

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
STAFF REPORT
May 17, 2018

SUBJECT

Citywide Creek Master Plan Overview

ISSUE

The Board will be provided information regarding the Citywide Creek Master Plan.

STAFF PRESENTER

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RECOMMENDATION

This item is for Board discussion. No action is required.

BACKGROUND

1. On March 27, 2007, the City Council adopted the Citywide Creek Master Plan (CCMP). The 2007 CCMP incorporated previous creek planning efforts including the 1993 Santa Rosa Creek Master Plan and the 2004 Creek Dreams community visioning process, and covered more than 90 miles of creeks in Santa Rosa.
2. On August 27, 2013, the City Council adopted an update to the CCMP. The updated CCMP presents a set of creek-related policies and recommendations for site-specific improvements to the nearly 100 miles of creeks that flow through Santa Rosa.
3. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan outlines future bikeway improvements and includes prioritization criteria for pedestrian and bikeway projects. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was reflected in General Plan 2035 in 2009 and updated in 2011. The 2013 CCMP was updated to be consistent with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to help implement the following General Plan policy:

UD-E-1 Provide for new open space opportunities throughout the City, especially in neighborhoods that have less access to open spaces. This includes exploring potential for creek corridors, bicycle and pedestrian ways, as well as new public plazas, gathering places, and conservation areas.

4. During the 2013 CCMP update City staff came before the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board on June 20, 2013. Board members expressed general support for the CCMP and provided the following specific comments:
 - New creek trails are especially important in underserved areas of the City.
 - Additional creek trails should be considered outside of City limits near existing elementary schools, such as Taylor Mountain Elementary in southeast Santa Rosa.
 - The City should strive to plan and build as many connections as possible.
 - Pedestrian bridges are important. A Board member commented that the planned bridge near Place to Play is welcome.

- Consider adding policy language generally supporting creek trails near schools to allow students to walk and bike to school.
- Consider amending language to acknowledge that creek trails provide a comfortable environment for pedestrians and cyclists due to shade trees and separation from roadways.

ANALYSIS

The Board can take this opportunity to discuss the CCMP in relation to bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

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