



CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

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ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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 DECEMBER 15, 2025.

4.2 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2026.

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

None.

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

6.1 WHITELOCK PKWY/STATE ROUTE 99 INTERCHANGE PROJECT – BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Staff will provide an update on bicycle and pedestrian access related to the Whitelock Parkway/State Route 99 Interchange Project.

6.2 TRAIL WAYFINDING KIOSKS

Staff will provide an update on trail wayfinding kiosks and seek feedback on locations to prioritize along the Laguna Creek Trail.

6.3 MINOR PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS LOG

Staff will provide an update on the status of projects included in the Trails Committee Minor Project Recommendations Log.

6.4 TRAILS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

The Committee will discuss the Annual Trails Committee update, scheduled for the April 22 City Council meeting.

6.5 MAY IS BIKE MONTH UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on planning for May is Bike Month. The Committee will discuss ideas and provide feedback.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the following participants:

- Trails Committee Members Present:** Chair Mark Mendenhall, Committee Members Sheri Noblett, Mark Doty, Chris Neumann
- Trails Committee Members Absent:** Vice Chair Sharon Anderson
- City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members:** Christal Love-Lazard, Community Engagement Program Manager
Carrie Whitlock, Long Range Planning Program Manager
Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Kaylah Ball, Intern
Alyssa Cana, CivicSpark Fellow

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident reported an issue on the Laguna Creek Trail, north of Big Horn Blvd and near Anchor Bay Way, containing vernal pools. As a resident in the area and frequent user of the trail, he has observed teens using e-bikes and other bike-like devices on the dry vernal pools. He said the bikers use the Laguna Creek Trail at high speeds and he has observed the area become more popular over time. He suggested posting signage to discourage misuse of the protected vernal pools. The resident is in contact with City staff to address the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

None.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 HEAT RESILIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Carrie Whitlock presented the item, providing an update on the Heat Resilient Transportation System Implementation Plan, funded by a grant from the California Department of Transportation. The Trails Committee was asked to provide input as relevant to trails and bike networks.

Chair Mendenhall said the Trails Committee could provide a list of frequently used locations on trails, where heat mitigation would be beneficial. He said that because trees take time to provide shade, interim solutions should be considered. Ms. Whitlock said she would appreciate the list of locations and it would help inform the plan development.

ITEM 6.2 UPDATE ON PERMANENT HOMELESS SHELTER PROJECT

Christal Love-Lazard presented the item. She said the Permanent Homeless Shelter Project was relevant as shelter guests may be frequent users of the trails and Trails Committee members were community leaders who could help inform residents and answer questions during the permanent shelter awareness campaign starting in January 2026.

Ms. Love-Lazard added that the current shelter reduced the amount of trash collected from the trails.

Chair Mendenhall said that in his experience, the current shelter has not generated major issues in the neighborhood.

Member Doty said that guests of the current shelter use the trails, as they often own bikes rather than cars. He said there have also been reports of homeless individuals on the trails, indicating a need for a permanent shelter. He added that he had volunteered at the current shelter and, while acknowledging concerns, felt that the shelter appeared well-run and focused on providing services for stabilization and employment.

ITEM 6.3 DATA COLLECTION OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAIL SAFETY

Chair Mendenhall and Kaley Lyons presented the item.

Chair Mendenhall opened the conversation about crash documentation, and potentially requesting a heat map of bicyclist/pedestrian injuries. He said that some injuries and near-misses may not be documented, especially if they take place on trails or don't involve a car.

Member Doty asked if the City already had data on reported injuries. Ms. Lyons said a heat map of collisions between cars, bikes, and pedestrians was included in the current [Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan](#), based on police reports. She said the police department had more up to date data, but it may not capture incidents on the trails or unreported injuries. She asked the Committee about ways to capture additional, relevant data.

Chair Mendenhall pointed out the challenges of new technology. He said Rocklin Unified School District banned the use of throttle-powered e-bikes in school areas, so the school district might be collecting data that the Committee could use. Chair Mendenhall noted the increasing use of e-bikes and other devices by youth, who lack a driver's mentality and may ride too fast or on the wrong side of the road.

Member Noblett asked what the data would be used for, and what outcomes would be produced. Ms. Lyons said it could inform the City's approach to address the issues uncovered in the data through educational campaigns, enforcement, and engineering (like removing bollards). She said it could also be used for grant applications to receive funding to address the issues.

The Trails Committee consensus was that they would like to help, but need to formulate a strategy. Ms. Lyons said the members could help distribute educational materials and participate in educational events, acting as liaisons. She added that as the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan was being updated in the coming year, as well as development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, there would be opportunities for the Trails Committee to provide input.

Member Doty suggested using STRAVA heat maps to understand where residents were using trails most frequently and focus on those areas.

Chair Mendenhall suggested adding this topic to the agenda in the future to discuss in more detail.

