



N Cactus Blvd

Cactus Blvd: a neighborhood proposal

- City of Tucson's Treat Ave Bicycle Boulevard Project
- Cactus Boulevard – a neighborhood “Linear Zócalo”



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Cactus Boulevard – An Introduction

Cactus Boulevard is a dead-end lane—despite its Boulevard name—that connects the Treat Ave Bicycle Boulevard to the Rillito River and the Loop. It serves as a major entrance to the RillitoBend Neighborhood and to the City of Tucson’s Rio Vista Natural Resources Park. While Cactus also serves as the vehicular access road for many residential properties along its path, it is a very popular pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle corridor for its short length.

This Proposal summarizes the issues and goals of the RillitoBend Neighborhood’s vision for Cactus Blvd. It includes some current detail of the City of Tucson's Bicycle Boulevard project and a concept plan for Cactus Blvd.

Since we and our residents are responsible for the Right-of-way improvements on our neighborhood Roads, we hope this Proposal will help guide planning conversations and future improvements to make Cactus and other neighborhood roads “livable streets” for our neighborhood.

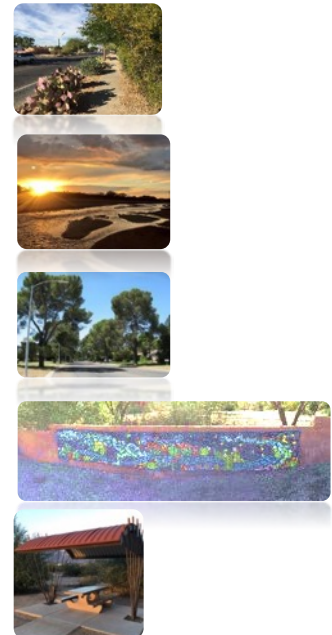


Map of RillitoBend Neighborhood (Eastern section) showing the Cactus Blvd corridor

RillitoBend Neighborhood Vision Themes

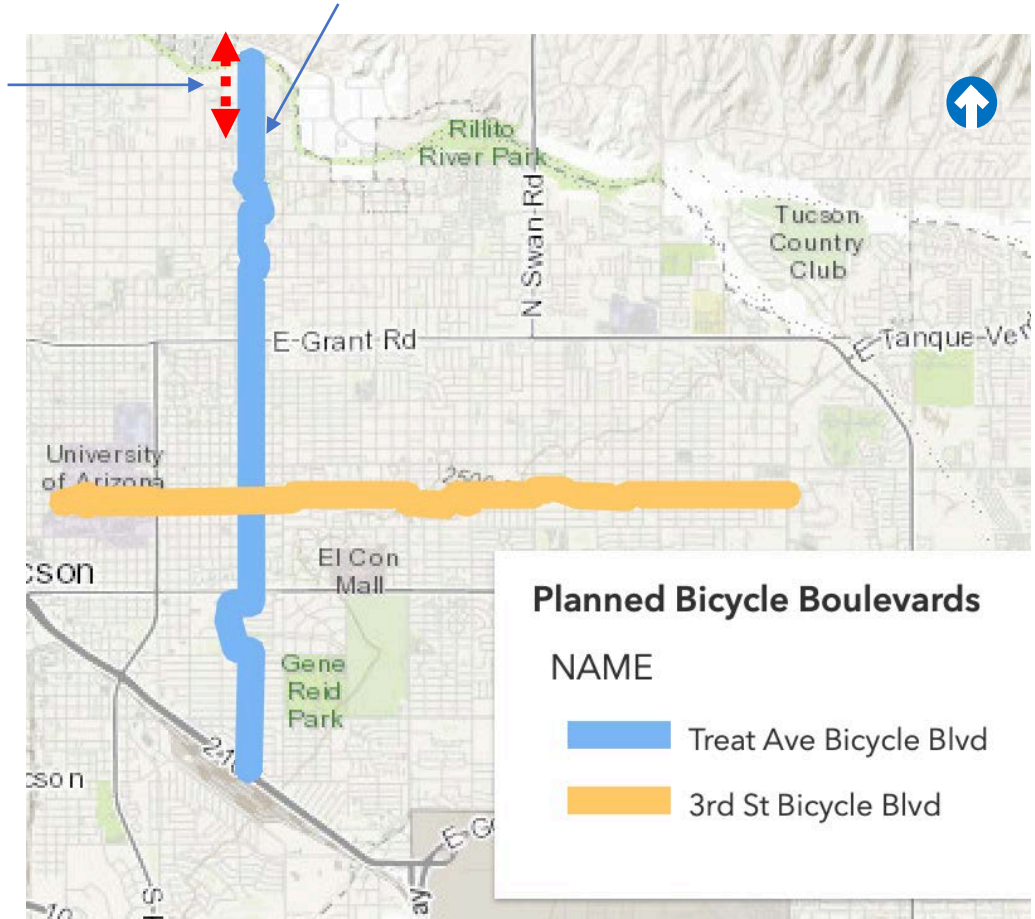
These interconnected themes are intended to help prioritize neighborhood projects and are included here for reference for the subject project.

