

CITY OF FOLSOM
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2023
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Brian Wallace, Matt Hedges, Marina Leight, Jennifer Tarbox, Samantha Davidson, Bill Davis, Alayna Wagner

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A. October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

6. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Certificates of Recognition for our APAPA Community Volunteers – Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Nick Coleman & APAPA Representative – Winson Yung
B. Youth Services Programs –Recreation Coordinator II, Whitney Kahn

7. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Folsom Blvd Overcrossing Feasibility Study – Senior Trails Planner, Brett Bollinger

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Planning & Development (Leight, Davidson, Wagner)
B. Budget / Finance (Hedges, Wallace, Davis)
C. Parks & Recreation Renovation Plan (Wallace, Davidson, Tarbox)
D. Sports & Recreation (Wagner, Tarbox, Davis)
E. Public Private Partnership Ad Hoc Committee (Leight, Hedges, Davidson)
F. Underutilized City-Owned Properties Ad Hoc Committee (Leight, Wallace, Wagner)

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Impact Fee Quarterly Staff Report – Elizabeth Vaage
B. Monthly Reports
B. Director's Report

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parks & Recreation Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Commission Members Present: Matt Hedges, Samantha Davidson, Bill Davis, Marina Leight, Commission Member Alayna Wagner – Arrived at 6:35 p.m.
Commission Members Absent: Brian Wallace, Jennifer Tarbox,

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. September 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hedges, Second by Commissioner Leight to approve the September 05, 2023, meeting minutes. Minutes approved with no objections.

AYES: Commission Members: Hedges, Davidson, Davis, Leight
NOES: Commission Members: None
ABSENT: Commission Members: Wallace, Tarbox
ABSTAIN: Commission Members: Wagner

6. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Aquatics End of Season Program- Chad Gunter

- Recreation Supervisor, Chad Gunter gave a PowerPoint presentation recapping and summarizing the season. Financial information regarding cost recovery and expenses was also discussed. Our Aquatic Center is now fully staffed which is very exciting for the division. Staff were highlighted as well as numerous successful events. Key facility improvements were also highlighted.

Commissioner Questions: Questions came around upcoming costs as well as cost recovery from Commissioner Wagner & Commissioner Hedges. Questions around class capacity also arose.

B. Benefits of our Joint Use Agreement - Derik Perez

- Recreation Supervisor, Derik Perez gave a PowerPoint presentation really breaking down the purpose and value of our Joint-Use Agreement. He gave some history as to how it all started. Our Agreement has been in place since the 2000's and allows us to collaboratively use facilities. The largest benefit to having schools next to parks/parks next to schools is to the children. Kids can go play after school on the playgrounds or prepare for sports activities. Discussed programming and the City's standards. Spoke about the youth groups and athletic associations and really highlighted how important they are to the success of this partnership and their impact on the community.

Commissioner Questions: Questions came around rising sports and the ability for our facilities to accommodate and will new facilities be added in in the future. Questions also arose about the planning and schematics of Benevento Park.

7. **ACTION ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:**

A. Proposed Community Facilities Fee Schedule – Tom Hellmann

- Community & Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann gave a presentation to inform the Commission of our current Facility Rental Fee Schedule as well as a new proposed Community Facility Rental Fee Schedule. Staff would like to go to council with a resolution for the adoption of the new schedule. Any changes would be effective January 01, 2024. Fees have not been increased in numerous years and rates are averaging significantly lower than comparable facilities and cities. Spoke to how an in-place fee schedule will provide consistency and fairness across the board.

Commissioner Questions: This topic spurred intense discussion with questions all around. Considerations of Council as well as members of the Community, and how they will be affected was the main area of question. Cost recovery was also high on the list. Big concerns surrounding some long-standing relationships with our partners. Looking to really develop partnerships, and agreements with this action. Impact on staff time and costs to the department were also discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Hedges, Second by Commissioner Davis – with an Amendment to wording in original recommendation.

Recommendation: That the Commission supports a recommendation to the Folsom City Council to amend Resolution No. 8792 and adoption of a new Resolution to update the Community Facility Rental Fee Schedule with implementation of any new fees or rental fee changes on January 01, 2024, with an annual increase from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) applied to our indoor rentable facilities.

AYES: Commission Members: Hedges, Davidson, Davis, Leight, Wagner
NOES: Commission Members: None
ABSENT: Commission Members: Wallace, Tarbox
ABSTAIN: Commission Members: None

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9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Director Gonzalez took this time to go over her highlights and pertinent information for the good of the group. No questions from the Commission.

- A. Monthly Reports
- B. Director's Report

10. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Davidson & Leight really spoke to how well run and successful both Community Service Day and the Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament were. Very pleased and honored to participate in both events and look forward to it every time. Kudos given to Sarah Trobee and her Staff for really making it all come together.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jennifer Burke, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Brian Wallace, Chairperson

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TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

BY: Brett Bollinger, Senior Trails Planner

SUBJECT: Folsom Boulevard Overcrossing Feasibility Study Preferred Alternative

BACKGROUND

In June 2022, the City Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The Active Transportation Plan is the guiding document that will provide the planning, development and maintenance of existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the city. The ATP identified Folsom Boulevard Overcrossing as a “high priority” project.

The City of Folsom was awarded an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant to fund the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study. The purpose of the study is to identify the preferred alternative alignment location and potential conceptual architectural bridge design concepts. The goal of the feasibility study is to identify a safe, convenient, and cost-effective active transportation connection across Folsom Boulevard, linking transit, neighborhoods, businesses, and recreational attractions such as the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

An overcrossing would provide a safe, direct access for residents east of Folsom Boulevard to the American River Parkway Trail (ARPT) and businesses, including the communities and neighborhoods that border the ARPT. The overcrossing will be a gateway to connect residents and visitors to a larger network of trails in the region. The overcrossing provides a seamless connection between the regional, 15-mile Humbug Willow Creek (HBWC) Trail east of Folsom Boulevard and the 32-mile American River Parkway Trail (ARPT), providing users access to over 80 miles of trails in the region and connecting users to downtown Sacramento.

On August 26, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional design services for the Folsom Boulevard Class I Overcrossing Feasibility Study. The RFP was distributed to qualified design consultants and advertised on CIPlist.com. The due date for the proposals was September 30, 2022, and three proposals were received. A full review of these proposals was performed by city staff from both the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. Dokken Engineering’s proposal demonstrated the expertise, capacity, and ability to complete the scope of services which entails project management, public workshop facilitation, bridge design, and cost estimation.

On March 14, 2023, staff held an informational presentation at City Council to provide an overview and public outreach schedule for the Folsom Boulevard Pedestrian & Bicycle Overcrossing Feasibility Study.

On June 6, 2023, staff presented a project update to the Parks and Recreation Commission discussing the project study update and community feedback received regarding the overcrossing alternative alignments.

DISCUSSION

In December 2022 City Staff and the Dokken Engineering consultant team held a project kick-off meeting. In January 2023 staff and the consultant team held a meeting to walk the project site boundaries with staff from State Parks and Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) to receive initial feedback on potential alignment issues.

Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting #1

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the City of Folsom held its first Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting to introduce four preliminary design alternatives for a bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing at Folsom Boulevard between Glenn Drive and Blue Ravine Road. This meeting was the initial stakeholder focus group meeting as part of the community outreach process for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study.

Sixteen stakeholder representatives from the following organizations and agencies attended the meeting and shared their input:

50 Corridor Transportation Management Association (TMA)
Choose Folsom (Folsom Chamber of Commerce)
Friends of Folsom Parkways
Local Folsom Residents
Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)
CA State Parks
Twin Lakes Food Bank

The stakeholder focus group meeting objectives included:

- Engage key stakeholders who represent walking, biking, economic development, recreation, and underrepresented communities in the Folsom area.
- Introduce and discuss the overall study and design alternatives.
- Obtain input on preferred overcrossing alternatives and other key components of the study.

Alternative 1 was the most preferred option among the attendees, noted as the top choice for nine stakeholder representatives. Participants liked the connectivity to existing

transit and the State Park trails in the area. State Parks representatives who attended the meeting also discussed the possibility of collaborating with the City on a project along the **Alternative 1** alignment that cuts through the eucalyptus grove, which many other stakeholders expressed their support for. Participants also liked the proximity to Historic Folsom, the direct connection to the Parkshore Drive/Folsom Boulevard intersection, connection to the Park & Ride on the corner of Glenn Drive and Folsom Boulevard, and the minimal impacts to the surrounding areas. While most participants were supportive of **Alternative 1**, there were two who liked it the least for its lack of connection to the Humbug- Willow Creek Trail.



Participants liked **Alternative 2**, with three participants specifically listing it as their first or second choice. Those who expressed their favor towards this alternative liked the connections to existing trails and the light rail station, and also liked that there might be less conflict with SacRT access to Glenn Station, since the beginning of the overcrossing would be further down Folsom Boulevard than Alternative 1. Attendees had some concerns with **Alternative 2**, specifically citing the lack of pedestrian and bicycle access to the Parkshore Drive intersection, which Alternative 1 has a clear connection to. Other issues with **Alternative 2** include the aesthetics and cost issue of having a longer overcrossing structure that may block the eucalyptus grove.

Only two participants listed **Alternative 3** as their first choice, with the reasoning being that it connects to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail and the business park. While **Alternative 3** does provide an indirect connection to the light rail station, many participants wrote that the overcrossing is too far from it and listed it as their least favored alternative. Other issues with **Alternative 3** include a lack of a direct connection to the American River, the diagonal alignment of the crossing over Folsom Boulevard, and that the circular structure near Willow Creek seems “forced”.

Participants seemed to like **Alternative 4** the least, mostly because of its lack of clear connection to existing trails and to the Glenn Drive light rail station, and the anticipated

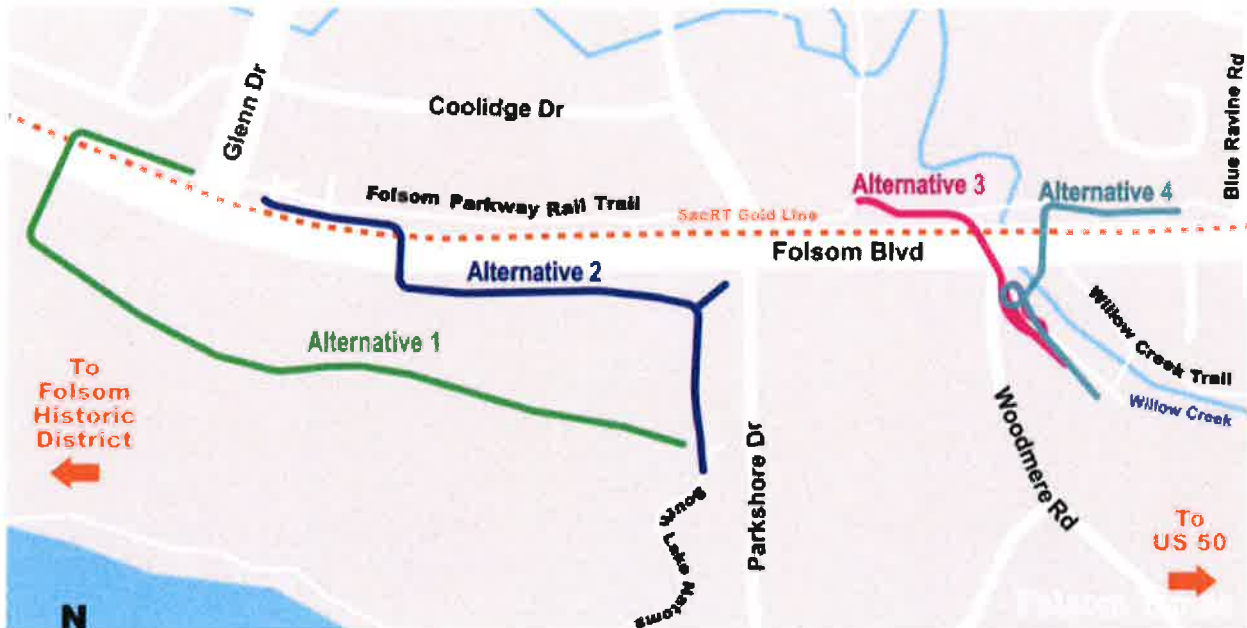
high cost. One attendee listed **Alternative 4** as their second choice due to the indirect connection to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail.

Online Community Questionnaire #1

In April and May 2023, the City of Folsom implemented a three-week long Online Community Questionnaire. Community members were encouraged to visit the project webpage on the City's website, learn more about the four proposed alternatives for the overcrossing, and share their feedback and thoughts on those alternatives. As a result, the project team garnered 260 responses from the public.