ITEM 6.4 ADOPT MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

The Committee discussed the schedule for early 2026, given that typical January and February meetings fall on holidays. Consensus was reached to adopt a new schedule for 2026 with one meeting to be held on January 26 and no February meeting scheduled. Regular meetings for the remainder of the year are the third Monday of each month from March to December.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025, was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by Kaylah Ball

APPROVED:

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the following participants:

Trails Committee Members Present: Chair Mark Mendenhall, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, Committee Member Chris Neumann

Trails Committee Members Absent: Committee Members Sheri Noblett, Mark Doty

City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members: Kyra Killingsworth, Senior Planner
Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Kaylah Ball, Intern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: M/S Anderson/Neumann to approve the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Anderson, Mendenhall, Neumann); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Noblett, Doty).***

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Anderson made public comment regarding Item 9.2 on January 28, 2026 City Council agenda, to provide updates on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) and the City of Elk Grove. Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern for a potential decline in trail maintenance quality, indicating CCSD had more capacity for immediate emergency maintenance service than the City. Staff said they would follow up to provide information on level of service that would be provided by the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

MOTION: M/S Mendenhall/Anderson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Anderson, Mendenhall, Neumann); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Noblett, Doty); Abstained: 0.***

ITEM 4.2 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2025

MOTION: M/S Mendenhall/Neumann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025. ***The motion did not have a quorum to pass by the following vote: Ayes: 2 (Neumann, Mendenhall); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Noblett, Doty); Abstained: 1 (Anderson).***

The minutes will be brought back to the next Trails Committee meeting.

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

ITEM 5.1 BILBY RIDGE SPECIFIC PLAN (THREE TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAPS)

Kyra Killingsworth presented the item, seeking feedback on a proposed trail system for three tentative subdivision maps within the future Bilby Ridge Specific Plan. She said the greenways plan included a Class 1 multiuse trail that connected to both neighborhood parks, the community park, and the elementary school. She said there were also three north-south trails that would connect with the proposed Class 1 trail on Kammerer Rd and the Class 2 bike lane on Bilby Rd. Ms. Killingsworth said this was the first step of multiple opportunities to provide input on the development of the Bilby Ridge area.

Vice Chair Anderson asked about the process in proposing these trails, since they aren't identified in the Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Trails Master Plan (BPTMP).

Ms. Killingsworth said the process was ongoing, and there would be more opportunities to provide input.

Chair Mendenhall recommended building a cohesive network of trails in the Bilby Ridge area, rather than planning disconnected trails based on individual housing developments. He said everything north of Bilby Rd was already developed, but there were no trails north of Bilby Rd. He suggested a trail at Stathos Rd to connect the areas north and south of Bilby Rd. and said Stathos Rd led north to Bartholomew Sports Park, so placing a trail along this road would increase connectivity to major destinations.

Member Neumann agreed, and added that the trail should connect south to Kammerer Rd.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern with Bilby Road's bike and pedestrian facilities, currently a Class 2 bike lane and a narrow sidewalk. She recommended better facilities and connections on the south side of Bilby Rd to provide north-south connectivity and make it more accessible for casual riders. Chair Mendenhall and Member Neumann agreed. Members said Backer Park had good amenities, so trail access was critical.

Vice Chair Anderson suggested having greenways wider than the proposed 40 ft, allowing for more than just trail and landscaping.

Member Neumann suggested a better quality facility on Bruceville Rd, which currently had a 6 ft sidewalk, and on Willard Pkwy. Vice Chair Anderson agreed.

Vice Chair Anderson asked about reviewing more detailed set of plans for Bilby Ridge and how this interacts with the BPTMP. Ms. Killingsworth said she would ask the project team for a more comprehensive trail plan or trail exhibit. She said the trail exhibit could be included in the Bilby Ridge Specific Plan, which would be brought to the Trails Committee to give input on at a future meeting. Ms. Lyons said an update to the BPTMP was scheduled to begin this year, and staff would coordinate closely regarding inclusion of trails in Bilby Ridge.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 BIKE PARKING ONLINE SURVEY

Kaley Lyons presented the item. She said the City developed a bike parking online survey a few years ago for residents to mark where bike parking exists, and make suggestions for where bike parking was needed. She added that the City's Economic Development Department was collaborating to bring decorative bike racks to Historic Main Street. Ms. Lyons asked the Committee for ideas on how to promote the survey to get feedback from residents.

Vice Chair Anderson said she could help promote by posting it to Elk Grove Trail Advocates and in the Camden neighborhood. Chair Mendenhall requested that the link to the survey be sent to Trails Committee members so they could help promote.

ITEM 6.2 TRAIL MAP UPDATE

Kaley Lyons presented the item. She said the City's GIS team was updated the online interactive map that would lead to an update of the foldable, printed map. The Trails Committee was asked to provide feedback on updates to the trail map.

Chair Mendenhall recommended adding "low stress routes" that show people how to get around without using major high-traffic roads, featuring "neighborhood connections" that people may not be aware of. He suggested color-coding the intensity of on-street bike lanes.

Vice Chair Anderson pointed out the kiosk in the Camden neighborhood, which encourages more people to use the Camden trails. Ms. Lyons said the City was exploring plans to install more kiosks at key trail locations.

ITEM 6.3 MAY IS BIKE MONTH PLANNING

Kaley Lyons presented the item, discussing ideas for promoting May Is Bike Month and requesting Trails Committee's feedback.

The Trails Committee annual update at City Council was scheduled take place on April 22, 2026.

The annual May Trails Committee/City staff bike ride was discussed to take place on either May 6 or May 20. Chair Mendenhall said he planned to focus on low-stress bike routes at the lower Laguna Creek and North Laguna areas during this year's route.

Ms. Lyons said the City planned to hold Cycle Your City Day again this year. The Trails Committee planned to assist by setting up an energizer station, most likely at the pedestrian overcrossing.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A request was made to revisit minor project recommendations on a future agenda. The Trails Committee would like to invite CIP staff to get more information on minor projects and prioritization.

The Trails Committee would like to provide more input on the Bilby Ridge Specific Plan in the future and asked that it be agendized again in the future at the appropriate time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026, was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Prepared by Kaylah Ball

APPROVED: