



**Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail**

**SRG Meeting #1 Summary**

May 29, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Maidu Community Center

**Stakeholder Representative Group Members present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Joe Orsini	Hillcrest
Dan Washburn	Cirby Hills
Ruben France	RCUSD
Eileen Spangler	Warren T. Eich Intermediate School
Dave Pringle	Sutter Roseville
Keith Hallsten	Creekside homeowner
Jim Williams	Senior Citizens Commission
Gordon Stevenson	Tri Commercial
Mark Allen	Dry Creek Conservancy
Donna Wilson	Meadow Oaks
David Allen	Biking Roseville

**Project Team**

<b>Name and Affiliation</b>
Mike Dour, City of Roseville
Mark Morse, City of Roseville
Carl Walker, City of Roseville
Mike Wixon, City of Roseville
Tim Hayes, PSOMAS
Brian Wright, PSOMAS
Curtis Alling, Ascent
Gladys Cornell, AIM Consulting
Ciara Zanze, AIM Consulting

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Twenty two stakeholders and community members attended the first Stakeholder Representative Group (SRG) Meeting for the Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail Project.

The goals for this meeting included:

- Provide background information on the trail
- Provide overview of the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholder (description included at the end of this meeting summary)
- Provide overview of the public engagement process
- Provide a walk-through of the alignment
- Confirm community values, concerns, and needs (developed from previous feasibility study)

The City's goal for the project is to provide access for multi-recreational opportunities within the Dry Creek Greenway and to create a safe, comfortable, convenient, and highly connected bike route as an alternative to using City streets in an area of the City that is underserved by bicycle facilities. The multi-use trail will connect schools and businesses to residential neighborhoods. The trail will also provide important regional connections as a part of a series of existing and planned trails that will form a loop around the greater South Placer/ Sacramento area.

The following is a compilation of questions and comments by members of the SRG and public organized by topic:

**Project Timeline:**

The current phase of the project, which includes additional feasibility studies, preliminary engineering and environmental review, is scheduled to be completed by November of 2013. It is anticipated that final design could begin in 2014 with a first phase of construction beginning in 2015/2016. All phases are dependent upon Council approval and funding availability. The phasing will be determined by available funding requirements as well as technical issues.

Questions and comments:

- Where will the first phase of construction begin?
  - From the 2010 feasibility study, it is anticipated that phase 1 would begin at Rocky Ridge Drive and move west toward Oak Ridge Drive. Phase two would begin at Oak Ridge Drive and move east toward Eastwood Park. However, all phases are dependent upon funding and council approval.
- What are the potential start dates of the design and construction process?
  - The current phase is scheduled to be completed by November 2013; final design could potentially begin in early 2014, and the first phase of construction in 2015/2016.
- Is there a way to fast track the project schedule?
  - No, unless the City can obtain a special funding source or a large federal grant and the environmental permitting process has certain requirements which impact the overall schedule.

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- What did the previously completed feasibility analysis entail?
  - The purpose of the study was to develop a locally preferred alternative for trail route that fit within the context of the neighborhoods. A comprehensive public engagement program was part of the process and allowed stakeholders and the public to provide feedback on the study.

**Environmental:**

The 2010 feasibility study included a preliminary biological resource study of the preferred route alignment. This current phase of the project will include a formal Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA process includes two periods for formal public comment, during the Notice of Preparation and during the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Questions and comments:

- During the 2010 feasibility study, there was a projected route, has the EIR for that route been completed?
  - No, the EIR was not completed. The 2010 study included a preliminary biological resource study that informed the final report. This phase includes completing an EIR.
- What opportunity will stakeholders and the public have to provide input on the environmental phase of the project?
  - This phase includes a comprehensive public engagement program which will allow the SRG and the community at large to provide feedback and input throughout the process. Also, during the CEQA phase there will be an opportunity to provide formal public comment on the EIR document.
  - The SRG group was encouraged to provide feedback starting at this meeting by placing “post-its” on the exhibit board, contacting the project team after the meeting or voicing their comments during the meeting.

