SAN LORENZO CREEKWAY

BUILDING EQUITABLE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN ALAMEDA COUNTY
AGENDA

- Introductions
- San Lorenzo Creekway Project Overview
- Panel Discussion
- Creekway Planning and Design Framework
- Q & A
SAN LORENZO CREEKWAY VISION & GOALS

Building Equitable Active Transportation in Alameda County
The San Lorenzo Creekway equitably connects us to SCHOOLS, JOBS, SERVICES, and HEALTHY PLACES.
PROJECT & COMMUNITY TEAMS

San Lorenzo Creekway Community

HAYWARD AREA RECREATION DISTRICT – CAPITAL PLANNING
- Meghan Tiernan
- Michael Williams

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY, & ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- Daniel Woldesenbet
- Hank Ackerman

WRT – Planning and Landscape Architecture

HTA – Grant Funding Strategy and Development

STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE
- Alison Abbors | Alameda County Planning
- Mo Sharma | City of Hayward
- Jim Wheeler | HARD – Recreation
- Kathie Ready | San Lorenzo Village HOA
- Carmen Lopez | San Lorenzo Unified School District
- Cindy Torres | Cherryland Community Association
- Matt Turner | Trails Advocacy At-Large
- Tonya Covarrubias | East Bay Regional Park District
- Susie Hufstader | Bike East Bay
- Bruce King | Friends of San Lorenzo Creek
- Chris Costanzo | HARD – Parks
- Deborah Cox | Assembly Member Bill Quirk, District 20
- James Baker | HARD – Public Safety
- Diana Maravilla | San Lorenzo Unified School District
- Joaquin Newman | REACH Ashland Youth Center

& THE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW!
CREEKWAY PLANNING TODAY

Master Plan and ATP Grant Schedule Extension

Active Transportation Program (ATP) cycle 5: Grant funding from the State of California that focuses on encouraging the increased use of active modes of transportation. $100,000,000 is distributed throughout the state.

SAN LORENZO CREEKWAY COMMUNITY MEETING MAY 6TH, 2020
COMMUNITY HISTORY

Pre-1800s
Ohlone Time
Ohlone people live in the Bay Area for some 10,000 years. Spanish arrive in late 1700s.

1870s-90s
Hayward Emerges
Hayward’s store and hotel. Castro plats town; Hayward incorporates and grows. Railroads arrive.

1950s-60s
Flood and Development
1950 flood results in San Lorenzo Creek channel. Major suburban tract development. Highways.

1850s-60s
American Settlers

1910s-20s
Cherryland

2010s-20s
Accessible City
Today Hayward is embracing its downtown and seeking to be a walkable, bikeable place.
The areas north and west of Hayward were planted with fruit orchards starting in the 1860s. William Meek and John Lewelling had the largest operations. Canning operations followed. (City of Hayward Historic Context Statement, 2010; image courtesy Hayward Area Historical Society.)

In the 1850s and ‘60s, produce was shipped across the bay from Roberts Landing, at the mouth of San Lorenzo Creek, and other spots along the shoreline. (City of Hayward Historic Context Statement, 2010.)
In November 1950, heavy rain and a levee failure along Alameda Creek caused extensive flooding along the bay shore (Hayward Area Historical Society.)

After World War II, the Hayward area grew exponentially, with the largest tracts built between 1951 and 1958 on former agricultural land (City of Hayward Historic Context Report, 2010.)
COMMUNITY HISTORY
San Lorenzo Creek

San Lorenzo Creek in its natural channel, 1939 (Hayward Area Historical Society.)

San Lorenzo Creek from Hazel Avenue, 2019. The creek was channelized following the 1950 flood. (Hayward Area Historical Society.)
San Lorenzo Creek passes through a very diverse community with no majority racial or ethnic group. People between the ages of 20 and 44 make up the largest age group.
ONGOING BIKE/PED PLANNING TODAY

HARD Trails and Open Space Master Plan

Alameda County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

San Leandro Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Hayward Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

& Others

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CATALYST DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE CREEKWAY

Private development building the public creekway
PANEL DISCUSSION

PANELISTS

Diana Maravilla
Health and Wellness Coordinator, San Lorenzo Unified School District

Sara Buizer
Planning Manager, City of Hayward

Susie Hufstader
Advocacy Manager, Bike East Bay

Ben Kaufman
Trail Development Manager, Rails to Trails
Diana Maravilla, MPH
Health and Wellness Coordinator
San Lorenzo Unified School District
SLzUSD - Who are we?

