

AGENDA

Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Working Team (JCWT)

August 21, 2015

1:00 PM

City of Los Altos

Grant Park

Multipurpose Room

1575 Holt Avenue

Los Altos, CA 94024

Continuance from August 05, 2015 JCWT Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Brief overview of July 20, July 24, and August 5, 2015 JCWT meetings
2. Conclude Discussion of Alignment Recommendation(s)
3. Develop Outline for Council Presentation Package
4. Discuss process map and future meetings (as-needed)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study
Joint Cities Working Team
Summary of Discussions at July 20, 24, and August 5, 2015 Meetings**

July 20, 2015 Meeting

Study Segment 1 – Dale/Heatherstone to Fremont Avenue

Areas of Agreement

- The preferred Stevens Creek Trail (SCT) route in this segment is an off-street trail through existing open space areas along Stevens Creek.
- Steps to preserve and enhance the riparian habitat along the Creek in this segment should be included as part of master planning for the trail project. Special attention should be paid to narrow areas where new bridges or structures are needed to traverse the Creek.
- Stevens Creek is important habitat for Steelhead which is a Federally listed endangered species. Any construction near the Creek will require an extensive environmental review process by State and Federal wildlife agencies. Any future trail projects should try to improve habitat values in and around the Creek channel.

Areas for Further Discussion

- Connections to the trail:
 - A connection to Mountain View High School via a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Highway 85 near Bryant Ave. in Mountain View
 - A connection to West Remington Drive in Sunnyvale via a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Stevens Creek
 - Connections to Fremont Avenue east and west of Highway 85
 - Crossing of Fremont Avenue – overpass at Bernardo and/or underpass below SR85 connecting to Fremont Avenue. Connection at Mockingbird Lane
 - Long-term concepts regarding Fremont Avenue Bridge Replacement

Study Segment 2 – Fremont Avenue to Homestead Road

Areas of Agreement

- If an off-street trail on Bernardo Avenue were selected as the preferred route the group acknowledged that detailed traffic studies of this alignment would be needed prior to making any decisions about implementation. Every effort should be made to minimize impacts to nearby residents by preserving parking where feasible. Special attention

should be paid to making safety enhancements for bikes and pedestrians near Cupertino Middle School and managing traffic during school pick up and drop off times.

Alignments considered in the feasibility study but not selected as a preferred route should be evaluated for modest bicycle/pedestrian improvements. Connection to Ranch San Antonio County Park

Areas of Agreement

- The preferred route from Blackberry Farms to Rancho San Antonio County Park is using the existing Stevens Creek Boulevard on-street bike lanes and then continuing west via an off-street trail along the north side of Stevens Creek Boulevard starting near Stonebridge. This route would include a new bike/pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and connect to the Hammond-Snyder Loop Trail in Rancho San Antonio County Park.
- This route is considered an important recreational amenity for the community but is not considered part of the Stevens Creek Trail.

Areas for Further Discussion

- A staging area is recommended with parking, restrooms, and signage on County Roads and UPRR land south of the new bridge.

July 24, 2015 Meeting

Study Segment 3 – Homestead Road to Stevens Creek Boulevard

Areas of Agreement

- The preferred route in the short term is using the existing on-street bike lanes and off-street trail segments along Homestead Road and Grant Road to Foothill Expressway, establishing a new off-street bike pedestrian trail along Foothill Expressway under Interstate 280 to Starling Drive, then continuing south along Foothill Boulevard using existing on-street bike lanes to Stevens Creek Boulevard. The route would continue east on Stevens Creek Boulevard using existing on-street bike lanes to Blackberry Farm.
- In the long-term, should land use conditions change (such as the Union Pacific Railroad property become available as a trail route or Caltrans rebuilds the I-280/SR 85 interchange) other routes that provide more off-street trail segments, or a more direct route to Blackberry Farm should be studied in the future.
- Public land should be protected for possible future trail implementation

Areas for Further Discussion

- Once a preferred route for Study Segment 3 is selected, more discussion is needed on whether there is support to widen Homestead Road Bridge spanning Highway 85.

