

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

Councilmembers of the Cupertino City Council
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino CA 95014

Sent via email c/o citycouncil@cupertino.org

SUBJECT: Endorsing the shortest, safest, and most pleasant route for the Stevens Creek Trail by using residential streets between Homestead and Stevens Creek Blvd.

June 13, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

Save Our Trails: Connecting Santa Clara County Communities is a California Not-for-Profit Corporation whose mission is *“To promote trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all.”* On behalf of **Save Our Trails**, I am writing to request that the City Council endorse the Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study, which advocates a route for the Stevens Creek Trail using residential streets Maxine or Caroline north of I-280; Madera and Phar Lap south of I-280, and crossing I-280 via a new bridge or an existing tunnel.

The first alternative route – via Homestead, Mary Avenue, and Stevens Creek Blvd. – entails a long detour on streets with heavy traffic, and a crossing of the CA-85 on-ramp. The other alternative route – via Homestead, Foothill Expressway, and Stevens Creek entails having trail users negotiate an exceedingly dangerous freeway on-ramp with no traffic light. Just this past weekend, an adult bicyclist was killed by a motorist on a similar County Expressway (the San Tomas). Please do not mislead innocent families who may believe in the safety of what is designated a “trail” by routing this trail along busy streets or across freeway on-ramps.

Please endorse the Maxine-Caroline-Madera-Phar Lap route, and direct Caltrans and the Water District to include this option in their plans for modification of the I-280/CA-85 interchange.

Sincerely,

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