When participants visited the project webpage, they were able to learn more about the study and about the four proposed overcrossing alternatives. Full-size aerial-view map exhibits demonstrating the layout of the alternative were presented for each option, as well as a short 1-2 sentence description of the alternative. Participants rated each alternative out of five stars in four categories:

- Traveling experience for pedestrians and cyclists
- Accessing local destinations (businesses, restaurants, shopping, transit stops etc.)
- Connections to existing trails and recreation opportunities
- Pedestrian and bicyclist safety



Participants also had the option to submit open-ended comments about their reasoning for rating certain alternatives. The questionnaire was available online from Monday, April 24 – Monday, May 14.

Alternative 1: Respondents largely commented that they feel a crossing at this location is unnecessary (**19% of comments**), stating that bicyclists and pedestrians would likely choose to cross Folsom Boulevard at a signalized intersection like Parkshore Drive or Blue Ravine Road. Additionally, comments also showed concern for the potential impacts to the surrounding environment (**18% of comments**), specifically the mature

trees, power lines, or the historic olive grove located near alternative 1. Another point of concern is the perceived lack of connections to existing trails (**15% of comments**). Though it does directly connect to Parkshore Spur Trail, respondents felt that the lack of direct connection to the Humbug Willow Creek Trail does not make alternative 1 an ideal option.

Other areas of concerns include the need to cross Glenn Drive to reach the bridge structure (**13% of comments**), perceived lack of safety due to the crossing at Glenn Drive or due to the overcrossing going through a more isolated area (9% of comments), or the perceived high cost of the project (**6% of comments**). Those that did like alternative 1, liked that the alignment would provide access to a more wooded area that could provide a pleasant traveler experience for those using the overcrossing (**6% of comments**).

Alternative 2: In general, respondents had a similar, if not slightly more positive perspective on alternative 2 than alternative 1 (**7% of comments**). Many comments wrote that a new overcrossing is not necessary, speculating that pedestrians and bicyclists would prefer to cross Folsom Boulevard at either the Parkshore Drive or the Blue Ravine Road intersections (**15% of comments**). The same concerns from alternative 1 apply to alternative 2, including potential environmental impacts to the trees and power lines (**12% of comments**), a lack of connections to more significant recreation opportunities like the Humbug Willow Creek Trail and Lake Natoma (**8% of comments**), and poor connections to local businesses and restaurants (**7% of comments**).

Those that showed a preference for alternative 2 over alternative 1 liked the connection to the SacRT Light Rail station at Glenn Drive (**5% of comments**), the connections to the Parkshore Spur trails and other recreational destinations in the area (**8% of comments**), and the overall traveler experience (**9% of comments**).

Alternative 3: Respondents generally responded more positively to alternative 3 than alternatives 1 and 2, with around **11% of comments** listing it as their first or second favorite option. Many commenters cited the connection to the Humbug Willow Creek Trail (**25% of comments**) and other recreational opportunities and the connections to local businesses and restaurants (**9% of comments**) as the reason they prefer this option. Additionally, there was a perceived lower impact to the surrounding areas, including trees, power lines, and the nearby Willow Creek (9% of comments), although some people did show some concern for any impact to the environment at all (**7% of comments**).

Even the commenters who showed a preference for alternative 3 recognized that the loop in the ramp was an area for concern, as this could lower sight distance for overcrossing users, potentially leading to conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists (**17% of comments**). Those that pointed out this potential issue were adamant that alternative 3 is still one of their preferred choices and want to see if the loop in the ramp could be straightened out more.

Alternative 4: Respondents liked alternative 4, with around **14% of comments** listing it as their favorite option, and around **6%** of comments saying they have similar feelings towards alternative 4, as they do to alternative 3. As with the previous alternatives, one of the main concerns people discussed in their comments is the potential impact of the overcrossing structure to the surrounding environment, especially to the Willow Creek and mature trees in the area (**11% of comments**). Many respondents liked alternative 4 because it provides good connections, both to the Humbug Willow Creek Trail and other recreational attractions (**9% of comments**), and to local destinations like the nearby businesses park and restaurants (**6% of comments**).

Although, some commenters preferred alternative 3, specifically because they felt it connects better to the Humbug Willow Creek Trail and Rail Trail (**7% of comments**). Additionally, commenters seemed to prefer the configuration for the looped overcrossing structure in alternative 4 compared to the larger loop in alternative 3 (**6% of comments**).

Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting #2

On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, the City of Folsom held the final Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting to provide an update on the planning process for the overcrossing. This meeting is the second stakeholder focus group meeting as part of the community outreach process for the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study.

During the meeting, the study team shared a project and community outreach update, the refined design alternatives for the proposed overcrossing, and some preliminary architectural design concepts for the bridge structure. Attendees were asked to share their thoughts on the refined alternatives and also on the design concepts. Members from the study team were available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Fifteen stakeholder representatives from the following organizations and agencies attended the meeting and shared their input:

City of Folsom Planning Department
Folsom History
Friends of Folsom Parkways
Local Folsom Residents
Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT)
CA State Parks
Twin Lakes Food Bank
Friends of Lakes Folsom & Natomas (FOLFAN)

The stakeholder focus group meeting objectives included:

- Engage key stakeholders who represent walking, biking, economic development, recreation, and underrepresented communities in the Folsom area.
- Present refined design alternatives for the overcrossing alignment.
- Obtain input on architectural design concepts for the proposed bridge.

Alternatives

A map showing an overview of all the alternatives relative to one another was shared with the attendees. The focus group meeting then transitioned into an open group discussion session around the alternatives. Below is a summary of the questions and comments submitted to the study team around the four alternatives.

Alternatives Discussion:

- Have you rated any of the alternatives based on criteria yet? How do the alternatives affect the train tracks?
 - We have developed criteria, and so far, none of them conflict with the railroad tracks.
- Since you are connecting a trail together from Folsom Lake to Humbug-Willow Creek Trail, and lots of clubs use Folsom Boulevard to make trail connections, have you contacted current users of the trail?
 - Yes, when conducting the online questionnaire, we posted signage near trail entrances. The City also passed out information about the questionnaire at the City Farmer's Market booth, and we notified various recreation and trail organizations and groups about the questionnaire, including Friends of Folsom Lake, FOLFAN, and biking groups.
- One of the alternatives showed a potential crossing on the north side of Glenn, is this still being considered?
 - No, we have eliminated that alternative. We have considered some variations but there would be too many potential conflicts with pedestrians crossing the road.
- Have you looked at any other alternatives further to the east?
 - Beyond alternative four, not really – due to the intensity of the development on the west side it is difficult to make a trail connection from there.
- Alternative 2 provides the best connection to the existing trail network. I would suggest these modifications:
 - Place the alignment for the approach along the existing trail, move the existing trail to the south, and traversing through the oaks in order to reduce oak removal.
 - Beware of placing the path under eucalyptus trees as they shed debris, lots of it. Maintenance will be an issue. For this reason, Alt 1 is not preferable.
 - Keep the Class IV connection along Glenn. The intersection of Glenn and Coolidge will need modifications in order to lower stress level, especially left turners on Glenn.
 - Bicycle and pedestrian travel is very sensitive to out of direction travel. Alt 1, and especially Alt 3 and 4 are not preferable for this reason.



Aesthetics

Eric Birkhauser, Architectural Design lead with Perkins Eastman, presented on some aesthetic concepts for the proposed bridge. Eric began by providing an overview of some of the precedent design elements considered that are reminiscent of Folsom's history: Regional species like trout, otters, and bald eagle; California Live Oaks; Folsom Dam; First Nation Kish Structures; Regional Railroad History; Barge Mining Structures

Eric also shared some other bridges that he drew inspiration from when developing the concepts: Folsom Rainbow Bridge; Folsom Historic Truss bridge; Orangevale Bridge; Lake Natoma Crossing; Johnny Cash Pedestrian Bridge; Robber's Ravine Bridge

Finally, Eric presented the two bridge concepts that were developed for the Folsom Boulevard overcrossing, a Paired Tower bridge, and a Gateway Arch bridge.

Aesthetics Discussion

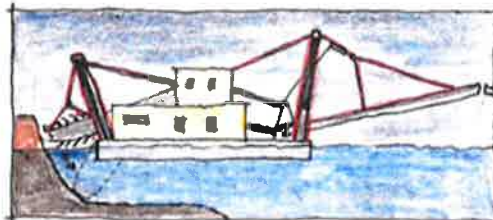
- Is 100 feet cable on the bridge necessary from a structural standpoint?
 - If the overall height is not aesthetically pleasing here, there are strategies we can use to help lower the cable height. We were trying to do a semi-circle shaped arc to give the bridge a visible profile from far away. We can look at a single tower or multiple towers on either end.
- The paired tower concept looks more human-scale, and the gateway arch concept looks more for cars.
- The gateway arch seems more appropriate to be going over a waterway where the paired tower feels more fun to travel down.
- I like the concepts but don't know how appropriate the design is for Folsom, it feels like a Bay area structure. Is there any way this can be scaled down more?
 - Thanks for the feedback, the lower deck option is difficult for maintaining RT operations, which is why the bigger arch deck was presented.

- What design will provide the best experience and the best option for bicyclists and pedestrians vs. cars?
- It would be nice to have some structures that are not quite as large in scale. The paired tower option could work if there were more interpretive stations along the bridge that may help people to make the aesthetic connection of the towers to the barge mining structures.
 - We can explore lower options if these are too tall or overpowering.
- I appreciate the comments about the heights of the structures. I also noticed the height of the arch in concept 2 and it reminds me of a Ferris wheel. The arches on bridges in Folsom are much flatter in structure.
- The arch structure is too high with no relationship to the gateway. How does the arch tie into it? Look at some of the other overcrossing like in Walnut Creek and they are much lower and more pedestrian in scale. If it's a gateway feature, we need to understand why it's there.
- I do like the uniqueness of the arch concept and if there is a way to tie it in closer to the nearby lakes and rivers and the history of Folsom. I asked about the 100 foot height because it sounds intimidating, but I think we should play with the height and include more interpretative signage.

Towers Concept



FOLSOM TURNTABLE
WITH A-FRAME TOWERS



GOLD MINING BARGE, NOTE ANGLED
TOWERS AND FORKED CABLE SUPPORTS



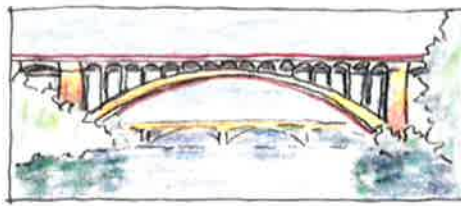
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Arch Concept



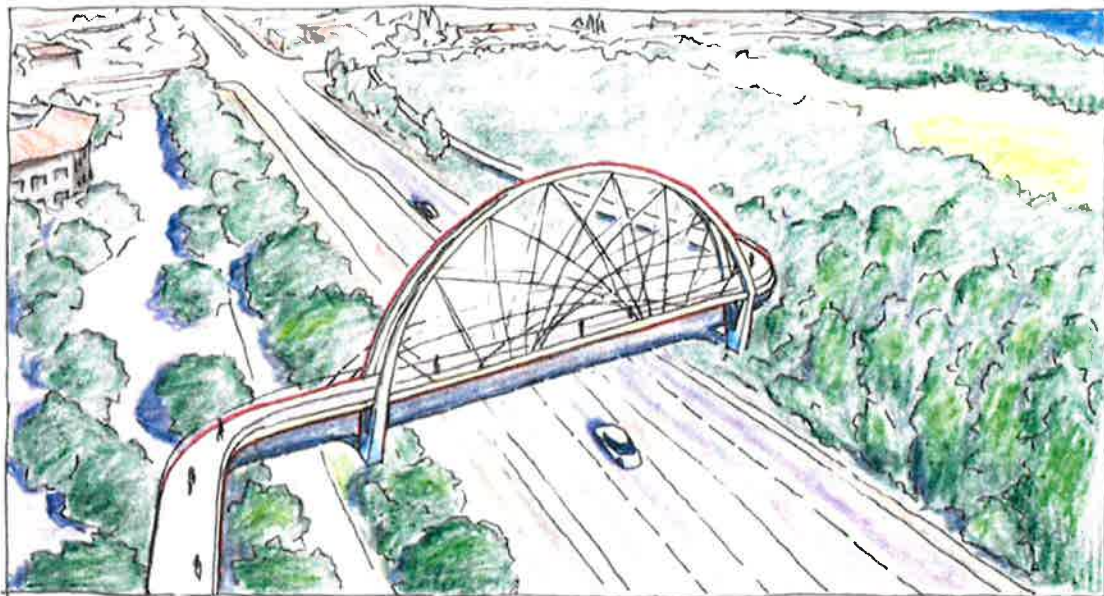
FIRST NATION DWELLING



RAINBOW BRIDGE, NOTE SEMICIRCULAR ARCH



LIVE OAK, NOTE SEMICIRCULAR CANOPY



Public Outreach and Online Community Questionnaire #2

October 16 – 30 2023, the City of Folsom, as part of the Folsom Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study, implemented a two-week long Online Community Questionnaire. Community members were encouraged to visit the project webpage on the City's website, learn more about the final two proposed alternative alignments (North Alternative and South Alternative) for the overcrossing and share their feedback and thoughts on their preferred alternative.

