

General Public Comments

Appendix D. Draft Trail Network Public Comments

Cities	Organization	Name	Comment
Elk Grove	City of Elk Grove	Carrie Whitlock	There is one area of the Elk Grove trails that looks a bit incomplete on the SACOG map and I am not sure why. It is our Powerline Corridor Trail, in the image below from the draft map it shows up as stopping short of Calvine Rd. But in our BPTMP it shows up as continuing all the way to Calvine Rd. Can that get corrected? I recently reviewed the Regional Parks and Trails Network draft from the SACOG and noticed that there was no mention or inclusion of a set of Public Easements that traverse the Kassis property in Rancho Cordova. Note that these easements could potentially be abandoned if the City of Rancho Cordova were to approve a proposed development on this property. Did anyone from the City of Rancho Cordova mention these easements during the development of this list? These easements follow the specific path of the Pony Express and the CA Immigrant trail, and members of our community have been fighting to maintain these for the public - and to connect the trails to the east end of Mira del Rio as was part of the original agreements between Dr Kassis and Sacramento County. Please see this YouTube video which describes in detail these easements. I and many others would love to see these Easements be recognized and included as part of our regional trails network Kassis Property Public Easements PSA - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI_A30xOXgA Please make sure that Rancho Del Los Rio Americanos Public Walking Trail is added to the Draft Regional Trail Network. Some link issues came up. Other folks advised they would also submit comment to add this trail and I gave them links that had issues. I'm so sorry. Please see corrected links and info below. This is a beautiful hiking trail near the Wild and Scenically designated Lower American River. Thank you in advance for adding it. :) Lisa Phenix SACOG already shows a bike trail and right of access near the public hiking trail. https://sacog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3a3c2ad3420a4c949322ad49589e26e18%20Trails%202 The City of Rancho Cordova has listed this public hiking trail. It was a publicly recorded land grant easement in 1973. https://www.cityofranchocordova.org/departments/community-development/neighborhood-services/kassis-easement-findings Correct name of Rancho Rio De Los Americanos Trail. See the openstreetmap link showing the trail: https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/38.5823/-121.3224 See google map below. Correct google link https://www.google.com/maps/place/Rancho+Rio+De+Los+Americanos+Trail/@38.5796241,-121.3260129,17.58z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x809add3702fe2a9:0x40542dea80d693da18m2!3d38.5796235!4d-121.3257011!5m1!1e1
Rancho Cordova	Preserve the American River Volunteer	Carl Salmonsens	Rancho Cordova: - It is our understanding that due to the high speeds of the arterial roads in Rancho Cordova, locals are unlikely to utilize many of the Class II bike lanes for recreational purposes, but they do use the local trail networks (Class I neighborhood trails). For this reason, the presence of a Class II bike lane along a particular corridor is no reason not to study an area for a separated Class I multi-use path. There are multiple areas where this might be beneficial: - Many stretches of Zinfandel Dr. do have dedicated Class II bicycle lanes (without a buffer) but vehicles move so quickly it is not a pleasant or safe biking environment. Noting the planned Class I multiuse trail that travels parallel to Zinfandel Dr between White Rock Road, across US 50, in the direction of the Rancho Cordova Town Center, we recommend extending a study area to look at the feasibility of a Class I trail connection between the Stone Creek Trail (just south of the International Dr and Zinfandel Dr intersection) and the Rancho Cordova Town Center (see screenshot 1, green line) - We recommend a few additional study areas and connections in Rancho to improve connections to the local network: - a New housing development (Residences at Capital Center) is planned on the northeast side of the Kilgore Rd and International Dr intersection, with a connection to the Class I Folsom South Canal Trail. If adequate active transportation infrastructure is provided, there is potential for residents of this development to bike and walk to surrounding areas rather than drive. - To improve overall connectivity in the area, we suggest adding a connection between the Stone Creek Bike Trail in the residential neighborhood to the south of the proposed development, to the Folsom South Canal trail as part of the regional trails network (see purple line in screenshot 2). This should include a safe crossing across Kilgore Rd; there is no crossing at present (see orange line in screenshot 2). You might also consider including a connection on Azlenda Drive as part of the regional network (purple line, screenshot 2). Though it is a local street, it provides an important connection to the regional network. - Consider as part of the regional trail network development identifying areas that would benefit from clear wayfinding – particularly where the local trail network connects to the regional network via neighborhood streets. The draft map provided for comment doesn't have enough layering detail in the Regional Trails Network layer, to really understand what NEW is being proposed by the draft plan. I'd like to see layers for what trails are EXISTING (already built), what trails are planned for through City/County plans (already planned for without this draft plan, but included in the network), and what NEW trail segments are being proposed as part of the draft plan.
Rancho Cordova	Civic Thread	Kathryn Canepa	There is a trail segment in the City of Sacramento, North/South Natomas area, from Tanzanite Park to Bannon Creek parkway, overcrossing I-80 and a canal, that does not make good sense. This same connection could be made at a significantly lower cost (and realistically built) by adding a trail segment on Airport road, then class 4 over San Juan Rd (east), connecting to Bannon Creek parkway.
Sacramento	North Natomas Jibe	Melissa Meng	I just came across the RPTN Plan on the SACOG website. I would like to ask that at the Ninos Parkway in the Northgate area of South Natomas (95833) be added to the map in case there is funding for further development in the future. We have just received a Shine Grant from SMUD to start a pollinator garden at the south end of the parkway, which runs from Garden Highway to I-80. We have a bike trail now, but very little else. We had hoped to plant trees to add shade, but the high power lines (WAPA and SMUD) have limited tree planting. So we pivoted to planning for and planting native plants the length of the trail. Thank you for your consideration.
Sacramento	Natomas Garden and Arts Collective	Heather Fargo	Apparently, we missed the webinar last week and hope it is not too late to comment. Do you know if Sacramento's Active Transportation Commission or Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed the plan? FYI, I am a former SACOG board member and chair and was just checking in as I'm on a panel soon to discuss the impact the Blueprint.)
Agencies	Organization	Name	Comment
	Caltrans District 3	Benjamin Garcia	https://sacog.sharepoint.com/:x/s/ActiveTransportationTeam/Ee9sYBQNYQNOkL6QVj1088dUusMJKdtdXDN8tQ2EmLQ7e-K5l9MR The Sacramento River Trail does not close between the Pocket and Land Park areas in the City of Sacramento, west of Interstate 5. The gap is not currently marked as a 'potential connecting corridor', but we believe it should be since the gap would ensure an uninterrupted path of travel between the Delta and the American River Trail near Downtown Sacramento. This gap is also marked as a midterm priority in the City's Bicycle Master Plan (2018). Does the Regional Trail Network display only those trails along major arterials or waterways? If not, then further information elaborating on how the displayed trails in the network were chosen out of all existing/proposed trails would be appreciated. What steps has SACOG pursued to ensure the Draft Trail Network aligns and works in tandem with the Delta Commission's recently approved Delta Trail Master Plan? It is unclear what coordination, if any, was conducted with community based organizations or those groups representing disadvantaged communities in identifying potential Trail Study Corridors. We believe reaching out to these group would have proved beneficial in formulating the trail network and we would like further information about the role these organizations played in this project. US Bike Route 89 (USBR 89) is not currently included in the draft network as a potential area needing further study. USBR 89 is currently undeveloped, but has significant potential to provide regional connections for the Tahoe region, between both Placer and Nevada Counties. Will there be a formal document, which would elaborate on the Trail Network, be made available for comment? Caltrans would be interested in coordinating with SACOG on trail improvements we provide and will provide in our highway projects. We recognize the regional impact our highways serve in connecting the SACOG region and would like to work with our regional partners in any efforts to update this Trail Network through coordination and/or the provision of our trail data.

