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The City Council last week approved conceptual designs for further upgrades to the city's trail network that would extend the trails into more residential neighborhoods.

The city says it has found millions in funding to build a pedestrian bridge over Highway 101 and a pedestrian tunnel under Old Middlefield Way to extend the Permanente Creek Trail south from Shoreline Park. Also, a new pedestrian bridge over Highway 85 would extend the Stevens Creek Trail into yet another residential neighborhood.

City staffers say the conceptual design of the Stevens Creek Trail bridge was "well received" by 12 people who attended an Aug. 27 meeting on the subject. The bridge would cross Highway 85 from the new Sleeper Avenue extension to the "Dale-Heatherstone" neighborhood near Camino Medical Group, allowing future construction of the trail farther south to another bridge proposed for Highway 85 near Mountain View High School.

According to city staffers, the design and construction of the Stevens Creek Trail bridge project is fully funded with \$6.3 million from various sources, including federal grant money.

The tunnel and bridge proposed for the Permanente Creek Trail also were well received by 18 residents at a Sept. 1 meeting and by the council's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, city staffers say. The bridge would extend the Permanente Creek Trail from Shoreline Park -- and most of Google's offices -- to the residential area south of Highway 101. Just south of the bridge, the tunnel will extend the trail southward along Permanente Creek by creating a safe crossing under Old Middlefield Way to avoid cars exiting Highway 101 at high speed.

Staffers said design and construction of the Permanente Creek tunnel and bridge is fully funded with \$9.43 million in property taxes collected in the Shoreline district from companies like Google.

The conceptual tunnel features block glass skylights at each end, LED lighting and patterns inset in the cement. Both bridges also have aesthetically appealing design features, adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to their cost. Details are available in [laserfiche.mountainview.gov the city staff report].

