



**SAVE OUR TRAILS
Board Meeting
Willow Glen Baptist Church
September 18, 2010 10:00 a.m.
AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 21, 2010

5. OFFICERS' REPORT

- a. President's Report regarding Board of Supervisor's meeting
- b. Treasurer's Report

6. ISSUES

- a) Appoint Bruce Tichinin as our Attorney.
- b) Determine policy under which members (or officers) may take a stand at a meeting, or write a letter, as a representative of SAVE OUR TRAILS.

I suggest the following motion (unfortunately somewhat wordy) be discussed and voted on:

No member of SAVE OUR TRAILS may write a letter or take a stand at a public meeting as a representative of SAVE OUR TRAILS unless the letter or position has been approved by a vote of the Board of Directors. In urgent situations, where the letter should be written or public statement made before the next meeting of the Board, a draft of the proposed letter or statement may be sent by email to all Board Members, and Board Members polled by email. If a quorum responds, and a majority responds affirmatively, then that will be considered as authorization for the letter to be sent or the position statement to be made at a meeting in the name of SAVE OUR TRAILS. However, if two or more Board Members object (even if a majority are in favor), the letter may not be sent and the position may not be taken without majority approval after discussion at a Board meeting.

- c) Vote on whether to write five letters, as requested by Yves Zsutty, in support requests by the City of San Jose for various trail grants. (See Attachment at the end of the minutes.)
- d) Consider the issue of having two kinds of meetings: (a) one for business, meant for Board members only, and (b) one for the general public, where minimal business will be conducted.
- e) Ask Treasurer to collect \$20 from each member of the board to pay for 501(c)(4) application.
- f) Review, analyze and determine the action and/or response to inventory of ROW trees for contamination testing by Andrew Berna-Hicks.
- g) Discuss the possibility of designing a SAVE OUR TRAILS T-shirt that we could wear at events to promote SAVE OUR TRAILS (Logo? Colors?)
- h) Discuss how to best monitor and ensure the successful purchase of the land from UPRR since they now have the money (this had always been the “obstacle”).
- i) Discuss how to best request donations, membership, etc from the various lists of interested parties.
- j) Discuss the possibility of raising funds for purchase of the East side right-of-way by having the City sell off parcels to interested property owners along the ROW.
- k) Discuss joining other groups in trail maintenance activities such as the creek cleanup on 9/25.
- l) Approve letterhead (See letterhead of the agenda for a sample.)
- m) Set up a SAVE OUR TRAILS booth at “*Day on the Bay*”
- n) Discuss the idea of our group getting involved with other bicycle and trail groups to see if we can all help each other reach the goals we've set for ourselves.
- o) Discuss organizing a bike ride sometime.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. NEXT MEETING

9. ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW

- a) Proposed letter in support of Hetch-Hetchy Trail Ramp
- b) Proposed letter in support of Tasman Drive undercrossing.
- c) Proposed letter in support of Thompson Creek Trail Habitat Conservation Fund
- d) Proposed letter in support of Coyote Creek Trail Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program.
- e) Proposed letter in support of Coyote Creek Trail Community Design & Transportation Funding

September 13, 2010

Celeste Fiore
VTA Programming & Grants Dept.
3331 N. First St., Building B-2
San Jose, CA 95134

**Subject: Support for the City of San Jose's Grant Application
Hetch-Hetchy Trail Ramp / Lower Guadalupe River Trail
Community Design & Transportation (CDT) Funding**

Dear Coordinator:

The Save Our Trails Organization strongly supports the subject grant application for funds to construct the Hetch-Hetchy Trail Ramp to link the Lower Guadalupe River Trail to nearby Light Rail service.

Our organization promotes trail development in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all members of the community. Save Our Trails strongly supports the City Council's Green Vision for development of a 100-mile trail network linked to a 400-mile on-street bikeway system by 2022.

The Hetch-Hetchy Trail Ramp is an important interconnecting project within the City's trail network. Its development will offer a link between one of the city's most popular trail systems and adjacent employment (KLA-Tencor, Cisco) and convenient Light Rail service.

