



# CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Mark Mendenhall, Chair  
Sharon Anderson, Vice Chair  
Mark Doty • Christopher Neumann • Sheri Noblett



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## ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Elk Grove City Hall

8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

City Council Chambers

### AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may comment on matters that are not included on the agenda that the Trails Committee has jurisdiction over. Each speaker will be limited to one (1) three (3) minute comment opportunity.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

5. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

5.1. HARVEST WATER – ELK GROVE TRANSMISSION PIPELINE

The proposed Project is located on Franklin Boulevard from Sims Road to the southern City limits. The Project is being delivered by Sacramento Regional Sanitation District and consists of 5.5 miles of 66-inch diameter recycled water pipeline. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024 and both north and southbound traffic will be rerouted to the southbound lanes within the affected work areas. Temporary detours and safety measures will be in place for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

Additionally, the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BPTMP) includes a Class IV Bikeway on Franklin Blvd between Elk Grove Blvd and Big Horn Blvd. The project will provide a Class IV Bikeway consistent with the BPTMP.

6. PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Staff will discuss the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan map and potential future updates.

6.2 TRAILS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Review and discussion of the draft Annual Trails Committee update prepared and presented by the Committee Chair, scheduled for the April 24, 2024, City Council meeting.

6.3 MAY IS BIKE MONTH & BIKE RIDE WITH CITY STAFF

The Trails Committee will discuss ideas for promoting May is Bike Month and provide feedback. As part of May is Bike Month, the Trails Committee bike ride with City Staff is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The Committee will review and discuss the proposed route and key items to highlight on the ride.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*The Trails Committee may provide direction to staff for future agenda items.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 p.m. with the following participants:

**Trails Committee Members Present:** Chair Mark Mendenhall, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, and Committee Member Chris Neumann

**Trails Committee Members Absent:** Sheri Nobleff, Mark Doty

**City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members:** Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner  
Christina Castro, CIP Division Manager  
Sean Gallagher, Deputy Director, Operations & Maintenance  
Sheetal Bhatt, Kimley Horn

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** *M/S Mendenhall/Anderson* to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Anderson, Mendenhall, Neumann); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Nobleff, Doty).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 4.1 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**MOTION:** *M/S Mendenhall/Neumann* to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Anderson, Mendenhall, Neumann); Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Nobleff, Doty).**

**DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW**

There were no items.

**PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**ITEM 6.1 Trails Wayfinding and Signage Reference Manual**

Staff presented the item with support from consultants Sheetal Bhatt, Kimley-Horn, Jeff Frank and Emily Torrence, Corbin Design.

Chair Mendenhall said he liked the concepts and said there was no need to change the roof pattern, which would preserve resources. Members Neumann and Anderson concurred.

Members expressed appreciation for the use of colors for trail identification and said that had been discussed for some time.

Chair Mendenhall said the design was nice but the primary issue was having clear direction for on street connections to trails and what will be seen along the way.

Christina Castro said the sign kiosks would have color coded maps so users would be able to see where they are in relation to a variety of destinations.

Member Neumann suggested the map zoom into the segment where the kiosk was located.

Chair Mendenhall gave an example of the type of routing/directions he was looking for, indicating that from Elk Grove Creek, a trail user could go to Emerald Vista, but could also go up the Camden spur, so it would be helpful to have examples of how to get there.

Member Neumann gave the example of San Francisco's wayfinding that includes numbered routes and on street signs that tells travelers where they are going and the direction.

Sean Gallagher said the idea was to do some of that with trail guides to give directions.

Member Neumann asked if the smaller wayfinding signs would be on street like light poles.

Mr. Gallagher said they could be on streets, but also continue on trails.

Vice Chair Anderson said that cost and potential for vandalism were key considerations for the bases of the kiosks. She said mosaic tile was not most vandalized but others were, so she liked that treatment but said cost was also a consideration.

Chair Mendenhall said the roof design would collect leaves and debris so this needed to be considered as well.

Mr. Gallagher said that maintenance would be adjusted accordingly to a higher level and practices would be put in place to address it.

Member Neumann asked where the larger kiosk signs would be located and how far apart.

