



CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

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Sharon Anderson, Vice Chair
Mark Doty • Christopher Neumann • Sheri Noblett



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ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023 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 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2023.

5. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

5.1. 8767 Excelsior Road Map

The proposed Project site is located on the east side of Excelsior Road, approximately 250 feet north of Sheldon Road (8767 Excelsior Road) (APN: 122-0180-006). The Project consists of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide one parcel into three parcels consistent with the Rural Residential General Plan land use designation and AR-2 zoning designations. City Staff would like feedback from the Trails Committee on the Project as it pertains to implementing the City's bicycle and trails requirements.

6. PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Update on WAM010 Pedestrian Crossing Upgrades at 4 Locations

Staff will provide an update on Capital Improvement Program Project WAM010.

6.2 Update on Non-Capital Grant Funded Projects

Staff will provide an update on upcoming non-capital projects that recently received grant awards and seek feedback from the Trails Committee on implementation.

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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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

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, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, and Committee Members Chris Neumann and Sheri Nobleff

Trails Committee Members Absent: Mark Doty

City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members: Christopher Jordan, Director of Strategic Planning and Innovation
Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Sheetal Bhatt, Kimley-Horn
Scott Jones, Cosumnes Community Services District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *M/S Nobleff/Anderson* to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Neumann, Anderson, Mendenhall, Nobleff); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Doty).**

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Ashby, Traffic Engineering Manager, introduced himself to the Committee.

Chair Mendenhall invited James Ashby to attend future bike rides with the Trails Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023

MOTION: *M/S Anderson/Neumann* to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023 as amended with one change. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Mendenhall, Anderson, Nobleff, Neumann); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Doty).**

Chair Mendenhall requested a correction on page 3 of the draft Minutes, as it should say does “not” provide adequate access. Minutes approved with correction.

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

ITEM 5.1 NEW ZOO IN ELK GROVE

Christopher Jordan presented the item and introduced Sheetal Bhatt, Kimley-Horn. Mr. Jordan said the item was anticipated to go to Planning Commission in February 2024 and City Council in March 2024.

Vice Chair Anderson asked if the B Drive bike facility would be bidirectional. Mr. Jordan confirmed it would be bidirectional, but pedestrians would be separated from bicycles.

Vice Chair Anderson asked if there would be shade in the parking lots.

Mr. Jordan responded that they would like shade in the parking lots, but it was budget dependent. He said the south lot would be gravel and not a priority given limited funding, but the team would be looking at shade structures rather than trees.

Vice Chair Anderson requested trees and said EV chargers and structures don't provide cooling the way trees do.

Sheetal Bhatt said EV chargers would only be in the northern lot and the project would meet the 50% shade requirement.

Vice Chair Anderson said she didn't want to rely on photovoltaic because that attracts heat rather than cools.

Chair Mendenhall asked what the bike parking would look like in terms of security.

Mr. Jordan said the project team was not at that level of detail yet, but they are exploring options. It was said that a bike valet would be nice. Mr. Jordan said there would be cameras and plans included putting bike parking near the front where it would be visible and separate from the parking lot.

Mr. Jordan presented the grade separated crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Committee members expressed excitement at the separation for active transportation users and said there should be cameras, lighting, and other safety measures for the undercrossing.

Vice Chair Anderson asked about potential exhaust/idling coming from the parking lot into the facilities.

Mr. Jordan said there would be extensive landscaping and an 8ft wall to reduce some of the potential exhaust.

Vice Chair Anderson requested that tree plantings along the bike paths be planned to provide shade from the afternoon sun on the pathways and said shade was important to a comfortable bike ride.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern about the appearance of the back side of Shed C, given that it would be used for deliveries and there would be a trail running on the north side.

Mr. Jordan said the team was exploring various fencing options and said vines would typically be used for coverage, but the United States Department of Agriculture would not allow vines due to concerns about critters being able to enter the zoo. He said it would likely be an 8 ft chain-link fence with upgraded landscaping along the edge. He added that for B Drive, the team was looking at trees in the landscape corridor for west side shading.

Member Noblett asked the length of section parallel to Shed C.

Sheetal Bhatt responded that it was about 1100-1200 ft, or about a quarter-mile.

Member Neumann said initially there would not be anything back there and asked what was on the other side. Mr. Jordan said there was an existing north side trail.

Vice Chair Anderson said it would be similar to the new segment on Lewis Stein where trail users would see the chain-link fence back side.

Member Noblett said there would be an opportunity to plant on the north and south side to provide relief for the view and expressed appreciation for how much thought the project team has put into it.

Vice Chair Anderson asked how it the project would go from design to construction effectively.

Mr. Jordan said the landscape architecture team did some work at the Fresno Zoo and some projects in Houston, and has experience in-house from the Bronx Zoo, and in a few months would bring in constructability review to discuss construction.

Ms. Bhatt confirmed the right partners were being brought in and there was great collaboration among all teams working on the project.