1. Enhance the **livability of our streets**
2. Manage our precious **watershed resources**
3. Restore our **former riparian environment**
4. Showcase our unique **artistic heritage and spirit**
5. Support our **recreational and cultural destinations**



There is a pedestrian/bicycle crossing on Prince Road where Treat Avenue crosses and becomes Cactus Blvd.

Cactus Blvd, part of the Treat Ave Bicycle Blvd, in RillitoBend



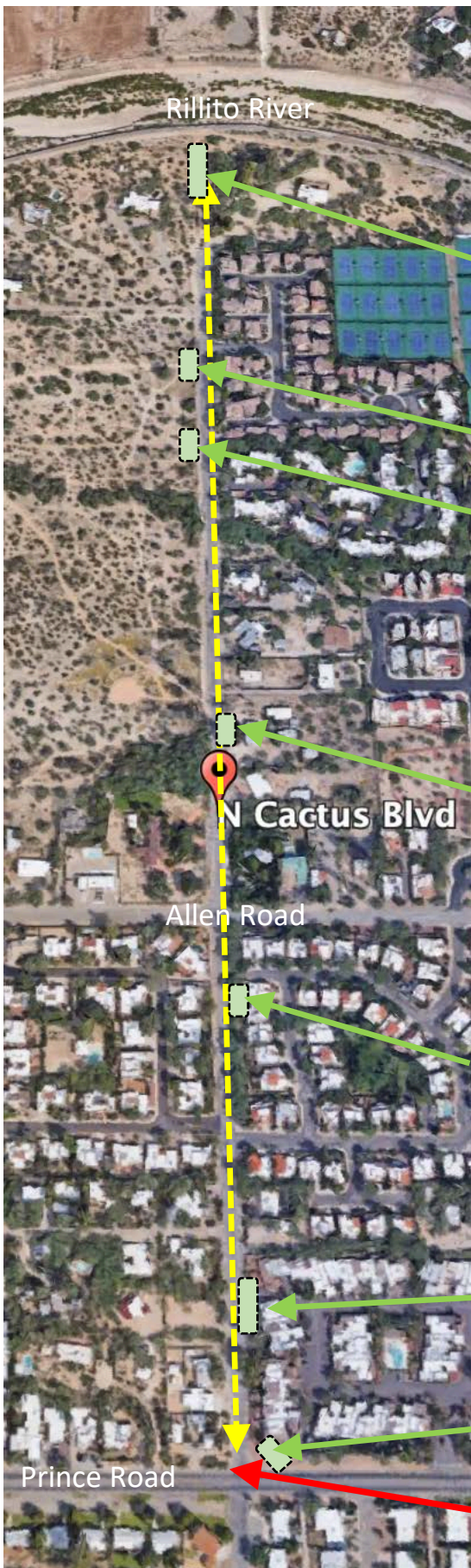
Tucson’s Bicycle Boulevard Projects

See <https://3rd-treat-bike-boulevards-cotgis.hub.arcgis.com> and City of Tucson [Bicycle Boulevard Master Plan](#)

Using exclusively neighborhood streets, the City of Tucson has developed two Bicycle Boulevard projects in our area—3rd Street and Treat Avenue—to expand our citywide low-stress biking network by creating east/west and north/south routes, respectively, to jobs, neighborhood destinations, schools, and parks.