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Name	Questions and Comments
Anonymous Attendee	Any idea to incorporate 'Green bike lanes' onto all city streets. I seen this in some parts of Sacramento and Elk Grove. Would love to see it more.
Anonymous Attendee	Are there differences in funding opportunities for a "trail" versus a bike/ped path...route...?
Anonymous Attendee	Are trail improvements only occurring within member cities of SACOG?
Anonymous Attendee	How will SACOG show progress (metrics) of advancing the completion of the trail network to stakeholders/public? At what intervals?
Benjamin Garcia	Does the comment period cover only the mapping application showing the draft network or is there written documentation to comment on as well?
Garett McDermid	Would there be any "fun" features built into any of the trails for bikes, like pump track waves, berms, jumps, or are all the trails planned to be flat and boring?
Jason L Martin	So will these projects managed by local agencies?
Jason L Martin	What is the timeline from moving the proposal to be implemented where projects are started to connect the trails?
Jeff Doll	What's the time line of completed trails? My experience is that these things can take years, even over a decade, before even just one trail is built out.
Jeff Doll	This looks like the trails are mostly oriented around recreation. Why aren't trails being connected to destinations like schools, shops, stores, etc?
Joe Bryant	Does SACOG just share data and make recommendations to member agencies, or do they fund and contract these improvement projects themselves to fill in gaps in the other agencies plans?
Lauri Laporga	I'm from upstate NY and know first hand that the Empire State trail system definitely adds dramatically to quality of life and tourism in the cities and small towns. This trail system crosses the state East/West and North/South. https://empiretrail.ny.gov/map
Lindell Price	"Trails" has been used as the professional term for recreational facilities that are typically unpaved. Path, bike path, or multi-use has been the professional term for transportation facilities. It appears that professionals call paths "trails" confuse the public.
Lindell Price	Did you start by asking lower income and disadvantaged communities their transportation priorities? Did they identify this "trails plan" rather than improving safety & access for pedestrians & bicyclists by improving streets and roads?
Lindell Price	Will these connected "trails" be all weather, 24-hour, transportation facilities comparable to roads?
Lindell Price	How will CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) be implemented for the security of the "trail" users?
Lindell Price	Regarding "population within 1/2 mile" of a trail, is good pedestrian & bicycling access to the "trail" included as part of this metric?
Lindell Price	Comprehensive safety & security is not collected for off- road bike paths & multi-use paths. much less "trails". Since transportation funds are being used by SACOG, how will this absence of data be corrected?
Lindell Price	Why are you using the term "trails" for this plan, thereby causing confusion?
Lynda McNiff	I bike 15-20 miles on the trails every day....but it would be really nice to have other options
Mike Adams	With the growing popularity in ebikes how will these be included in the planning process?
Richard Hunn	Will the Regional Plan be subject to CEQA or NEPA to address the cumulative impact of Plan implementation?
Richard Hunn	Would SACOG be lead agency?
Richard Hunn	Will the Regional Plan bring or enable federal funding to develop or implement Plan elements?
Richard Hunn	How is the Regional Plan being coordinated with existing bicycle path plans of individual communities such as City of Sacramento and Sacramento County?
Stanley Price	What is SACOG doing to insure maximum safety at roadway crossings?