The target project for this grant will offer immediate benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists. Development of ramp will:

- Offer a means of travelling across a restricted levee structure
- Support multi-modal travel with a connection to nearby Tasman Drive Light Rail stations
- Create a means for persons to enjoy the partially developed Hetch-Hetchy Trail system with mature landscaping and exercise stations

Thank you for considering a grant award for this important project. If you have any questions about this letter of support or our organization, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

September 13, 2010

Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants and Local Services
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**Subject: Support for the City of San Jose's Grant Request
Tasman Drive undercrossing (Guadalupe River Trail)
Recreational Trail Program (RTP)**

Dear Coordinator:

The Save Our Trails Organization strongly supports the subject grant application for funds to improve the Tasman Drive trail undercrossing.

Our organization promotes trail development in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all members of the community. Save Our Trails also supports the City Council's Green Vision for development of a 100-mile trail network linked to a 400-mile on-street bikeway system by 2022.

The Guadalupe River Trail is an important core trail within the City's network. Upon full build-out from the Bay to south San Jose, the trail will provide about 20 miles of continuous, off-street trail access linking housing, retail, recreation, and employment. The Tasman Drive undercrossing is located along the trail system, and provides passage beneath a busy arterial roadway with light rail service.

The target project for this grant will offer immediate benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists. Construction of improvements at the Tasman Drive undercrossing will:

- Permit year-round access by elevating the trail above normal tidal flows
- Permit ADA access and better bicycle access by improving the pavement surface
- Address the sole remaining barrier along a trail system that currently extends from the Alviso (San Francisco Bay) to downtown San Jose (about 9.5 miles)
- Support daily commuting along a route that is documented to carry nearly 1,000 daily users (over 50% are bike commuters)
- Offer better access to nearby light rail service

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**Subject: Support for the City of San Jose's Grant Application
 Thompson Creek Trail
 Habitat Conservation Fund**

Dear Coordinator:

The Save Our Trails Organization strongly supports the subject grant application for funds to construct the Thompson Creek Trail from Tully Road to Quimby Road.

Our organization promotes trail development in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all members of the community. Save Our Trails also strongly supports the City Council's Green Vision for development of a 100-mile trail network linked to a 400-mile on-street bikeway system by 2022.

The Thompson Creek Trail is an important edge trail within the City's trail network. Its planned development from the Lake Cunningham Regional Park to the City's southern boundary will provide 6 miles of continuous, off-street trail linking housing, retail, recreation and employment. Once fully developed, the trail will link to 7 miles of trail systems that provide access to the Coyote Creek Trail which is a core system within the planned network and a documented bicycle commute route.

The target project for this grant will offer immediate benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Development of a 0.7-mile paved trail from Tully Road to Quimby Road will:

- Provide year-round recreational and commute access.
- Support travel to Lake Cunningham Regional Park and a regional shopping center (Eastridge Mall).
- Provide an educational experience with an interpretive station.
- Offer greater walkability in a community defined by major arterial roadways.

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Natural Resources Agency
Attn: EEMP Coordinator
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Support for the City of San Jose's Grant Application
Coyote Creek Trail
Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP)**

Dear Coordinator:

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The Coyote Creek Trail is an important core trail within the City's trail network. Its planned development from the Bay to the City's southern boundary will provide about 25 miles of continuous, off-street trail access linking housing, retail, recreation and employment.

The target project for this grant will offer immediate benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Development of a 1.1-mile paved trail from Highway 237 Bikeway to Tasman Drive will:

- Extend an existing commute route by linking to the Highway 237 Bikeway
- Support multi-modal travel with a connection to the nearby Tasman Drive Light Rail station
- Improve off-street access leading to the Alviso community (site of future San Francisco Bay Trail development)
- Provide off-street access to nearby McCarthy Ranch, via the Highway 237 Bikeway. This is a popular destination for shopping and dining.

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