Ms. Castro said that the kiosks would be placed at key locations such as major trailheads and parking lots, but specific locations were yet to be determined.

Member Neumann mentioned that part of the Laguna Creek Trail was in Sacramento and asked how that would be handled.

Ms. Castro said that would be part of a regional project and these signs would be installed within Elk Grove.

Member Neumann asked about vandalism recommendation.

Mr. Gallagher said that more artwork generally led to less graffiti and that there may be a higher initial cost, but there would be lower maintenance cost overall, so it will need to be discussed. He said bases could also be used to differentiate between areas of the city, with specific bases for Old Town, Franklin, etc.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed support.

## **ITEM 6.2 Electric Devices on Trails Policy**

Kaley Lyons presented the item, sharing a presentation outlining existing policy and considerations for electric devices on trails, seeking feedback from the Committee.

Chair Mendenhall agreed with the existing 15mph speed limit and ban on gas powered devices on trails. He suggested limiting trails to devices that were no wider than one person, given the width of the trails and access. He said width was more of an issue than weight, and that speed management was critical. Member Neumann agreed.

Vice Chair Anderson said that some neighborhoods were more adaptable to Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) use without getting on an arterial road and to consider potentially restricting them to trails that are were a specified width because of the safety aspect. She said some families use NEVs to get around in the Camden area, and there were some trails that seemed wide enough, but speed was also a factor and would be willing to restrict their use on trails.

Member Neumann said that having different rules for different trails could be challenging and he tends to agree with Chair Mendenhall.

There was a suggestion to think about enforcement as well and how restrictions would be enforced.

Mr. Gallagher said that motorcycles and mopeds were transitioning to electric as well and these were much faster than e-bikes, so the type of motor should be considered as well.

Member Neumann asked about the rules and restrictions for the American River Bike Trail and said there should be some consideration of consistency with others.

### **ITEM 6.3 Letter of Support for Laguna Creek Inter-Regional Trail Segment 4 (Waterman Road to Sierra River Drive) Grant Application**

Ms. Lyons presented the item, describing the project and Carbon Reduction Program grant.

Member Neumann asked if the Class 1 trail would be widening the sidewalk.

Ms. Castro said that was to be determined as the design was developed.

A member commented that the Powerline Trail tie in was important as well

Chair Mendenhall asked about the north side of Bond Road.

Ms. Castro said it would be a separate second phase.

Chair Mendenhall said to make it useful for both directions, the design needed to consider how people were getting back across at street crossings considering vehicle traffic and also the hill climbing out of the creek bed.

Member Neumann asked about the city right of way.

Ms. Castro said that the project should be within the city right of way, with an easement near the creek path.

There was consensus to provide a letter of support for the project.

### **ITEM 6.4 May is Bike Month**

Ms. Lyons introduced the item, describing potential activities, and asked for potential dates for the Trails Committee/ City staff bike ride.

Chair Mendenhall suggested going to the southwest part of the city this time, potentially towards the site for the potential new zoo.

May 15<sup>th</sup> was determined as the tentative date for the bike ride.

### **ITEM 6.5 Trails Committee Annual Report to City Council**

Ms. Lyons said the annual Trails Committee update to City Council would occur at the April 24, 2024 City Council meeting.

Chair Mendenhall suggested some topics to elaborate on for the presentation, including:

- City staff bike ride
- CIP recommendations – Ryland trail crossings and Stonebrook, Sheldon Farms new trail, Elk Grove Creek at Laguna Springs, paving of Emerald Creek, and a progress report on the Laguna Creek trail SR 99 overcrossing, among others
- Kudos to the anti-trash group
- Progress on e-bike policy
- Wayfinding project
- Elk Grove Florin crossing
- Laguna Creek interregional and Laguna Ridge trails
- Trail plans near the potential new zoo
- Falcon crossing

### **TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Special Meeting of February 12, 2024, was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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**Prepared by Kaley Lyons**

**APPROVED:**

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**TRAILS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**  
March 18, 2024



**PROJECT:** HARVEST WATER – ELK GROVE TRANSMISSION PIPELINE  
**FILE:** N/A  
**LOCATION:** Franklin Blvd  
**STAFF:** Travis Kuhn, Senior Civil Engineer

**INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND:**

The proposed Project is located on Franklin Boulevard from Sims Road to the southern City limits. The Project is being delivered by Sacramento Regional Sanitation District (Regional San) and consists of 5.5 miles of 66-inch diameter recycled water pipeline which will mostly be installed in Franklin Blvd and Willard Pkwy. The project is projected to supply approximately 16 billion gallons of recycled water per year to agricultural land south of Elk Grove.