10,040 Students
Overview of Student Wellness Plan

- Focus Areas

- Child Nutrition
- Social-Emotional/Mental Health *
- Restorative Practices
- Physical Education/Activity *
- Gardening and Green Sustainable Practices *
- Health Education
Social Determinants of Health

- Access to open spaces
- Behaviors
- Safety
- Mobility
- Nature
- Primary prevention
Fast Facts: Alameda County Public Health Report

- In Alameda County, more than half (54.6 percent) of adults and a third (34.7 percent) of school-aged children (in grades 5, 7, and 9) are overweight and obese.
- Heart disease and diabetes - both of which are tied to obesity were among the top 10 leading causes of death in 2010.
- Diabetes and metabolic/nutritional disorders were among the 10 most common reasons for hospitalization of children in Alameda County between 2007 and 2010.

(ACPHD, 2020)
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Sara Buizer, AICP
Planning Manager

Sara oversees the City of Hayward’s Planning Division, including the review of new development projects as well as long term-policy documents guiding future development in the City.
City of Hayward

New Development
Lincoln Landing

Long-term Policy Documents
Hayward 2040 General Plan

Connectivity
Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
Improving your ride through advocacy, education, and fun events.

Susie Hufstader, Advocacy Manager
Low Stress Facilities:
Multi-Use Path
Protected Bike Lane
Bike Boulevard
Connecting communities: Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Unincorporated Areas
Coming to the neighborhood: bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Mission Blvd
Local examples: Iron Horse Trail, Richmond Greenway, Bay Trail, Ohlone Greenway, Alameda Creek Trail

Can include community rides, public art, gardening, nature programs, and more!
The Benefits of Trails

San Lorenzo Creekway
Virtual Community Meeting
5.6.20

Presentation by Ben Kaufman
of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Introduction to the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Our Organization’s Work

RTC is dedicated to creating a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people.

railstotrails.org
RTC’s Three-Legged Stool

Trail Projects
We help communities meet the dynamic challenges of trail development for the creation of successful multi-use pathways.

Policy Work
We steadfastly advocate for state and federal policies and funding programs that make trail development and walking/biking infrastructure possible.

Trail Promotion
Recognizing and highlighting excellent trails—and the people who make them possible—is part of our daily work.
1986:
250 miles of open multi-use trails

2019:
24,127 miles of open multi-use trails (2,145 trails)
8,737 miles of multi-use trail projects in progress (820 projects)
Trails Today

Rail-Trails and Multi-Use Trails in the US

SOURCE: RTC’s TrailLink.com
Benefits of Trails
Economic Benefits

• Americans spend more on bicycling each year than on airline travel

• Trails encourage direct consumer spending at small local businesses (> $40 million/year along Great Allegheny Passage)

• Create 17 jobs per $1 million spent

• Identified by 60% of homebuyers as most desirable community feature influencing home purchase

Source: Flickr user clio1789
Economic Benefits

Increased Property Values

- New Freedom, PA: Trail-adjacent homes started $30k higher than the rest of the town
- Indianapolis, IN: Amenity value of trails was associated with more than $140 million in increased property values

Increased Property Demand

- Brown County, WI: Trail-adjacent lots sold faster and for 9% more on average
- Denver, CO: 73% of real estate agents surveyed believe that homes adjacent to trails are easier to sell
Safety/Security Benefits

• Trails themselves do not generate crime but perception of trail safety may influence trail use

• Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
  • Trail patrols (citizen-led with support from law enforcement)
  • Lighting
  • Promotion & programming (“eyes on the trail”)