These projects are funded by [Proposition 407](#), a bond package approved by voters to fund improvements to parks and construction of new bicycle and pedestrian routes. Construction is scheduled to start Fall 2020.

The **Treat Avenue Bicycle Boulevard** is the project that intersects the RillitoBend Neighborhood and extends from the Rillito River to the Aviation Bikeway (6 miles), connecting to 5 parks, 3 greenways, and 6 schools. **NOTE: Cactus Blvd is part of the Treat Bicycle Boulevard. See map.**



Cactus Boulevard: The “Linear Zócalo”

PLANNING GOALS & GLOSSARY:

GOALS:

- Support the dynamic “Living” street interactions between neighbors.
- Correct deficiencies related to drainage, pavement and rights-of-way conditions.
- Enhance road edge landscaping and aesthetics.

GLOSSARY:

Zócalo: a public square or plaza typically in Mexico which is often the central gathering place of a community.

“Linear Zócalo”: A term developed by the RillitoBend Neighborhood for a central community space that supports safe pedestrian interactions within a livable street framework while managing stormwater toward landscape, detention, and habitat areas.

“Zócalet”: A term invented for the “Linear Zócalo” for specific gathering places along the road - similar to COT “Parklet”.

Cactus Boulevard: proposed as the neighborhood’s “Linear Zócalo” where many residents currently gather, walk, bike, and drive between the Rillito River and their homes along the way.

Proposed “Zócalet” #7
(Cactus and Loop intersection)

Proposed “Zócalet” #6
(Rio Vista entry gate)

Proposed “Zócalet” #5
(Rio Vista entry gate)

Proposed “Zócalet” #4
(Rio Vista entry gate)

Proposed “Zócalet” #3
(Rancho Morado Homes gate)

Proposed “Zócalet” #2
(Winterhaven Village Townhomes gate)

Proposed “Zócalet” #1
(RillitoBend Mural Plaza)

The “Linear Zócalo”:
Prince to Rillito River

Vision for Cactus Boulevard: The "Linear Zócalo" (continued)



King Street

Camino Pocero Parque

Clays Alley

Sid's Lane

Weymouth Circle

Cactus Blvd.

Prince Road

Treat Ave.