As depicted in Figure 12 of the City of Elk Grove’s Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BPTMP), a Class IV Bikeway is identified on Franklin Blvd between Elk Grove Blvd and Big Horn Blvd. The Project will provide the Class IV Bikeway consistent with the BPTMP.

Construction within Elk Grove city limits is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024. During construction, both north and southbound traffic will be rerouted to the southbound lanes within the affected work areas. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained during construction. Temporary detours and road closures will be necessary, but safety measures will be added for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

**Staff recommendation:**

City Staff would like feedback from the Trails Committee on the Harvest Water Elk Grove Transmission Pipeline Project as it pertains to implementing the City’s bicycle and trails requirements.

**Figure 1 – Trails Master Plan Context Map**

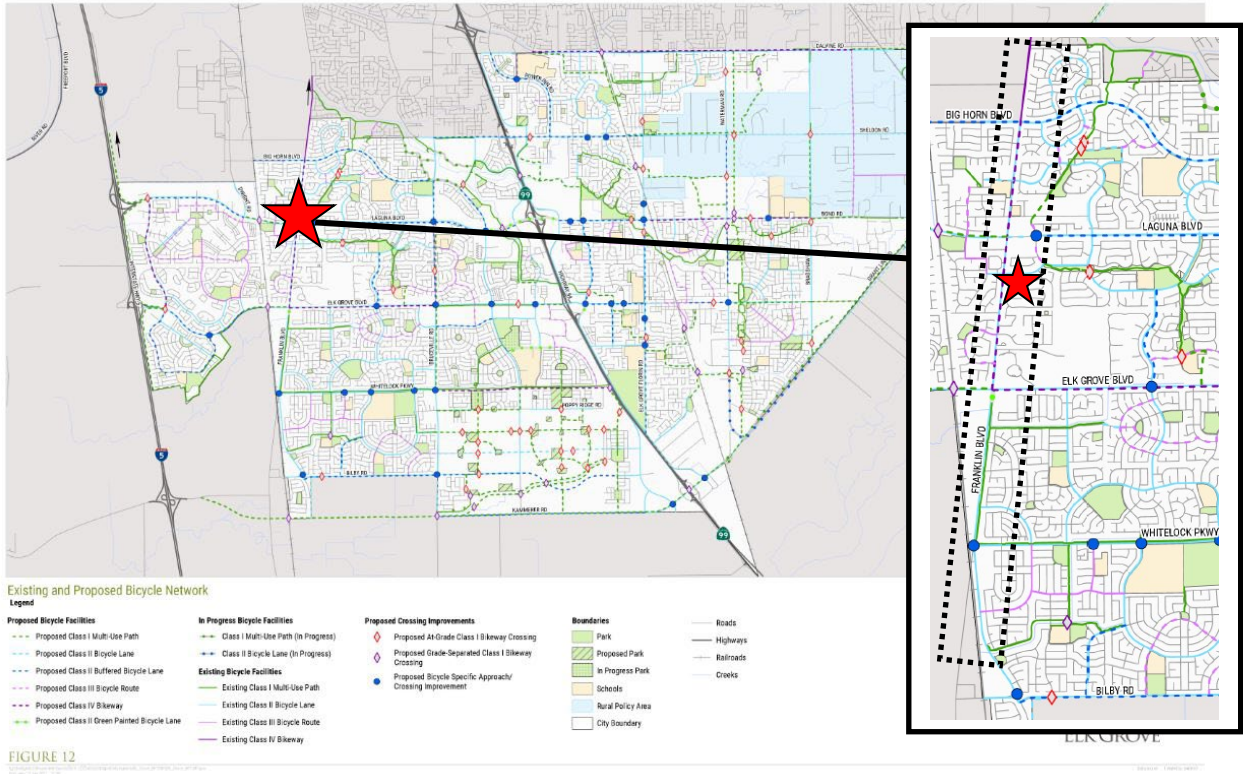
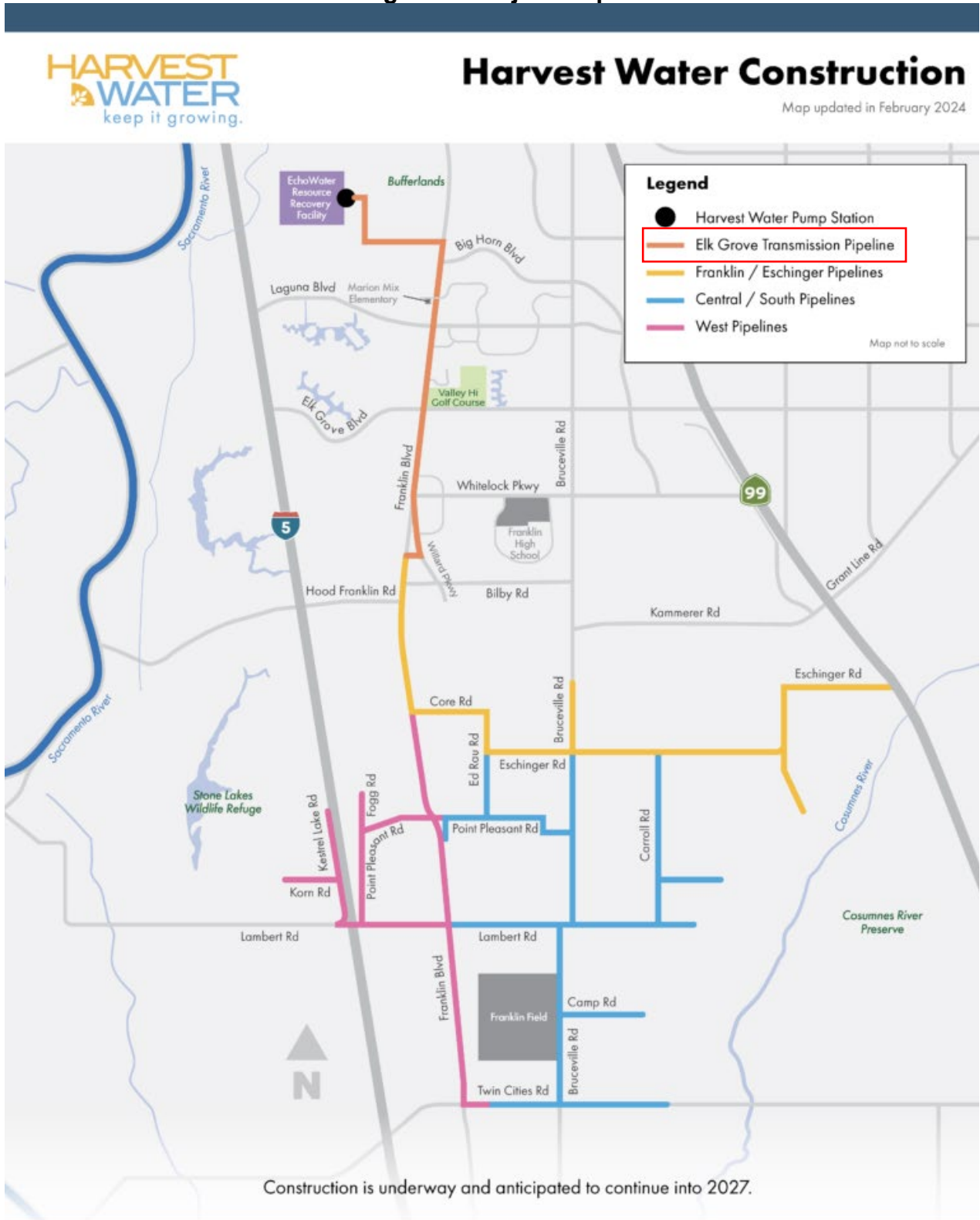




Figure 2. Project Map



**Figure 3. Typical Cross Section of Franklin Blvd During Construction**

