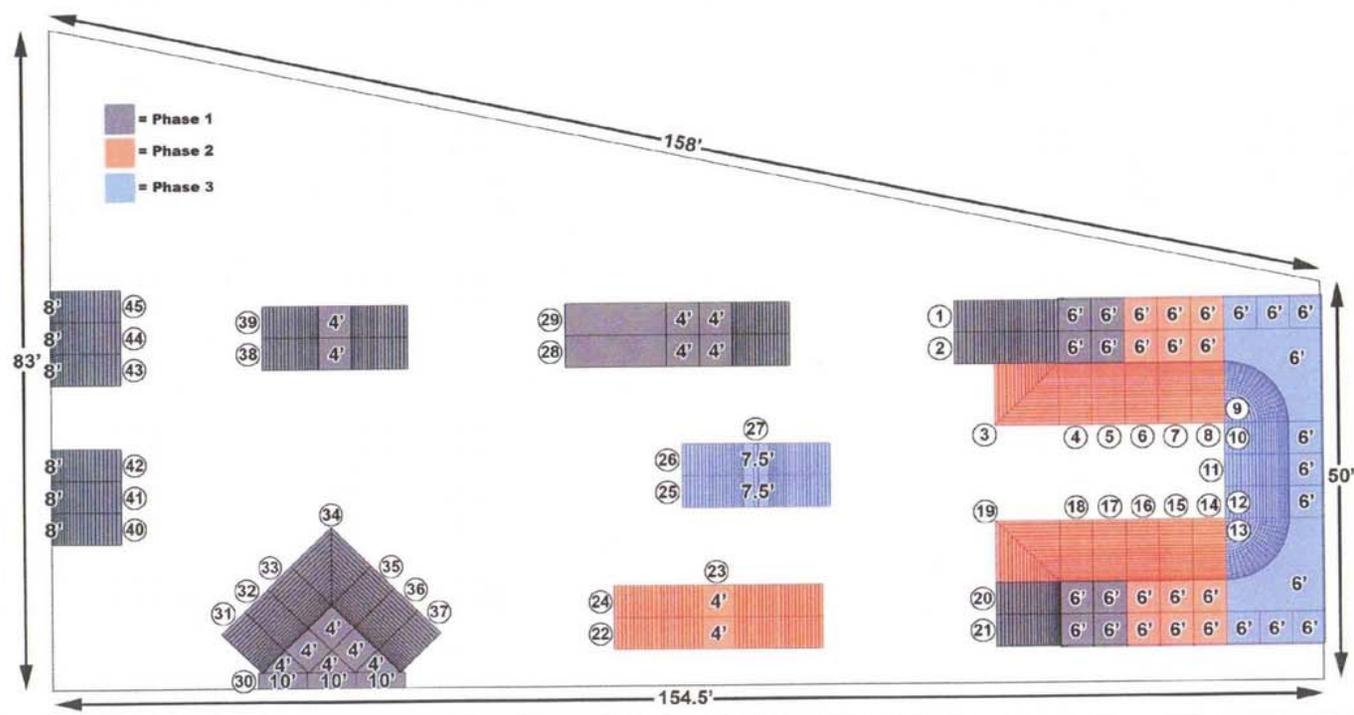
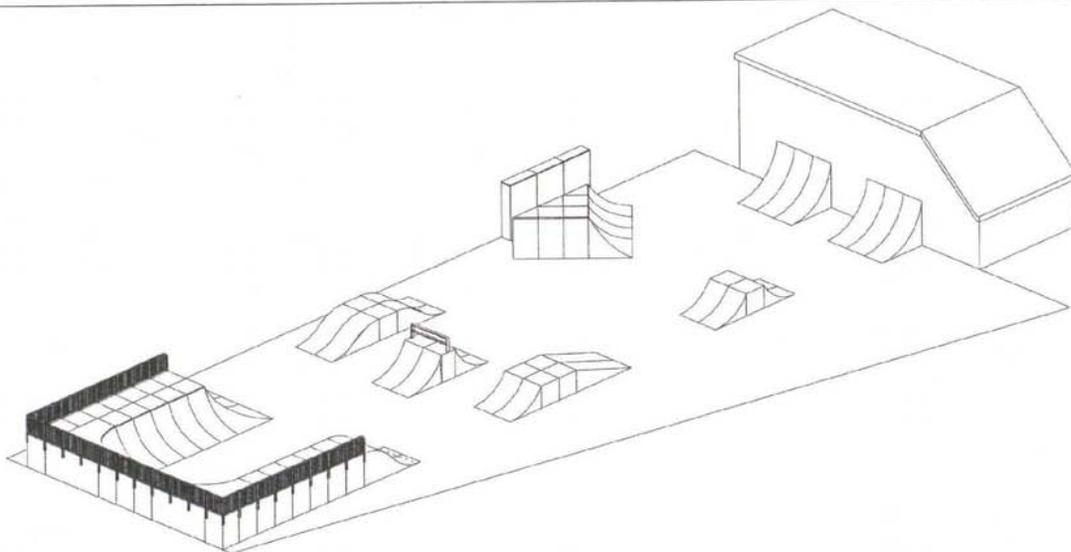
- 1) To protect design immunity – retro-fit the skate park to accommodate BMX bike use and get the original designer to sign off that the park is acceptable to both skateboards and BMX bikes or get another architect to redesign and sign off on the existing park as acceptable for both skateboards and BMX bikes.
- 2) After the retro fit – Only allow BMX bikes to operate in the facility at separate times from skateboarders.
  - a. This would require that we post times for each type of use and staff the facility to ensure compliance.