August 5, 2015

Study Segment 2 – Fremont Avenue to Homestead Road

Areas of Agreement

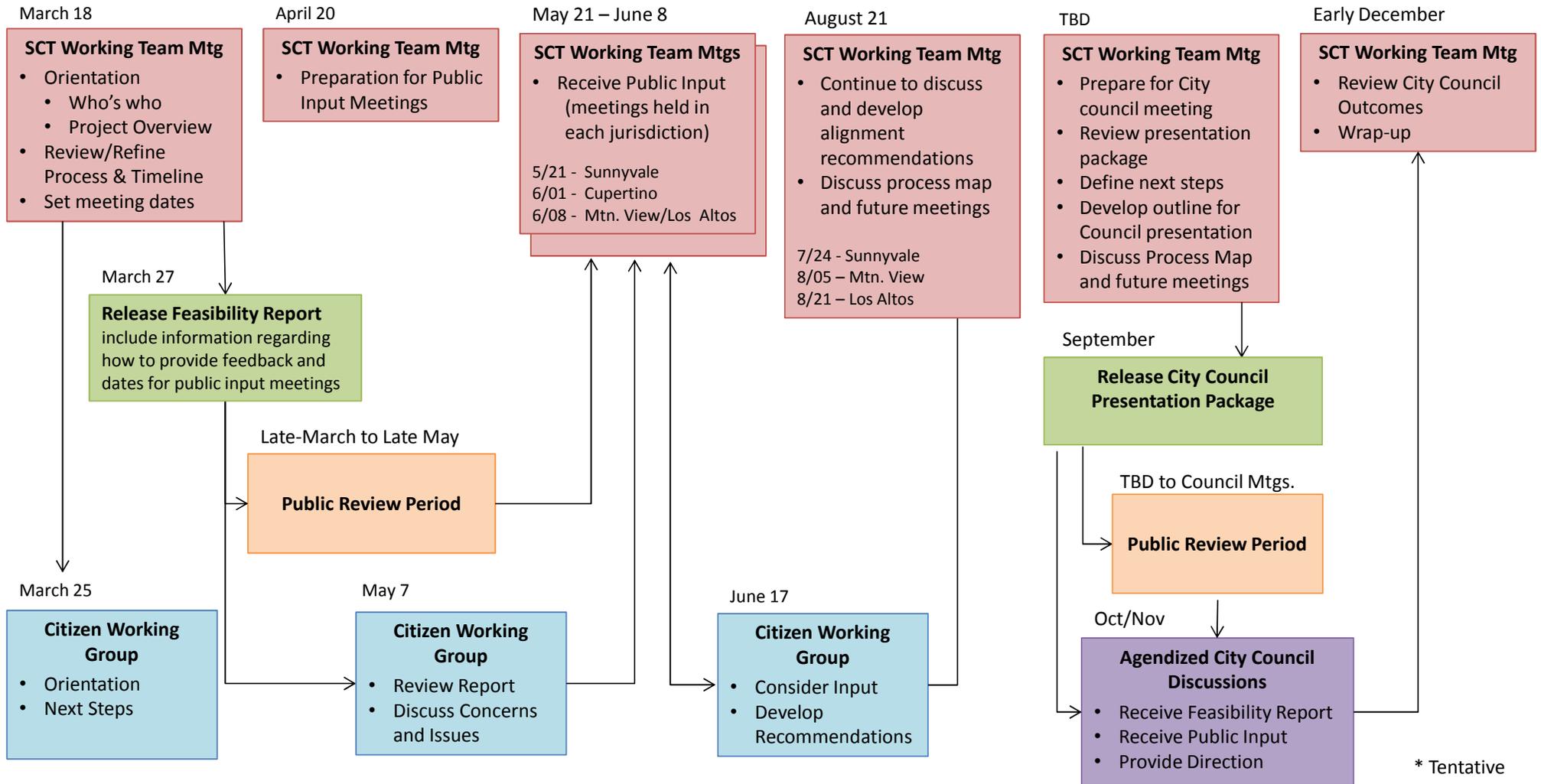
- A majority of the Team members agreed that an off-street separated bicycle/pedestrian trail along the Bernardo Ave. merited further study. The feasibility study found that there is no feasible route for the trail along the Creek corridor and that Bernardo Avenue was the only street where an off-street separated trail could be built. With several schools in the area, an off-street trail was felt to be the best alternative to provide a safe route for walking and cyclist of all abilities.
- A detailed traffic study should be performed prior to any trail master planning work in this segment to further assess the feasibility of this alignment. Upon completion of a traffic study, the City of Sunnyvale would determine whether it wants to proceed with additional planning studies in this segment.
- Should the City of Sunnyvale not support an off-street trail on Bernardo Avenue, it's recommended that no streets be specifically designated as the Stevens Creek Trail route in this Study Segment. In this case, each city should evaluate streets within their jurisdiction and consider modest bicycle/pedestrian safety improvements and/or way finding signage to help guide people to the Stevens Creek Trail.
- The Team supports having a pedestrian/bicycle bridge to West Remington Drive and a pedestrian overcrossing to Mountain View High School, but prioritizes the Remington Drive neighborhood access.

Areas for Further Discussion

- Connections at Homestead Road and Fremont Avenue

STEVENS CREEK TRAIL PROCESS MAP

Updated 8/18/15



* Tentative