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STEVENS CREEK TRAIL: YUBA DRIVE TO EL CAMINO REAL SEGMENT

Background:

- The existing Stevens Creek Trail from the Bay to Yuba Drive is about 4 miles long and was constructed in multiple segments starting in 1990. The last trail segment from Landels School to Yuba Drive completed construction in 2002.
- In June 2004, the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Stevens Creek Trail from Yuba Drive to Mountain View High School.
- In September 2004, the City Council awarded an engineering services contract to Nolte Engineers of San Jose for the design of Stevens Creek Trail from Yuba Drive to El Camino Real.
- In late 2006, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Gordon N. Ball of Alamo, California.
- After Caltrans issued an encroachment permit in early 2008, the contractor began work in March 2007 and completed construction in late March 2008.

Yuba Drive to El Camino Real Segment Facts:

- The trail extension from Yuba Drive to El Camino Real is about 1,700 linear feet.
- The newly constructed pedestrian/bicycle tunnel under El Camino Real is 139 feet long, 14 feet wide and slightly over 8 feet high.

- The tunnel was constructed in four basic construction stages using an open trench method, which required the travel lanes on El Camino Real to be narrowed from three to two lanes for about one year.
- The entry face of both ends of the tunnel comprises of a Connecticut Bluestone and the interior contains a continuous lighting system.
- An unique feature is a glass block in the middle of the tunnel ceiling which extends flush with the El Camino Real median island and allows sunlight to naturally illuminate the inside of the tunnel.
- The landscaping included over 400 plants that are native to the Stevens Creek watershed area.
- In advance or concurrent with the construction of the tunnel, AT&T fiber optic system, AT&T telephone system, city water main, Cal Water line, and a PG&E gas line had to be relocated underneath or on top of the tunnel slab.
- The final construction amount is approximately \$3.5 million. The City competed and received \$2.1 million in State and regional grant funds. The City paid approximately \$1.8 million to acquire one private property and right of way for the trail.
- The trail and tunnel was designed by Nolte Associates-Civil Engineers and Hill Associates-Landscape Architects.

Stevens Creek Trail Extension Dedication:

Date: Saturday. April 12th
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Ribbon Cutting at Yuba Drive, followed by a short walk to the El Camino Real trail terminus to the Dedication Ceremony
Parking: Walking, biking, and public transportation are encouraged. Should parking be needed—parking is available at Landels School, 115 West Dana Street, Mountain View. Attendees are invited to walk on Stevens Creek Trail from Landels to Yuba Drive.

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