Proposed Winterhaven Village "Zócalet" #2

Zocalet #1 RBNA
Neighborhood Mural plaza –
see sketch on page 12

H.A.W.K bike
boulevard/pedestrian
crossing improvements

Prince Road to Rancho
Morado / Meadowview



**Vision for Cactus Boulevard:
The “Linear Zócalo”
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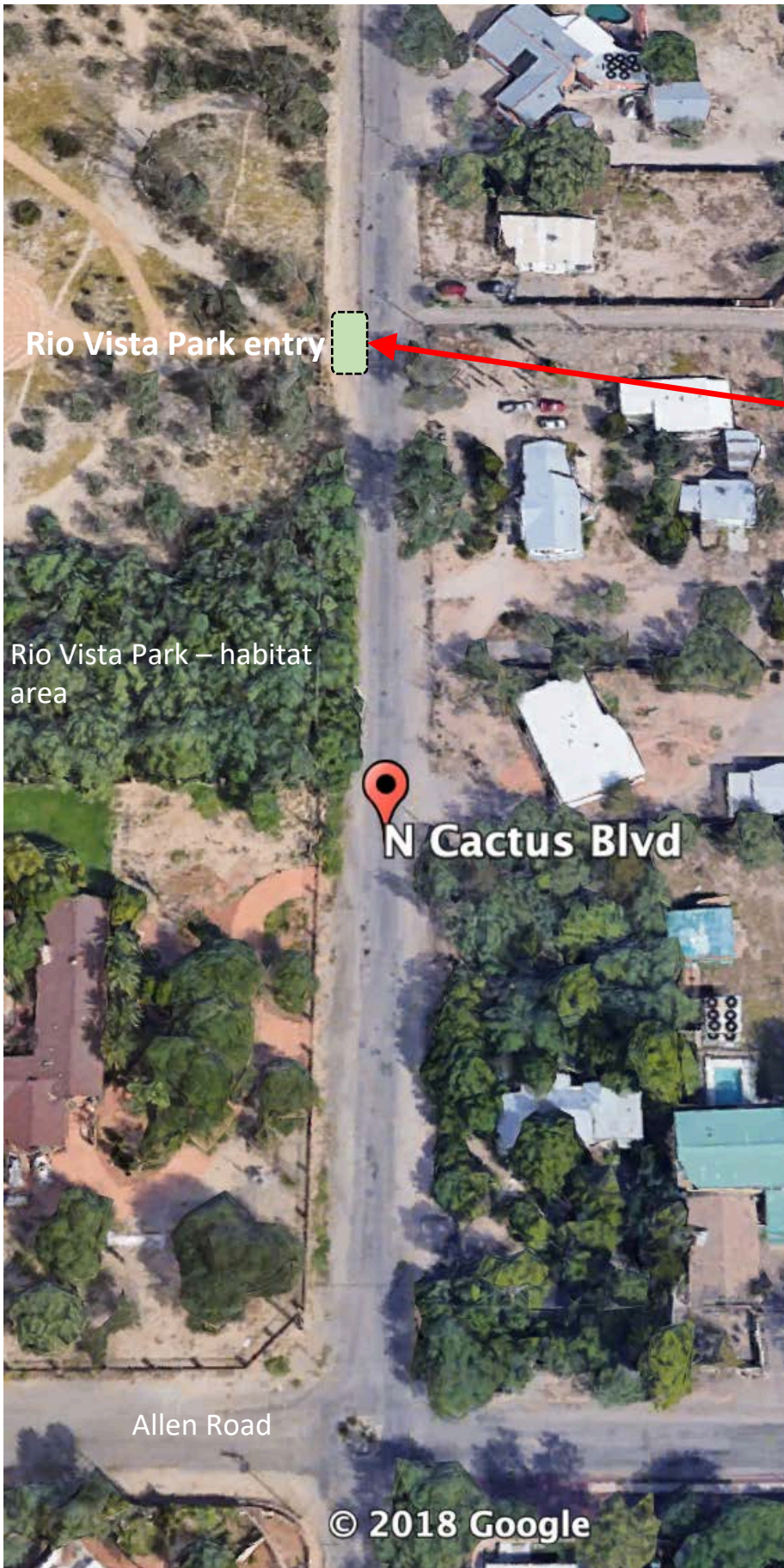
Proposed Rancho Morado
“Zócalet” #3 at the
pedestrian gate – see page 11

Rancho Morado “Rain
Garden”

Rancho Morado

**Rancho Morado /
Meadowview to
Allen Road**

**Vision for Cactus Boulevard:
The “Linear Zócalo”
(continued)**



Rio Vista Park entry

Rio Vista Park – habitat area

N Cactus Blvd

Allen Road

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Proposed “Zócalet” #4 at Rio Vista Park pedestrian entry

Allen Road to Rio Vista Park Entry



Vision for Cactus Boulevard: The “Linear Zócalo” (continued)

Proposed “Zócalet” #5 at Rio Vista second pedestrian entry

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Rio Vista Entry to
Tamarisk Townhouses



