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Regnart Creek Trail Summary

The Cupertino Bicycle Transportation Plan (Bike Plan) was adopted by the City Council in 2016. Similarly, the Cupertino Pedestrian Transportation Plan (Ped Plan) was adopted by City Council in 2018. Within these Plans, the Regnart Creek Trail (Project), which is ranked as a Tier 2 priority project in the Bike Plan and a Tier 1 project in the Ped Plan, was identified as a vital connector of the neighborhood to local destinations in the vicinity of the creek, including the Cupertino Library and Civic Center, Wilson Park, and Creekside Park. The Project was also recognized in the Plans as a link for schoolchildren on their route to school and to access the above destinations.

The Project would construct a 0.8-mile shared use trail following the existing creek alignment between Pacifica Drive and E. Estates Drive, where it would connect to the existing Creekside Trail into Creekside Park. The trail would be 10 feet wide and surfaced with decomposed granite. The Project would include two roadway crossings, at S. Blaney Avenue and at E. Estates Drive. The alignment is primarily within the Valley Water right-of-way and would use the existing Valley Water maintenance/access road along most of its length. The project would relocate the existing concrete Valley Water maintenance ramp located along the proposed trail alignment to the north side of the creek. Various ancillary trail components and features are proposed along the trail alignment at specific locations, including fence replacements, removable railings between S. Blaney Avenue and E. Estates Drive and select other locations, and a pedestrian bridge crossing the creek to Wilson Park. Additionally, the project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements on the surrounding roadways to provide better access to and from the proposed trail. The trail would be closed by signage from dusk to dawn, and would not be lit.

The City Council authorized the funding of the Regnart Creek Trail feasibility study during the FY16/17 budget process with the feasibility study commencing in September 2017 and adopted by City Council in August 2018. Included in the action of the City Council on August 2018 was the authorization to proceed with design and environmental clearance. In September 2019, City Council allocated \$2.525 million to complete the design and environmental clearance.