On Tuesday, October 19, 2023, the City of Folsom held an in-person Public Outreach Meeting, in addition to the Community Questionnaire, to get input on the preferred alternative alignment. During the meeting, the study team shared a project and community outreach update, the refined final two alternative alignments, and further developed architectural design concepts (Towers Concept & Arch Concept) for the bridge structure. Attendees were asked to share their thoughts on the refined alternatives and design concepts. Members from the study team were available to discuss the project and answer questions.

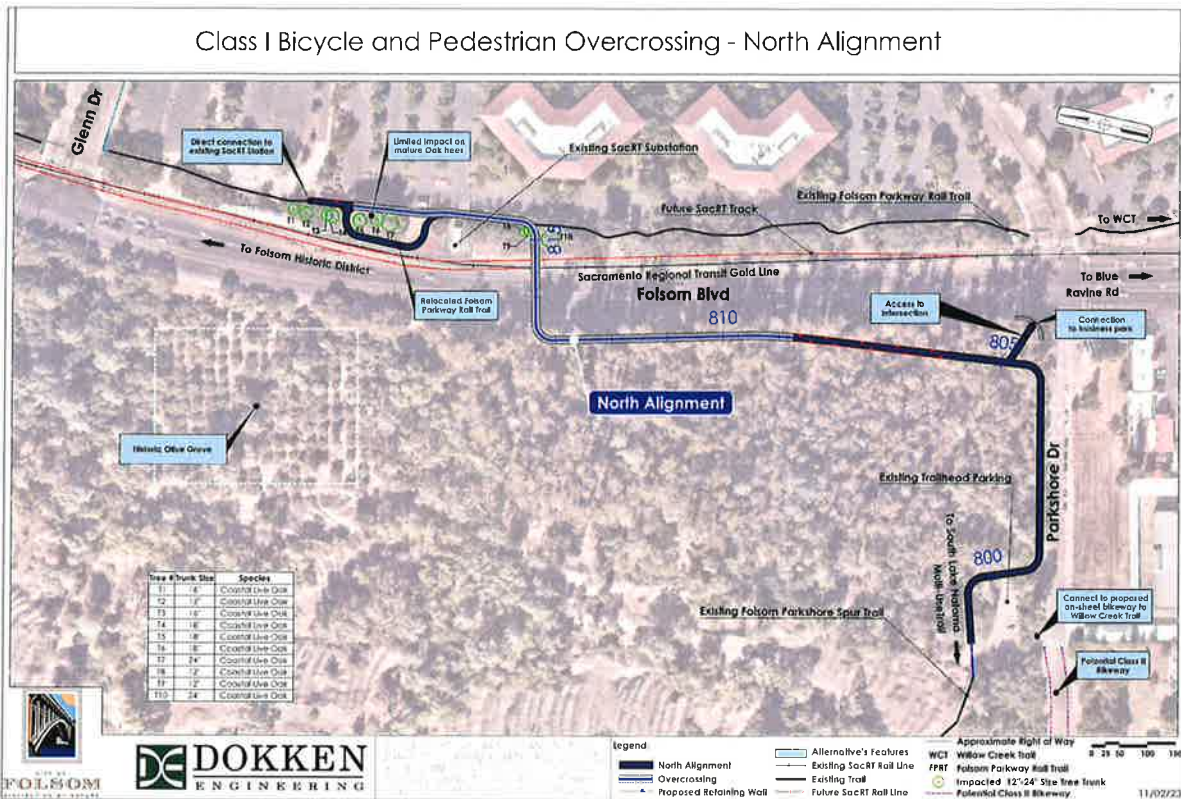
As a result of the public outreach meeting and questionnaire, the project team garnered over 240 responses from the public.

North Alternative Alignment: Overall, participants had a positive reaction to reviewing the northern alternative (**60% of comments**) with only **24% of comments** expressing serious concern or dislike. The remaining **16% of commenters** either felt neutral towards this alternative or had mixed feelings about this alternative.

The top priorities for people commenting on this alternative included access to other trails or recreational opportunities (**44% of comments**), the direct connection to the Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) Glenn Station (**31% of comments**), and the overall user experience and ease of access to the bridge (**24% of comments**). Most participants who mentioned access to other trails liked that the northern alternative will provide a strong connection to Lake Natoma, the American River Bikeway, and the Spur Trail (**31% of comments**), while around **8% disliked** that this alternative does not provide a strong connection to the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail.

While the majority of participants see the connection to the SacRT Light Rail at Glenn Station as a positive, around **5% of commenters** expressed that the connection to the station would not be beneficial or necessary. Overall, **19% of commenters** felt that this alternative is more direct, accessible for users, and would provide a nicer, more scenic route through State Parks land.

Participants also expressed that this alternative seemed to have a lower impact to the surrounding environment, both physically and visually, as the structure might blend better into the surrounding natural landscape. Some commenters expressed that if this alternative is selected, then additional bicycle/pedestrian improvements or infrastructure would be needed to help connect users to nearby destinations, like Class IV bicycle facilities, improved crosswalks, or directional signage.



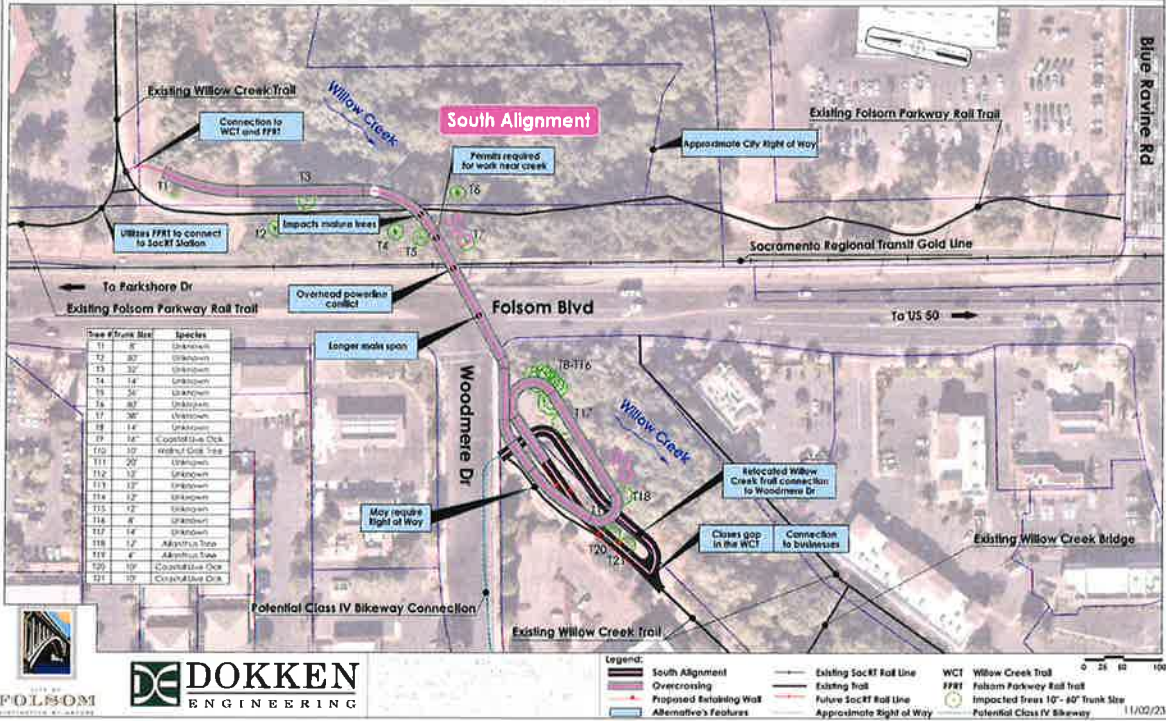
South Alternative Alignment: Participants generally had more negative responses to the southern alternative (**56% of comments**) with **34% of comments** saying they like or prefer this alternative, and **10% of comments** showing neutrality or mixed reactions.

Similarly, the top priorities for people commenting on this alternative included access to trails or other recreational opportunities (**34% of comments**), user experience and ease of accessing the structure (**28% of comments**), and access to nearby businesses and commercial areas (**24% of comments**). Around 13% of commenters who mentioned access to other trails expressed disappointment that this alternative did not provide a strong connection to Lake Natoma and the Spur Trail, though many (**21% of comments**) liked that this alternative closes the gap in the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail system.

Additionally, **18% of commenters** felt that this alternative would provide a stronger connection to the businesses and commercial areas that exist further south along Folsom Boulevard. Many participants (**22% of comments**) had a strong dislike of the looped ramp on the west side of Folsom Boulevard, and expressed concern that the tight turns would lead to conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists.

Another primary concern (**12% of comments**) was the perceived higher cost of the southern alternative and the larger looped structure. Though many commenters thought that the looped ramp would look visually busy or cluttered, many participants liked that this alternative would impact less trees.

Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing - South Alignment



Towers Concept

Overall, respondents were split over their feelings towards the Paired Towers concept, with **48% of commenters** reacting positively, **36% having a negative reaction** to it, and around **16% either with no opinion or mixed feelings**.

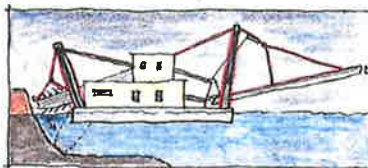
Community members that like the Paired Towers concept felt that it was a more modern and unique design that would stand out among the other arch-like bridges in Folsom. Commenters also liked the more open and airy feeling of this concept and felt that the s-curve design would complement Folsom's natural geography. Respondents also appreciated that the forms of this bridge reference the lesser-known aspect of Folsom's mining history in a creative way.

Those that did not like the Paired Tower concept felt that this bridge does not fit in with the look and feel of other architecture and design in Folsom. Some also felt that the towers were overly "dramatic" and might stand out too much among Folsom's natural skyline.

