

1. Trail design

- Pave trail to insure wheelchair accessibility.
- Provide smooth transitions- curb cuts, and street crossings, bridge joints. Use large radius curves, no small radii. Current draft has 52 foot radius near gates which is dangerous. (2)
- Provide separate lanes for pedestrians and bikes whenever possible (2). Have elevation change between.
- Make trail wide enough for cyclists to pass a stroller.
- Add sinuosity to the trail reminiscent of a creek channel. This would evoke the historic character of the watershed. Willow Glen was once a wet meadow with lots of Guadalupe side channels.
- Provide meandering offshoot trails for pedestrians (2) possibly in garden areas.
- Provide passing lanes for bikes.
- Put red paint on curbs on both sides of trail intersections with roads.
- Put posts at all gateways to keep motorcycles from entering the trail. (2)
- Trail markings should look natural- like stone.
- Light the trail.(2) provide adequate light along trail for safety at late night.
- Look for opportunity to connect Padres Drive to trail near the end of Falcon Place.
- Interim- put wood chips on trail.

2. Intersections

- Trail crossings at streets should be clearly identified and built as a unique trail crossing space.
- Crossings should be raised crosswalks with flashing pedestrian lights- automatically triggered by bikes. (2) Timing visibility of crosswalk signals needs to encourage cyclist and pedestrian use. And be bright enough to stop motorists.
- Add variety of treatments at each major street.
- *Minnesota*-Concern about Intersection at Minnesota- consider flashing lights, imbedded flashing lights, pedestrian activated signal similar to Murphy St in Sunnyvale (4 comments)
- *Bird and Willow*
 - Create safe way to cross/connect Willow and Bird (6)
 - Add traffic calming devices
 - Install a pedestrian specific signal diagonal across Willow and Bird- Example is Monroe and San Tomas in Santa Clara.
 - Is it possible to add a bike lane on Bird near Willow?
 - Add a lot of traffic calming and re-design the intersection for bike and pedestrian priority. Consider bulb- outs.
 - Use green colored crosswalks here.
 - Redesign intersection to place protected trail along west side of street.Have a raised/ separated trail on west side of Bird within right of way.
 - What is the status of the grant application to change the intersection at Willow and Bird? Will there still be stop lights? Was there outreach on a roundabout? How will bikes trigger lights?
 - Build an overcrossing/ bridgeto avoid busy intersection(2).

- Scary dangerous approach.
- Make intersection 15 MPH.
- Cyclist ingress/ egress conflict at triangle below intersection is dangerous.
- *Broadway*- protect against drivers rounding the right corner from the North.
- *Lonus*- Provide direct connection to Los Gatos without getting on Lonus
- Modify left turns at Coe and Lonus to provide ease of access from Lincoln
- Paint curbs at Leona Court red as is too narrow and has no turn-around. Respect residents.

3. Amenities

- Develop a trail with park elements that appeal to all family members (a play area, a dog park, a seating area, park space). A linear park experience can encourage people to walk and explore to find the next experience.
- Like the High Line, have places for people to gather, sunbathe, and enjoy the space. Use railroad cars and containers to make places stages, seating, coffee kiosks.
- Have places for people to sit. (3) Provide seating for short sit but not comfortable enough to sleep on.
- Provide picnic tables.
- Provide drinking fountains (2).
- At wider area between Coe and Lonus:
 - Picnic Trellis
 - Play area- encourage exercise, walk to school, community amenity where people will gather. Increase of activity would decrease negative activity by homeless.
- At triangle on Bird below Willow,
 - Develop something whimsical for folks to gather and sit using re-purposed railroad cars.
 - Dog park
 - Add historic element to honor founders of Willow Glen
 - Railroad cars placed here to be restaurant with outdoor eating and/or flatcars with outdoor vegetable garden for the café. Can surround with Lexan walls. Commerce will attract people.
- Have an area that allows children and adults to exercise, practicesports and outdoor activities
- Consider installation of a playground in the wider portion from Coe to the bridge.
- Incorporate community gardens. Have raised beds (2) (indication of this at Bird ? Willow?)
- Have community bulletin boards for folks to posts neighborhood announcements. (2)
- Have dog clean-up bags and trash cans.
- Consider basketball court at Minnesota.
- Skate Park near Spencer and Minnesota.
- Install benches only at gateways.
- Have dog park (3) by Walgreens, Bird, Minnesota.
- phones
- Add restroom (2) similar to one at San Mateo Shoreline
- Provide small commerce at major streets (such as pad for food or flower carts)
- Consider car wash with every ten feet soap, brushes, rinse (note from design team- cars are not allowed on the trail)

4. Design Themes

- Consider canneries and their histories.
- Add historic element to honor founders of Willow Glen- possibly at triangle at Bird Ave below Willow.
- Use history of Iris farm.

