

FAQ's: Frequently Asked Questions

Question No. 1 –How is Gilbert planning to manage the additional traffic that this park will bring to the area?

The master plan being created for the regional park includes a traffic impact study which involves the study of existing traffic volume and future traffic volume based on the amenities selected for the park. The final traffic impact study will provide recommendations for the final concept for parking and traffic circulation both in and around the park.

Question No. 2 - How will Gilbert control light and noise pollution from field lighting?

Sports field lighting technology has improved greatly over the past years in regards to glare and spill and we anticipate that it will be even further refined when this project goes into final design. This coupled with the site set back and elevation differences will provide both buffer and distance from existing neighborhoods preventing light and noise pollution.

Question No. 3- How will resident input be used?

The public input received in the workshops and via the website has helped create the vision for Gilbert's new regional park. As the master plan moves forward, the concepts will continue to change based on site criteria and constraints as well as design criteria. As the different phases of the park transition into final design, Gilbert will provide additional opportunities for community input.

Question No. 4 - Why does Gilbert want to build and then have to maintain such a huge park? When would it open?

Gilbert's New Regional Park will be constructed in multiple phases over several years and the different phasing opportunities will be identified in the final master plan. Building and maintaining a regional park, rather than multiple smaller parks, is more efficient for Gilbert to maintain.

Question No. 5- How will Gilbert's new regional park be funded?

Gilbert's New Regional Park is currently programmed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to include funding from a mixture of proceeds from the potential sale of surplus Town-owned parcels, Park System Development Fee (SDF) funds and future bonds. Based on a variety of factors, these funds would be available to construct this park in phases over the next 3 to 8 years.

Question No. 6- What amenities will be in the park?

It is anticipated that the park may be designed with unique amenities that would draw both local and regional participation and become known as a destination location. Amenities could include an event center, adventure course, integrated/inclusive playground and more!