

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, October 27
6:30 P.M.**

**Pleasanton Senior Center Classroom
5353 Sunol Blvd.**

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of August 25, 2014

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions
3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda. *Speakers are encouraged to limit comments to 3 minutes.*

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

If necessary to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

4. Review Draft Trail Map for the Preserve and Moller Ranch Trails
5. Overview of Proposed Roadway Improvements near the East Dublin/Pleasanton Bart Station
6. Update to the Pedestrian/Bike Master Plan

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission
8. Updates from Project/Program/Agency Representatives

9. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Committee members.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

10. Call for Projects

ADJOURNMENT

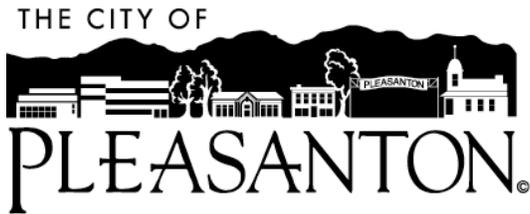
NEXT MEETING: November 24, 2014

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Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee Minutes

City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue Pleasanton, CA
August 25, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Streng called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Nancy Allen, Justin Brown, Richard Duffy, Lori Franklin, Tom Hall, Steven McGinnis, Rick Romine, and Chairperson Joe Streng

Committee Members Absent: Donald Johnston

Staff Present: Ed Evangelista, Traffic Engineering; Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

Agency Representative: None

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Mr. Evangelista advised that Item 7 on the agenda was being postponed until the September meeting.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of July 28, 2014

A motion was made by McGinnis, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2014 meeting. **The motion was approved.** Romine and Hall abstained.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

None.

3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda

Bill Rose – reviewed with the Committee an email he had received from a member of the Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Club regarding “a bike lane that has been placed to the right of the dedicated right turn lane with a jog across the traffic lane at the new signal” at the entrance to East I-580. The writer notes that “this is an accident / fatality waiting to happen”, and is suggesting Sharrows from Dublin Boulevard to the left of the traffic lane to West I-580.

Committee members discussed this and questioned whether this was near the pedestrian lane.

Mr. Evangelista provided information about the new signal in this area and the merge area for the bike lane. He advised that City staff has been working with CalTrans on this for over a year.

Mr. McGinnis noted that cyclists now have to go over two lanes of traffic to get to the bike lane.

Ms. Allen questioned who should take action on this. Chairperson Streng advised that the Committee could discuss the matter, but not take action, since it was not an item on the agenda.

Jim Van Dyke – informed that he was interested in connecting the Committee with the groups Bike East Bay and Bike Ptown as a way of creating community involvement. He suggested that meetings of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee be posted on the Facebook site for Bike Ptown.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

4. Selection of One (1) Committee Member to Serve on the Alviso Adobe Task Force

Ms. Andrade-Wax informed the Committee that the City of Pleasanton is beginning the process of developing a plan that would address the long- and short-term needs and uses for the Alviso Adobe Community Park. This plan could reaffirm or modify the current approach to programming for this facility, and determine if there is a need for capital improvements or enhanced operational resources within the existing financial constraints of the City.

It was noted that over recent years, the City has used an “ad-hoc” task force and/or committee’s model to reach desired planning outcomes. This model together with public collaboration has served well to address issues timely and allowing a community process participation.

Ms. Andrade-Wax advised that on July 15, 2014, City Council approved putting together a nine (9) member Alviso Adobe Task Force that would provide public participation and guidance during the study. The Task Force is to be made up of one (1) member from each of the Parks and Recreation, Civic Arts, and Youth Commissions, and the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee, one (1) representative from Friends of the Alviso Adobe, Pleasanton Unified School District, and the Museum on Main. Two (2) additional members would be

Members-at-Large, one of which will be selected from a neighborhood adjacent to the Alviso Adobe. The process for this Plan will take about 6-12 months and consist of approximately three (3) committee meetings and two (2) community workshops. Meetings will likely take place at 3:30 p.m. in order to accommodate the Youth Commission representative.

The Committee was further advised by Ms. Andrade-Wax that the adjoining Castleridge property was recently acquired by East Bay Regional Park District.

The Committee was asked to designate one member of the Committee to serve on the Alviso Adobe Task Force.