Towers Concept



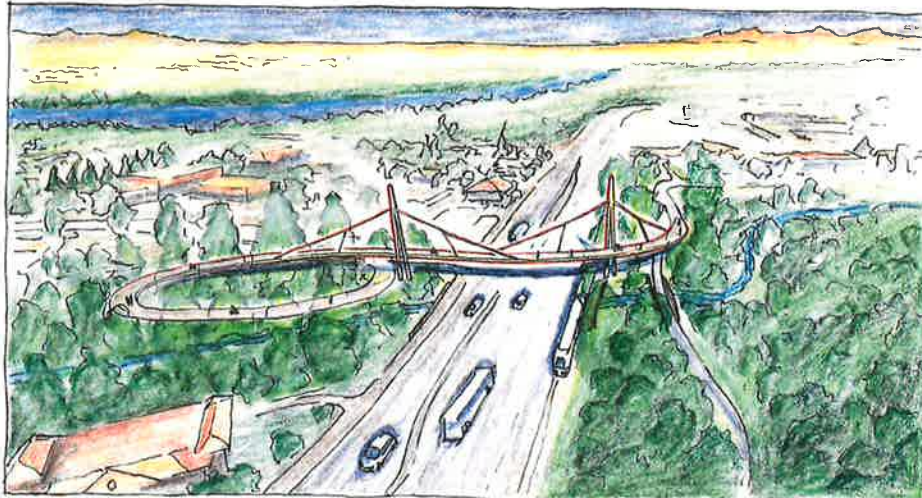
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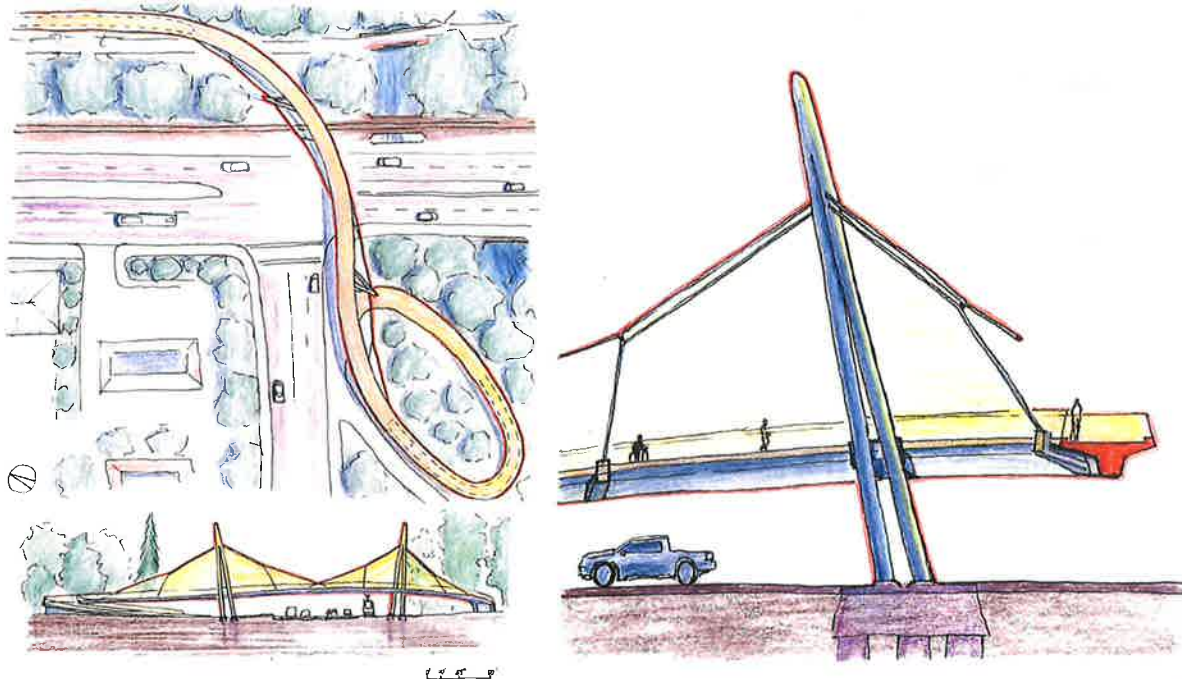
GOLD MINING BARGE, NOTE ANGLED
TOWERS AND FORKED CABLE SUPPORTS



LIVE OAK, NOTE BRANCHING
PATTERN



Towers Concept



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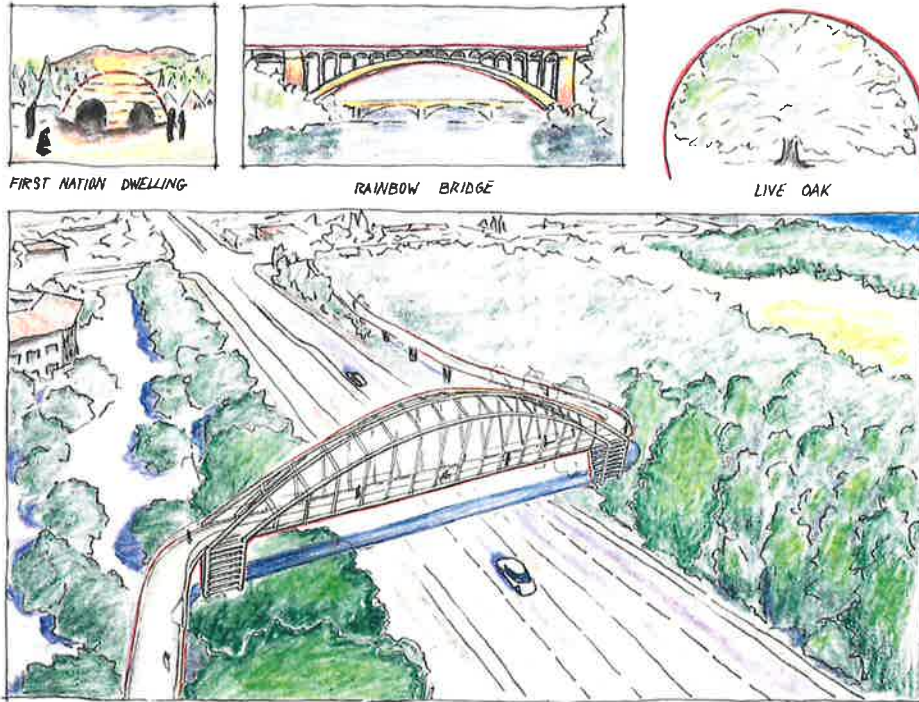
Arch Concept

People generally reacted more positively to the Gateway Arch concept (**56% of comments**), with **31% of comments** expressing negative feelings, and **13% of comments** showing neutral or mixed feelings about it.

Those that liked the Gateway Arch felt that this concept would fit in well among Folsom's "family of arches" and is a safer, more crowd-pleasing design. Respondents also liked how the curved shape of the bridge references multiple aspects of Folsom's history like the First Nation Dwellings, the Oak tree canopy, and the Rainbow bridge. People also felt that the gentle slope of the arch shape might blend in better with the surrounding natural landscape and State Parks land.

Respondents who disliked or felt apathetic about this concept wrote that this felt too safe of a design option, and that this bridge would not stand out among the other arch bridges in Folsom. Some commenters also expressed that while the intricate design of the arch is aesthetically pleasing, they want to see a bolder, more unique design choice that will stand out more.

Arch Concept



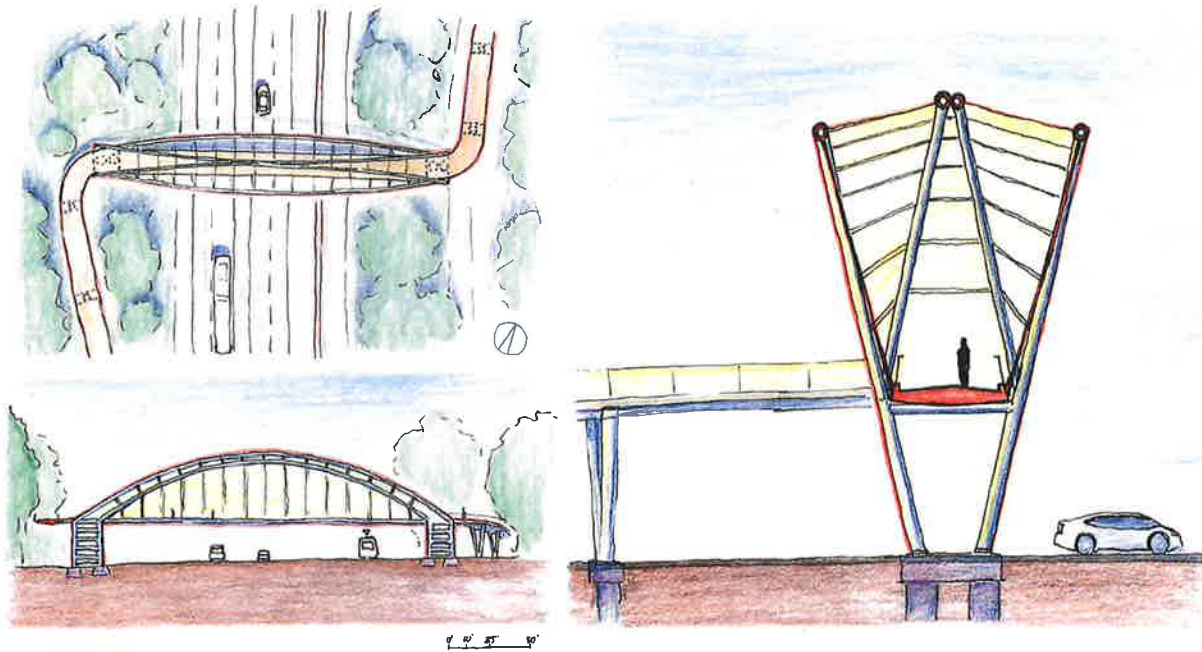
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission, concurring with staff and the consultant team, provide a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the North Alternative Alignment for the Folsom Boulevard Overcrossing. Based on community input and project team expertise, staff believe the North Alternative Alignment provides the most benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists. The North Alternative Alignment would directly connect to the SacRT Glenn Light Rail Station, State Parks Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, and future affordable housing (SacRT Park & Ride lot) linking transit, neighborhoods, businesses, and recreational attractions to Folsom's trail system. Also, partnering with State Parks and the SacRT on an overcrossing that provides a safe, convenient bridge over Folsom Blvd showcases a project that will be desirable and competitive when applying for a grant to the Caltrans Cycle 7 Active Transportation Program for design/engineering and construction funding in June 2024.

NEXT STEPS

November 07, 2023: Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation
November 15, 2023: Planning Commission Recommendation
December 13, 2023: River District Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee
January 9, 2024: City Council Approve Preferred Alternative Alignment
January – June 2024: Prepare & Submit ATP Cycle 7 Grant Application

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost for the Folsom Boulevard Class I Overcrossing Feasibility Study is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The remaining \$17,657 would come out of the Transportation Development Act Fund (Fund 248). There is no fiscal action associated with the preferred alternative alignment recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

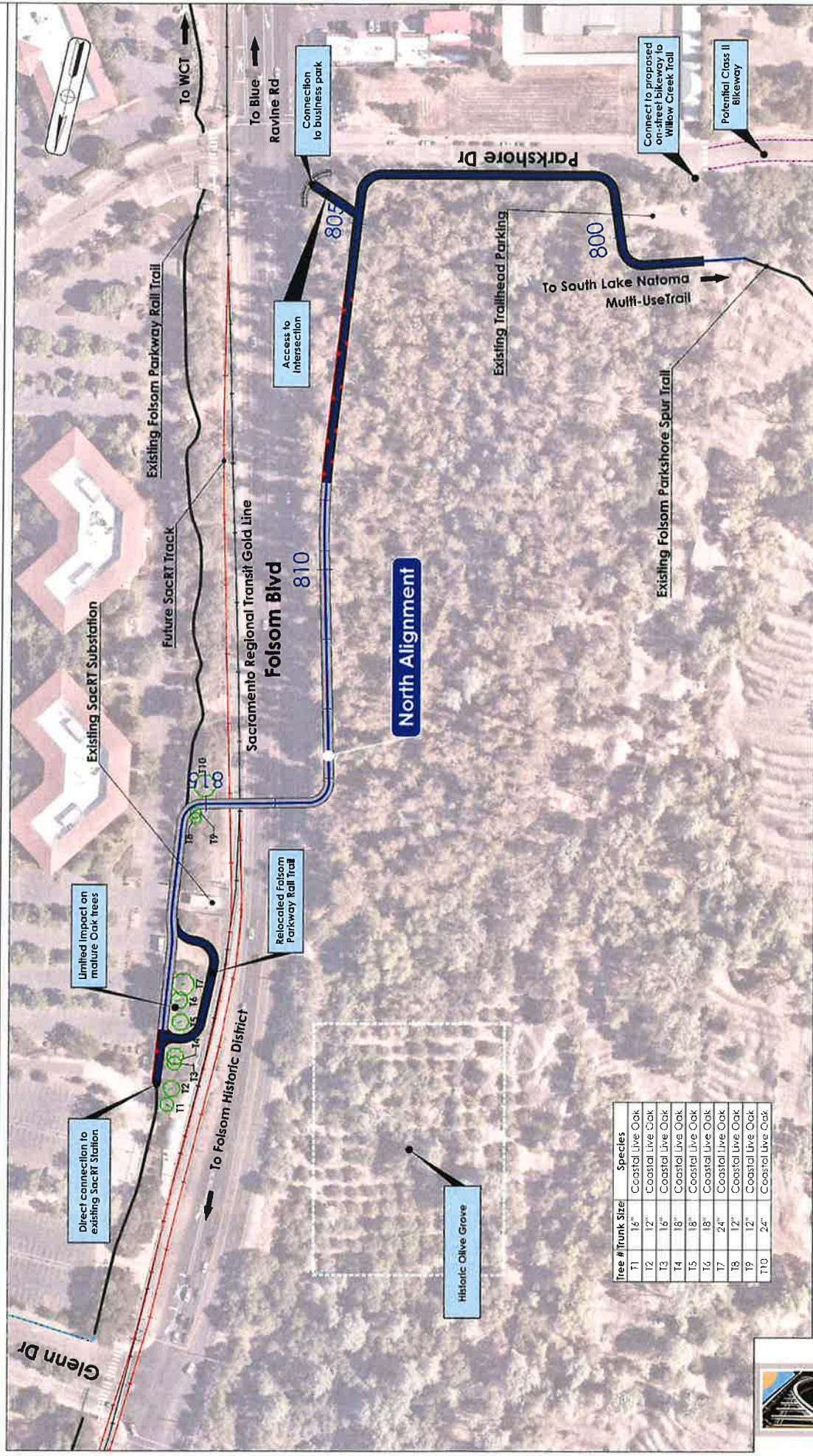
1. North Alternative Alignment
2. South Alternative Alignment

RECOMMENDATION

Parks & Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a Preferred Folsom Boulevard Overcrossing Alternative Alignment.

