



CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

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ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Elk Grove City Hall

8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may comment on matters that are not included on the agenda that the Trails Committee has jurisdiction over. Each speaker will be limited to one (1) three (3) minute comment opportunity.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2024.

4.2 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2024.

5. **DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

None.

6. **PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 BICYCLE ROUTE AWARENESS EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

Discuss ideas to educate active transportation users regarding route selection for safety and comfort.

6.2 E-BIKE LENDING LIBRARY AND E-BIKE VOUCHER PROGRAMS UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the E-Bike Lending Library and E-Bike Voucher Programs.

6.3 BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAILS PLANNING UPDATE

Discussion of potential minor updates to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan map for accuracy. The focus of the discussion will be on the quadrant bordered by Sheldon Rd to the north, SR99 to the east, Elk Grove Blvd to the south, and Franklin Blvd to the west.

6.4 TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Discuss and approve Trails Committee meeting dates for 2025.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Trails Committee may provide direction to staff for future agenda items.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the following participants:

Trails Committee Members Present: Chair Mark Mendenhall, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, and Committee Members Mark Doty, Chris Neumann, Sheri Nobleff

Trails Committee Members Absent:

City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members: Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner
Carrie Whitlock, Strategic Planning and Innovation Program Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: M/S Anderson/Doty to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Anderson, Doty, Mendenhall, Neumann, Nobleff); Noes: 0; Absent: 0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2024

MOTION: M/S Mendenhall/Anderson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Anderson, Doty, Mendenhall, Neumann); Noes: 0; Abstain: 1 (Nobleff).**

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

5.1. TRIANGLE POINT TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP

Kyra Killingsworth presented the item per the staff report. She said the owner would be conditioned to put in the trails at the Final Map stage. She said there would be a trail Grant Line and on PG&E easement.

Vice Chair Anderson asked why there was no access on eastern/interior roads to get to trails on east side. She said there were no amenities within the development and no trail access to the south or to the east.

Chair Mendenhall commented that the trail was adjacent to Hanson Road (Power Line Trail) so he agreed there was no access but also said the trail at Grant Line Road crosses to other side at Mosher. He said he was not sure this was a viable place for a trail and suggested down to Waterman Road but not going over railroad bridge.

Vice Chair Anderson said the trail should go down to Waterman Road and connect to Power Line Trail.

Chair Mendenhall said staging space was needed at the signal at the southern end to cross from trail on Grant Line Road to accommodate large groups of cyclists. He said to keep the crossing as shown at Mosher but would like to see a staging area for the crossing.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed disagreement because the Power Line Trail would cross at Waterman Road. Chair Mendenhall said nothing would preclude this, but the main crossing was at Mosher.

Member Nobleff requested a pedestrian ramp at the crossing.

Mendenhall said he doesn't have a good feel for how the whole project would work regarding trails and that he had concerns about missing out on the Power Line Trail. He said there was a vacant lot north of Mosher where a trail exists so there needs to be continuity.

There were overarching comments about connectivity through these developments and the need to ensure there would be access to the trail network.

Member Doty said the current design would invite jaywalking and asked why the entrance on the north side on Mosher Road wasn't lined up with the road that already has a stop sign.

Member Doty commented that the existing Grant Line trail was essentially temporary because it's crossing back and forth with plans for the Capital Southeast Connector, but it should stay on the north side of Grant Line from Sky River Casino to I-5 when it's built.

The Trails Committee requested to see an overall plan for the area (map of Waterman 75) and to see this development again as it moves forward.

5.2. SUMMER VILLAS SPECIAL PLANNING AREA

Kyra Killingsworth presented the item per the staff report.

Vice Chair Anderson asked how this development would occur in the rural area when there was a commitment to 2 acre lots.

Ms. Killingsworth said the applicant was going through the process as the landowner, including environmental review, and would go to Planning Commission and City Council.

A public commenter said they were not happy with the proposal.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern that what was shown as public space could actually become private.

Member Noblett said this segment of Laguna Creek had essentially become a private amenity because of gated communities and that people were now pushed to the Power Line corridor which was feasible but there were not as many amenities or shade available. She said her preferred placement would be along the creek and she would like a wider buffer between homes and the creek for protection.

Member Neumann said the graphic showed the trail going right to the Waterman/Sheldon intersection at the roundabout but that wasn't the original plan. He expressed concern about navigating the roundabout.