Mr. Duffy indicated that since he lives in the vicinity of the Alviso Adobe he would be interested in representing this Committee on the Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Chairperson Streng to nominate and appoint Richard Duffy to represent the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee on the Alviso Adobe Task Force.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Committee members Allen, Brown, Duffy, Franklin, Hall, McGinnis, Romine, and Chairperson Streng.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Committee members Jain and Johnston

ABSTAIN: None

Chairperson Streng discussed the potential uses of the Alviso and Adobe, and Ms. Andrade-Wax thanked Mr. Duffy for volunteering for the Task Force.

5. Overview of National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Guide Elements

Mr. Evangelista provided the Committee with information about the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide and Urban Bikeway Design Guide. He advised that this Guide provides cities with bicycle design tools that can help with the design of safe and attractive streets and enhanced bikeways.

The Committee reviewed with Mr. Evangelista a PowerPoint presentation outlining some of the Urban Bikeway Designs and uses as outlined in the NACTO Guide, i.e. Bike Boxes, Two-stage Turn Queue Boxes, Colored Bike Lanes, Cycle Tracks, Sharrows-Shared Lane Markings, and 3-D Directional Signage

The Committee was advised that a copy of the Design Guide has been purchased by the City and available for review, but can also be found at <http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide>.

Mr. Brown discussed with Mr. Evangelista the use of green paint for bike lanes. He was advised that this is a federally mandated color.

Committee members discussed in depth cycle tracks, sharrows, and shared lane markings that could be used within the City of Pleasanton. Ms. Romine questioned whether any of the tools in the NACTO Guide could be used to eliminate the problem that was raised in the Public Comment portion of the agenda earlier in the meeting. Mr. Evangelista advised that CalTrans would have final say in that issue.

Mr. Brown wondered if there was any value in members of the Committee obtaining a copy of the Guide.

6. Review and Provide Direction on the 3D Directional Signage on Arroyo Mocho Trail at the East Stoneridge Drive Bridge

Mr. Evangelista noted that at the January 2014 meeting the Committee had made a request to look into installing improved signage along the Arroyo Mocho Trail. Sign recommendations were brought to and approved by the Committee at the April 2014 meeting, but installation was not completed and a new design concept has been developed.

The Committee was asked to review the new 3-D maps and sign locations and provide staff with recommendations.

Committee members reviewed and approved the signs and proposed locations and asked questions about the height placement of the signs and whether arrows on the signs could be made directional.

7. Overview of the Proposed Roadway Improvements near the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station

Held over till the September 2014 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Updates from the Parks and Recreation Commission

Chairperson Streng advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission had been updated on the renovations to the Callippe Golf Course and had selected a representative for the Alviso Adobe Task Force.

9. Updates from Project/Program/Agency Representatives

None.

10. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Committee members

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Allen suggested staff look at the CalTrans regulations regarding the concern raised about the bike lane near West I-580 and provide information to the Committee. The Committee agreed that they would like to receive this information so they can discuss.

Ms. Allen also noted that she had brought to the meeting a car bike rack that she was giving away.

- B. Mr. Romine noted that EBRPD was beginning to do a narrowing process and converting fire roads into trails. He would like to learn from EBRPD how successful this is, so they can be encouraged to do more.

STAFF COMMENTS

11. **Brown Act Amendment Applicable to Commissions (Senate Bill 751, Amendment of Govt. Code 54953)**

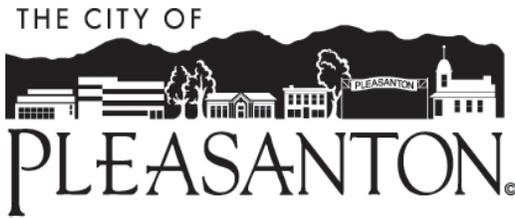
Information about amendments to the Brown Act were discussed.

12. **Iron Horse Trail Grand Opening**

Opening of the Iron Horse Trail was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee Agenda Report

October 27, 2014
Item 4

SUBJECT: REVIEW DRAFT TRAIL MAP FOR THE PRESERVE AND MOLLER RANCH TRAILS

SUMMARY

A new trail map has been created for The Preserve and Moller Ranch trails in north Pleasanton.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee receive and consider this report, and provide staff with any input deemed suitable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The total cost of the design and printing effort for this new trail map is approximately \$2,500: \$1,500 for design services, and approximately \$1,000 for the printing of 5,000 colored copies of the map. This is considered a "facilities maintenance project", and funding for the project is from the General Trails Improvement Fund, No. 017037. Full funding is available for this project.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year the Community Services department prompted the creation of a brochure and trail map for visitors to the Preserve area trails. There was confusion around the location, ownership, staging area and amenities of the trails which further substantiated the need for a new trail map. The Trail Map for The Preserve and Moller Ranch Trails is in its final draft design stage, and is now ready for review and comment from the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee.