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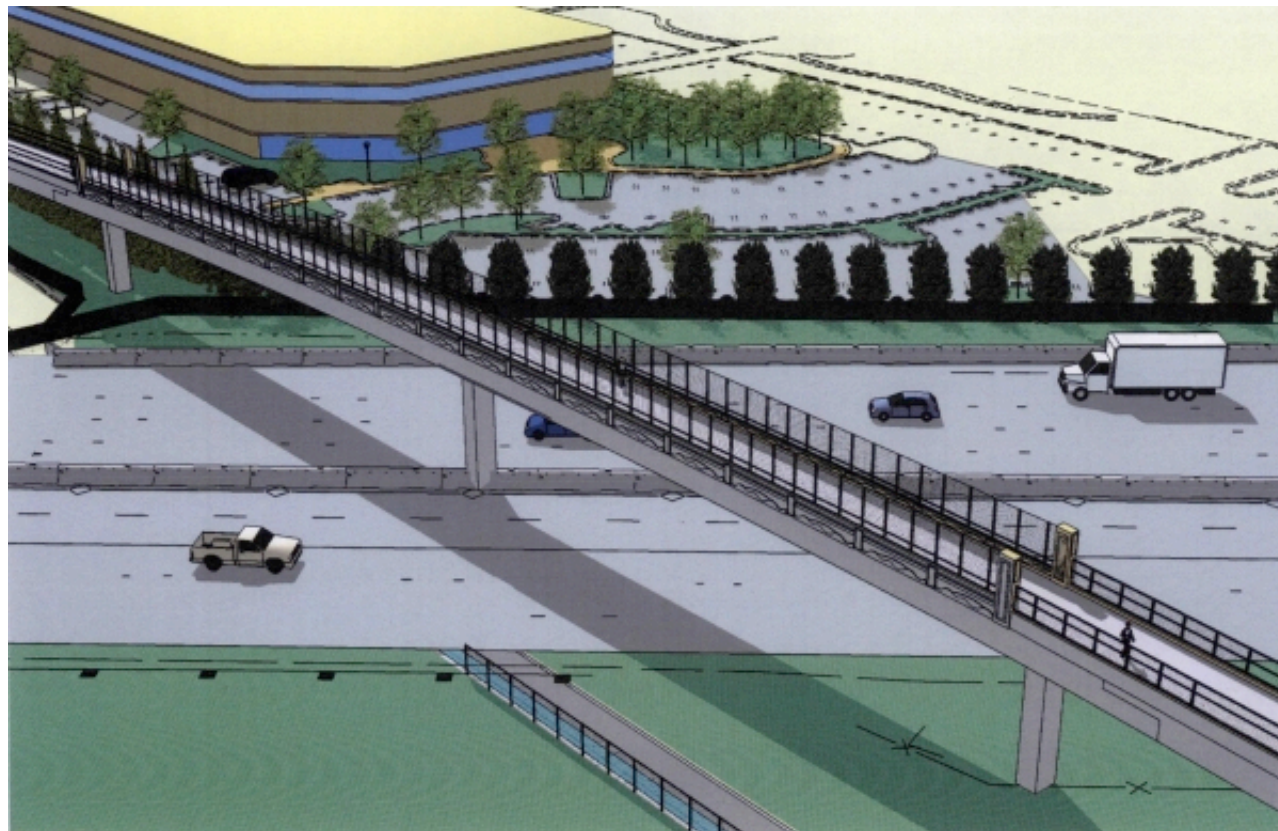
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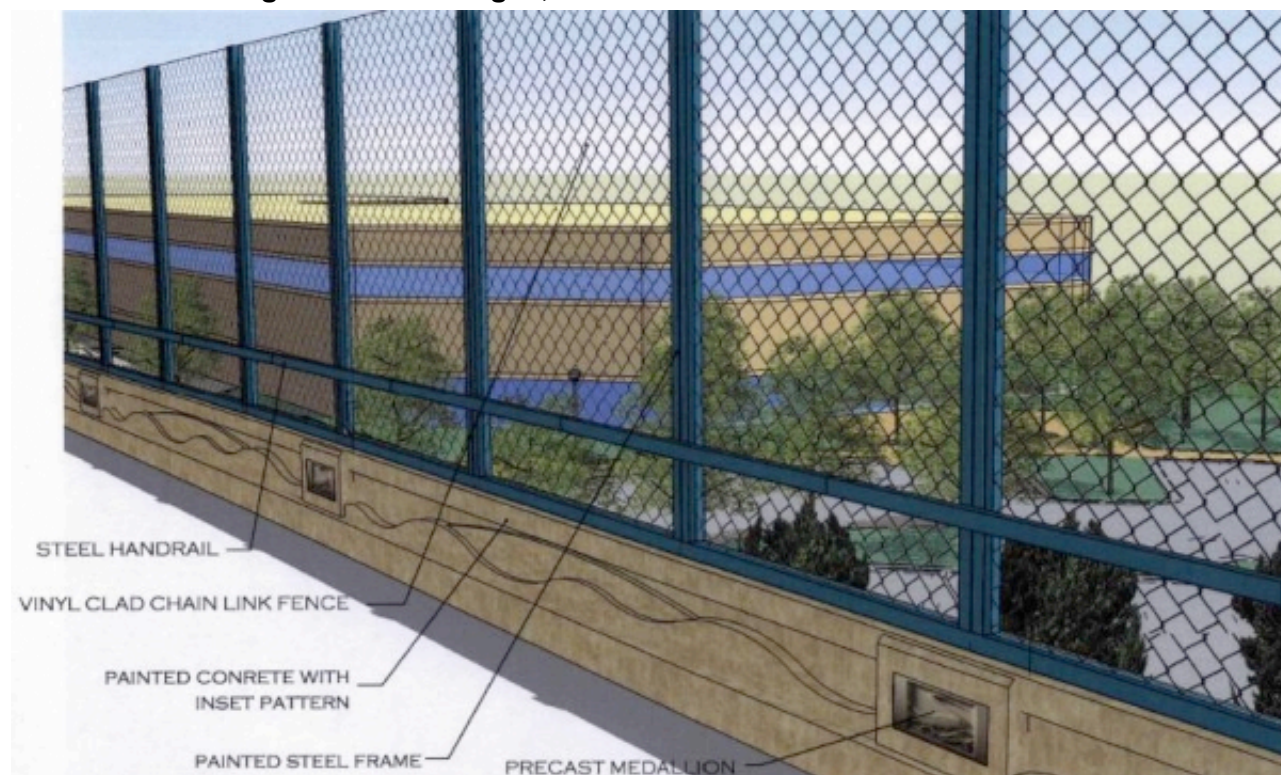