As an alternative, staff has received a quote for a separate insurance policy that may alleviate some of the liability concerns over concurrent mixed use of the existing skate park for both BMX bikes and skateboards. The cost of this policy is just over \$12,000 per year. If the Council was to go forward with the retro-fit of the facility, this insurance option would be an additional mitigation tool to reduce the liability of mixed use until such time as funding becomes available for the completion of the new BMX Bike Park.

On April 13, 2010, the Town Council awarded a contract to Action Sport Development (ASD) to create a site plan for the BMX Bike Park and create construction documents for the project. Additionally, as part of the RFQ, ASD was asked to develop a cost comparison between modular steel BMX and skate amenities and a custom concrete park. ASD has done so and will show that a custom concrete park can be completed at a cost similar to the cost of a steel modular park.

Additionally, after consulting with users of the existing skate park and our consultant, it has been determined that nearly ½ of the existing skate park is minimally used due to its design. It has been recommended that for essentially the same cost as the retro-fit estimates, the Town could remove the minimally used section of the existing skate park and install new custom concrete section that would not only be designed to allow BMX bikes without creating damage to the facility, it would also provide an updated design that skateboarders would use as well. The cost of this part of the project is estimated to be less than \$110,000. This part of the project is listed as Phase 1 on the project rendering. Interim Finance Director, Kevin Smith believes this phase of the BMX Bike Park Project and the subsequent insurance could be funded by using the revenue from the sale of the existing cell site at James Woody Park.

A representative from ASD will be present to deliver a PowerPoint presentation on the improvements to the existing skate park and new BMX Bike Park Project and answer any questions on the project. This PowerPoint presentation will include a site design, phasing options for the existing park and the future park as well as the cost comparison information.



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**PROJECT NAME**  
 Apple Valley BMX Park

**DESIGN NO.** 3536

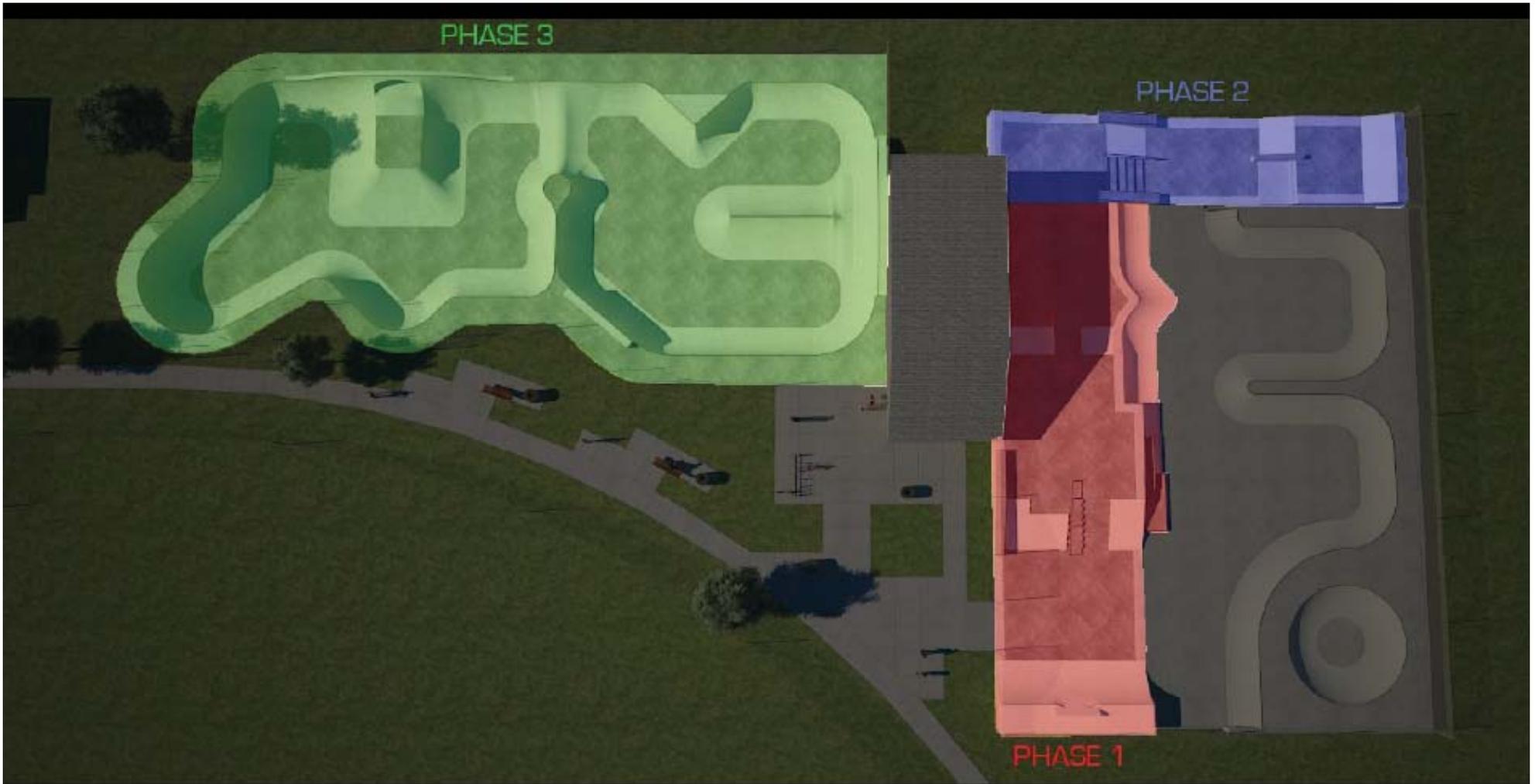


**CONCEPTUAL RENDER  
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY BMX/SKATE PARK**

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**CONCEPTUAL PHASING PLAN  
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