

Five Wounds Trail – Identified Alignment
Site Challenge (US 101 to Mabury Road)
Meeting Notes and Action Items

August 28, 2017
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Jill Gibson (VTA); Oxo Slayer (VTA); Manolo Gonzalez-Estay (VTA); Yves Zsutty (CSJ) Bob Van Cleef (CWG), Mary Van Cleef, Terry Christensen (CWG) ; Davide Viera (CWG); Bill Rankin and Eileen Goodwin (Apex Strategies),

1. Jill thanked Bob for pointing out that the tail track is not showing as an “existing condition” on the plan and profile drawings in the draft SEIS/SEIR. This will be corrected in the Final SEIS/SEIR.

Action item: VTA staff to correct plan and profile drawings for the Final SEIS/SEIR.

2. Group questioned whether the tail track was necessary after the Phase II extension.

Action Item: VTA to review tail track and report out at September CWG meeting. VTA to also revisit why the project does not wish to utilize the Las Plumas area for a maintenance yard and train storage facility and report out on that as well.

3. Yves reported that the City of San Jose has, and continues to develop a Trail Network by identifying, studying, planning, designing and building trails. This step-by-step approach requires careful study and ensures viable projects. Yves discuss long-term vision for trails in the area. The City has prepared and approved two nearby master plans with some overlap to the project area (Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan and Lower Silver Creek Trail). The community-developed plan is a good identification of the project alignment, but needs to be considered and planned based on site challenges, traffic, and other technical issues. He expressed concern for re-use of the railroad bridge due to public safety concerns related to visibility. At a minimum, the need for a feasibility study to determine the viability of re-use for recreational trail purposes. There may be a desire to re-use the footings of the bridge but until a Feasibility Study and Master Plan is prepared to determine a design and operational approach, the bridge will continue to be fenced. Yves also mentioned that the City is pursuing acquisition of the right-of-way it can (William Street to Whitton Avenue) in the near term and has negotiated a “right of first refusal” for additional right-of-way under VTA control (between E. Julian Street and US 101) that could be executed after the extension is constructed. Yves stressed the City is monitoring this area and seeks to work with VTA once sale of the land is possible. The "first right of refusal" is still under negotiation between the agencies. There's no documentation at this time.

Yves also put forward two possible routes for future study; 1) follow the railway alignment, and 2) follow the City Corporation Yard boundary along US 101. Option 2 takes advantage of the creek area and planned development of Coyote Creek Trail, it also leads trail users to

the Mabury Road traffic signal and possible trail undercrossing. His thought is that the riparian trail would be more attractive and desirable, and persons seeking to access BART would need to use the traffic signal or under-crossing regardless of option selected.

Action item: Yves to provide link to annual trail report. Complete: **Annual Trail Report** (current workload): <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/70000>

Action Item: VTA to address what their needs for staging are in the Alum Rock area and whether some right-of-way might be exceeded prior to completion of the construction between Santa Clara Street and San Fernando Street.

4. Davide asked about the recent planning grant (East San Jose Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan) the City received and whether the trail effort was part of that.

Action Item: City to report out on grant at next CWG meeting and answer what is and is not covered in the grant related to station access.

5. Yves clarified trail development schedules to be:

- With local and State funding (subject to Council action): Approximately 8 years
- With local, State and Federal funding (subject to Council action): Approximately 15 years.

Community members asked whether there was urgency in creating the trail due to land use related issues in the General Plan. VTA clarified that they had asked the City to change the zoning to “transportation land use.” The City approved that change in the last General Plan update.

The CWG members requested a “Trails Overview” on a future CWG agenda perhaps related to access planning efforts.

Action Item: VTA to find a spot on the CWG Work plan for Trails Overview. Complete: Trails Overview has been added to the CWG work plan for February 2018.

6. The group confirmed a report out on this meeting would be appropriate at the September CWG and that Yves should attend if possible.

Action Item: VTA to agendize the report out at a time certain so Yves can attend. Complete: Yves will present around 4:15 to the Alum Rock CWG on September 13, 2017.

All agreed the meeting was productive and positive. Everyone was thanked for their efforts and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Additional links:

Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan (Montague Expressway to Watson Park):
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9350>
(Specifically, Figure 23 on page 60)

Lower Silver Creek Trail Master Plan:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9361>
(Specifically, Figure 4 on page 18)

Five Wounds Trail – Community Concept Plan:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9352>
(Specifically, Figure 46 on page 98)

Five Wounds Urban Village Plan:
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24143>