



# CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Mark Mendenhall, Chair  
Sharon Anderson, Vice Chair  
Mark Doty • Christopher Neumann • Sheri Noblett



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## ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Elk Grove City Hall

8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

City Council Chambers

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may comment on matters that are not included on the agenda that the Trails Committee has jurisdiction over. Each speaker will be limited to one (1) three (3) minute comment opportunity.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2025.

5. **DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

None.

6. **PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 TRAIL BOLLARD DISCUSSION**

Staff will provide an update on the City's approach to bollards at trail entrances and seek feedback from the Committee.

**6.2 MAY IS BIKE MONTH & BIKE RIDE WITH CITY STAFF**

The Committee will discuss ideas for promoting May is Bike Month and provide feedback. As part of May is Bike Month, there will be a Trails Committee bike ride scheduled with City Staff. The Committee will discuss potential routes and key items to highlight while on the ride.

**6.3 TRAILS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

The Committee will review and discuss the draft Annual Trails Committee update, scheduled for the April 23, 2025, City Council meeting.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*The Trails Committee may provide direction to staff for future agenda items.*

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:02 p.m. with the following participants:

**Trails Committee Members Present:** Chair Mark Mendenhall, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, Committee Members Mark Doty, Sheri Noblett, Chris Neumann (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

**Trails Committee Members Absent:**

**City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members:** Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner  
Christina Castro, CIP Division Manager  
Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner  
Jason Hone, Assistant Director, Community Development  
Kaylah Ball, CivicSpark Fellow  
Todd Meyers, Maverik Senior Site Development Manager  
Rick Magnus, AWA Engineering

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** M/S Doty/Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Mendenhall, Noblett, Anderson, Doty); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Neumann).***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

**ITEM 5.1 PLNG24-031 MAVERIK FUELING STATION**

The proposed Project site is located at the corner of East Stockton Boulevard and Grant Line Road on three parcels at 10490 Grant Line Road. The Applicant is requesting a Major Design Review, Conditional Use Permit and Boundary Line Adjustment for a new fueling station and convenience store with on site improvements.

Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner, presented the item. Todd Meyers, the Maverik Senior Site Development Manager, was present. Rick Magnus, a Consulting Engineer with AWA Engineering, was also present.

Vice Chair Anderson opened comment to discuss the addition of a trail. She noted the proposed trail included an equestrian component and said due to the lack of other equestrian facilities along westbound Grant Line/Kammerer Rd, the equestrian trail may not be necessary. The Committee agreed.

Chair Mendenhall pointed out that other Maverik locations have large truck traffic. Ms. Killingsworth showed where vehicles would move through the gas station area.

Vice Chair Anderson asked if there was an existing sidewalk along E Stockton Blvd. The Project Applicant confirmed that there is a 4 ft. sidewalk.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern about bikes coming down E Stockton Blvd.

Chair Mendenhall said that he anticipates a bike route connecting the Grant Line trail over SR99 and past Promenade Pkwy. He said it was difficult to bike through the E Stockton Blvd/Grant Line Rd intersection. He requested particular attention to this intersection going forward. The Committee

agreed.

Christina Castro said impacts would be analyzed.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern with the increase of big rig trucks in the area. Chair Mendenhall concurred that the truck radius looked tight.

Rick Magnus and Todd Meyers, representing the Project Applicant, said the traffic study was under review.

Member Noblett suggested using the unused 5 feet of equestrian trail to add more space to the pedestrian path for a wider buffer from Grant Line Rd.

Chair Mendenhall suggested widening the sidewalk enough to make it a multi-use trail.

### **ITEM 5.2 WTL016 LAGUNA CREEK INTER-REGIONAL TRAIL CROSSING AT STATE ROUTE 99**

Christina Castro presented the item.

Ms. Castro presented three designs: Baseline (matches the current Sheldon overcrossing), "Traditional Truss," and "Creek & Trees," in order of cost and said Caltrans must approve the final design.

Chair Mendenhall and Member Noblett agreed the smaller decorative trees were unnecessary for the "Creek & Trees" design. Member Neumann suggested keeping the creek without the trees.

Vice Chair Anderson suggested attaching decorations, like the bird designs decorating I-5, for a lower cost option.

Chair Mendenhall said it should be some combination of "Traditional Truss" and "Creek & Trees."

