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COMING UP: Stevens Creek Trail celebration City and residents to dedicate two new trail projects this Saturday

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On Saturday morning, a crowd of trail-lovers will gather to celebrate the opening of the sleek new Stevens Creek Trail bridge over Moffett Boulevard.

For several weeks, locals traversing Moffett Boulevard have watched the huge steel catwalk go up next to Highway 85. The bright blue, 482-foot bridge cost \$3.4 million and was prefabricated in four sections.

The Saturday morning dedication will be followed by an hour-long guided trail walk, culminating with another dedication -- this time for the new trail extension from El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue, which opened to the public in late February.

The 2,700-foot trail extension cost \$1.1 million, including a smaller bridge over the creek at Sleeper Avenue, and connects residents south of El Camino Real to the much-loved trail.

Bikers and pedestrians there previously had to navigate busy El Camino Real to reach the trail, but the extension -- and the tunnel under El Camino, which was finished last year -- fixes that. It's now possible to walk or bike from Cuesta Park to Shoreline Park and encounter only one street crossing, at Grant Road.

"It's the best thing ever," a Los Altos resident told the Voice soon after the extension opened.

The first ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Then At 10:30, the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail will begin the one-hour guided walk, 2.5 miles long, to Sleeper Avenue, where the city will dedicate the extension south of El Camino Real at 11:30 a.m.

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Posted by Marti, a resident of the Cuesta Park neighborhood, on Jun 12, 2009 at 2:16 pm

Great and wonderful... Keeps me off Grant Ave while riding my bike to Shoreline....

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Posted by Don Kensil, a resident of the Old Mountain View neighborhood, on Jun 12, 2009 at 2:18 pm

As one who has biked on this trail for at least 10 years, it's great that it's being lengthened, and the overpass will be helpful. It's sad, though, that so many biker users are so dangerously careless which makes biking on the trail somewhat stressful. To make this situation even more troublesome, some wise parents are now getting their kids to bike to Landels school using the trail. Unfortunately there is rare police presence on the trail despite requests for police to patrol the trail - on bikes of course. I fear that a future "Voice News" article will report a serious accident - or death - resulting from some biker-caused behavior.

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Posted by Steve Hays, a resident of the Old Mountain View neighborhood, on Jun 12, 2009 at 2:21 pm

I'm so glad to live a city that exercises a strong vision for its members! I use the trail all the time, and so appreciate the physical and mental health benefits of it. Thank you Mountain View! See you at the ceremony this weekend.

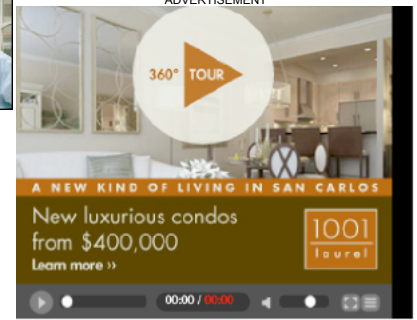
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Posted by Dave Williams, a resident of the Waverly Park neighborhood, on Jun 12, 2009 at 2:25 pm

The festivities at Sleeper Park begin at 11:00. South Bay bluegrass band 'bout Time! will be playing in Sleeper Park at 11:00 for the early arrivers from the trail or the neighborhoods and again at 12:00 after the dedication of the bridge.

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Posted by Mr. Nice, a resident of the North Whisman neighborhood, on Jun 12, 2009 at 7:06 pm

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Posted by Mr. Big, a resident of the Whisman Station neighborhood, on Jun 13, 2009 at 2:38 am

I'm glad our trail keeps expanding and that the crossing at Moffett Blvd. has been made safer by the bridge addition. Too many bikers and joggers were crossing on red lights, it was just a matter of time before someone was killed.

There are too many wannabe Lance Armstrong's using the trail as a race track for time trials.

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