



## **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: February 6, 2019

#### **Subject**

Blackberry Farm Entrance Road Improvements – Feasibility Study Public Meeting

#### **Recommended Action**

Receive the information of the Public Meeting on Blackberry Farm Entrance Road Improvements – Feasibility Study.

#### **Background**

The City of Cupertino Department of Public Works is working with Underwood and Rosenblum on a feasibility study to provide safer pedestrian and bike pathways at the entrance road to Blackberry Farm on San Fernando Avenue.

As a part of the 2016 Bicycle Transportation Plan, the Stevens Creek Bike Boulevard route starts at the intersection of San Fernando Avenue and Orange Avenue and proceeds west through the Blackberry Farm Park to connect to the Stevens Creek Trail and Scenic Circle. The Stevens Creek Bike Boulevard connects to the McClellan Bikeways to the south and to the Foothill Bike route to the west. These connections to the bikeways would be safer and more scenic for bicyclists than riding on a heavily travelled and high speed road like Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Currently, the width of the entrance road to Blackberry Farm for bicycles, pedestrians and vehicles varies from 18 to 24 feet, which is too narrow to be shared by all that are using the various modes of transportation. There are constant conflicts when negotiating the movements of bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles all at the same time and in both directions. This feasibility study will identify, evaluate and estimate the costs for the various options to improve the safety and the accessibility for non-vehicular visitors to the Blackberry Farm Park and Stevens Creek Trail.

#### **Discussion**

The City of Cupertino Department of Public Works will work with Underwood and Rosenblum to present to the public on Wednesday February 12, 2020 the various design options and the preferred option based on effectiveness, costs and constructability.

The public meeting will be an opportunity to collect feedback from the community about the options available to improve the pedestrian and bike access.

**Sustainability Impact**

The feasibility study phase of the Blackberry Farm Entrance Road Improvements does not have any sustainability impact.

**Fiscal Impact**

Funds for this project are allocated in the FY2019-2020 Capital Improvement Program.

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Attachments: Public Meeting Flyer