Member Noblett suggested having the arches only where the trees are, or placing two arches where they convene at the tree motif.

Member Neumann concurred with Member Noblett, the green tree shape on the arches was excessive. He supported the idea of a combination of "Traditional Truss" and "Creek & Trees."

Member Doty said that a cheaper, decent design is preferable to a more expensive design that would take longer to construct.

Chair Mendenhall recommended installing the lighting on top of the fence like the existing overcrossing, but with a more fluid lighting design.

Vice Chair Anderson said the decorative trees should resemble oaks, not palm trees.

Kaley Lyons pointed out the painted blue "creek" on the overcrossing walkway, which may be slippery. The Committee agreed there should be no confusing colors or potentially slippery details on the bridge.

Member Noblett said the blue paint was too minimalistic for a creek design. However, Ms. Castro said the adjacent Creekside Church supported the creek design.

Vice Chair Anderson asked if there would be flat areas on the inclines similar to other overcrossings. Ms. Castro said they weren't included in the proposal because the incline is 5% or less.

Chair Mendenhall concluded that the current "Creek & Trees" design is too busy.

The Committee came to consensus that construction timing was more important than an elaborate design that would cost more and take longer to implement.

### **ITEM 5.3 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

Christina Castro presented the item, including seven new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, funded through HSIP grant, and WTL041 for trail system maintenance, similar to the pavement maintenance program. She said she was proposing to increase the annual budget for trail maintenance.

Vice Chair Anderson said there was often development money but no maintenance money. She added that the north area of Elk Grove was not well-funded.

Ms. Castro said that Operations & Maintenance (O&M) performs trail rehabilitation annually. She said they were looking at new bollards standards and proposing to have O&M replace bollards as part of the regular trail maintenance program.

Chair Mendenhall said the bollards should be removed completely, especially where they pose a hazard. He gave an example on the trail down to Bartholomew Park and said users didn't expect the post to be there. Ms. Lyons confirmed that the City was looking at a policy around bollard placement.

Chair Mendenhall asked if there were any curb ramp projects. Ms. Castro said there were spot repairs throughout the City.

Vice Chair Anderson asked about a project that was supposed to bring sidewalk improvements from the Camden neighborhood and northward along Elk Grove-Florin Rd. Ms. Castro said that sidewalk improvements were made on the east side of W Camden Dr and some curb ramps were installed. Vice Chair Anderson pointed out the traffic from pedestrians and kids on bikes up to Sheldon Rd.

Vice Chair Anderson brought up the area south of E Stockton Blvd/Elk Grove-Florin Rd intersection being repaved. She said there was no bike lane, only gravel, south to Grant Line Rd. Ms. Castro said the City was looking at a project for future grants to install a class 4 bike lane on the west side of E Stockton Blvd, 10 feet wide and bidirectional. However, it would need to be reconfigured when the Whitelock interchange is built.

Member Doty brought up the CIP community meeting. He said there was no trailhead sign for Laguna Creek Trail at Waterman/Bond Rd, so people don't know the entrance is there. Ms. Castro said it would be included in the trail wayfinding project to identify all facilities, and Laguna Creek Trail was going to be prioritized for new signage.

## **PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **ITEM 6.1 TRAILS COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION**

Chair Mendenhall said the Trails Committee holds elections for Chair and Vice Chair on the Mayoral election cycle and announced it was time to select Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming term.

Chair Mendenhall was nominated to continue to serve as Chair and he accepted the nomination.

**MOTION: M/S Doty/Nobleff** to approve Mark Mendenhall as Trails Committee Chair. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Anderson, Doty, Mendenhall, Neumann, Nobleff); Noes: 0; Absent: 0.**

Vice Chair Anderson was nominated to continue to serve as Vice Chair and she accepted the nomination.

**MOTION: M/S Mendenhall/Neumann** to approve Sharon Anderson as Trails Committee Vice Chair. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Anderson, Doty, Mendenhall, Neumann, Nobleff); Noes: 0; Absent: 0.**

### **TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Mendenhall noted there hadn't been an ethics item in a while. Ms. Lyons said she may organize an ethics training at a future meeting.

Ms. Lyons mentioned activities for the City of Elk Grove's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday from July through December. Chair Mendenhall agreed to design a bike route forming a 2 and 5 on a map.

There will be no meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 17, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025, was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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**Prepared by Kaley Lyons**

**APPROVED:**

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