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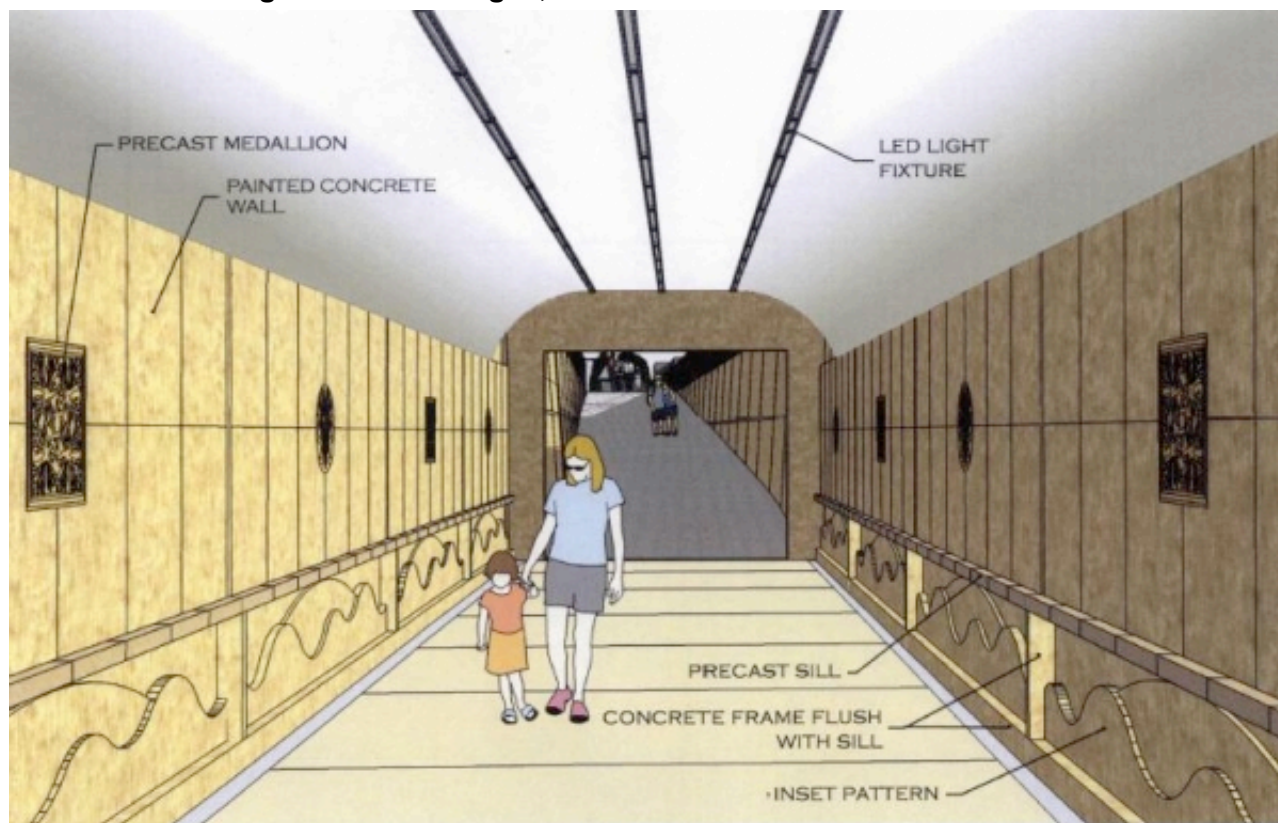
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