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Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study:
A Review and Update

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Welcome
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Project Introduction
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Feasibility Study Review and Update
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Public Comment
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Study Area

- North from the Dale/Heatherstone Overcrossing
- East to Mary Avenue
- West to Grant Road and Rancho San Antonio County Park
- South to Stevens Creek Boulevard
Study Area Public Lands between Dale/Heatherstone Overcrossing to Stevens Creek Boulevard

- Stevens Creek Park Chain
- City Parks and Streets
- SCVWD Creek Corridors
- Rancho San Antonio County Park
- Roadways and Highways
- Union Pacific Rail Line
Fremont Avenue Looking North to San Francisco Bay

The Stevens Creek Trail and the potential for habitat restoration was made possible by the long range planning efforts of Santa Clara County and the implementation of this vision in the General Plans of the cities along the corridor.

Highway 85/Fremont Avenue
El Camino Real
Looking South to Santa Cruz Mountains

Trail completed from San Francisco Bay to Dale/Heatherstone Overpass in Mountain View
Stevens Creek Trail completed in Blackberry Farm
Creek Corridor and Street Alignments Under Study to Close the Gap in the Stevens Creek Trail
Study Parameters

- Investigate Public Lands and Right-of-Ways
- Protect Environmentally Sensitive Habitats
- Seek Routes that Accommodate Bicycling Skill Levels of SCT Users
  - Beginner Bicyclists
  - Trail Separated from Traffic to Maximum Extent
  - Multi-use Route for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Develop Direct Routes that Close the Trail Gap
- Connect the Trail to Parks, Schools, Shopping and the On-Street Ped/Bike System

Families attend the opening of the Dale/Heatherstone Overpass spanning Highway 85 on the Stevens Creek Trail - June 2012
Explore a Wide Range of Alignments, Construction Techniques and Habitat Restoration and Neighborhood Enhancement Options
The Stevens Creek Trail will link the Bay Trail to the Ridge Trail and connect to the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail that extends to the Pacific Ocean in Big Basin State Park.
Stevens Creek Trail Plans

- 1961 Stevens Creek Park Chain – Santa Clara County
- 1980 A Plan of Opportunities – SCVWD, MROSD and Mountain View
- 1991 Stevens Creek Trail and Wildlife Corridor – Mountain View
- 2002 SCT, Reach 4, Segment 2 – Mountain View
- 2006 Stevens Creek Corridor Park Master Plan and Restoration Plan – Cupertino
- 2008 Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study – Los Altos
2008 Los Altos Stevens Creek Trail Study

Trail extends along the creek corridor and then follows Fremont Avenue to Grant Road connecting to Foothill Expressway.

2008 study focused on maximizing benefits to Los Altos residents.

Current study exploring closing the trail gap with routes that could be more direct as a result of the four cities collaboration.
Trail Feasibility Study  
12-24 months

Trail Master Plan  
12-18 months

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review - 12 months

Design Review  
6-24 months  
(Funding Dependent)

Construction  
6-18 months  
(Funding Dependent)

Public Input
Status of the Trail Feasibility Study Investigations Undertaken

Preliminary Findings – Evaluated Ownership, Land Availability, Habitat and Previous Planning Efforts

Universe of Trail Alignments and Treatments

- Identified Range of Technically Feasible Routes
- Developed Conceptual Engineering Solutions
- Met with Agencies to Introduce Engineering Concepts
- Presented the Universe of Alignments at Public Meetings to Gather Feedback
Feasibility Study Public Meetings

- Nov. 14, 2012 - Preliminary Findings
  Ownership, Land Availability and Habitat

- Jan. 30, 2013 - Universe of Trail Alignments, Part 1
  Dale/Heatherstone to Homestead Road

- Feb. 25, 2013 - Universe of Trail Alignments, Part 2
  Homestead Road to Stevens Creek Blvd. and
  Connections to Rancho San Antonio County Park
Four Feasibility Study Maps - Overview

- Map 1: Dale/Heatherstone Overpass to Fremont Avenue
- Map 2: Fremont Avenue to Homestead Road
- Map 3: Homestead Road to Stevens Creek Blvd.
- Map 4: Trail Connections to Rancho San Antonio County Park
Mirror the Stevens Creek Trail

- Stevens Creek Corridor
- Routes to Bernardo Ave.
- Routes to Truman Ave.

Other Routes

- Various Street Routes to Mary Avenue
Creek corridor alignment would extend south from the Dale/Heatherstone POC through 22 acres of open space. Several very narrow locations between the creek and SR 85 sound wall require engineering.