ABOUT THE MAP

This map was a collaboration between a private consultant from Sierra Graphics, staff from the Landscape Architect Division, and from the Parks Maintenance and G.I.S. Divisions. The overriding design considerations for the new map were consistency with previous maps, usefulness and legibility. To date, the map has been reviewed by all relevant City staff members as well as Ms. Dolores Bengtson. The new map will be printed on 100% recycled-content paper, and will be printed with soy inks.

Staff from the Parks Maintenance Division estimates that approximately 500 – 700 trail maps per year will be passed out from the trailhead kiosk at The Preserve trail head and through the office of Community Services. In addition, each year staff receives requests from EBRPD for additional copies of “the map”, so that it can be made available to hikers from their parklands.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

It is recommended that the Committee take any alternative action that it deems necessary.

Submitted by:



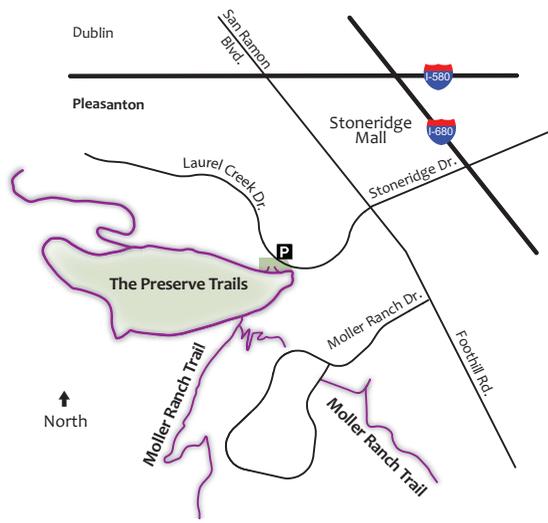
Mike Fulford
City Landscape Architect

Attachments

1. The Preserve and Moller Ranch Trails Map – DRAFT

THE PRESERVE AND MOLLER RANCH TRAILS

TRAIL MAP

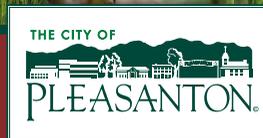


ACCESS—The Preserve trails may be accessed by parking in the staging area located at 5850 Laurel Creek Drive. From that point, the trail can be hiked in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction with adjacent Moller Ranch trails connecting at the south side of the trails.

PARK RULES

- The trail is open during daylight hours to pedestrians and equestrians.
- Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times on the trail.
- No fires, fireworks, firearms or other weapons are permitted on the trail.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the trail.
- Do not disturb, remove or damage any tree, plant, or other natural materials found along the trail.
- Do not disturb, remove or harm any bird or animal, either wild or domesticated, along the trail.
- No overnight camping is allowed, unless specially permitted by the Community Services Director.

You are responsible for obeying all trail rules. For a complete copy of the City of Pleasanton Municipal Code, Chapter 13.08, Parks and Recreation Facilities, contact the Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.



WELCOME - The Preserve and Moller Trails are located within the 38-acre Gold Creek Open Space, a natural area south of The Preserve housing development on the west side of Foothill Road. This public open space is adjacent to additional private open space owned and operated by both The Preserve and Moller Ranch subdivisions. The Preserve Staging Area includes a paved parking lot, public restroom and trailheads. Public trails crisscrossing the open space and the restroom are open to the public year round. Gold Creek Open Space includes grassy hillsides, oak woodlands with related understory plants, seasonal creeks and springs, wooden bridges and riparian vegetation.

History – On March 27, 1991, the Planning Commission approved a PUD (planned unit development) for Presley Homes (now called The Preserve) to subdivide a 271-acre lot into 100 single family homes with the condition that 189 acres would remain as natural open space, with hiking trails available to the public. In 1993 a trail easement was dedicated to the City of Pleasanton. This dedication allows Pleasanton residents to hike on private lands connecting the Moller Ranch trails with the Preserve Trails in Gold Creek Open Space. A picnic area and additional parking are located in Laurel Creek Park at 5875 Laurel Creek Drive. While The Preserve is a residential development, all Pleasanton residents have access to the network of trails, open space, and views that were protected as a condition of development.