ATTACHMENT 1

Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing - North Alignment



Tree #	Trunk Size	Species
T1	16"	Coastal Live Oak
T2	12"	Coastal Live Oak
T3	16"	Coastal Live Oak
T4	18"	Coastal Live Oak
T5	18"	Coastal Live Oak
T6	18"	Coastal Live Oak
T7	24"	Coastal Live Oak
T8	12"	Coastal Live Oak
T9	12"	Coastal Live Oak
T10	24"	Coastal Live Oak

NOTES: RIGHT OF WAY SHOWN IN THIS EXHIBIT IS APPROXIMATE AND IS USED AS A COMMUNICATION TOOL TO PROVIDE GENERAL IMPACTS. THE PROPOSED MAP HAVE ON SURROUNDING PROPERTIES.



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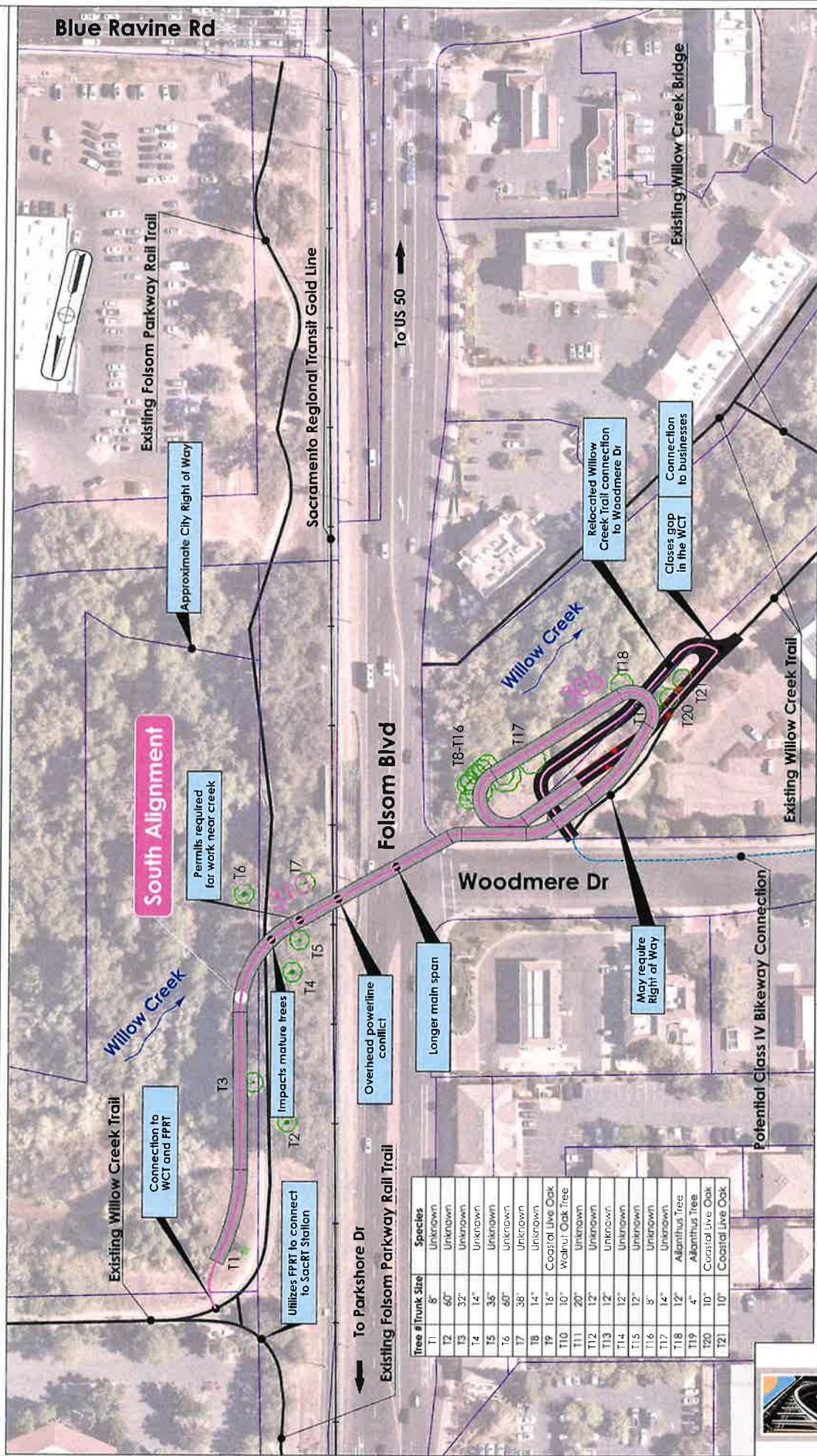
- North Alignment
- Overcrossing
- Proposed Retaining Wall
- Alternative's Features
 - Existing SacRT Rail Line
 - Existing Trail
 - Future SacRT Rail Line
- Approximate Right of Way
 - Willow Creek Trail
 - Folsom Parkway Rail Trail
 - Impacted 12'-24" Size Tree Trunk
 - Potential Class II Bikeway
- WCT
- FPT

Scale: 0 25 50 100 150

Date: 11/02/23

ATTACHMENT 2

Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing - South Alignment



Tree #	Trunk Size	Species
T1	8"	Unknown
T2	60"	Unknown
T3	32"	Unknown
T4	14"	Unknown
T5	36"	Unknown
T6	60"	Unknown
T7	38"	Unknown
T8	14"	Unknown
T9	16"	Coastal Live Oak
T10	10"	Walnut Oak Tree
T11	20"	Unknown
T12	12"	Unknown
T13	12"	Unknown
T14	12"	Unknown
T15	12"	Unknown
T16	3"	Unknown
T17	14"	Unknown
T18	12"	Allanhus Tree
T19	4"	Allanhus Tree
T20	10"	Coastal Live Oak
T21	10"	Coastal Live Oak

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Legend:

- South Alignment
- Overcrossing
- Proposed Retaining Wall
- Alternative's Features
- Existing SacRT Rail Line
- Existing Trail
- Future SacRT Rail Line
- Approximate Right of Way
- WCT Willow Creek Trail
- FPRT Folsom Parkway Rail Trail
- Impacted Trees 10" - 60" Trunk Size
- Potential Class IV Bikeway

Scale: 0 25 50 100

11/02/23



Parks & Recreation Commission SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2023-updated on 7.28.23

SPORTS & RECREATION

Jennifer Tarbox, *Chair*

Bill Davis

Alayna Wagner

Staff: Chad Gunter, Derik Perez, Sarah Trobee, Tom Hellmann,

BUDGET / FINANCE

Matt Hedges

Brian Wallace

Bill Davis

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Elizabeth Vaage, Tom Hellmann*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Marina Leight, *Chair*

Samantha Davidson

Alayna Wagner

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez, Brad Nelson, Chris O'Keefe, Elizabeth Vaage*

PARKS & RECREATION RENOVATION PLAN

Brian Wallace

Samantha Davidson

Jennifer Tarbox

Staff: Kelly Gonzalez*, Brad Nelson, Chris O'Keefe

AD HOC COMMITTEES

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Matt Hedges

Samantha Davidson

Marina Leight

Staff: Kelly, Chris, Derik, Elizabeth, Tom

UNDERUTILIZED CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES

Brian Wallace

Marina Leight

Alayna Wagner

Staff: Kelly, Derik, Elizabeth, Ted, Tom,
Zach*

*As Needed

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Kelly Gonzalez, Director Parks and Recreation
By: Elizabeth Vaage, Senior Management Analyst
Date: November 7, 2023
Subject: **PARK IMPACT FEES COLLECTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24**

The building permit activity and corresponding park impact revenue collected to date during FY 23/24 are shown below. Fund 412 park impact fees are for building permits pulled north of Highway 50; Fund 472 park impact fees are for building permits from the Folsom Plan Area.

Month	# of Permits Issued North of 50	Park Impact Fee Collected (Fund 412)	# of Permits Issued FPA	Park Impact Fee Collected (Fund 472)	Quimby Fee Collected (Fund 240)	Total Impact Fees
Jul 2023	9	\$296,873	54	\$510,851	\$0	\$807,724
Aug 2023	15	\$504,647	102	\$916,555	\$0	\$1,421,202
Sep 2023	6	\$293,893	83	\$699,521	\$0	\$993,414
1st Qtr Total	30	\$1,095,413	239	\$2,126,927	\$0	\$3,222,340
Oct 2023						\$0
Nov 2023						\$0
Dec 2023						\$0
2nd Qtr Total	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	0
Jan 2024						\$0
Feb 2024						\$0
Mar 2024						\$0
3rd Qtr Total	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr 2024						\$0
May 2024						\$0
Jun 2024						\$0
4th Qtr Total	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY Total	30	\$1,095,413	239	\$2,126,927	\$0	\$3,222,340

On the following page is a breakdown of the permits by subdivision for FY 23/24. The FY 23/24 revenue budget for Fund 412 is \$482,730 and Fund 472 is \$6,432,124

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Subdivision	# of Permits	Impact Fee (Fund 412)	Impact Fee (Fund 472)	Quimby Fee (Fund 240)	Total Impact Fees
American River Canyon	4	\$48,721			\$48,721
Bidwell Place					\$0
Broadstone	24	\$1,031,798			\$1,031,798
Empire Ranch	2	\$14,894			\$14,894
FPA Commercial	1		\$3,726		\$3,726
La Colina					\$0
Mangini	109		\$931,705		\$931,705
Misc. Infill					\$0
Rockress					\$0
Russell Ranch	75		\$736,275		\$736,275
Toll Brothers	53		\$454,421		\$454,421
White Rock Springs	1		\$9,817		\$9,817
Willow Creek South					\$0
Refunds			-\$9,017		
Total	269	\$1,095,413	\$2,126,927	\$0	\$3,222,340

The following two tables are a breakdown of Commercial, Multi-Family, and Residential permits:

Permit Type	# of Permits	Fund 412	Fund 472	Fund 240	Total
Commercial	4	\$6,967	\$3,726		\$10,693
Multi-Family	22	\$1,019,082			\$1,019,082
Residential	243	\$69,364	\$2,123,201		\$2,192,565
Quimby	1				\$0
Total	270	\$1,095,413	\$2,126,927	\$0	\$3,222,340

	Commercial	Multi-Family	Residential	Quimby	Total
Jul 2023	\$3,726	\$281,979	\$522,019	\$0	\$807,724
Aug 2023	\$0	\$450,177	\$971,025	\$0	\$1,421,202
Sep 2023	\$6,967	\$286,926	\$699,521	\$0	\$993,414
1st Qtr Total	\$10,693	\$1,019,082	\$2,192,565	\$0	\$3,222,340
Oct 2023	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov 2023	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dec 2023	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2nd Qtr Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jan 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Feb 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mar 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3rd Qtr Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Apr 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
May 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4th Qtr Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY Total	\$10,693	\$1,019,082	\$2,192,565	\$0	\$3,222,340

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
By: Chad Gunter, Recreation Supervisor
Date: November 7, 2023
Subject: Recreation & Community Services Division - Aquatics

I. Notable Achievements & Services

- The Sierra Marlins continue to utilize the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center and the Vista Del Lago High School pool on a year-round basis.
- Folsom Sea Otters and Sierra Marlins are collaboratively working together this fall in providing a seasonal fall competitive swim clinic.
- Sea Squad Swim School completed the 2023 swim lesson season Thursday October 26, 2023. Over 1,700 participants participated in the 2023 program which started April 3, 2023. The Sea Squad Swim School will be expanding in 2024 offering lessons at the Vista Del Lago swimming pool.
- Poderosa High School is currently utilizing the Vista Del Lago High School pool for water polo practice Monday – Friday.
- Annual Bark ‘n’ Splash took place Saturday October 7, 2023. 154 dogs participated in this annual event. The Activity pool was utilized for this event and was drained, cleaned, and refilled with water after the event.
- Swim with the Pumpkins a Halloween Spooktacular was held at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center on Saturday October 21, 2023. 652 participants enjoyed the following activities: Swimming with Pumpkins, Haunted House, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Spooky Hay Bayle Movie, Trunk or Treat, and Raging Ducks of Doom! The comment below was posted on social media regarding the event. *“It was such a beautifully wholesome Folsom Event!!! Honestly, I teared up at one point during the night with the amount of gratitude I have for everyone putting that much love and attention into the event! Thank you so much my family loved it!!!”*

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- October participation #'s as of October 30, 2023:

-Sierra Marlins:	7,400
-Dos Rios Divers:	260
-Recreation/Lap Swim/Aquacise	795
-Sea Squad Swim School	442
-Ponderosa Water Polo (Vista Del Lago High School)	400
-Bark 'n' Splash (154 Dogs)	300
-Swim with the Pumpkins	642
-Folsom Sea Otter Clinic	100

Totals 10,339

- **October 2023 skate & bike park Information:**

October (Through 10/29/23) participation totals: 395

With the re-opening of the bike park in September 2016, the Cummings Family Skate & Bike Park had the largest monthly participation total since April 2022. (17 months)

II. Upcoming Department Related Events

- Sierra Marlins Junior Classic November 3 – 5
- Sierra Marlins Senior Classic November 10 – 12
- Facility closed December 23, 2023 – January 2, 2024.

