

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: March 30, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: April 9, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Sam Herzberg, Senior Planner, AICP
SUBJECT: Park Planning Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:
This report covers park planning activities since the Commission's February 5, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:
Bridge Assessment

An assessment of the number and type of bridges in County Parks has been completed with Rangers input for the purposes of assessing where bridge repairs or upgrades may be needed in the future.

Comprehensive Transportation Management Plan for Midcoast

For the past six months I've served on this Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for this effort as well as reviewing the Parking and Trailhead Joint Use Study in the Midcoast done cooperatively by GGNRA and the County (same transportation contractor as Connect the Coastside, but is focused on recreational access). Connect the Coastside has just completed an Alternatives Analysis on Low, Medium, and High alternatives in order to increase the carrying capacity of Highway 1 as required by the California Coastal Commission. Besides the possibility of widening the Highway to four lanes in some places, the plan also proposes more transit and pedestrian and bicycle improvements including on Highway 92 from Highway 280 to Highway 1. The High alternative includes the Medium and Low alternatives, but still only partially meets the required carrying capacity of Highway 1, and could also require changes in future land use "build out" in the unincorporated Midcoast and City of Half Moon Bay. A Hybrid alternative is being considered, which includes consideration of the following elements:

- Highway 92 widening and bike lanes and crossing improvements
- Increasing Highway 1 to four lanes in some, but not all, of Highway 1 through the Midcoast
- Moving Highway 1 east through El Granada as identified in the Safety and Mobility Improvement Plan Phase I, which will create more park and open space opportunities to the west
- Improved transit service (i.e. halving existing transit service times and adding transit for public recreation, schools, and special events)
- Grey Whale Cove parking lot improvements
- Crossing of Highway 1 at Grey Whale Cove parking lot
- Completion of CA Coastal Trail
- Completion of Parallel Multi-modal Trail on the east side of Highway 1
- Roundabouts at a total of 12 locations including Coronado for Mirada Surf
- Signalization of Highway 1 at Cypress and California for access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

There are a series of public meetings taking place in April 2015. Additional information is available on the Connect the Coastside website.

Coyote Point Eastern Promenade

A scope of work is being prepared to update Draft 100% plans and specifications, CEQA and permits for this project to include replacement of the 75 parking spaces lost in managed retreat and replacement of the restroom.

Coyote Point Marine Fuel Dock

The project is under construction and is anticipated to be completed by mid-April 2015.

Devil's Slide Trail Ollie Mayer Overlook Dedication

On Saturday April 4, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. a dedication ceremony of the overlook and an interpretive sign is taking place in honor of Ollie Mayer, a former Sierra Club leader's 50 years of lobbying to prevent the Devil's Slide Bypass from occurring, which resulted in the Devil's Slide Tunnels being constructed and the old roadway converted into the California Coastal Trail.

Devil's Slide Interpretive Signs

Two new interpretive signs regarding California native plants and Common Murre restoration efforts are under development and will be installed to replace two existing signs in April.

14 Acre Property South of Pigeon Point Lighthouse

The guardrail and the gates have been completed. Additional time for monitoring will take place in the spring of 2015 and restoration in the Fall of 2015.

Granada Community Services District Agreement

A newsletter and survey were prepared for Granada Community Services District (GCSD). The survey went to GCSD customers, property owners, registered voters in

the area, and a variety of community groups. The survey was completed in mid-February 2015. will be distributed by GCSD in early February and completed mid February 2014. The San Francisco State University Recreation and Leisure Department is currently analyzing the survey results.

Green Valley Section of the California Coastal Trail

Staff met with the contractor Questa on March 11, 2015 to review preliminary findings, trail alternatives, and public outreach strategies. A public meeting will likely take place early summer (tbd).

Parallel Trail

The Parallel Trail is envisioned on the east side of Highway 1 from Half Moon Bay to Montara, and is to be planned and constructed in four segments. Parks secured the grant to prepare Design Plans and Specifications and Permits for this project proposed to connect Alto Ave in Miramar to Coronado in El Granada; however, County Planning is taking the lead on project management, securing funds for construction and Public works will put the project out to bid and oversee construction. The first phase will be to do an alternatives/constraints analysis to determine if the trail can go on the east side of Highway through wetlands at Mirada Surf East, or should cross and the trail be improved on the west side of Highway 1 utilizing in part the completed Mirada Surf West section of the California Coastal Trail. Parks will be reviewing the project and is envisioned as taking over management of the final improvements after constructed.

Permit Streamlining

Staff met with the Planning Department to discuss the possibility of a Master Coastal Development Permit to cover a suite of park operations and maintenance and resource projects in the Coastal Zone over a 2-5 year period.

Pescadero Park's Old Haul Road

Staff has been working with the Resource Conservation District regarding a California Department of Fish and Wildlife grant application to be made to address the Old Haul Road Dark Gulch crossing for sediment reduction purposes.

Priority Conservation Areas

There has been a lot of coordination with Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District, the California Coastal Conservancy, cities around San Bruno Mountain, Town of Woodside, City of Pacifica, and the Farm Bureau regarding Proposed Priority Conservation Area designations in San Mateo County. See the staff report for additional information.

San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (SBM HCP)

The Draft Audit of the SBM HCP Trust Fund from FY2009-13 is being completed. The Assessment of 30 Years of Habitat Management on San Bruno Mountain has been completed. There is ongoing dialogue with developers as well as Cities approving dedications of lands to County Parks per the Habitat Conservation Plan: 1) McKesson

lands (Brisbane), 2) Callippe Hill (Brisbane), and 3) Rio Verde Estates (Daly City). At their February 24, 2015 meeting the County Board of Supervisors accepted the donated 3.23 acres of unimproved sand dunes that were reviewed at your June 5, 2015 Park and Recreation Commission meeting.