

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:  
April 18, 2014

To: American River Parkway Advisory Committee  
From: Department of Regional Parks  
Subject: Conceptually Approve Proposed Trail Alignment For Chase Drive Trail Connector

Supervisory  
District: Nottoli

Contact: Liz Bellas, (916) 875-5925

**Overview:**

The American River Parkway Plan 2008 (ARPP) provides the scope and nature of operations for the area designated as the American River Parkway in the County of Sacramento. Sacramento County Regional Parks (Regional Parks) is proposing to construct a trail connection from the end of Chase Drive in the City of Rancho Cordova, through Hagan Park and connecting to the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail, as is described in the ARPP River Bend Park Area Plan, Policy 10.36. Staff is requesting the American River Parkway Advisory Committee to conceptually approve this trail alignment. Once the trail alignment is conceptually approved, it will be forwarded to the Division of Environmental Review and Assessment (DERA) for CEQA review. The final construction documents will be presented to the Recreation and Park Commission for approval, as per the ARPP.

This proposed project has been noticed to the public as per the Early Notification Procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution 2009-0153).

**Recommendations:**

Conceptually approve the trail alignment presented.

**Measures and Evaluation:**

The proposed action fits into the "Sustainable and Livable Communities" County Strategic Objective and supports Regional Parks stated Performance Measure: to provide safe, accessible, and clean recreational facilities for park users.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This project will not have a negative impact to the County General Fund. The project will be funded through Measure A.

**BACKGROUND**

Regional Parks is proposing to construct a trail connection from the end of Chase Drive in the City of Rancho Cordova, through Hagan Park and connecting to the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail, as is described in the ARPP River Bend Park Area Plan, Policy 10.36.

*Approval Process Steps*

- 1) Early Notification of Neighbors, Parkway Stakeholders of proposed project
- 2) Public Hearing: American River Parkway Advisory Committee
- 3) CEQA review
- 4) Public Hearing: Recreation and Park Commission
- 5) Project Construction Approval by Board of Supervisors

*Public Input*

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Early Notification Procedures which requires public notification for projects that fall within the ARPP. During the early phase of Project Design/Planning, applicants shall engage community members in discussion regarding new facilities or changes in uses that could impact the neighborhood and park users. Project proposals are typically presented by the applicant to neighborhood organizations representing community interests in the vicinity of the project footprint, Parkway stakeholder groups, the American River Parkway Advisory Committee, and the Recreation and Parks Commission.

The discussion section below outlines the American River Parkway Plan requirements and procedures. The staff comments are representative of the analysis done in conformance with the Regional Park Department’s responsibility as the Parkway Manager.

**DISCUSSION**

<b><u>Area Plan Polices (Page 149 ARPP)</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Comments</u></b>
10.1 Area plans shall be reviewed by the County Recreation and Parks Commission when a physical change is proposed in the Parkway, to determine the appropriateness of the change.	This project is a part of the ARPP policies for River Bend Park (policy 10.36).
10.2 Facilities shall not be constructed or installed unless specifically designated on the Area Plan Map.  10.2.1 The Board of Supervisors shall identify procedures for local review and notification of Parkway facilities and physical changes that have the potential to affect neighboring uses. (NOTE: On March 11, 2009 the Board of Supervisors adopted the American River Parkway Public Notification Procedures).	ARPP (River Bend Park Area Plan) identifies the use of Developed and Limited Recreation including trails (policy 10.36). On 2/25/14 The Board of Supervisors approved a map amendment designating the Chase Drive Trail Connector

<b><u>Early Notification</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Comments</u></b>
<p>Early project notification will occur during the early phase of the Project Design/ Planning process, and shall include: Name and contact information of Project Manager, and a brief project description. It may also include the date, time and location of any scheduled community meeting(s). This precedes CEQA review. Applicant bears the cost and responsibility of performing notifications, including postage costs for mailing early project notices to neighbors within 500 feet of the proposed project location. (Adopted 3-11-2009 Public Notification Procedures)</p>	<p>Early notification letters have been sent including the 500 foot requirement from the project location.</p>
<b><u>CEQA Review</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Comments</u></b>
<p>Applicant (Parks) is required to obtain a CEQA determination for the Project.</p>	<p>CEQA determination is pending for this project. The project will be submitted to DERA following conceptual approval of the trail alignment</p>
<b><u>Construction Drawings</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Comments</u></b>
<p>Contract/working drawings must be reviewed by Park and County Engineering staff. An exception exists for projects within the City of Rancho Cordova, in which case review and permits may be required by the City.</p>	<p>This project is within the City Limits of Rancho Cordova, County Staff will coordinate with City Staff and the Cordova Recreation and Park District.</p>
<p>Following staff review, contract/working drawings must be approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission prior to authorizing construction. Drawings must be substantially in conformance with adopted Area Plans.</p>	<p>This requirement will be enforced by the Regional Parks Department.</p>

**MEASURES/EVALUATIONS**

The proposed action fits into the “Sustainable and Livable Communities” County Strategic Objective and supports Regional Parks stated Performance Measure: to provide safe, accessible, and clean recreational facilities for park users.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

This project will not have a negative impact to the County General Fund. The proposed project will be funded by Measure A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Regional Parks

Attachments:

1. 500 feet notification Letter
2. Chase Drive Trail Connector Proposed Trail Alignment