III. Progress on Key Projects

One of the 50-meter pool pumps and motors was rebuilt and successfully installed. Several smaller repairs were also completed in the filter room along with a complete service and cleaning of 50-meter pool heaters. 50-meter filters (8 units) will be rebuilt December 27 – 29, 2023. Staff will be working on completing a facility maintenance repair plan outlining future repair and replacement projects along with estimated expenses.

IV. Significant Training / Recruitment Accomplishments

New Sr. Maintenance Worker – Aquatics, Cillian Spain began his employment with the City of Folsom on Monday October 2, 2023. We are excited about this new addition to our team. Cillian received his AFO (Aquatic Facility Operator) certificate Wednesday October 4, 2023. Mr. Spain has been a welcome addition to the Aquatics team.

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Significant Training / Recruitment Accomplishments – Continued...

Aquatics staff participated in a department wide Strengths Finder training on Wednesday October 25, 2023. This was beneficial in helping staff understand how each team members approaches projects and general working relationships. Follow-up training scheduled for December 6, 2023.

Recreation Coordinator II's Scott Seeba & Cynthia Mandel will be attending the CPRS Fall Forum November 2, 2023. CPRS Region 1 (Districts 1, 2 & 3) is proud to present the Fall Forum! This year's event will take place at the Woodland Community & Senior Center located at 2001 East Street in Woodland, CA. This one-day mini conference will feature a minimum of 16 educational sessions taught by professionals in and around our region.

Cynthia Mandel, Recreation Coordinator II will be attending (CAMS) California Aquatic Management School, November 7 – 9 in Burlingame, CA. The **California Aquatic Management School (CAMS)** was formed in 2001 by a group of dedicated Aquatic Section leaders with a vision to conduct a premiere training for aquatic professionals. CAMS will offer networking opportunities as well as nationally recognized speakers discussing topics such as legislation, staff training, staff performance, facility design, program enhancements, emergency preparation, aquatic hot topics, and much more. When you attend CAMS you can expect a 3-day experience like no other conference ever attended.

Recreation Coordinator II Cynthia Mandel was awarded a CPRS Aquatic Section Kathie Luecker Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship funds will be used towards her CPRS CAMS conference expenses.

Staff is gearing up for the 2024 Summer Season and will be holding our first Ellis Lifeguard training for new and returning staff December 19 – 21.

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

By: Sarah Trobee, Recreation Supervisor

Date: November 7, 2023

Subject: Recreation & Community Services Division – Community & Cultural Services

I. Notable Achievements & Services

Community Facilities

- The Community Center hosted 56 reservations during the month of October.
- The Robert H. Miller III Rotary Clubhouse hosted 31 reservations during the month of October.
- There were 20 Park Pavilion reservations in October: 1- City Lions Park Gazebo, 3- City Lions Park Pavilion, 4- John Kemp Park Pavilion, 9- Lew Howard Park Pavilion, and 3- Livermore Park Pavilion rentals.

Gallery and Art Classes

- The Art Center held the 5th Annual Handblown Glass Pumpkin patch on October 14, 15. Nearly 5,000 glass pumpkin sculptures were displayed and live glass blowing demos entertained the huge crowd. Over \$37,000 was earned from the event.
- The 2024 schedule of gallery exhibits was approved by the Art Selection Panel on October 24, 2023. The schedule will include 5 exhibits including art in a wide variety of media including encaustics, acrylics, quilts, ceramics, pastels, block prints, moss art, photography, watercolor, and oil paintings.

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- Art classes for youth, teens and adults have all been scheduled for 2024 from January through May, with over 300 different sessions of art to choose from.

Senior Services and Center

- Staff attended the Senior Symposium one day conference in Foster City on October 19 and enjoyed meeting other senior service professionals and learning about what other organizations are doing for their seniors.
- Staff partnered with Prairie City Landing on the Senior Resource Fair on October 20 for the 2nd annual Fall Senior Resource Fair. There were 16 informational booths and over 90 folks attended.



Teen Services



- The Cave Teen Centers continue to serve monthly 40 students at Folsom Middle School and 65 at Sutter Middle School.
 - Staff had additional training during a non-school day. They got to know new staff, planned activities for the year as well as organized the site.

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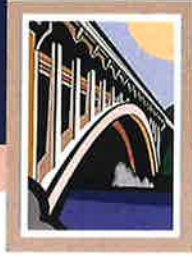
- Staff facilitated fall themed activities, “inktober” and other art projects along with STEM team challenges, snactivities and more!
- San Jose State Intern Leia Matters organized a Halloween themed escape room activity at both sites with over 10 puzzles and an escape room box for teams to complete.



- The Folsom Teen Council Sponsored a booth the Wild Howl-O-Ween Event at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary where they passed out candy along the “Treat Trail” during the event. They volunteered for a local elementary school’s Trunk-or-Treat and Carnival Event at Mangini Ranch Elementary School where they assisted with directing kids to the various areas, facilitating carnival games and more. They also volunteered at the Swim with the Pumpkins A Halloween Spooktacular Event at the Steve Miklos Aquatic Center where they sold “Boo Cakes” to raise funds for their upcoming Shopping with the STARS Event.



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Youth Services

- October was a month full of learning, growth, and FUN for all our Fun Factory classes and our Kindergarten Readiness Program. Here are a few highlights:
 - An apple orchard sprouted in Ms. Kari and Ms. Moira's class! The students have loved picking the apples off the trees, pretending to bake pies and other goodies, and "buy/sell" items in the apple market.
 - Ms. Prati's classes had a Pajama Party to celebrate the end of Letter P Week where students did all kinds of hands-on activities in their jammies.
 - Ms. Michelle's classes had the month-long theme of "On the Farm" and they enjoyed many activities "exploring" the farm including scarecrows, farm themed sensory bins, Q-tip paintings, and pumpkin suncatchers.
- There were 5 Pumpkin Patch Field Trips!
 - Parents, kids, and staff alike all had so much fun on our different trips.
 - Kindergarten Readiness and Ms. Prati's TTh class visited Zittel's Farm here in Folsom, while Ms. Michelle's 3 and 4-year-old classes visited Rickey Ranch in Granite Bay
 - Both trips enjoyed hayrides, visiting, and feeding the animals, and seeing where the pumpkins are grown.
- Our teachers attended a training led by two members of the FCUSD Early Childhood Assessment Team.
 - The Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist came in to talk to our teachers about what Kindergarten teachers are seeing in their new incoming students, and we were able to submit a list of questions to them ahead of time for them to work through.
 - It was a great opportunity and we have begun making plans to do more training with them in the future. We are very grateful that we have such a great relationship with this team. When we requested the training, this was a part of the email reply:
 - "I/We (the team I work with) would love to meet with you this school year to chat. We love your program and recommend it to so

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many families...one of my favorite preschools in Folsom. Your teachers are amazing and clearly are well supported.”

- On October 30 & 31 our classes will celebrate Halloween by dressing up and playing all the exciting Halloween Carnival games the teachers will set up for them and be sent home with some prizes and goodies.



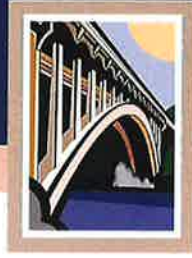
Social Media and Special Events

*15 photos and *8 videos were released in October with an average monthly reach of *37.7K+ and *9.7K+ post engagement, and *16.1K+ video views. *8 Instagram/Facebook Stories were posted in August with 1.4K+ unique account views.

****Data collected on 10/27, prior to the end of the month. Additional content hasn't been released.***

- Promotional videos were shot and produced promoting the Folsom Glass Pumpkin event as well as a wrap up highlight of the event that took place on October 14-15.

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Behind the Scenes (REELS #1)

<https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec/videos/6760841600625924>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cx83aTtyURI/?hl=en>

Behind the Scenes (REELS #2)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CyMHxxwv4to/?hl=en>

Glass Pumpkin Event Highlight

<https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec/videos/534679885524611>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CyhIXN1xjZR/?hl=en>

- Videos were filmed and produced highlighting the Aquatics Events that took place in October. These events included the Bark 'n' Splash Bash on October 7 and the Swim with the Pumpkins A Halloween Spooktacular Event on October 28.

Bark 'n' Splash Bash

<https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec/videos/857069652618302>

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SWP – A Halloween Spooktacular

<https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec/videos/893065568841704>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cyy5hT9pxeG/?hl=en>

- A video was filmed and will be produced highlighting the 3rd Annual Wild Howl-O-Ween Event at the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary before the end of the month.
- The Annual Community Service Day Event that took place on September 16th was highlighted at the October Commission Meeting. A video highlighting the event and volunteers was produced and shared across all Department Platforms.

Community Service Day 2023

<https://www.facebook.com/FolsomParksandRec/videos/686045803510221>

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
By: Chris O'Keefe, Parks & Facilities Manager
Date: November 07, 2023
Subject: Monthly Update

I. Staff Support

- Provided assistance for the Glass Pumpkin event
- Provided assistance for the new PD offices
- Provided assistance to Library staff for the new Friends of Folsom Library space

II. Maintenance Activities

The following tasks were completed by Parks Maintenance:

- New nets installed at the Kemp Volleyball courts
- Water Features prepped for winter
- Several Drinking Fountains repaired
- New trash cans installed at Sheldon Park with assistance from the Folsom Athletic Association (FAA)
- Lighting repairs at Kemp were completed
- 25 trees planted at Handy Family Park with assistance from the Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Usual vandalism and graffiti repairs

The following tasks were completed by Facilities Services

- Lighting repairs at Cummings Park were completed
- Installed a new interactive display at the Library
- Lighting repairs at the Corp Yard shop were completed

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- Completed the enclosure for the new Zoo exhibit. Stem walls and isolation cage are next
- Completed fencing at the livestock exhibit at the Zoo
- Usual vandalism and graffiti repairs



FAA Volunteers at Sheldon Park

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

By: Brad Nelson, Park Planning Manager

Date: October 3, 2023

Subject: Park Planning Monthly Report for September 2023

I. Notable Incidents / Events

- The River District Master Plan (RDMP) – Working Group meeting held to refine project boundaries and discuss expectations from Staff. Current and long-range planning projects that may impact the RDMP were also discussed.
- Central Business District Master Plan – Project Kick-off meeting held to discuss anticipated outcomes, overview of the project methodology and schedule, preliminary requests for information, confirm communications protocol, review with the community advisory committee and discuss next steps.

II. Progress on Key Projects

- Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience Pick No. 1. – Bid package was issued August 14th. There was a mandatory pre-bid conference held at the project site on August 29th. Bids were due September 12th. Three bids were received. Staff is confirming project funding availability.
- Benevento Family Park –CEQA and Design development are underway. Staff meeting bi-weekly with the project landscape architect. As design development continues., the cost estimate will be updated to determine what can be included in Phase I
- Prospector Park – Construction is underway. Rough grading of the site is complete. Underground utility work is currently underway. This includes storm drainage system, sewer system (which services the restroom building and all drinking fountains), the electrical system and the potable water system. Park Planning Staff is conducting regular construction meetings.

