

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL AND
THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT BOARD

FROM: Ed Shikada

SUBJECT: TRAIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE **DATE:** 11-03-11

City staff will make a short presentation regarding the successful and on-going efforts made possible by the Collaborative Action Plan executed by the City of San José and Santa Clara Valley Water District in 2003.

The following items will be discussed:

- Joint projects are being successfully completed. The Guadalupe River Trail Reach 6 project was opened to the public in April 2011, and results from City and District staff collaborating on planning and design of the project, pursuing joint funding of studies of mutual interest and coordinating schedules for concurrent development of the trail and adjacent flood protection project.
- Trails are well used by recreation and commute users. City staff works with volunteers to conduct an annual count and survey of trail users. Trail Count 2011 was completed in September and shows that the Guadalupe River Trail continues to grow in popularity and a majority of users are commuting to and from work. Count data at other sites also document a well used trail network and user input through the survey supports better planning and design work.
- Large joint trail projects are moving forward. City and District staff has coordinated for several years to both open an interim trail along the Lower Guadalupe River and plan and design paved improvements. Funding for construction has been secured through the Federal Government and the City will bid and award a construction contract for 6.4 miles of paved trail from the Guadalupe River Park at to Alviso.
- Design work supports more trail development. City and District staff coordinate regularly to advance development of trail systems. A master plan for the Coyote Creek Trail system was recently completed for the area from Highway 237 to Highway 101, design and environmental work is underway to extend the Los Gatos Creek Trail to Bird Avenue in Downtown area, and design and environmental work supports future development of the Bay Trail Pedestrian Bridge and linking trails to existing systems.

Staff will be available for questions about these projects.



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