Source: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Equity Benefits

- More than 2/3 of African Americans and Latinos in the Bay Area are overweight or obese
- Low-income communities of color in Bay Area have less access to parks and open space
- Bay Area’s communities of color are less likely to own cars, need safe, accessible car-free options

Source: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Transportation Benefits

- Nearly 3/4 of Americans feel they have no choice but to drive as much as they do, 2/3 would like more transportation options
- Provide a non-polluting, convenient and safe transportation option
- Help reduce reliance on automobiles and reduce transportation costs
- Help reduce congestion by providing transportation options that don’t clog our streets

Source: Flickr user Richard Masoner / Cyclelicious
Health Benefits

- Fewer than 33% of Americans meet the federal exercise recommendation
- Help residents incorporate exercise into daily routines
- Provide scenic green spaces that encourage people to get outdoors and get active

Source: Flickr user memily
Environmental Benefits

- Preserve natural landscapes, help to reduce invasive species, and reconnect fragmented habitats
- Improve local air quality and reduce vehicle emissions by shifting trip types and providing vegetation that creates oxygen and filters out air pollutants
- Improve water quality by integrating green stormwater infrastructure and serving as part of a riparian zone

Source: Flickr user Fabi Fliervoet
Thank You!

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CREEKWAY VISION PRECEDENTS

Other Trail Projects

Rochor Canal | SINGAPORE

Ohlone Greenway | CALIFORNIA

Georgetown Waterfront Park | WASHINGTON, DC

Buffalo Bayou Promenade | TEXAS
CREEKWAY CROSS-SECTIONS

Concrete Floodwall Segment

Creek Cross Section

Plan view
CREEKWAY CROSS-SECTIONS

Natural Embankment Segment

Creek Cross Section

Plan view
DETAILED CREEKWAY SECTIONS

SHARED USE

TYPICAL 12' CREEKWAY ROW

SAN LORENZO CREEKWAY

TYPICAL 16' CREEKWAY ROW

SAN LORENZO CREEKWAY

DETAILED CREEKWAY SECTIONS

SEPARATED LANES

TYPICAL 12’ CREEKWAY ROW

TYPICAL 16’ CREEKWAY ROW

CREEKWAY CONNECTIONS

Entrances & Destinations

- a. San Francisco Bay Trail
- b. KIPP King Collegiate High School
- c. Washington Ave
- d. Hesperian Blvd
- e. Meekland Ave
- f. Meek Park
- g. Hampton Rd
- h. Mission Blvd
- i. Grove Way
- j. Hazel Ave
- k. Foothill Blvd
- l. 2nd St
- m. A St
- n. Redwood Rd
- o. Center St
- p. Don Castro Regional Rec Area
- q. Cull Canyon
CREEKWAY ENTRANCES, ACTIVITY SPOTS & EDDIES

Typical Entrances & Road Crossings

Meekland Ave Entrance and Crossing

View of Meekland Ave Bridge from the existing access road
IDEAS & INSPIRATION FOR THE CREEKWAY

Opportunities along the Creekway

Paving

Benches
IDEAS & INSPIRATION FOR THE CREEKWAY

Opportunities along the Creekway

Lighting

Signage_Wayfinding

Signage_Interpretive
IDEAS & INSPIRATION FOR THE CREEKWAY

Opportunities along the Creekway

Railing

Fence/Screening
IDEAS & INSPIRATION FOR THE CREEKWAY

Opportunities along the Creekway

Shade Structure / Bridges

Edendale Park

Guadalupe River

Furnishing

Castro Valley Library

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Q & A - KEEP ENGAGING!

Future Opportunities to Participate

• Have everyone in your household take the Online Survey! (Especially kids and seniors!)
  • English Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P3M9VJQ)
  • Encuesta española (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3D73CV7)
  • 中文调查 (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCYCTB7)

• Join us again for a Virtual Coffee Chat this Saturday, May 9th at 10am.
  • Recap of today's presentation, and time for more Q&A.

• Visit the website for future community meeting info:
  https://www.haywardrec.org/1924/San-Lorenzo-Creekway

• Contact Michael Williams with any other questions or comments. wmsm@haywardrec.org