5. Plant Materials

- Support for native/drought-tolerant material.
- Plant orchard trees to honor history of the Valley.
- Plant wildflowers on side of trail
- Make trail an arboretum with signage
- Install lots of trees, particularly shade trees.
- Landscape open area with large shade trees and scattered shrubs for a natural park-like setting. Request that we keep the palette simple by not using too many varieties of plant material.
- Use rain gardens for infiltration and cleansing of stormwater (3 comments)
- Use low vegetation for safety- Planting along Guadalupe is too high.
- Install planting along existing trail from Minnesota to Falcon Place to screen the parking lot.
- Blend Native landscaping with river and creek (2).
- Use Canary island, date, or Mexican fan palms in Palm Haven area.
- Remove weeds and dead trees (2)
- Use history of Iris farm
- Mature Canary island Date Palms

6. Interpretation/Art

- Add interpretative signage along the trail- on both the historical features and the natural (2)
- Work with local artists (2).
- Use wood from original trestle in art work/ sculpture/ gateway.
- Provide historic plaque for WPRR/ Fishhook.
- End of trestle at is a good location for an historical plaque about the history of the Railroad and use of the trestle.
- Include stories of a couple of original property owners and residents such as Dairy at Coe.
- Provide opportunities for local artist to interpret Willow trees and long lost agriculture.
- At milepost 21 along old Railroad, there is an historic house and area where railroad ties were stored.
- At Delmas Avenue, original homes back up to trail. See if people who live there can give history.

7. Gateways

- Gateways- Valley of the Hearts Delight orchard trees of different variety at each gateway.
- Create entrance structures to represent the Willows.
- All gateways, please, garbage bags, dog poop bags, and signs to pick up after dogs.
- The Palm Haven gates are unique to Palm Haven. They look good, but shouldn't be a signature element for the trail. Find a unique signature. No Palm Haven Pillars for entrances. How about simple industrial like High Line (2).
- Gateway at Coe- rail trellis from bridge.

- Gateway at Lonus - Palm Haven pillars.

8. Signage

- Install way-finding signs at Minnesota to Lincoln Ave, the LRT/ Tamirail, Highway 87 trail.
- Add way-finding signage at Willow/ Bird to Guadalupe Trail.
- Install signs on Lincoln directing users to trail.
- Where is the zero mark related to trail markings?

9. Materials

- Save money by repurposing infrastructure (bridge superstructure, power poles, rail cars).
- Use materials from trestle for features along the trail.

10. Fencing

- Enhance fencing along the trail- suggest something such as cultural murals or natural landscape paintings.
- Question continuity of fencing materials along trail.
- Remove backyard fences extending into trail corridor.
- Encourage more open fencing.

11. Guadalupe Connection

- Obtain easement from SCVWD for access to locked section at the end of Falcon Place; People are jumping the fence anyway. (2)
- Can Guadalupe Bridge be saved?

12. Trestle Bridge at Lonus

- Was historic assessment done on wooden trestle? Did the report go to historic landmarks Commission?
- Revise original trestle.
- Any way to keep the trestle? Can't recreate look and feel of this with steel.
- Add Bridge overlook on new bridge(2)- wide resting place with views of the Creek, similar to Willow Glen way Bridge over the Guadalupe.
- Provide new bridge with interpretative information about railroad (photos, etc.)
- Having a park at the trestle area should be seriously considered. The location is perfect because it is large and by the creek which will naturally draw people. This location has an AMAZING amount of potential. If we can create the kind of place I envision the popularity of the park and facilities will naturally draw people along the entire length of the trail. Your highline inspiration requires something above and beyond what San Jose would normally do, no pocket park, no small enclosed playground with a bench or 2. I believe one person who helped plan the highline suggested a rollercoaster be included (you get my point). If we can create this sense of a community gathering point on the Three Creeks Trail (think lg/campbell trail on the weekend) I think we can BANK on getting the funds for the Eastern Alignment even with its constraints. It will make getting a pedestrian bridge over Monterey highway a breeze. Recently I went to visit my brother in SF and he took me to St. Mary's Park in Bernal Heights. This park and dog park is amazing and I have never seen anything like it in San Jose. I have included the yelp link but think a personal visit would really impress you.
 - <http://www.yelp.com/biz/st-marys-park-and-dog-park-san-francisco>



13. Fundraising

- Incorporate commemorative bricks (3)

14. General

- People want to use it now- don't have to make it perfect.
- Let people do some of the work
- Homeless encampment by old trestle and Lonus creates concern for public safety. Consider lighting this area. Consider posted hours of use.
- PG& E easement- Can it be used?
- Long term maintenance is critical- not taken care of well now.
- Use eminent domain to put trail along the Los Gatos creek between meridian Ave to Lincoln