Vegetation and Habitat – In 1991 a wildlife corridor with permanent access to Gold and Laurel Creek was established by the City. While many non-native grasses persist, one may still find native plants including soaproot, stinging nettle and sticky monkey flower. Red-tailed hawks and white-tailed kites soar above sycamore, valley oak, laurel and buckeye trees and maidenhair ferns grow in the canyon. California newts and the western fence lizard sun themselves on warm rocks and earth. Mountain lions, while seldom seen, also hunt in the area.

Wild Turkeys – Wild turkeys may be seen along the trails, and in oak savannahs of the foothills where they survive on insects, spiders, snails, slugs, salamanders, small lizards, small frogs, millipedes, grasshoppers, very small snakes, worms, grasses, vines, flowers, acorns, buds, seeds, fruits, clovers and other vegetation. While the wild turkeys we see today are considered non-native species, they have been linked to fossilized turkeys from 10,000 years ago and might very well be considered a reintroduced species!



Sue Evans Photography

White-tailed Kite – This bird was rendered almost extinct in California in the 1930s and 1940s but has since returned to a healthy population. They can be identified by red eyes and white body with black markings on the shoulders and wing tips. The white-tailed kite patrols lowland scrub and grasslands in search of rodents.



Sue Evans Photography

Bobcat – The bobcat earns its common name from the “bobbed” or stubbed appearance of its tail and is about twice the size of a house cat with black tipped ears. This elusive predator hunts rabbits, hares, deer, insects and rodents and is classified as part of the genus Lynx.

Rattlesnake – The Gold Creek Open Space is home to many rattlesnakes. Rattlesnakes eat mice, rats, small birds and other small animals. They infect their prey with venom through a bite. They will use the rattles at the end of their tails to ward off predators. Rattlesnakes rarely bite unless provoked.



The Preserve and Moller Ranch Trails

Park Maintenance 925-931-5565

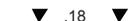
EMERGENCY 911

Trails are open during daylight hours to pedestrians. Equestrians are only permitted on the Preserve Trails. Moller Ranch trails and The Preserve trails are closed to bicyclists and any motorized vehicles with the exception of service and emergency vehicles.

LEGEND

 **The Preserve Trails**
(Hikers, Horses,
Service & Emergency Vehicles)

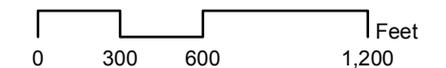
 **Moller Ranch Trails**
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 Restroom  Parking

