

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
SUPPORTING THE STEVENS CREEK TRAIL ALIGNMENT IDENTIFIED BY
THE JOINT CITIES WORKING TEAM**

WHEREAS, the extension of the Stevens Creek Trail is an important regional goal that can benefit each jurisdiction along the creek corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Stevens Creek Trail Joint Cities Working Team was formed as a collaborative effort between the Cities of Cupertino, Los Altos, Mountain View and Sunnyvale for the purpose of exploring the feasibility of connecting the Stevens Creek Trail through those cities and to recommend a preferred alignment; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Cities Working Team has completed a technical feasibility study and submitted its recommendations to the respective City Councils; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos (“City”) has given due consideration to the recommendations submitted, public comments received and the City’s Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and intent of this resolution is to memorialize the City’s support of the Joint Cities Working Team recommendations submitted to the City on October 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the adoption of this Resolution is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines because CEQA does not apply to information collection and gathering, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby supports the recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team, submitted to the Los Altos City Council on October 27, 2015, and agrees to support the Cities of Cupertino, Mountain View and Sunnyvale in their Stevens Creek Trail planning efforts as follows:

City of Los Altos
Supported Alignment Recommendations

Study Segment 1 – Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way to Fremont Avenue

Support the preferred alignment and recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team as specified:

- An off-street trail along the 22-acres of open space along State Route (SR) 85 and Stevens Creek from Dale Avenue/Heatherstone Way to Fremont Avenue.
- Connections at Fremont Avenue on both sides (east and west) of SR 85, if feasible.
- A connection to West Remington Drive in Sunnyvale via a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Stevens Creek, should the City of Sunnyvale elect to pursue this connection.
- A connection to Mountain View High School via new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over SR 85, should the City of Mountain View elect to pursue this connection.
- Steps to preserve and enhance the riparian habitat along the Creek.
- Collaborate with the City of Mountain View to seek out grant funding for master planning, environmental review and potential construction.

Study Segment 2 – Fremont Avenue to Homestead Road

Support the preferred alignment and recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team as specified/modified:

- An off-street bike/pedestrian pathway on Bernardo Avenue that is designated as the Stevens Creek Trail, including a bike/pedestrian overpass of Fremont Avenue at Bernardo.
- Encourage the City of Sunnyvale to initiate a comprehensive traffic and parking study for an off-street bicycle/pedestrian pathway on Bernardo Avenue from Fremont Avenue to Homestead Road.
- Collaborate with the City of Sunnyvale to seek out grant funding for master planning, environmental review and potential construction, if comprehensive study proves feasible and desirable by the City of Sunnyvale.
- No routes should be designated as the Stevens Creek Trail in this segment, if an off-street bike/pedestrian pathway on Bernardo Avenue is not considered feasible or desirable by the City of Sunnyvale.
- Implement modest improvements on Belleville Way and Fallen Leaf Lane consistent with each city's adopted bike/pedestrian plans, independent of whether or not a separated facility is constructed on Bernardo Avenue.

- Modest improvements for Fallen Leaf Lane will be defined and limited to a standard bike route (Class III) as described in the City of Los Altos Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) and be consistent with the Circulation Element of the General Plan.
- Implementation of Fallen Leaf Lane improvements will be considered in conjunction with other bicycle improvement projects defined in the BTP or packaged as part of any resurfacing, slurry seal or striping projects in the area.
- Fallen Leaf Lane will not be designated nor “badged” as the Stevens Creek Trail by signage or documentation, nor will way-finding signs be directed to Fallen Leaf Lane.

Study Segment 3 – Homestead Road to Stevens Creek Boulevard

Support the recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team as specified/modified:

- With the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Mountain View, reach out to agencies such as Caltrans and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to raise awareness of shared goal to close the gap in the Stevens Creek Trail between Homestead Road and Stevens Creek Boulevard and ask that if circumstances change, such as the reconfiguration of Interstate 280 from the SR 85 interchange to the Foothill Expressway interchange or the availability of the UPRR right-of-way, that consideration be given to bike/pedestrian improvements that enable trail linkages.
- A connection from the existing off-street bike/pedestrian pathway along the north side of Homestead Road in Los Altos to the Bernardo SCT pathway via either the widening of the existing bridge or building a separate parallel bike/pedestrian bridge over SR 85, should the City of Sunnyvale elect to pursue this connection.

Study Segment 4 – Trail Connections to Rancho San Antonio County Park via Stevens Creek Boulevard

Concur with the assessment of the joint Cities Working Team that a connection from Blackberry Farm to Rancho San Antonio County Park would be a valuable recreation amenity for the Cupertino community but should not be considered part of the Stevens Creek Trail.

Other Recommendations

Support the recommendations of the Joint Cities Working Team as specified/modified:

- Any construction near the Creek should try to improve habitat values in and around the Creek channel.
- Existing public lands near Stevens Creek should be maintained as public land to preserve habitat and future trail opportunities.

- The four cities should support each other with future efforts to continue with master planning and implementation of trail segments within each jurisdiction, providing such things as data, feedback, and letters of support for grant funding.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 24th day of November, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: BRUINS, MORDO, PEPPER, PROCHNOW, SATTERLEE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:



Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK