

FAQs- Bay to Zoo Trail- January 2021

- What is the Bay to Zoo Trail?
 - The Bay to Zoo Trail is a proposed trail that would connect the Waterfront Trail near Tydd Street in the North and Sequoia Park in the south while utilizing the greenbelt and gulches adjacent McFarlan Street until it enters the street and sidewalk near Russ and Dolbeer Street.
- When will the Bay to Zoo Trail be constructed?
 - The Bay to Zoo Trail is a proposed project currently and does not have funding. The City is currently applying for grant funds that would cover design and construction costs.
- Where does the trail go in relation to my house?
 - Currently there are only preliminary design plans to establish potential trail alignments to aide in determining the scope of environmental studies and estimations of quantities for funding requests. If the project is funded, design would begin and City staff would be meeting with individual landowners to explore their interest in having a trail on their property and to help determine the alignment. Currently we know that there are folks that do not want a trail on their property and the trail would be designed to accommodate this. There are also folks who desire a trail on their property and City will work to adjust the alignment to accommodate this when possible as well.
 - To view the current conceptual alignment, visit the project webpage at: https://new.ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/pw/bay_to_zoo_trail.asp
- Will the trail be placed on the existing (E) sewer easement?
 - The location of the (E) sewer easement may line up with portions of the proposed trail. However, the sewer easement does not allow for trail purposes therefore a separate easement from the related private property would need to be obtained before a trail would be established.
- Will there be lighting along the trail?
 - Not currently planned. There will be upgrades to the (E) lighting at the intersections of Myrtle at McFarlan, the Buhne St dip crossing, and Harris and Dolbeer.
- How do I tell the City I Do/Don't want the trail on my property?
 - You can call or email the Engineering Department and speak with the project team and discuss this or anything else.
 - publicworks@ci.eureka.ca.gov
 - 707-441-4203

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- I was never called by the City?
 - We tried to call as many landowners along the route where the trail could touch their property.
 - If funding is secured, the City would reach out to all properties along the conceptual trail alignment again.

- I am afraid that homeless people will now be on the trail?
 - Homeless folks can currently access this area. Opening up the area and proving access to the general public will reduce this influence on the trail area. Similar projects have documented this.

- Will there be police presence on the trail?
 - The City has a Waterfront Trail Ranger and the Bay to Zoo Trail would be part of their patrol.

- Will there be fencing along the trail?
 - There will be fencing along some portions of the trail, specifically around Zane School and potentially other locations to be determined during the design process.

- When would construction begin?
 - The trail is currently not funded. Once funding is obtained, it would take approximately 3-4 years to design, obtain access agreements and construct.

- Will access from S Street to the Trail be possible?
 - At Zane School, a connector trail is proposed between S Street and the Bay to Zoo trail. The project would not only build the connector trail but provide fencing between the school and connector trail. This arrangement will allow the public access without compromising the schools needs for campus safety. The city will continue to coordinate with the school district to ensure long term issues are avoided as best as possible.

- How will trail users' cross busy streets along the trail route such as at Myrtle Ave., Buhne St., and Harris Street?
 - Intersection improvements will be included at all trail crossings including: Pedestrian activated beacons, improved lighting, new crosswalk markings, pedestrian islands (in some cases) and bulbouts at the corners to reduce the crossing width.

- How will the trail be maintained if it is installed?
 - City staff as well as private volunteers will be available for maintenance and trash pickup on the trail corridor, similar to the Waterfront Trail currently.

- Why can't the money for the trail be used to fill potholes?
 - The City is seeking grant funds to design and construct the trail. These grant funds are specific for their uses and may only be used for projects such as trails and related.

- Why can't a bike lane be placed on McFarlan instead of putting a trail through the greenbelt?
 - A trail separates vehicular traffic from pedestrians and bicycles.
 - McFarlan Street is not wide enough for a bike lane without removing parking from one side of the street for its entirety.

- Does Zane School support building a trail adjacent their property?
 - Zane school is a partner in this project and has written multiple letters of support for the project.

- How wide would the trail be?
 - The trail would typically be 10' wide and be comprised of asphalt pavement with an additional 2' of gravel shoulder on either side for a total of 14' in most locations.

- How would the trail interact with water or "marshy" areas?
 - The trail would incorporate bridges or boardwalks to incur the least amount of impact to these areas.