 Drinking Fountain  Picnic Area

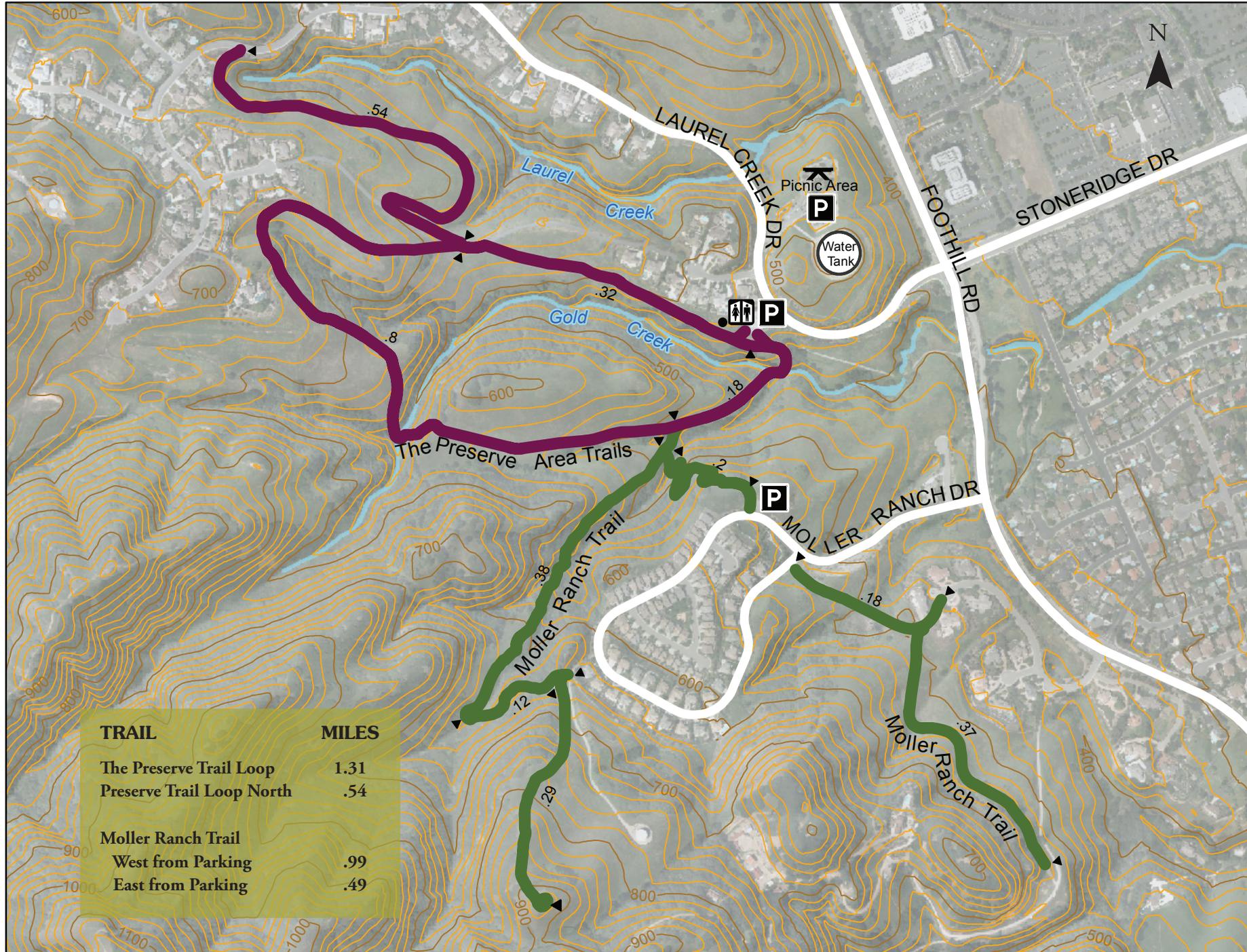
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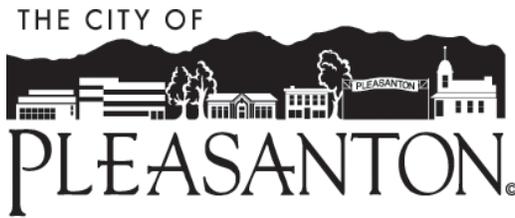
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TRAIL	MILES
The Preserve Trail Loop	1.31
Preserve Trail Loop North	.54
Moller Ranch Trail	
West from Parking	.99
East from Parking	.49



Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee Agenda Report

October 27, 2014
Item 5

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR THE EAST DUBLIN/PLEASANTON BART STATION

SUMMARY

The City Council approved a transit oriented development on the vacant property immediately south of the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station. The plans reduce the travel lanes on Owens Drive, Willow Road and Gibraltar Drive. Bike lanes, sharrows and green pavement will be added to improve bicycle visibility surrounding the development.

RECOMMENDATION

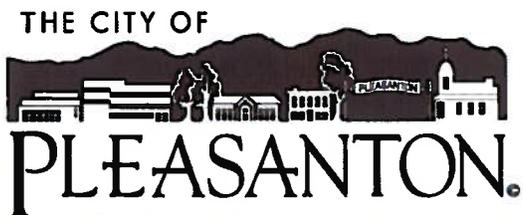
There is no recommendation at this time, the staff presentation of the project is to provide the committee with understanding of upcoming projects.

ACTION

No action required - informational item only.

Submitted by:

Mike Tassano
Traffic Engineering



Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee Agenda Report

October 27, 2014
Item 6

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF THE 2010 PLEASANTON PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

SUMMARY

The Pleasanton Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan was created in 2010 and contains the goals and policies for developing and implementing the pedestrian and bicycle networks within the city.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan builds on the General Plan blueprint and is the official policy document addressing the development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The key policy and program recommendations in the plan include master plan implementation, encouraging a multimodal transportation system, funding and implementation, and monitoring.

It is recommended that the plan be updated every five years, which allows the City to compete for State Bicycle Transportation Account funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Update of Chapter 3 – Bicycle Network; Chapter 4 – Pedestrian Network; Chapter 6 – Safe Routes to School; Chapter 7 – Prioritization; and Chapter 8 – Funding and Implementation

ACTION

Provide feedback/direction regarding additional elements to include in the update to the master plan. Direct staff to finalize the RFP and then advertise with future presentations of proposals by the consultants.

Submitted by:

Matt Nelson
Traffic Engineering