**Vision for Cactus Boulevard:
The "Linear Zócalo"
(continued)**

Proposed "Zócalet" #7 at the end of Cactus where it intersects the Loop

Proposed "Zócalet" #6 at Rio Vista third pedestrian entry

Proposed "Zócalet" #5

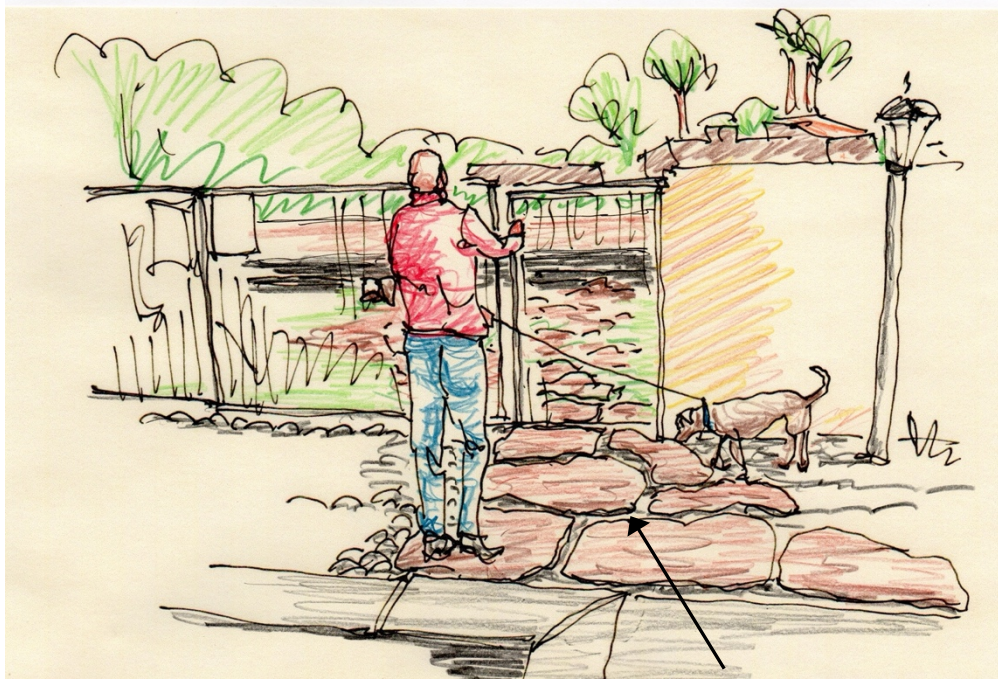
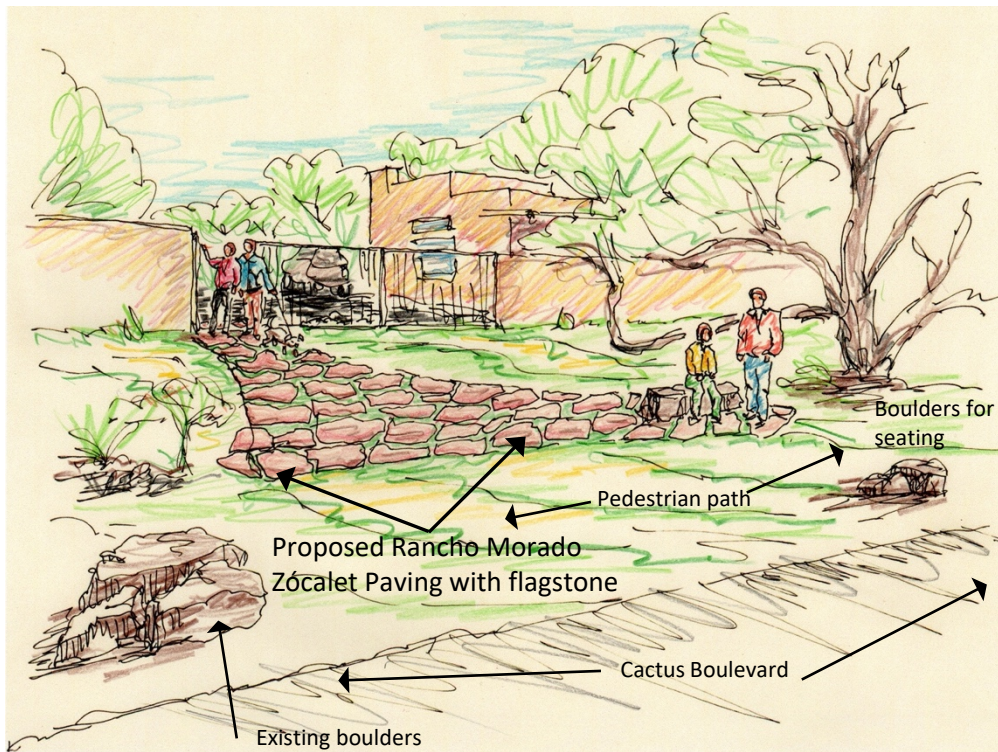


Park "Zócalet" example (for illustrative purposes)

Tamarisk Townhouses to Rillito River

RANCHO MORADO – Cactus Boulevard “Zocalo”

Part of the Cactus Boulevard “Linear Zócalo”



Total recommended budget:

