



THE DEL RIO TRAIL PROJECT

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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Tom Buford, Manager of Environmental Planning Services

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE DEL RIO TRAIL PROJECT (K15165100)**

The City of Sacramento (City) proposes to construct approximately 4.8 miles of Class 1 multi-use trail along the abandoned railway corridor west of Freeport Boulevard from south of Meadowview Road/Pocket Road to the Sacramento River Parkway north of Sutterville Road. The proposed Del Rio Trail Project (proposed Project) consists of a Class I multi-use trail (12 to 16 feet of pavement with unpaved shoulders ranging from 2 to 3 feet) and when feasible, an adjacent 5 to 6-foot wide unpaved walking trail. The Del Rio Trail would include at-grade crossings and intersection modifications at each location where the trail intersects a vehicular roadway. The Del Rio Trail Project is needed because the South Land Park, Pocket, and adjacent communities in South Sacramento currently have limited ADA-compliant, active modes of transportation to schools, retail, jobs, and recreational amenities, thereby increasing automotive dependency and Vehicle Miles Traveled while reducing opportunities for those who do not drive or do not have access to a car, including children, the elderly, the disadvantaged, and persons with disabilities.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project begins approximately 0.4 mile south of Pocket Road near the Freeport Water Tower adjacent to the Interstate-5 (I-5) bridge over Freeport Boulevard and extends approximately 4.8 miles north along the abandoned railway corridor within the City of Sacramento. At the southern entry, the bike trail would connect directly to the newly constructed Freeport Shores Trail and the South Sacramento Parkway West. The route would then cross at Meadowview-Pocket Road and continue north through the South Land Park neighborhood towards William Land Park and the Sacramento River Parkway. North of Sutterville Road, the trail connects to the Sacramento River Parkway via two alignments: west along Sutterville Road with Class II bike lanes and northwest adjacent to the existing abandoned railway corridor.

COMMENT PERIOD: November 5, 2018 to January 3, 2019 (Comment period ends - 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2019).

As Lead Agency, the City of Sacramento has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Project. The document is now available for public review and written comment at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00am and 4:00pm (except weekends and holidays) and at the City of Sacramento Public Library (828 I Street). The document is also available online at the following locations:

City of Sacramento Community Development Website:

<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports>

Del Rio Trail Website:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Engineering-Services/Projects/Current-Projects/Del-Rio-Trail>

The Draft EIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21000, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000, et seq.) to disclose the potential environmental consequences of implementing the proposed Project.

The resources and environmental consequences discussed within the Draft EIR include: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Greenhouse Gases; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise and Vibration; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation and Traffic; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; and Growth Inducement and Energy. Mitigation is included in the Draft EIR to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels.

The Draft EIR is being circulated for a 59-day public review period from November 5, 2018 to January 3, 2019. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be received by Environmental Planning Services **NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm, Thursday, January 3, 2019** (note: public counter hours are 9:00am and 4:00pm (except weekends and holidays)).

Written comments should be submitted to:

Tom Buford, Principal Planner
City of Sacramento Community Development Department,
300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95811
email to: tbuford@cityofsacramento.org

A public informational meeting regarding the proposed project will be held on **Thursday, December 6th, 2018 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM** at the Pony Express Elementary School located at 1250 56th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95831.

If you have any questions concerning the project environmental review process, please contact Tom Buford at (916) 808-7931.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, December 6 | 6–8 p.m.

Pony Express Elementary School

Multipurpose Room

1250 56th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95831

QUESTIONS?

Visit
[cityofsacramento.org/
DelRioTrail](http://cityofsacramento.org/DelRioTrail)
for more
information.



JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING!

Calling all neighbors, cyclists, walkers, runners and trail users! Join us for the Del Rio Trail Draft Environmental Impact Report public information meeting on Thursday, December 6 at Pony Express Elementary School from 6–8 p.m.

The technical experts from the project team will be available to talk one-on-one with members of the community about their questions and comments related to the Del Rio Trail Project Draft EIR. No formal presentation is planned; you are invited to drop in when it's convenient for you! The Draft EIR will be on hand for the public to review and submit comments.



PROJECT UPDATE

Since the last public meeting in Fall 2017, the project team has met with numerous neighborhood organizations and local committees to discuss the Del Rio Trail Project. Simultaneously, the project team has prepared a Draft EIR for environmental clearance.



NEXT STEPS

After public circulation is completed, the project team will respond to comments and finalize the EIR. The final document will then be presented to the Sacramento City Council for final approval. If the project is approved, the project will proceed to the final design phase. Simultaneously, the project team will also continue working to obtain grant funding for project construction. Pending the availability of construction funds, all or part of the project could break ground as early as 2020.

