



# Planning Commission Agenda Report

February 27, 2019  
Item 6.a.

**SUBJECT: Review and recommend approval of the final draft of the Trails Master Plan**

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approval of the final draft Trails Master Plan (TMP).

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff and the consultant, TrailPeople, have completed the final draft of the TMP. Staff is asking the Planning Commission to review and recommend approval of the final draft TMP, with comments, as necessary.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 1993, the City of Pleasanton prepared a community Trails Master Plan to serve as a guide for future trail development in Pleasanton and to be used as a long-range planning tool to assist the City during development review. With the significant amount of development within Pleasanton over the last few years, and the identification of trails in other various plans (specific plans, master plans, design guidelines, etc.) it was apparent that a new Trails Master Plan was required. City Council identified the TMP as a priority in their 2016 CIP recommendation.

In early 2017 staff prepared a Request for Qualifications package seeking a consultant team to assist with updating the TMP. TrailPeople was selected as the most qualified consultant for the effort. In the summer of 2017, City staff and TrailPeople began work on the project. The first few months of work consisted of data gathering, research, analysis, and public outreach. The outreach included:

1. A website for the TMP ([www.pleasantontrails.com](http://www.pleasantontrails.com))
2. Advertisement at public events such as Ignite (October 14, 2017), the Farmers Market (October 21, 2017, and February 24, 2018), the Oracle Green Fair (April 19, 2018), and Earth Day (April 22, 2018)
3. An online survey that was open for three months (October 2017 – January 2018)
4. Monthly trail hiking events (starting in February)
5. Advertising the TMP in the local papers and on social media
6. Two public outreach meetings dedicated to discussion of the TMP (November 16, 2017, and January 18, 2017)
7. Meetings with Alameda County, Dublin, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Zone 7, Tri-Valley Conservancy, and the East Bay Regional Park District
8. Six Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail Committee (BPTC) meetings
9. One Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting (May 10, 2018)
10. One City Council meeting (May 15, 2018)

The final of the six BPTC meetings, and the PRC and City Council meetings listed above focused on a review of a first draft TMP.

Based on the feedback received from the Parks and Recreation Commission, and from City Council regarding the level of input received from the youth of Pleasanton (one survey response), the City worked with TrailPeople to create an additional survey targeted to the youth. The City posted the new youth trail survey on the Pleasanton Trails website in mid-June 2018. Flyers were passed out at various city events such as the Ridge Runners summer camp, the school district was notified and posted the survey link on their social media pages, and the City advertised the survey on their social media sites. The youth survey closed on August 1, 2018. The survey results and the TMP were presented to the Youth Commission on October 10, 2018.

In addition to the youth outreach efforts, staff and the consultant added language putting more emphasis on connections to schools and provided additional implementation information in the "Trail System Implementation" section of the TMP. This information included trail project costs and a trail project evaluation with a ranking system based on public input, regional connectivity of the trail, connections to key destinations such as schools, and other factors highlighted in the plan. The implementation section also included a more detailed explanation of the scoring/ranking system and a clear graphic showing how projects were ranked based on the TMP outreach process.

The youth survey results, and comments received from the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee; the Parks and Recreation Commission; the Youth Commission; and City Council regarding the first draft TMP, as well as some additional comments from staff, have been incorporated into the final draft TMP.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff and TrailPeople presented the final draft Trails Master Plan to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee on January 28, 2019. The final draft was then presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 14, 2019. Staff received the following requests from property owners and recommendations from the BPTC and PRC at the meetings:

<b>Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Meeting Comments</b>	<b>Staff Action</b>
1. Add language to the Trails Master Plan clarifying that the future trails shown on private property are conceptual and will require further analysis and an agreement with the property owner.	edit to be incorporated
2. Update the various trail maps showing the Spotorno property so trails are consistent with the detail map on page A-7.	edit to be incorporated
3. Consider prioritizing the North Arroyo Mocho trail between Stoneridge and Martin Avenue. The improvements would include opening the gates at the end of Martin Ave. and at Stoneridge Dr. and paving the trail between these two points.	noted, no edit

<b>Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Comments</b>	<b>Staff Action</b>
4. Incorporate edits per BPTC comments.	noted

<b>Property Owner Comments received at BPTC or PRC</b>	<b>Staff Action</b>
5. The Spotorno's requested that the maps on pages 62, 124, and A-52 be corrected to be consistent with map on page A-7 to address ranching and conservation easement concerns. Trails to be removed would include the trail shown along the Spotorno driveway and going up the hill behind the proposed new development.	edit to be incorporated
6. The Spotorno's requested the provision of language in the Trails Master Plan that states that future trails on private property are conceptual only and that further analysis and an agreement with the property owner would be required.	edit to be incorporated
7. The Spotorno's requested that all legends and colors be standardized.	noted
8. Foothill Holding Co., who owns much of the old Merritt property along Foothill, is supportive of the trail connection from Meadowlark Park along the eastern and northern edge of the property and connecting to Eastwood Way.	noted
9. Foothill Holding Co. requested that the trail connection along the northern property line from Eastwood Way to Foothill Blvd. be removed.	noted, no edit
10. Foothill Holding Co. requested that map inconsistencies be corrected.	edit to be incorporated

## **SUMMARY/CONCLUSION**

The City is seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the final draft TMP with comments as necessary. The final draft TMP will then be presented to City Council, with all comments from the committees, commissions, and the public with a recommendation that the draft be adopted as the final.

The final draft Trails Master Plan and Future Trail System Detail Map are available for review and download at [www.pleasantontrails.com](http://www.pleasantontrails.com).

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