



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Esparza

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 28, 2020

Approved: *Maya Esparza*

Date: August 28, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

1. Direct Staff to provide ongoing quarterly updates on the Coyote Creek Trail Project to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.
2. Direct Staff to continue coordinating with the San Jose Police Department on the Trail Safety Plan.

BACKGROUND

Ongoing Report to Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

The Coyote Creek Trail Project is nearly two decades in the making, with community outreach beginning in August 2003 and City Council approving the Coyote Creek Trail Masterplan in March 2005. Ten years later, in 2015, City Council approved the Coyote Creek Trail Masterplan's CEQA documents and approved the Coyote Creek Trail (Story Road to Phelan Avenue) Project plans.

Now, five year later, the next stage of this project is returning to Council. On July 8th, 2020, my office coordinated a public outreach meeting informing the affected community about the design elements, construction schedule, maintenance plan, and trail safety plan. This was the first public discussion on this project that the community has had in five years.

Given the extended periods of time between public outreach regarding this important project, Council and our community must remain informed on the progress of this project through regular updates to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. Our residents deserve a sense of ownership of this community resource, which requires our regular engagement and opportunity for community feedback.

Trail Safety Plan

The City of San Jose has over 61 miles of Class I Trails, one of the largest urban trail networks in the nation. While this extensive trail network serves as an incredible benefit for our residents, the community has made it clear that trail safety is a prominent concern. We must ensure the trail system is safe to encourage public use and that we are protecting the surrounding communities.

Though the current pilot Trail Safety Plan is looking to use a variety of safety measures, including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and monitoring of the Trail through our partners, the Trail Safety Plan must be coordinated with the San Jose Police Department to ensure we are taking a holistic approach to Trail Safety with all related departments participating in the pilot program.

The signers of this memorandum have not had, and will not have, any private conversation with any other member of the City Council, or that member's staff, concerning any action discussed in the memorandum, and that each signer's staff members have not had, and have been instructed not to have, any such conversation with any other member of the City Council or that member's staff.