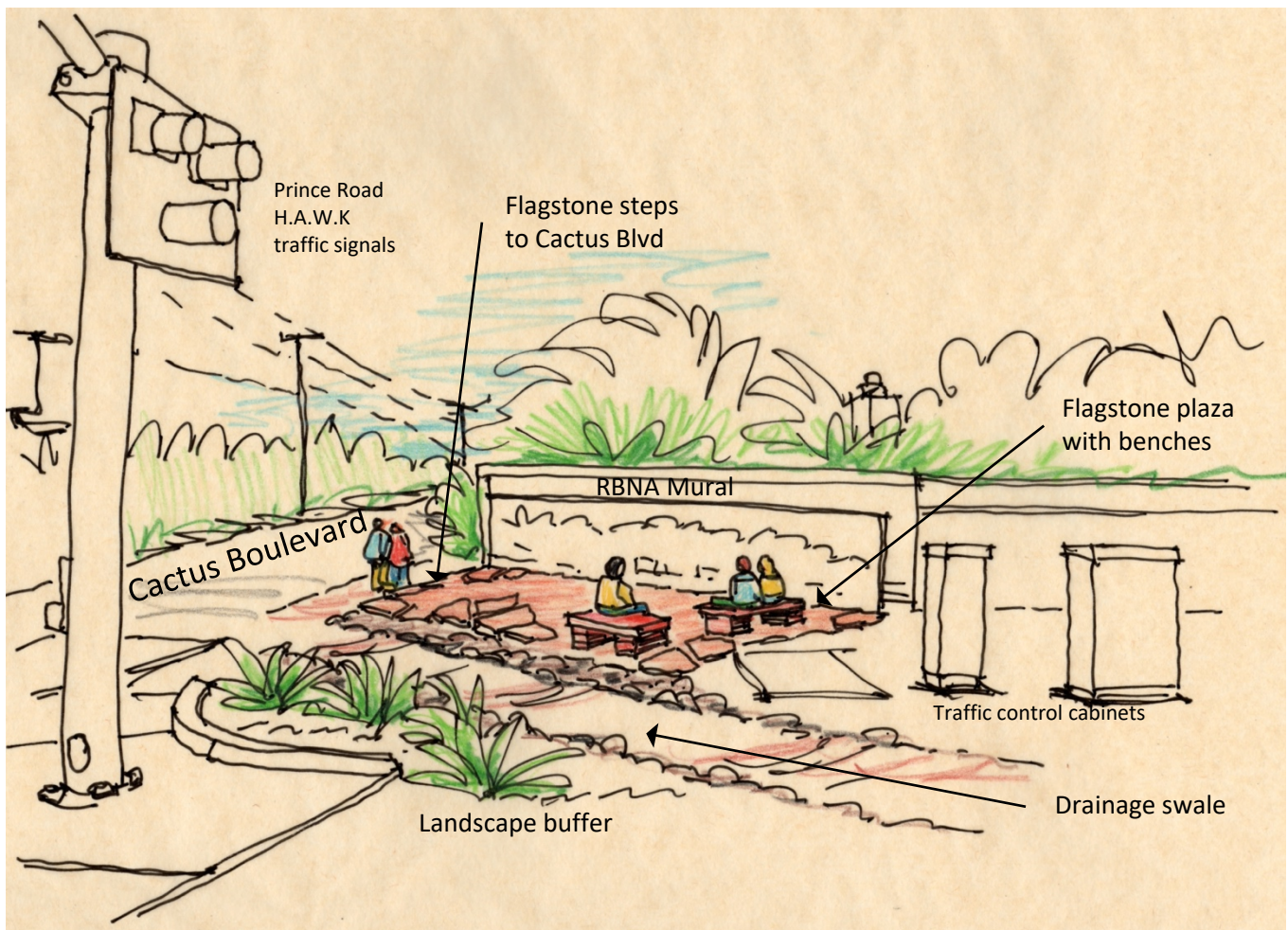
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- Flagstone installation = \$1,500
- Contingency = \$500
- Total recommended budget = \$3,000

Rillito Bend Mural Plaza “Zocalo”

Part of the Cactus Boulevard “Linear Zócalo”



EXISTING



Proposed RBNA Mural Plaza Zocalo

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