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Request to Study Alternate Alignments for Study Area D

In that the Stevens Creek Trail Task Force has stated that it has no authority to deviate from predefined alignments in performing its studies, this petition and presentation requests that the City Council of Cupertino direct the Task Force to study alternate alignments.

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- The signers of the referenced petition support the concept of the Stevens Creek Trail.
- We also have serious concerns about the fact that the only alignments in Study Area D go through Blackberry Farm, along environmentally sensitive portions of Stevens Creek, and adjacent to private homes.
- The in-stream, creek bank, streamside and flood plain areas of the Stevens Creek corridor through Cupertino contain unique, sensitive, and fragile environmental, historical, and geological resources which would be damaged by the construction and operation of a public thoroughfare.

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- The homeowners along the Stevens Creek corridor within Cupertino would face impacts to the safety, privacy, and security of their homes and families, to the setting and character of their neighborhoods, and to the value and enjoyment of their properties from the construction and operation of a major multipurpose regional trail.
- Because of this, we request that alternate alignments be considered for Study Area D.
- The alternate alignments that we are asking to be considered are consistent with those recommended by the Sunnyvale and Los Altos City Councils for the Stevens Creek Trail.

Petition

We, the undersigned citizens of Cupertino, request the City to include in the feasibility study of Stevens Creek Trail additional surface street and alternate routes which will reduce negative impacts on nearby residences. Current proposals to extend a regional hiking, bicycling, and multi-use throughway from Rancho San Antonio Park to Stevens Creek Park envision using land adjacent to the banks of Stevens Creek. Homeowners along the Stevens Creek corridor would face impacts to the safety, security, and privacy of their homes and families. While recreational amenities are desirable in a community, routing a trail through the creek corridor also threatens the sensitive and fragile environmental and historical resources of the area. Due to the extent of urban development along similar stretches of the creek, the Cities of Los Altos and Sunnyvale have already determined that the trail should not be constructed adjacent to or on private property, and that the needs of the regional trail system could be satisfied using existing surface streets.