

## **Dry Creek Greenway Bike Trail**

## Meeting Summary of Public Open House #1 December 2, 2008 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville

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**Project information and concept stations**. Stations were opened to the public to identify opportunities and constraints along the trail corridor. Each station included maps and photos with project information, post-it notes and pens for participants to make comments, and a City staff or consultant representative to answer questions. Station overview:

**Station 1:** Sign-in and orientation. Participants were asked to sign in and provide contact information to be notified about future meetings. Also, hard copies of the public opinion survey in English and Spanish were available to the public at the station. A total of 50 people signed in, although consultant staff counted at least 65 participants at the beginning of the presentation.

Station 2: Study Area Overview

**Station 3:** West Segment (Darling to Sunrise)

**Station 4:** Middle Segment (Sunrise to Champion Oaks)

**Station 5:** East Segment (Champion Oaks to the City limits past Old Auburn).

A summary of the post-it note comments submitted at each station is provided separately.

## 6:30 to 7:45 pm Presentations

Overview of the Public Meeting/ How to stay involved - *Gladys Cornell, AIM Consulting* 

Project Overview - Mike Dour, City of Roseville

Opportunities & Constraints Maps and Google Flyover - *Tony Powers, Alta Planning* 

The public was invited to make comments ask questions during and after the presentations. The following comments were made:

◆ The City should consider a "No Project" alternative.

- ◆ The City should consider on-street alignments in-lieu of placing the trail in the open space. On-street alignments would be less costly.
- ◆ Inviting the public into the open space may increase the likelihood of burglaries/theft, especially since yards are not fenced.
- Existing transient issues in the open space would be compounded.
- ♦ Residents thought status of open space as a flood plain would preclude future development, including trails.
- The creek directly abuts residential back yard fences and the trail will impact homeowner property. Trail users will be able to see into back yards.
- Will city be buying property or using eminent domain?
- ♦ The trail may increase the potential for fires in the open space.
- ♦ Construction may impact environmental resources, including oaks.
- ◆ Trail improvements may cause erosion of the creek bank.
- Open space trails are a great amenity for families in other areas of the City, because they let families experience the outdoors and let children bicycle in a safe place.
- Open space trails are a benefit in terms of fire control and crime because they allow police officers and firefighters to access the open space.
- The trail may help the existing transient problem, because transients typically move away from paved trails to get to more secluded locations.
- Will restrooms be provided? If so, the City needs to consider how to address loitering and other issues at restrooms.
- ◆ The trail may create a parking problem in residential areas at trailheads. Where will trail parking be provided?
- ◆ Trash disposal (or lack thereof) is a concern.
- Will lighting be provided on the trail, especially in undercrossings.
- ◆ Police patrols within open space and on existing trails are currently not sufficient.
- ♦ What is the projected use of the trail and how does that compare to other nearby trails such as the American River Parkway?

City staff noted that the current stage of the project is information gathering and that the above concerns would be addressed during the next stage of the project. Staff did note that a "No project" alternative and on-street bikeway alternatives would be evaluated. Staff also stated that the City will not be acquiring property from fenced rear yard living areas, although in other circumstances there may be property acquisition from both commercial and residential property