



Council Meeting: January 27, 2009

**SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Assignment to a Stevens Creek Trail
Interagency Coordination Committee**

REPORT IN BRIEF

The City of Mountain View is taking a lead role in the formation of a new policy and technical working group for coordinating plans for extending the Stevens Creek Trail. The group will consist of representatives from the four cities in the Stevens Creek Trail corridor (Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and Cupertino). The attached letter from the City of Mountain View (Attachment A) requests that each city designate a policy representative and a staff member to participate in the group. The objective of the group is to develop and coordinate a mutually agreeable concept for completion of the Stevens Creek Trail from the Bay to the Santa Cruz Mountains, and to subsequently seek resources to construct the remaining trail in a cooperative and unified effort.

Staff recommends Council appoint a Councilmember to serve until January 2010. The City Manager has appointed Transportation and Traffic Manager, Jack Witthaus to be the staff representative.

BACKGROUND

Traditionally, in January of each year, the City Council fills a number of positions for intergovernmental (IGR) assignments. The City Council appoints members to a variety of intergovernmental agencies in order to represent the City's interests and to influence policies and regulations of other agencies. The City Council also ratifies the appointment of Councilmembers made by other organizations. From time to time appointments come up that require Council action outside of the normal timeframe. The Stevens Creek Trail Committee assignment was proposed after the January 6, 2009 IGR appointments Report To Council (RTC) was finalized and published.

EXISTING POLICY

GOAL 7.3C: Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, in order to represent the city's interest, influence policy and regulations, and enhance awareness.

Policy 7.3C.1 Represent adopted City policy in intergovernmental activities.

DISCUSSION

The newly proposed Stevens Creek Trail Coordination Committee is an outcome of a meeting of policy makers and City staff following the completion of a Stevens Creek Trail feasibility study by the City of Los Altos. Facilitated by Mountain View Council Members and staff, the attendees agreed that coordination of trail planning between Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Los Altos can potentially maximize the regional recreational and bicycle commute benefits of the trail. The new Committee's purpose is to coordinate inter-jurisdictional trail planning. The committee includes representatives from each city along Stevens Creek. The proposal from Mountain View requests that Sunnyvale appoint:

- One City Councilmember
- One staff member

The City Manager has appointed Transportation and Traffic Manager, Jack Witthaus to be the staff member on the committee and the support staff to the Councilmember serving on the committee.

The committee will meet periodically with meeting times yet to be established.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, in the Office of the City Clerk, at the Library, Senior Center, Community Center, and Department of Public Safety; posting the agenda and report on the City's Web site; and making the report available at the Library and the Office of the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Appoint a Councilmember to serve on the Stevens Creek Trail coordination committee until January 2010.
2. Do not appoint a Council Member to serve on the Stevens Creek Trail coordination committee.
3. Take no action at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1: appoint a Councilmember to serve on the Stevens Creek Trail coordination committee until January 2010. While staff has been conducting coordination with other jurisdictions in the Stevens Creek corridor for several years, there are several issues of policy and opportunities for coordination that a policy-level coordination committee can effectively address. Staff believes City participation in this committee is a worthwhile endeavor.

Prepared by:

Marvin A. Rose, Director, Public Works

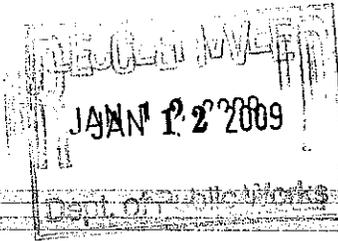
Prepared by: Jack Witthaus, Transportation and Traffic Manager

Approved by:

Gary M. Luebbers
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Copy of Letter from City of Mountain View - Stevens Creek Trail Coordination Committee Appointment Request



ATTACHMENT A

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January 9, 2009

Mayor Anthony Spitaleri
City of Sunnyvale
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

STEVENS CREEK TRAIL SUMMIT—NEXT STEPS

Dear Mayor Spitaleri:

This letter is in follow-up to the very productive December 19, 2008 Stevens Creek Trail Summit (Summit). The goal of the Summit was to share information about the status of the trail in each of our communities and to discuss how we can work together to extend the trail from Mountain View through Los Altos and Sunnyvale to its terminus in Cupertino. We appreciate the strong representation of elected officials and staff from the Cities of Sunnyvale, Los Altos and Cupertino as well as representatives from the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail. A list of attendees is enclosed for your information.

What emerged from the discussion was a strong interest on the part of the four cities to work together to develop potential ideas for the future trail alignment. To that end, the group is recommending creation of a Stevens Creek Trail Working Team (Team) consisting of one councilmember and one staff person from the four cities as well as representatives from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

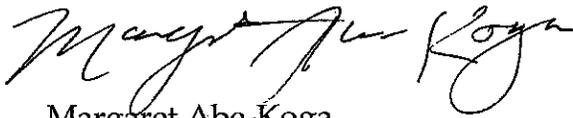
The purpose of this letter is to request that you appoint a councilmember and staff representative to the Team so we can convene a meeting to continue our work. The strategy is for the Team to explore possible trail alignments and bring their ideas to a second Summit that will be scheduled this spring/summer after completion of the next reach of the trail from El Camino Real to the Sleeper Open Space in Mountain View.

At your earliest convenience, please let me know who will be the representatives from your community. Mountain View is happy to take the lead in convening the next Team meeting.

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Thank you for your attention and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Margaret Abe-Koga
Mayor

Thanks Tony!
Looking forward to
working with you...

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Enclosure

cc: Councilmember Christopher R. Moylan—City of Sunnyvale

Public Works Director Marvin A. Rose—City of Sunnyvale

Traffic Manager Jack Witthaus—City of Sunnyvale

Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

City Council

CM, PWD, APWD—Fuller

STEVENS CREEK TRAIL SUMMIT ATTENDEES

DECEMBER 19, 2008

City of Mountain View

Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga
Councilmember Tom Means
City Manager Kevin C. Duggan
Public Works Director Cathy R. Lazarus
Assistant Public Works Director Michael A. Fuller
Design Engineer Robert Kagiya

City of Los Altos

Councilmember Val Carpenter
Councilmember Lou Becker
City Manager Doug Schmitz
Senior Engineer Larry Lind
Chair, Traffic Commission, BPAC Bill Crook
Co-Chair, Stevens Creek Trail Task Force, Curt Riffle
Co-Chair, Stevens Creek Trail Task Force, Jeannie Bruins

City of Sunnyvale

Councilmember Christopher R. Moylan
Public Works Director Marvin A. Rose
Traffic Manager Jack Witthaus

City of Cupertino

Mayor Orrin Mahoney

Friends of Stevens Creek Trail

Art Takahara
Roy Verley

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