

# San Luis Stations of the Cross Maintenance Projects

## **Signage at the bottom by the Highway:**

Currently a project of Highlands Ranch Assembly.

## **Welcome Sign:**

Sanding and weatherproofing the sign posts along with sign touchup painting.  
Clearing away encroaching brush.

## **Trail below first concrete section:**

This short section of trail needs rebuilt, but not to the extent of higher sections.  
Base course, then walking surface.

## **Trail above first concrete section:**

This section of the trail needs to have a base course of gravel for drainage and a top course of packed walking surface. Somewhat longer than the first trail section.

## **Dedication plaque:**

The original rock stand has fallen down and the plaque is now displayed on a ground level stand. This area needs cleaning and a new display stand erected. The height is good for reading.

## **Trail above second concrete section:**

This section of the trail is somewhat flatter than the preceding sections but still shows considerable foot wear and erosion under the retaining wall. Possibly a two (2) part project due to the length of the section. Trail needs a base course and considerable rebuilding to bring it to wall level. Also a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> project here is to lay in a rock diversion channel on the mountain to spread the water, preventing erosion. This section of the trail exhibits the most wear and needs a lot of work.

## **Directional Signage: Now where do we go???**

Do you go left?? Or right ?? The correct answer is to the right to continue on the stations in order. Many people turn to the left which is actually the exit trail out of the stations. This is the first of several places that need directional signage. This project is being handled by Highlands Ranch Assembly.

## **Other Sign needs:**

As you approach the top of the mountain the trail becomes much less evident. Directional signage is non-existent on the trail and on the top of the mountain. A good small project if a Council/Assembly has access to a sign maker.

## **Trails on top of the mesa:**

The trails on top of the Mesa are very flat and have poor drainage. Once again a base course of rock/concrete overlaid with fines would greatly improve them. A suggestion was made to underlay the top trails with landscape fabric to prevent the rocks from sinking into the ground. There are 4 sections of trail up here to rebuild.

## **Knights of Columbus Educational Building:**

Deck and Railing. Structurally both are sound but show lots of weathering. The deck has been painted in recent years but could stand power washing and a new coat of paint or sealant. The handrails and deck rails are in good condition other than weathering. Sanding and sealing them would greatly extend their life.

Windows: The 6 windows that face out into the valley floor are floor to ceiling single pane windows. They are Plexiglas, which has clouded from UV exposure. Several options exist for these windows: 1) replace them with conventional vinyl covered sash windows, 2) replace the clouded Plexiglas with Plexiglas again for another 20 years, 3) replace the Plexiglas with Lexan or similar material to see if it will withstand the UV exposure. Approximately \$4,000 is available from the State Council to rehab the windows.

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto:**

Situated south of the Knights of Columbus building. Our Lady needs a bit of a wardrobe update. Judging from the ground around her, she is visited often.

## **Rosary walk/Mexican Martyrs:**

This entire trail needs much work and proper signage to identify the stations and who they honor. The local Chapter has funded signs for the Martyrs who were members of the Knights of Columbus.

### **Outdoor lighting of the Chapel:**

All of the outdoor floodlights at the Chapel are broken and inoperable. The wiring is lying on top of the ground. The wiring needs to be buried and the fixtures repaired.

### **Water to the top of the Mesa:**

A drip system has been laid on top of the ground to provide irrigation water for flower tubs and plantings. Water needs to be brought to the top of the Mesa for irrigation purposes and the restrooms. Money is available from the Alamosa council to help with this project.

### **General Information and Thoughts:**

- When you come to work, bring your own tools and wheelbarrows. Square point shovels work best for loading and spreading material. There is NO water at the top of the Mesa. Bring LOTS..
- Camping spots are available on the top of the Mesa as well in the Church Square in town. Electricity is available at the top of the Mesa.
- With the exception of the trails on the top of the Mesa, in general the trails are NOT accessible by skid loaders. Moving materials down the face of the mountain is being done by wheelbarrow. A powered cement wheelbarrow or an ATV might possibly be of use to move material down the face.
- Many "shortcut" trails appear once you reach the top. If these could be eliminated and proper signage installed; the maintenance of the top section would be greatly reduced.

### **Resources Available:**

As of March 25, 2010 the following resources and funding have been made available.

- \$4,000 from State Council Charities for windows in KC Building.
- \$3,500 from Trinchera Foundation for restroom repair.
- Monetary support of a new pump for the restrooms and watering system from Alamosa Council.