

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: November 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Receive Update Regarding Nicolas Road Multi-Use Trail Extension

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council affirm plans for construction of the Nicolas Road Extension and Nicolas Road Multi-Use Trail as recommended by the Trails/Open Space Ad Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Mayor Schwank and Mayor Pro Tempore Stewart.

BACKGROUND: The Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (Specific Plan No. 11) was approved by the City Council on November 26, 2002 by the adoption of Resolution No. 02- 112. Amendment No. 1 to the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (SP 11) was approved on January 11, 2005 by the adoption of Resolution No. 05- 08. Amendment No. 2 to the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (SP 11) was approved on February 28, 2006 by the adoption of Resolution No. 06-02. Amendment No. 3 to the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (SP 11) was approved on March 8, 2016 by the adoption of Resolution No. 16- 17. Amendment No. 4 to the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (SP 11) was approved on January 23, 2018 by the adoption of Resolution No. 18-08. Amendment No. 5 to the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan (SP 11) was approved on January 14, 2020 by the adoption of Resolution No. 20-03. The Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan as originally approved and as amended by Amendments Nos. 1- 5 shall be referred to in this report as the "Specific Plan".

The Specific Plan provides standards and guidelines for development. Amendment No. 4 to the Specific Plan updated and modified those standards to include trails and trail connection improvements. Section 4.1.4 of the Specific Plan outlined a network of bicycle lanes and trails to provide a variety of mobility options for residents. The Nicolas Road Multi-Use Trail is broken up into segments. The first segment (Trail Type G) extends from Butterfield Stage Road to Calle Girasol on Nicolas Road. The trail is described as a 10' multi-use (Class I) stabilized decomposed granite (D. G.) trail from Butterfield Stage Road to Liefer Road. Liefer Road to Calle Girasol is described as a 10' multi-use (Class I) asphalt trail. A rendering of the trail type is illustrated in Exhibit A.

The second segment (Trail Type H) extends from Calle Girasol to Joseph Road. The trail is described as a 15' asphalt trail along the channel, that will incorporate a 6' concrete sidewalk within the right of way and also include a 15' (Class 1) asphalt trail within the Flood Access Easement along Santa Gertrudis Creek Channel. A rendering of the trail type is illustrated in Exhibit B.

Changes to the portion of Trail Type G that were planned to be constructed as D.G. were made to remain consistent with the Multi-use Trails and Bikeways Master Plan (“Master Plan”). The segment of Nicolas Road described as Trail Type G was proposed as a paved hard surface trail within the Master Plan. The recommendations (shown on Exhibit C) were intended to close the gaps within Temecula’s trails and bikeways system by taking advantage of potential connections between on-street and off-street facilities in order to encourage more residents to bike or walk rather than drive. The project is planned to be constructed by the developer as they construct the Nicolas Road Extension.

On November 21st, 2023 the Trails/Open Space Ad Hoc Subcommittee met with Staff to discuss construction plans for the Nicolas Road Multi-Use Trail Extension and resident concerns regarding access along the corridor. In order to address resident concerns regarding driveway access, the Public Works Department worked with Woodside (“Developer”) to redesign the residential driveways experiencing access difficulty. The impacted driveways underwent a redesign to facilitate commercial access, effectively addressing the associated access issues. The subcommittee also discussed the need for pedestrian crossing options on Nicolas Road. The Nicolas Road Extension, extending from Butterfield Stage Road to Calle Girasol, is void of any stop controls in the design. City Staff were directed to perform a multi-way stop warrant analysis at various intersections along Nicolas Road, from Butterfield Stage Road to North General Kearny, in order to determine potential locations for future Council consideration.

Based on feedback received from the subcommittee, Staff recommends that the City Council affirm plans for construction of the Nicolas Road Multi-Use Trail as a 10 ft asphalt paved trail on the north side of Nicolas Road, as shown in the Multi-Use Trails and Bikeways Master Plan. The Master Plan also calls for a D.G trail on the south side of Nicolas Road, which will be constructed at a later date.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A – Trail Type G
2. Exhibit B – Trail Type H
3. Exhibit C – Recommended Trails and Bikeways