

With new funding, Sunnyvale moves forward with Stevens Creek Trail study

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Thanks to financial contributions from surrounding cities, Sunnyvale will be moving forward with a study to look into a Stevens Creek Trail corridor concept.

The Sunnyvale City Council agreed to accept \$27,500 from the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos and Cupertino at its meeting Tuesday. The Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail community group also offered a \$5,000 financial donation.

An additional \$7,795 will come from the existing Project Readiness Initiative project and \$25,000 was awarded from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority last fiscal year.

The latest contributions of \$40,295 will be added to the existing budget for the Steven Creek Feasibility Study for a total of \$107, 500.

The study aims to find alternative trail alignments, hoping to link trails from Mountain View to Cupertino. However, trail connections through Sunnyvale have not exactly been pinpointed.

The Sunnyvale Sun previously reported the preferred route for the trail would run through less than a quarter-mile of Sunnyvale territory in the area of Highway 85 and Fremont Avenue.

Los Altos has proposed that the trail cross the creek into Sunnyvale just north of that intersection, pass under Highway 85 and follow the southbound off-ramp to Fremont Avenue. From there, a multi-use path separated from traffic by a buffer planting strip would continue along Fremont Avenue, Grant Road and Foothill Expressway and into Cupertino, which is planning to

build a multi-use trail through Blackberry Farm.

The approximate time frame for completing the study is early 2013.

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