**Location and design of trail:**

The alignments defined in the 2010 feasibility study will be used as the basis for this phase. However, further technical and environmental analysis may require some changes in the alignment. The trail will be located in the floodplain, but will be designed to handle flooding and high water levels in accordance with current City standards. Maintenance was also considered in the feasibility study; the City would allocate a maintenance budget for repairs and the trail would be maintained according to City standards. A stakeholder mentioned the undercrossing of Harding Boulevard as a good example of a well maintained trail in close proximity to a creek.

There was general discussion related to impacts to property owners and potential impacts caused by the trail. It is important to receive input from stakeholders and the public if the trail is impacting property. The trail alignment is being designed to minimize impacts to property owners and other constraints. Mitigation methods will be considered and part of the process will be to identify impacts that require mitigation. Final mitigation methods will take place during the final design phase.

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Questions and comments:

- Will the trail be located in the flood plain? Is the intention to have a single path?
  - Yes the trail is located in the flood plain and the goal is to create a connected multi-use trail with access for everyone. In general the path will only be located on one side of the creek.
- Are the alignments determined?
  - The alignments defined in the 2010 feasibility study will be used as the basis for this phase. However, further technical and environmental analysis may require some changes in the alignment.
- A SRG representative expressed concern regarding the alignment between Oak Ridge and Rocky Ridge which appears to pass through a nature trail area.
  - Further technical and environmental analysis may require some changes in the alignment.
- Is high water or sediment from the creek an issue for the trail? Is it OK to build where flooding often occurs?
  - Yes, flooding is taken into account and considered in the design. The trail is built to handle flooding and high water levels. City maintenance staff will tend to trails after a flood.
  - Maintenance is considered in City standards and feasibility; there is a budget for repairs and the trail would be maintained according to City standards.
- Will there be any right of way acquisitions associated with the project? Does the City own the property along the proposed alignments? Specifically near Darling Way; are residents aware of the plan?
  - A majority of the trail alignment is within City owned property, including the segment near Darling Way. The trail alignment will be designed to minimize impacts to private property or to minimize the need for property acquisition. However, some portions of the trail might fall on private property and may need to be acquired. The City will work with property owners to identify a value and purchase the property at a fair market price or the City may decide to realign to avoid right of way issues.
  - The City would like feedback from stakeholders and the public if the trail is impacting their property. Mitigation methods will be considered, and part of the current process will be to identify impacts that may require mitigation. Final mitigation methods will be identified during the final design phase.
  - There was some discussion as to how much potential home buyers are aware of the planned project. There was a comprehensive public engagement process for the 2010 feasibility study which included notifying residents within 200' of the trail alignment. The City noted that it is unlikely that the trail project would be disclosed during a home purchase, but home buyers are aware that they are purchasing property near city owned open space and have the opportunity to review the General Plan and other City planning documents that show the trail alignment.

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- What were some of the issues raised tonight that were considered during the 2010 study (i.e. right of way, impacts to property owners)?
  - Property impacts, public and property owner safety, and environmental concerns.

**Segments 1, Darling Way to Machado Lane, and segment 5, Sunrise Avenue to Meadow Gate Drive:**

Segment 1, Darling Way to Machado Lane, and segment 5, Sunrise Avenue to Meadow Gate Drive, were identified in the 2010 feasibility study as requiring further analysis. The current phase will include additional feasibility analysis on those segments; other portions of the trail may also require further technical and environmental analysis.

Questions and comments:

- Will other alternatives be considered in addition to segments 1 and 5?
  - From the 2010 study, alternatives 1 and 5 were considered to need more extensive review. Other segments of the alignment may also need further technical and environmental analysis.
- A SRG representative identified several constraints at Darling Way including existing bridge width, geometric challenges to loop the trail around and under the west side of the bridge, and traffic safety concerns.
  - The trail will be designed in accordance with City of Roseville's and AASHTO bicycle standards.

**Impacts and evaluation criteria:**

The 2010 feasibility study included a matrix of evaluation criteria that were developed to evaluate the various trail alignment alternatives during the feasibility study phase of the project (this matrix is located on the City's website [http://www.roseville.ca.us/transportation/bikeways/dc\\_study.asp](http://www.roseville.ca.us/transportation/bikeways/dc_study.asp) under Part 2). There was discussion regarding potential safety and security concerns related to the project, the City noted that the police had been actively involved in the 2010 study and will continue to assist throughout this phase.

