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CITY COUNCIL REVIEWS PLEASANTON TRAILS MASTER PLAN

PLEASANTON, Calif. — The City Council reviewed the Pleasanton Trails Master Plan (TMP) at last night’s Council meeting and provided staff with additional direction and feedback for further consideration before the TMP comes back for a final vote.

In 1993, the City of Pleasanton developed a Community Trails Master Plan to serve as a guide for future trail development and as a long-range planning tool to assist the City during development review. This original plan located conceptual trail opportunities, developed standards and identified potential trail projects, as well as associated costs.

“A lot has changed in Pleasanton in the 25 years since the last Trails Master Plan was adopted and we wanted to ensure that our trail system receives the attention it deserves,” said Landscape Architect, Matt Gruber. “The City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, which was updated last year, addressed many of the changes to our transit system, but the Trails Master Plan addresses the off-street trails and is intended to supplement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan so that we have a seamlessly integrated system of trails, paved and unpaved alike. This will not only encourage alternative methods of commuting but also entice residents and visitors alike to get outside and get active.”

In 2017, the City began working with TrailPeople, a trails' consulting firm, to gather data, conduct community outreach and perform the necessary research that provided the foundation for the Draft TMP, which staff presented at last night's Council meeting.

Part of the community outreach efforts included monthly trail hikes, which were developed for all ages and levels of fitness, and have garnered a lot of attention and participation. In addition to the planned hikes, other outreach included: an online survey; staff presentations at community events, such as the Farmer's Market, the Oracle Green Fair, and Earth Day; meetings with stakeholder groups and partner organizations, such as Zone 7 Water Agency, East Bay Regional Park District, Tri-Valley Conservancy, and presentations at the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Committee meetings, as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Prior to bringing back the draft TMP for a final City Council vote, staff is continuing to seek public input through June 2018. To view the draft TMP or for more information on how to provide input on the draft TMP, please the City's webpage at pleasantontrails.com.

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