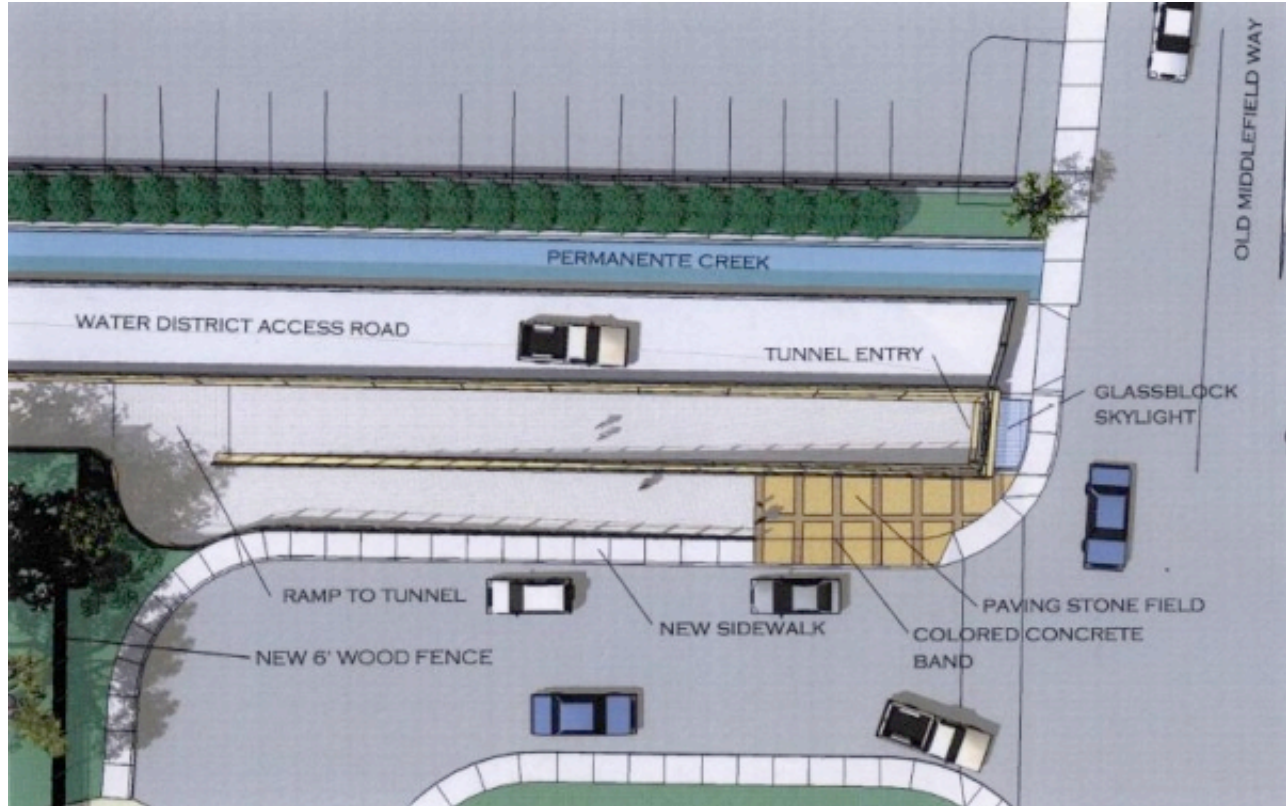
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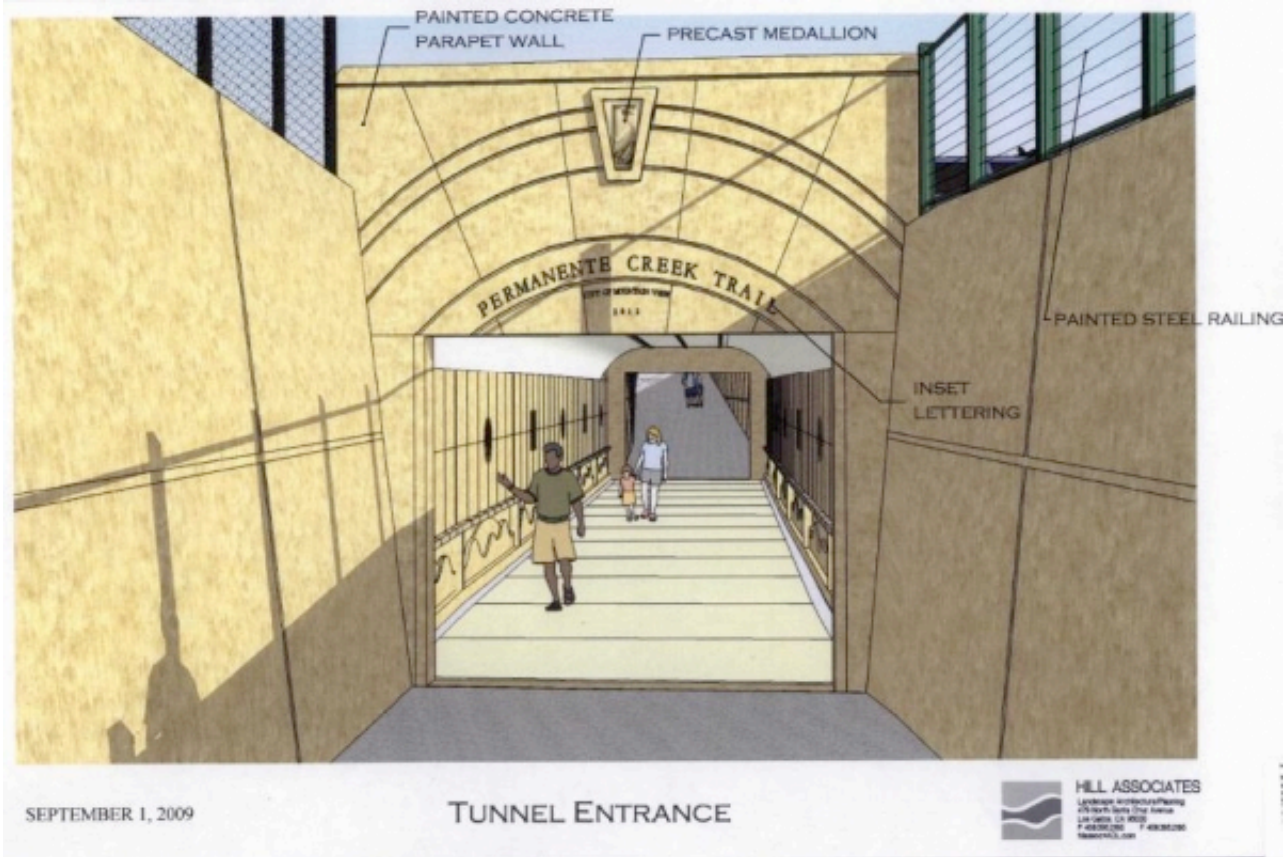
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