Questions and comments:

- Have the police been consulted about possible crime in/near the proposed parking area?
  - Yes, the police have been actively involved in the project; they were involved in the 2010 study and will continue to assist with this phase.
- A member of the public stated that if the trail creates a safety and security hazard for adjacent parcel owners the City should mitigate those impacts. The member of the public also expressed concern for potential security issues after dark and that the trail may draw in transients. He urged the City to focus on mitigation methods and impacts to property owners.
- Are safety concerns considered in the EIR?
  - Yes.

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**Feedback opportunities:**

Stakeholders and the public will have numerous opportunities to provide input. In addition to SRG meetings, the project team will host a site tour to walk parts of the trail and provide input on specific segments. There will also be a community open house where the community at large will be invited to provide input on the project. The project team is creating an online comment tool that will allow stakeholders and the public to provide comments on specific portions of the trail. The SRG group will be notified via e-mail when this web tool will be available.

**Next Steps:**

- A meeting summary as well as a link to the City's webpage for the project will be sent to stakeholders.
- Site tour to be held in July



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Stakeholder Representative Group**

Organization	Contact
Biking Roseville	David Allen
Biking Roseville - Alternate	Chris Ewers
Sun City Cycling	Jim Viele
Sun City Cycling - Alternate	John Maloney
TRI Commercial	Gordon Stevenson
Dry Creek Conservancy	Mark Allen
Dry Creek Conservancy - Alternate 1	Sharon Adamson
Dry Creek Conservancy - Alternate 2	Gregg Bates
Hillcrest	Joe Orsini
Creekside Homeowner	Keith Hallsten
Kaiser Permanente	Jeffrey DuBois
Sutter Roseville	Dave Pringle
Cresthaven	Larry Bergeron
Cresthaven - Alternate	Jack Wallace
Maidu	Scott Reid
Maidu	Vicki Miller
Meadow Oaks	Donna Wilson
Meadow Oaks	Jim Robinson
Cirby Hills Town Homes	Deanna Themoleas
Roseville City Unified School District	Dave Kingsbury
Roseville City Unified School District - Alternate	Ruben Franco
Warren T. Eich Intermediate School	Eileen Spangler
Country Villa Senior Park	Rimma
Senior Citizens Commission	Jim Williams



## **Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail Stakeholder Representative Group Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Purpose of the SRG Process**

Using the previous work accomplished during the feasibility analysis of the Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail as the starting point, the Stakeholder Representative Group (SRG) will assist the City and the consultant team with finalizing outstanding alignment segments and other environmental and engineering design considerations for the Dry Creek Greenway Multi-use Trail by providing input on community values, concerns and needs.

### **Stakeholder Participants**

- Neighborhood associations
- Business organizations, employers and health care organizations
- Environmental organizations
- Bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations
- Schools, Senior Citizen and Disabled Community

### **Schedule**

Three SRG meetings over the next 9 months:

1. Project overview, review of purpose and need and feedback, map review and feedback (May)
2. Evaluation criteria review, environmental design considerations, alternatives development (TBD)
3. Design considerations and alignment finalization (TBD)

Site visit tentatively scheduled for July.

### **Stakeholder's Roles and Responsibilities**

- Help the City staff to make informed decisions that will be incorporated into a staff recommendation to the Transportation Commission, who will then forward a project recommendation to the City Council. The Stakeholders will do this by providing your organization's full input (Please keep in mind that your organization may have a diversity of opinions. It is important to try to provide all perspectives regardless of whether or not the feedback is conflicting.)
- Specifically stakeholders will:
  - Engage in dialogue related to community values and goals within project context
  - Identify information gaps to be addressed by project team
  - Provide feedback regarding purpose and need
  - Identify and share issues of the community concern and project opportunities to enhance community use
  - Identify additional stakeholders with an interest in Dry Creek Greenway Multi-Use Trail issues and opportunities
  - Support project team efforts to communicate effectively with Roseville stakeholders
- Communicate information and perspectives gained from the SRG meetings to the organization you represent
- Encourage participation at the community meeting and with other community-wide engagement efforts

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