

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: July 20, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: August 6, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Cecily Harris, Development Consultant
SUBJECT: Green Valley Trail Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on the Green Valley Trail Project and allow for public comment.

BACKGROUND:

On December 9, the Board of Supervisors awarded a \$203,866 contract to Questa Engineering Corp. for the development of plans, specifications and permits for the Green Valley Trail Project. The future Green Valley Trail will be a segment of the California Coastal Trail and will start at the southern parking area of the Devil's Slide Trail, route through the Green Valley and end at the Gray Whale Cove State Beach parking area. The trail will be designed for pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike use, be composed of natural tread and be accessible as much as possible. The contractor will complete this work between January 1 and December 31, 2015.

Questa Engineering has made great progress towards the development of the designs and plans. As the Green Valley Trail alignment will route through both Caltrans and California State Parks lands, we have been working with these partner agencies on the trail alignment and specifications. We have also been working with other county departments including Planning, Public Works, and Supervisor Horsley's office to coordinate the planning and future operation of this trail.

A partners meeting composed of agency partners and county department representatives was held on April 13, 2015 and another will be held on July 30, 2015. Information from the July 30, 2015 meeting will be provided at your Commission meeting. At these meetings, we receive input from agency partners and county colleagues.

A Public Workshop was held in Pacifica on May 11, 2015. On the County Park website, a survey, online mapping tool and video flyover were incorporated into the project description. Website visitors reviewed the documents and responded during May 2015. Through the website and public meeting, we received additional input about community need and desired trail amenities. The online survey had 35 individuals respond, which adds to our growing list of community stakeholders.

DISCUSSION:

Questa Engineering has been developing the designs and plans since the May 11, 2015 Public Workshop. At today's presentation, you will receive more detailed information. The information you receive about the Green Valley Trail will be divided into four trail segments.

- 1 – From Highway 1 through Caltrans Tunnel Spoil Disposal Site
- 2 – From the Disposal Site to Green Valley Creek
- 3 – Green Valley Creek Crossing
- 4 – From Green Valley Creek Crossing at the Vacant State Park's Ranger Residence to the Upper Gray Whale Cove State Beach Parking Lot

For each of the four segments, you will be shown the proposed trail alignment, typical trail sections, elevations and other schematics that represent an approximate 60% level of plan development. Some highlights in the plans are two bridges and a boardwalk that will allow passage over creek and wetlands areas. Overlooks and turnouts to accommodate passing on the trails or enjoyment of views are included in the project.

Key issues to be presented for discussion at the meeting include:

- Use of steel and wood lagging retaining wall (Sutter Wall)
- Trail width and running slope of each trail segment
- Puncheon Bridge
- Bridge/Boardwalk over Green Valley Creek, including foundation design and boardwalk materials
- Level of improvements for the upper Gray Whale Cove State Beach parking area
- Overlooks and benches

Once input has been received from the public and the Parks and Recreation Commission at this meeting, Questa Engineering will continue with plan development and begin meeting with regulatory agencies, submitting permit applications and initiating other agency review. Preliminary cost estimates for construction will also be provided at this time. This information will help us pursue grants to supplement funds that County Parks will receive as part of the FY 2016-2017 budget.

The Green Valley Trail Project plans will be presented to the County Planning Commission in October 2015. Plan development will continue through the fall with additional review at 90% in late September and 100% level of plan completion by December 31, 2015.

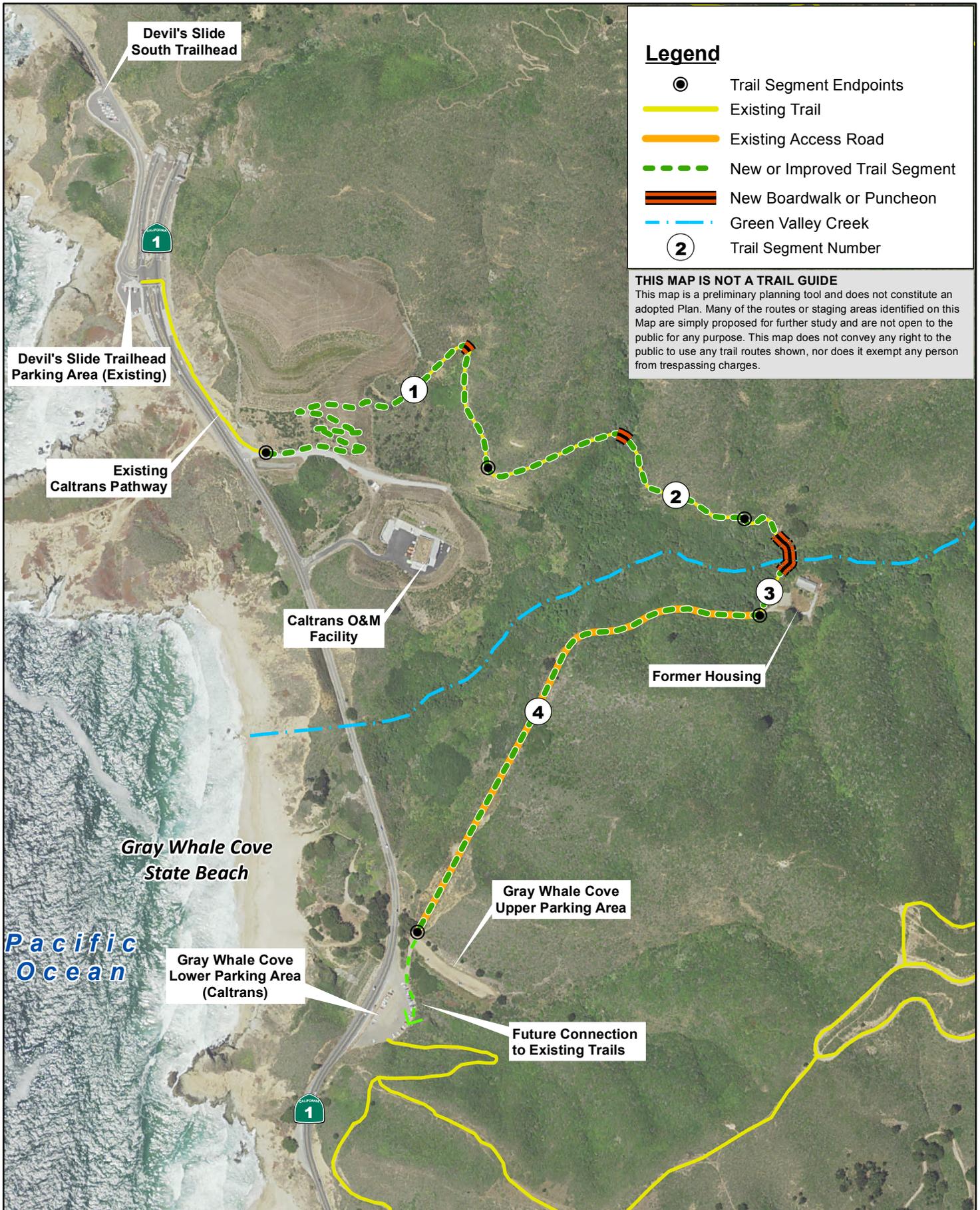


Figure 2
TRAIL SEGMENTS
GREEN VALLEY TRAIL