Chair Mendenhall expressed appreciation that bicycle and pedestrian access was being looked at early as part of the plan rather than after the fact, but said it felt like the zoo was being designed for Elk Grove when it would actually be a regional draw. He said with 1,600 parking spots, 160 bicycle parking spaces seemed to miscalculate how many attendees would be coming from the neighborhood rather than the regional as a whole.

Mr. Jordan said modeling analysis was being done to determine how occupants would arrive at the zoo and said as Elk Grove's first paid parking facility, that may make a difference in mode choice, but there was still a lot to be determined. He said the focus for encouraging bicycling was within 3 miles of the zoo.

Vice Chair Anderson said there would be density near the zoo as well, higher than around the current zoo in Land Park, so that would be a consideration as well.

Chair Mendenhall said there was a lot of biking parking installed at the District 56 Aquatic Center, but there were generally only a few bikes parked there.

Mr. Jordan said bike parking could be phased and 1,600 parking stalls likely would not be needed for most of the days either.

Public Comment

During public comment, a resident said that with all other investment in the project, 160 bike racks seemed low risk. They said they ride a bike almost exclusively and lack of bike parking wasn't usually the obstacle to riding, but rather the obstacle was safety. They said they use the Grant Line bike path to run and bike and would like to get out to the new splash pad but there was no way to get over SR99 safely and asked if there were plans for another bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing.

Mr. Jordan said there would be a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing built with the Whitelock interchange project and that staff were still looking at the connection to Lotz Parkway and trying to make a separated bicycle facility.

A resident said they would like to see more development in Old Town and said Elk Grove did not have a central hub and lacked a downtown, even with District 56. They said there would be three city hubs with Old Town, District 56, and now the zoo and asked how to create a heart/community in Elk Grove given this.

Mr. Jordan expressed interest in connecting with the resident to further discuss.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Kaley Lyons announced that she was approached by a local Cub Scouts troop that would like a presentation from a member of the Trails Committee in November. She said she would follow up once she had potential dates.

Ms. Lyons said the city was considering a project that would help fund bicycle detection at intersections that were not already included in the video detection CIP project. She said the streets should have lower speeds with an existing traffic signal and bike lane and aside from Calvine Road which was discussed at a previous meeting. Committee members provided potential locations including along Bruceville Road, Franklin Blvd, Bond Road, and Whitelock Parkway, among others.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023, was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by Kaley Lyons

APPROVED:

DRAFT



TRAILS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT
September 18, 2023



PROJECT: 8767 EXCELSIOR ROAD MAP
FILE: PLNG22-041
LOCATION: 8767 Excelsior Road
APN: 123-0180-006
STAFF: Joseph Daguman, Associate Planner

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND:

The proposed Project site is located on the east side of Excelsior Road, approximately 250 feet north of Sheldon Road (8767 Excelsior Road) (APN: 122-0180-006). The Project consists of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide one parcel (± 6.09) into 3 parcels (2 gross acres in size minimum) consistent with the Rural Residential General Plan land use designation and AR-2 zoning designations.

As depicted in Figure 12 of the City of Elk Grove's Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BPTMP), a Class I Multi-Use Path is identified to run north-south on Excelsior Road along the west side of the Project site.

The Project proposes to provide an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication (IOD) along Excelsior Road to accommodate the future 25' wide Class I Multi-Use Path consistent with the BPTMP.

Staff recommendation:

City Staff would like feedback from the Trails Committee on the Applicant's proposed development as it pertains to implementing the City's bicycle and trails requirements.