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Prospector Park Storm Drain Installation



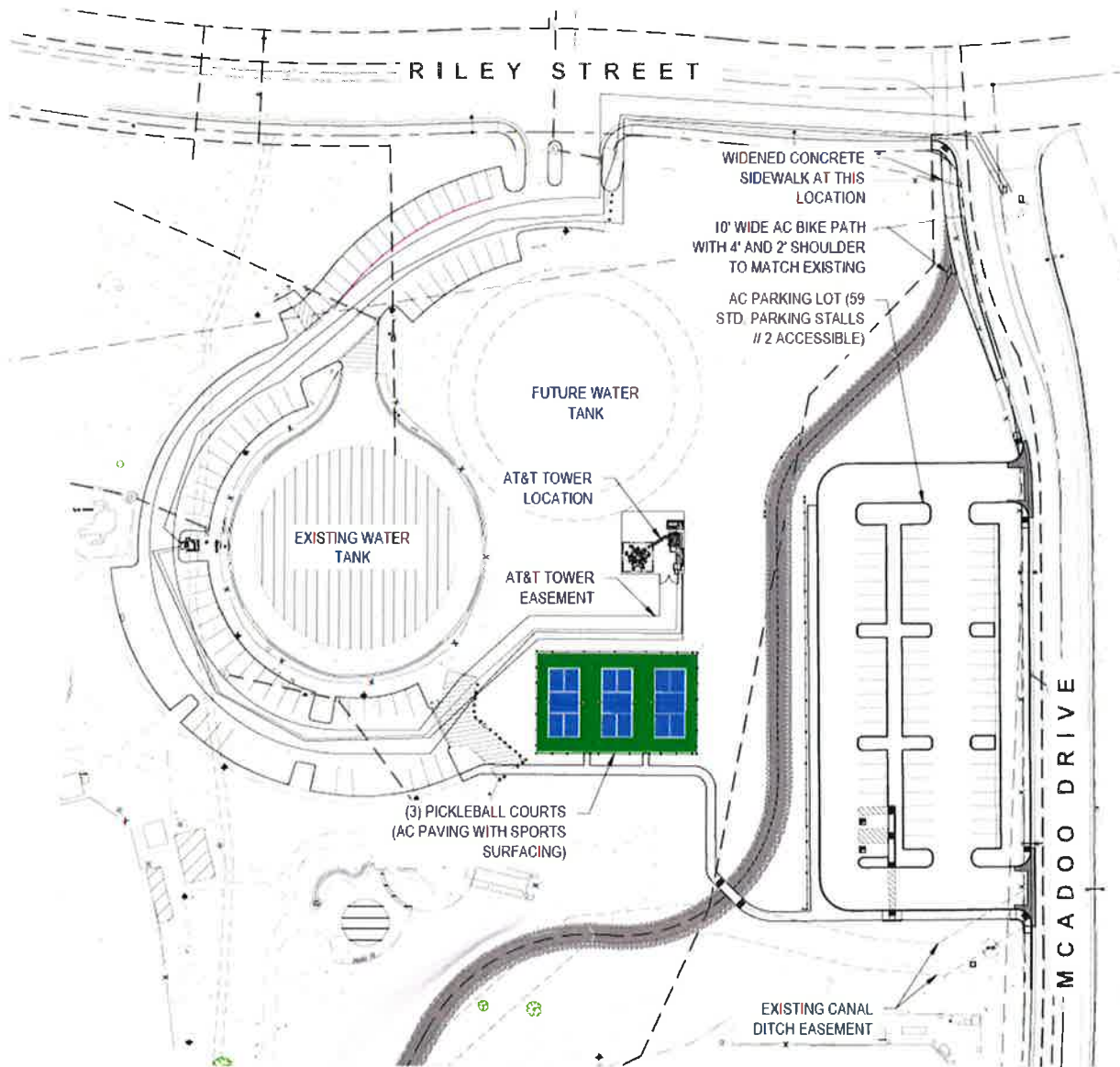
Prospector Park Construction Meeting

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- Livermore Community Park Phase 5A – Revised parking lot concept complete and being routed for review. The current concept increased the parking lot from 51 parking stalls to 59.



Livermore Community Park Phase 5A

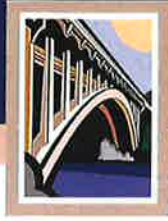
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- Zoo Perimeter Fence Project -- Perimeter fence construction is underway. The contractor is currently working on the fence adjacent to the Folsom City Lions Park.
- Staff is working with the Community Development Department (CDD) to discuss initial planning ideas for the park facilities to be located in the Town Center in the Folsom Plan Area. This urban park is a crucial element to the success of the Town Center. CDD is talking with potential developers that the landowners are working with.
- Andy Morin Sports Complex Overhead Covering -- Final plans and specifications received. These are being reviewed and approved.
- Staff is working with AT&T for a future First Responders cell tower to be potentially located in a City facility in the Folsom Plan Area. The intention of starting planning early is to accommodate the ground lease space requirement as part of the initial site design. Several locations in the Folsom Plan Area are currently being studied.

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

By: Derik Perez, Recreation Supervisor

Date: November 7, 2023

Subject: Recreation & Community Services Division - Sports

The Sports section is responsible for coordinating the City's sports leagues, programs, and sports related special events. Additionally, this section coordinates the scheduling of the community's youth sports leagues and their relationship with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) Joint Use agreement. Staff continues to enhance and/or leverage additional recreational services through partnerships/sponsorships with local businesses, community groups and/or individual volunteers. This section also provides a variety of recreational activities at the Andy Morin Sports Complex for youth and adults, and seniors including sports leagues, camps, indoor batting cages, sports classes, two preschools and a meeting room.

I. Sports Division Update

- The Andy Morin Sports Complex is open to the public. (Monday–Friday 10 a.m.– 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.)
- The Sports Division is continuously recruiting for part-time positions: scorekeepers, officials, site monitors, ballfield maintenance prep, front desk/customer service, facility shift supervisor and recreation program specialists. All positions are posted at [Job Opportunities | Folsom, CA](#)

II. Notable Incidents/ Events

- Folsom was host to four youth softball tournaments at Kemp Park and Lembi Community Park.
- Folsom was host to the Folsom Lake Surf Soccer Club Halloween tournament which included 120 youth teams played on 7 synthetic turf fields at City Parks, Both High Schools and Folsom Lake College.
- Folsom hosted the annual Disc Golf Tournament – Aces Wild at Willow Hills Reservoir Community Park with the Folsom Disc Golf Club.
- Folsom was host to one adult pickleball tournament at Lembi Park

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- The Andy Morin Sports Complex was host to two youth indoor basketball tournaments.
- Registration has opened up for the upcoming Youth Indoor Soccer League which will start up in early December at the Andy Morin Sports Complex.
- The Andy Morin Sports Complex was host to one cornhole tournament.
- The Andy Morin Sports Complex hosted one Roller Derby tournament.
- Fall Adult Outdoor Soccer league continued with a total of 17 teams participating at Kemp Community Park.
- Fall Adult Softball league continued with a total of 33 teams playing at Lembi Community Park.
- Fall Indoor Adult Soccer league continued with thirteen teams playing at the Andy Morin Sports Complex.
- Fall Adult Flag Football league continued with eight teams playing at Kemp Community Park on Friday nights.
- Staff continues to schedule field rentals for use in the parks based on field availability for all types of sporting requests.
- Fall NFL Flag Football Friday night league held at Kemp Community Park continued playing games with 250+ kids.
- Sports division continues to offer recreational sports programming to the community on a weekly basis at various parks and at the Andy Morin Sports Complex throughout the Fall season.
- Staff has started planning for the upcoming winter season with classes, clinics and camps for the Winter activity guide.

III. Community Youth Sports Leagues (CYSL)

- Field Prep staff continued to coordinate with Parks Maintenance staff to renovate and maintain ballfields during the fall ball season and youth softball tournament season.
- Staff has worked with scheduling with the fall CYSL's on facility allocations, scheduling and planning for the Folsom Lake Surf Soccer Club, Aspire volleyball Club, Folsom Softball Club, Folsom Freedom Softball, Folsom Cricket Club, Folsom American Little League, Folsom National Little League, Jr. Bulldogs Cheer and Football and Jr. Eagles Cheer and Football youth programs.
- Staff has started to schedule and collaborate for the upcoming CYSL Winter season with Folsom Youth Basketball Association (FYBA), AAU Basketball Programs, Aspire Volleyball and Folsom Lacrosse Association.

IV. Joint Use Agreement Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD)

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- Staff continues to work with FCUSD Planning staff to discuss schedules and review of future school modernization projects in the district.
- Staff continues to be involved in joint use planning for planned school sites in the Folsom Plan Area including the new high school facility and next elementary school – Alder Creek Elementary School.

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director
By: Brett Bollinger, Senior Trails Planner
Date: November 7, 2023
Subject: Trail Planning Division Monthly Report for October 2023

III. Progress on Key Projects

- **Folsom Blvd Class I Overcrossing Feasibility Study Report (FSR)**

Project Description: The objective of the FSR is to consider possible alternatives for establishing an east-west gap closure across Folsom Boulevard and the feasibility for its implementation. The City is currently considering a Class I multi-use overcrossing at an undetermined location between Blue Ravine Road and Glenn Drive. The connection must be safe, convenient, and cost-effective.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Date:	August 2022
Consultant Award Date:	November 2022
Start FSR Process:	December 2022

October Activity: Project team held its final Public Outreach meeting on October 19, 2023, and ran an online survey for two weeks from October 16-30, 2023.

September Activity: Final Public Outreach Workshop meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2023, at the Folsom Community Center at 52 Natoma Street from 5pm – 7pm. The project will also have an Online Community Survey for those that can't make the in-person Public Outreach Workshop that will run from October 16 – 30.

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June-August Activity: Project team held the project's second Focus Group meeting on July 18, 2023. The meeting had a turnout of approximately 16 stakeholders. During this meeting the study team presented an overview of the feedback heard from the previous stakeholder meeting and public online questionnaire, shared the refined alternatives for the overcrossing, and provided an overall project update.

- **Mangini Ranch Trails**

Project Description: The project consists of the design/engineering and construction of approximately 3 miles of new Class I multi-use trails in the Folsom Plan Area (FPA) Mangini Ranch development. This project meets the City's goal of developing recreational facilities in the FPA Mangini Ranch development and helps make the new residential and commercial developments a community of choice for living, working, and enjoying leisure activities. The 3 miles of trail segments provides a much-needed multi-use trail in the FPA Mangini Ranch development to support the residential developments being constructed.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Date:	June 2021
Consultant Award Date:	September 2021
Start Design Process:	December 2021

April – October Activity: Due to ongoing construction in the southeast and southwest corners of the Mangini Ranch development, completion of the design/engineering process has been delayed until fall 2023. Construction is expected to begin in early 2024.

- **Folsom-Placerville Rail Trail**

Project Description: Design and construct approximately 1.6 miles of 12'-wide Class I Bike Path on the north side of East Bidwell Street from the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail to Iron Point Rd. The gap closure project will provide a continuous and safe corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians, connecting residents to community destinations. The corridor also serves several local schools and parks, as well as to other local bike and walking paths. Because

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of its widespread benefits, this project has been identified as a high priority project in the City of Folsom Active Transportation Plan, adopted in June 2022. Project completion would result in a gap closure of a trail that was identified as part of SACOGs Regional Trail Network.

The project currently has committed funding and an executed design/engineering consultant contract to complete the Environmental Phase and Preliminary Engineering for plans developed to a 30% level of completion. The project is seeking an additional funding request with local match to complete the Design/Engineering (PS&E) phase of the project, with plans developed to 100% level of completion, and fully fund the Construction (CON) phase.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Date:	Summer 2023
Consultant Award Date:	Summer 2023
Start Design Process (100% plan set):	Summer/Fall 2023

June – October Activity: Staff are working with the design team to complete the design by spring 2024. Staff expects to be under construction in Summer 2025 once the new water pipeline for the FPA is completed. The project trail alignment will follow the FPA waterline alignment once it is installed.

January – May Activity: Staff were informed that our SACOG Regional ATP grant application was going to be approved for funding. The grant request would fully fund the project for design/engineering completion and construction. The project grant application was recommended for approval at SACOGs Transportation Committee meeting on March 2, 2023. SACOG Board approval meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2023.

- **Trail Connections**

Project Description: The three trail connection projects, which are part of the City Bikeway Master Plan, would fill important gaps in the city-wide trail network. Two of the connections being proposed are along the Oak Parkway

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Trail and the third is along the Humbug-Willow Creek Trail at the East Bidwell Street undercrossing.