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Currently, Live Oak has a trail near Apricot and California street. We need improvements here but we must also add new trails elsewhere in the surrounding Live Oak sphere of influence. Has the new Garden Glen subdivision or the Live Oak Recreation area / boat ramp or near the Sutter Buttes been evacuated for a new trail?

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Has there been coordination between the draft trail network and the Delta Master Trail Plan by the Delta Protection Commission, which aims to conduct a similar effort to this project? Coordination might be beneficial to ensure that the two plans align and connect to one another to create a truly integrated multimodal network

TAC meeting comments on draft network

Name	Organization	Questions and Comments
Paul Mewton	CSD	Update in Elk Grove Trails Master Plan. Power Line proposal to finish the east side. Some along Laguna Creek. Working with Victoria, Kevin Bewsey to determine best connection. Closer to Southgate should connect. Make sure we have connections correct.
Paul Mewton	CSD	Connection between Laguna Creek/Powerline North South as a further study area so areas connect effectively.
Pristina Zhang	CivicThread	Open to adding new areas for further study? Yuba County Safe Routes to School near Olivehurst schools. Areas around Olivehurst, Linda, Arboga, etc. How to connect those communities, students from different areas traveling to schools. SR-70 blocks access.
Kathryn Canepa	CivicThread	
Erin Rivas	West Sacramento	Note destinations along riverwalk and the Bridge District.
Vince King	Southgate	Not seeing Laguna Creek stretch in our jurisdiction. East of Elk Grove Florin Rd in specific plans in development areas. Elk Grove is transitioning away from the Creek. In more urbanized area of community, trail corridors follow channelized creeks that are on difficult alignments to develop, need further study.
Mike Aho	FORPD	Regional network, connection to Fair Oaks at Bridge St into town. Just below Fair Oaks on Am River- Bridge Street is pedestrian crossing and once it gets over the river it intermixes with vehicle traffic.
Mike Aho	FORPD	American River Bike Trail through Mississippi Bar. Purple line doesn't connect but should.
Virginia Gardiner	Delta Protection Comission	Potential to access vs reported usage of trails nearby. Ex. Measuring 41%, put everything together, turn question marks into exclamation points. Made mileage goals easily, but TBD on health and EJ access goals.
Virginia Gardiner	Delta Protection Comission	Would like to see connections outside of the Delta. Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail. Connections to communities like Locke. (Waterlocked sites?)
Virginia Gardiner	Delta Protection Comission	look at 113 and 116 into Davis. Antioch Bridge is not ped/bike friendly. Outside of SACOG's group, talk to Caltrans D4 and Contra Costa.
Debra Banks	SABA	Curious about timeline and measurement of indicators. How will we measure goals?
Debra Banks	SABA	interested in the Delta master plan. Linking to Lodi, Elk Grove, etc. Trail to Vallejo. E-bike can connect us to other regions. People building a bicycle trail from Redding to Bakersfield. Links into Sacramento.