Figure 1 – Trails Master Plan Context Map

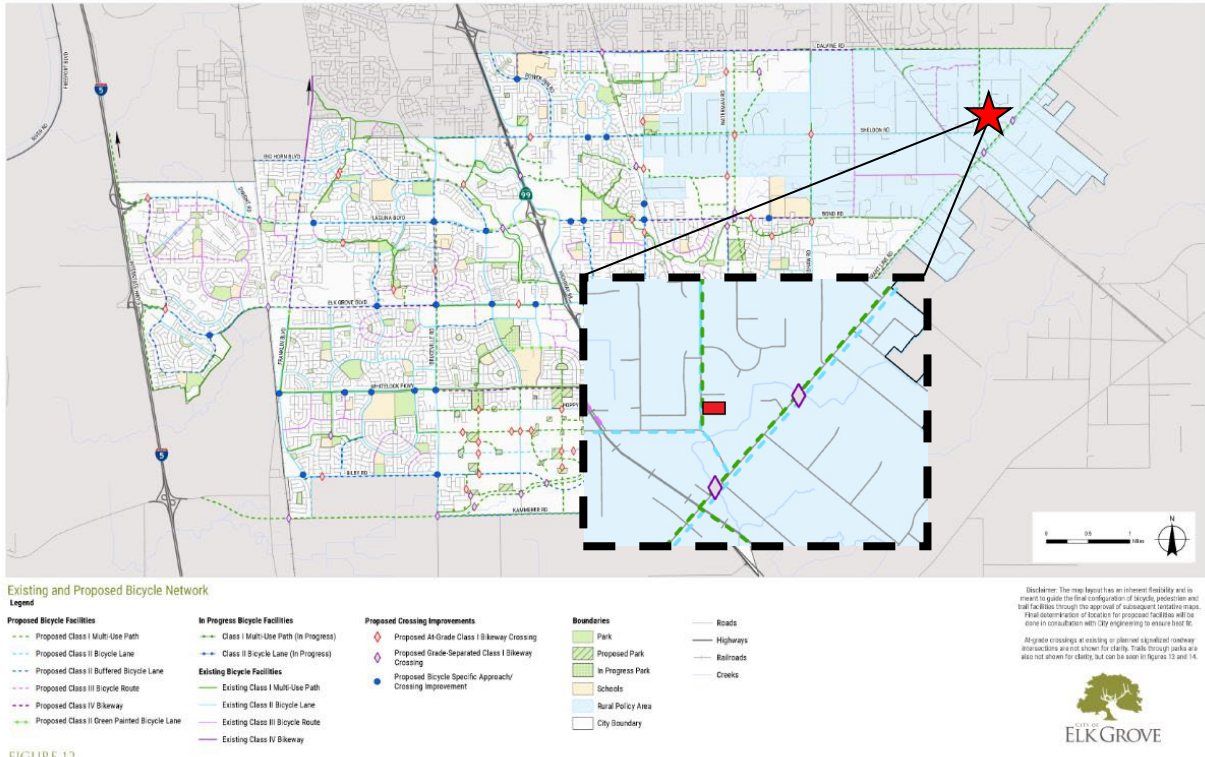


FIGURE 12

Figure 2 - Project Tentative Parcel Map

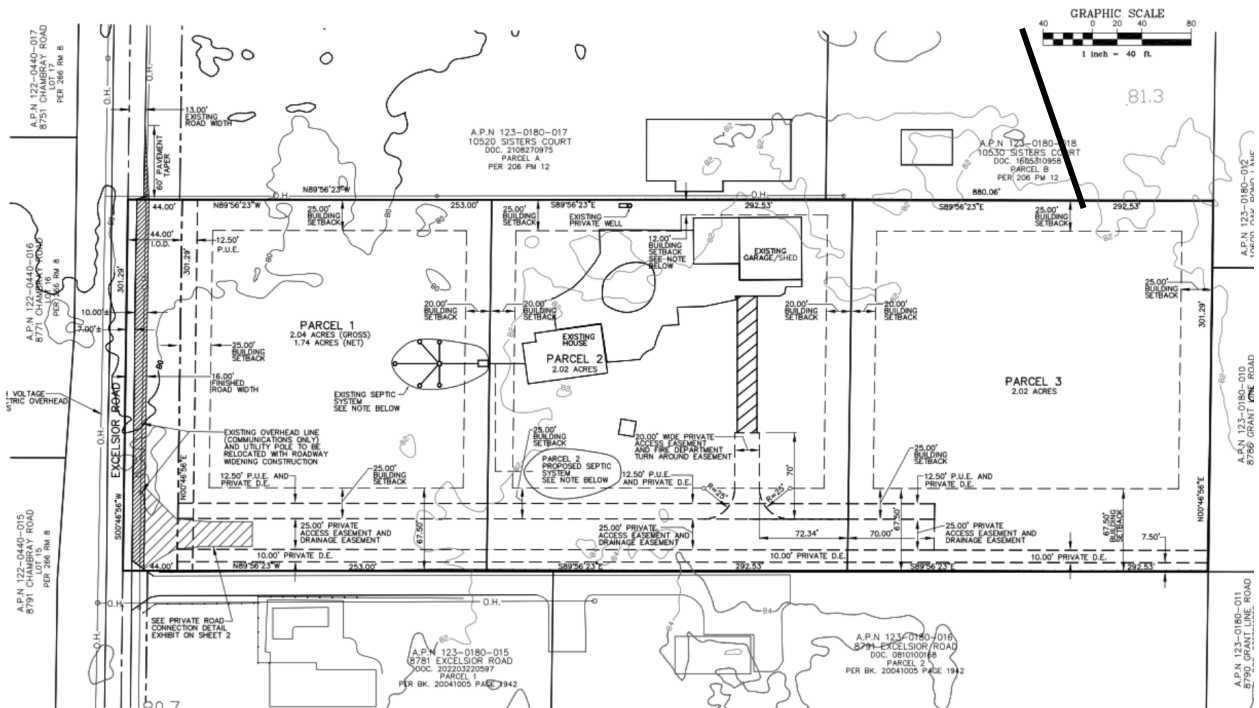


Figure 3. Proposed Excelsior Road Cross Section