- 1. Oak Parkway Trail - Willow Creek Drive Connection** – Complete the Class I Oak Parkway Trail connection to Willow Creek Drive. When this Oak Parkway trail segment was constructed, funding was limited, and the trail came 900-feet short of connecting to Willow Creek Drive. Cyclists and pedestrians currently share a 4-foot-wide sidewalk through BT Collins Park, which creates unnecessary conflicts. The project would be to complete the remaining 900 feet of trail to connect with the Willow Creek Drive crosswalk.
- 2. HBWC Trail - East Bidwell Street Connection** - Provide a much-needed Class I trail connection from the Humbug-Willow Creek trail undercrossing to East Bidwell Street Class II bike lanes.
- 3. Oak Parkway Trail - McFarland Drive Connection** - Provide a 100-foot-long Class I connection from the Oak Parkway Trail to McFarland Drive for the neighborhood south of the trail corridor. Currently pedestrians and cyclists use an unpaved access to the trail.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Date:	August 2020
Consultant Award Date:	November 2020
Start Design Process:	January 2021

May – October Activity: Staff submitted an application for grant funding through State Parks Recreational Trail Program (RTP). Applications were due by 5pm on June 15, 2023. Grant award recipients will be notified in late 2023.

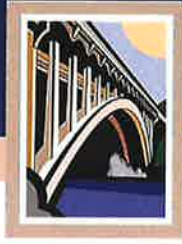
- **Active Transportation Plan (ATP)**

Project Description: The new Active Transportation Master Plan (ATP) for the City will combine the master plans for both the pedestrian and bicycle facilities citywide. The ATP will guide the planning, development, and

maintenance of existing and future bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the city, including recommended citywide active transportation network improvements and Safe Routes to School.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Date:	January 2020
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Consultant Award Date: February 2020

Start ATP Process: August 2020

ATP Completion: June 2022

Final ATP:

- Parks Commission Adoption Recommendation June 7th
- City Council Adoption June 14th

- **Trails Wayfinding**

City staff is actively working on identifying specific locations for wayfinding signage for trails north of Highway 50. Staff expects to have a draft list of wayfinding signage location, sign type and sign content in Fall/Winter 2023-2024.

- **Trails Naming**

Staff are currently working on naming the more than 50 miles of trails north of Highway 50 and the 30 miles of future trails in Folsom Plan Area (FPA). Staff held a kick-off meeting with the Auburn Rancheria earlier this year to assist the City with trail naming.

- **Trails Grant Applications**

1. **California Natural Resources Agency Prop 68 Per Capita Program:** On May 28, 2019, the City submitted a Per Capita Allocation Questionnaire that opted the City into the Per Capita Allocation grant program. On June 24, 2020, OGALS announced that the Per Capita allocation for the City of Folsom was \$177,952. In addition to the allocation, the City also received \$47,963 in Urban County Per Capita funds. The total Per Capita Allocation for the City is \$225,915. With the required 20% match of \$45,183 the City will have **\$271,098** to utilize on eligible capital outlay projects(s). Staff held a Planning and Development Subcommittee meeting on September 30, 2020, to recommend project(s) to the full commission. The subcommittee recommended using the grant funding on renovation and new amenities at Ed Mitchell Park. At the October 6, 2020 Parks and

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Recreation Commission meeting, commissioners voted in favor of using the grant.

Funding money on Ed Mitchell Park renovation and new amenities. Next step in the process is for staff to submit an application for the selected project(s) to (OGALS) for approval.

Staff submitted the Per Capita Grant Application in December 2021 to receive authorization to move forward with the proposed improvements to Ed Mitchell Park. Currently, about half of the improvements have been completed.

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To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Kelly Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director

By: Jocelyn Smeltzer, Zoo Manager

Date: November 1, 2023

Subject: Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary Monthly Report for September / October 2023

I. Notable Achievements & Services

- On October 23, the Zoo passed its annual Fish and Wildlife inspection.
- On Saturday October 28, the Zoo hosted the Wild Howl O Ween event. Revenue exceeded \$18,000 with almost 2,000 guests. Visitors enjoyed watching Henry consume a giant (large trash can sized) “candy corn” colored ice pop made from coconut water and oranges.
- The Zoo hosted a 60th anniversary celebration for visitors during the weekends in October. Guests made birthday cards and hung them in front of their favorite animal exhibits. They also decorated a giant cardboard birthday cake that was given to the animals as enrichment. Visitors enjoyed meeting outreach animals and watching keeper chats.

III. Animal Updates

- Geoffrey’s cat, Xeno, had his yearly physical exam.
- Opossums Estelle and Arthur are doing well out on display in the exhibit between the black bears and mountain lions.
- Goats Banjo, Bandit and Gridley had their yearly dental procedures.
- Bobcat, Barry was anesthetized for his yearly physical and vaccines.
- Sand Cats, Tracy, Tina, Sally, and Omar were all anesthetized for their yearly dentals. Sand Cat, Margo, did not have a dental exam because she does not have teeth.

IV. Progress on Key Projects

- The new perimeter fence project has started. Contractors removed tree limbs and bushes around the zoo exterior. They also removed the old fence on the park side and began installing posts for the new fence.
- Facilities Maintenance staff coordinated these projects with contractors:

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- Welding the new bobcat exhibit mesh
- Painting the new bobcat exhibit
- Upgrading the draft horse's exhibit
- Removing two dead trees at the barn
- Resealing the pool in the bear quarantine area
- The part-time grounds team assisted in these areas:
 - Adding decomposed granite to Delilah the deer's exhibit
 - Painting exhibits (deer, macaques, barn owl and parrots)
 - Landscaping plants in visitor areas
 - Retrofitting an empty exhibit for the opossums
 - Fixing the bobcat exhibit drain
 - Adding fresh sod to multiple exhibits.

V. Participation in Community Activities

- Due to the cooler weather, Fall is a busy time for corporate work parties. Zoo staff greatly appreciated all the volunteer efforts in multiple exhibits.
- On September 15, Intel volunteers weeded, raked, and added decomposed granite and mulch piles in Henry, the black bear's exhibit.
- On September 26 and 27, Blue Shield volunteers worked in the wolf hybrid exhibit doing weeding, landscaping, and painting.
- On September 29, Intel volunteers thoroughly cleaned, raked, weeded, and landscaped the mountain lion exhibit.
- On Oct 4, Blue Shield volunteers added decomposed granite and mulch both in and around Olive the black bear's exhibit and near Ernie the zebu's exhibit.
- On Oct 18, Intel employees painted the mountain lion exhibit back holding area.

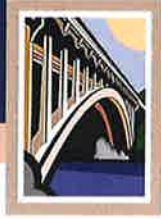
VI. Upcoming Zoo Sanctuary Events

- The Zoo will be closed on Saturday November 4 until noon so that community volunteers can decorate the facility for Wild Nights and Holiday Lights.

VII. Significant Training / Recruitment Accomplishments

- On September 13, Zoo staff held an orientation and training for docents to volunteer as animal interpreters. The new animal interpreter program enables docents to educate the public with Zoo outreach animals such as the ferrets, hedgehogs, snakes, geckos, tortoise, and invertebrates.
- The Zoo is currently recruiting part time staff to join the grounds team and guest services team.

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VIII. Statistical Data:

- The Zoo is currently open to the public Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- September ticket booth revenue and attendance: \$53,336 and 8,653 visitors.

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To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Kelly Gonzalez, Director
Date: November 2, 2023
Subject: Park and Recreation Director's Report and Department Summary

City Council Updates:

October 10, 2023

- Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming October 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month
- Study Session on Addressing Homelessness
- Results of the 10th Annual Folsom Community Service Day

October 24, 2023

- Contract renewal for Tree Planting and Community Liaison Services with the Sacramento Tree Foundation
- Consideration of Potential Sales Tax Measure and Direction to Staff

Upcoming City Council Meetings

November 14, 2023

- Presentation on the Historic District Shuttle Program
- City Manager's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 First Quarter Financial Reports
- Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Sacramento Tree Foundation for Tree Programs and Tree Planting and maintenance for three years commencing 2023.

November 28, 2023

- Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for Building Access System Replacement Software
- Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for maintenance of parks, trails, and public works areas

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Director's Items:

Parks and Recreation Staffing

Cillian Spain was recently hired to join the Parks and Recreation Department working in the Aquatics Section as a Senior Maintenance Worker. Prior to coming to the City, Cillian worked for the school district overseeing pool operations and maintenance. Cillian is a resident of Folsom and has a passion for skiing.

Martin Royston has announced his retirement from working in the Sports Section. Martin worked for the City of Folsom for over 28 years. He started in 1995 and his last day of service will be on December 29th, 2023. Martin worked 10 years part-time and 28 years full-time with the City of Folsom and has developed and delivered a variety of adult and youth sports programs and leagues. Martin will enjoy retirement by rooting on his Raiders and A's and taking a break from service to others while he enjoys service to self. Congratulations Martin!

Partnerships and Community Involvement

The City of Folsom continues to strengthen relationships with partners. Staff met with the Rotary Club and Folsom Historic District to discuss upcoming potential partnerships. Kelly Gonzalez and Tom Hellmann are discussing how best to support our community partners and collaborate on upcoming projects. Kelly had the opportunity to present to the Folsom Rotary Club (evening group) with updates on department happenings.

Staff met with Choose Folsom to discuss an upcoming recreation facility asset study and other ways parks and recreation services support economic development in Folsom. Choose Folsom is scheduled to present an update to the Department staff on November 15, 2023.

This month, staff provided a tour of the Hinkle Creek Nature Center to staff from State Parks and the Friends of Lakes Folsom and Natoma.

City staff hosted the monthly 2x2 with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Staff are working on a collaborative marketing plan related to proper use of e-bikes. The School District also presented on long-term planning for school facilities.

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Staff received positive feedback during a site visit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on our open space management in the conservation areas south of 50 for their work managing invasive plants previously identified in floristic surveys.

Project Updates:

Johnny Cash Trail Art Experience Pick No. 1. – Bids came in over \$100,000. Staff will be making recommendations to the City Council regarding additional how to fund the project shortfalls.

Prospector Park – Construction continues with underground utility work currently underway. Park Planning Staff is conducting regular construction meetings.

Zoo Perimeter Fence – If you stop by the Zoo Sanctuary, you will see an active construction site with temporary fencing.

Program Highlights and Summary

The City of Folsom was mentioned in the California Parks and Recreation Magazine for a marketing campaign “Parks Make Life Better” and announcing the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Style Magazine released the Best of Awards for 2023. Notable award winners that highlighted the City of Parks and Recreation Department included:

Best Local Artist

1. Sandy Hilton, *retired department employee and current art instructor*

Best Place to Volunteer

1. Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary

Best Kids' Activity

1. Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary

Best Swim School

2. Sea Squad Swim School at Folsom Aquatic Center

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Best Martial Arts Instructor

1. Karen Bowman at Bowman Martial Arts, *current contract instructor and long-standing contractor with our department*

Best Annual Event

1. The Folsom Pro Rodeo, *held at the City of Folsom Dan Russell Rodeo Arena with prep work by our Parks & Recreation Department staff!*
2. *Historic Folsom Ice Skating Rink, held at the Historic Folsom Railroad Turntable with prep work and regular attention by our Parks & Recreation Department staff!*

Best Farmers' Market

1. *Historic Folsom Farmers' Market, held at the Historic Folsom Railroad Turntable and Alleyway with regular attention by our Parks & Recreation Department staff!*

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a quarterly Department meeting. During the meeting staff heard from inspirational speaker Gina Richardson. Gina spoke about leadership at all levels of the organization. She talked about bringing your authentic self and using personal experience to build resilience and perseverance in the workplace. Thank you to Chair Brian Wallace who attended the meeting.

The department was busy hosting several community events in the City of Folsom connecting with thousands of families. Staff hosted the annual Glass Pumpkin Event at 48 Natoma, the Annual Bark 'n' Splash, Swim with the Pumpkins, and the Wild Howl-O-Ween event at the Zoo Sanctuary. In addition, youth services and senior staff held several Halloween themed activities. Staff completed the 60th anniversary celebrations at the Zoo Sanctuary.

Staff is preparing for Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2023, and Wild Nights and Holiday Lights in December. Staff is in the process of finalizing winter-spring programming and the completion of the Winter- Spring Rec Guide.

Staff continue to host several volunteer activities including tree planting and service projects in our parks, facilities, and trails.

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Professional Development

Kelly Gonzalez attended the National Parks and Recreation Association Conference in Dallas Texas with 9,000 other parks and recreation professionals. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the City of Folsom and learn from peers about trends in the profession. I would like to thank Tom Hellmann for serving as the lead during my time away.

Several parks and recreation professionals attended the Fall Forum in Woodland, a mini conference hosted by our region California Parks and Recreation Professionals. Over 110 professionals attended. Frankie Nelson, Sr. Recreation Coordinator presented two education sessions along with Penelope Crouse-Feehan, Recreation Coordinator II and Sarah Valentine, Recreation Specialist.

Upcoming Presentations and Staff Reports:

Next month, we will be bringing to the Commission an update on the trails grant program, updates from the Municipal Landscape Division and a recap of the sponsorship programs.