Member Doty expressed frustration with plans compared to reality. He said the desire was for the trail to go under Sheldon Road at the creek and not at the roundabout intersection.

Member Noblett asked to find out how the subdivision to the north (Sheldon Park Estates) was privatized because the trail was gated.

Preference was expressed for the trail along the creek and the crossing of Sheldon Road at the creek, as well as the proposed crossing at Crowell Drive to be enhanced as a trail crossing with a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, at minimum. There was also a request to look at shading options.

Chair Mendenhall said he would prefer trail crossing separate from the roundabout.

Public comment stated that this property owner was the same as the one to the north with the gate.

The applicant acknowledged more work to be done on the plans.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 CLIMATE COMPASS

Carrie Whitlock presented the item per the staff report, seeking feedback on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the staff report.

Chair Mendenhall asked about funding for these items. Ms. Whitlock said the City was costing out the strategies and would work on a funding strategy, including future grants.

Chair Mendenhall asked about plug-in hybrids being included as zero emission. Ms. Whitlock explained that most people drive less than 30 miles a day which is on battery and therefore zero emission.

Member Doty asked about KPIs and bike lanes installed on wide roads signed as 55MPH speed limit. He said it was not only about miles of new bikeways but types of bikeways and that there needed to be a low stress network to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Member Neumann said it was important to make destinations such as shopping centers comfortable to ride to so people could shift their trips to active transportation.

Ms. Whitlock mentioned a bike friendly business program, improved access to stores, and secure bike storage as potential actions.

Vice Chair Anderson mentioned west Roseville as having a good example of multilevel dining next to a park rather than separated from other places. She said it facilitated biking and walking to destinations in residential areas with trails around.

Member Doty mentioned kids walking and biking to schools as a KPI for safe routes to schools as these are short trips that could be shifted from vehicles.

Member Noblett said increased amounts of charging stations were needed in general vs just looking near affordable housing. She also mentioned being able to plug in and including chargers in new home construction.

Ms. Whitlock said new single-family homes were required to have something and the new Building Code increased requirements for multifamily housing, so there was more EV ready charging required. She said the proposal for a new code in 2026 would require 100% of assigned spaces at multifamily residential to be EV ready (outlet but not charger there) so the state was working on this for new construction, but we needed to do more for the existing housing stock.

Ms. Whitlock also shared information about the Clean Cars for All program and said to reach out with questions.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was a request for an update on the timing of paving Elk Grove Creek Trail near Elk Grove High School.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Special Meeting of July 1, 2024, was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by Kaley Lyons

APPROVED:

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:03 p.m. with the following participants:

- Trails Committee Members Present:** Chair Mark Mendenhall, Committee Members Mark Doty and Sheri Noblett
- Trails Committee Members Absent:** Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, Chris Neumann
- City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members:** Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner
Christopher Jordan, Development Services Director
Christina Castro, CIP Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: M/S Noblett/Doty to approve the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Doty, Mendenhall, Noblett); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Anderson, Neumann).***

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

5.1. SUTTER CAMPUS EXPANSION

Kyra Killingsworth presented the item per the staff report.

Member Noblett asked why the proposed cross section did not show going down to the detention basis down to the creek.

The applicant responded that the trail section was relatively flat with some grade, but it wasn't significant. They said they were improving the existing trail and would be doing a full improvement, not just topping the pavement.

Chair Mendenhall commented to make sure it would be accessible for employees and patients to ride there. For bike parking, he recommended inverted U racks parallel to the building rather than perpendicular, and recommended they be installed close to the front door with good visibility.

Member Noblett commented that improvements wouldn't go all the way to Longleaf and that it was a very short segment of improvements (130 ft).

Member Doty asked if the parcels were all owned by Sutter and if there would be more expansion in the future.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Christina Castro presented the item.

A public commenter asked for information on WAM009 and WTL011 projects. Staff will follow up via email.

Member Noblett asked if there would be bike racks at the new library and said additional were needed. Staff confirmed there would be bike parking at the new library.

Chair Mendenhall commented that better coordination was needed through the Walmart area with the signal enhancements project.

Chair Mendenhall commented on trail construction south of Miwok Elementary heading north. Staff confirmed it would go through active adult community.

Member Doty asked how wide the SR99 overcrossing would be. Staff responded that it would be 10 ft wide. Member Doty and a member of the public said that was narrow. Staff said they would check on the width, but noted that it required Caltrans approval and was dependent on a variety of factors.

Chair Mendenhall asked about WDR018 and whether it would still go north. Staff responded that it was funded to meet the overcrossing now, rather than going north due to lower cost and easier environmental review.

Chair Mendenhall commented on the steep nature of crossing the railroad tracks with the trail next to Kammerer Road. Staff confirmed it would touch down at Willard and Franklin.

There were also questions on Grant Line and Wilton WTR091 about how bikes navigate the intersection, with comments that having to cross back and forth on Grant Line to stay on the trail should be minimized.

A public comment was made that wayfinding signs were needed and played an important role for safety to know your location for first responders.

Chair Mendenhall suggested putting street names on the trail signs.

Regarding the Laguna Creek trail undercrossing at Waterman Road, Chair Mendenhall asked about the mature trees on Bond Road and if the trail would actually be a sidewalk extension or not. Staff will follow up.

Chair Mendenhall asked about curb cuts being delivered this year. Ms. Castro staff said were working with Public Works Operations & Maintenance to get them done. She said it depended on right-of-way, property ownership, etc, but it is not very well funded. Chair Mendenhall mentioned a list of locations, including Maclean, Gilliam, and Bolo Court.

Member Doty asked about the unfunded portions in the adopted CIP. Ms. Castro said those were projects the city seeks grant funding to implement.

Member Doty asked about Elk Grove Creek paving at Emerald Vista to Elk Grove Florin (WDR056). Ms. Castro said it was funded through design and surveying work has been done. She said north of Elk Grove Boulevard is primarily business property owners and the city would look at funding for this and getting an easement, while the south portion has a lot of residential properties, making easements difficult. Due to this, the city is implementing a maintenance road rather than a marked trail.

Chair Mendenhall asked about timing for the same project. Ms. Castro said design would be done in a few months and the project could be complete within a year or two, depending on funding.

Vice Chair Anderson provided comments via email, including sidewalk segments that are missing and a missing segment near Walmart at the trail connection. Ms. Castro said the location near Walmart was Walmart property and they would need to come in for a permit for a large enough renovation to get improvements conditioned.

A public commenter asked about drinking fountains on trails. Ms. Castro said the city doesn't have utilities out on trails so they are typically located at parks and added that most landscape water is non-potable so that wouldn't be a source to tap into.

Chair Mendenhall said that roots were back on the bridge that was built. Ms. Castro said the city was going to start managing the pavement condition index (PCI) rating of trails as well as for maintenance of trail facilities.

ITEM 6.2 E-BIKE LENDING LIBRARY AND E-BIKE VOUCHER PROGRAMS UPDATE

Kaley Lyons presented the item, providing an update on both programs that were recently approved by City Council. She mentioned the programs would officially launch at an event on Tuesday, September 3rd, and invited Trails Committee members to participate.

Chair Mendenhall said regarding e-bikes, enforcing speed limits was key, along with the issue of 'no motorized vehicles' shown on trail signs. He added that e-scooters scooters could present a safety issue as well.

Ms. Lyons said that state legislation now exists that prevents local jurisdictions from prohibiting e-bikes on trails, unless the trail was identified as an equestrian or hiking trail. She agreed that speed limits were key and added that the new trail wayfinding signs would provided etiquette information as well as speed limit information.

A public commenter said that there was an issue with grocery store carts left on trails and that maintenance was needed. They added that the city could consider using drone enforcement for speed limits on trails.

ITEM 6.3 BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAILS PLANNING UPDATE

Kaley Lyons and Christopher Jordan presented the item. Mr. Jordan provided information about the hierarchy of plans and conceptual nature of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BPTMP).

Ms. Lyons provided information on the next quadrant of the BPTMP map to review. She said the next meeting would include discussion of any minor updates needed for accuracy for the quadrant bounded by Sheldon Rd to the north, SR99 to the east, Elk Grove Blvd to the south, and Franklin Blvd to the west.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mendenhall requested a future discussion about ways to educate riders on better route planning. He said people that are new to biking may navigate as if they were driving, but that may not be the best route on a bicycle.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of August 19, 2024, was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Prepared by Kaley Lyons

APPROVED: