



# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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## November 2016 eNews

The City Council will review  
the Preferred Alternative  
Greenway Plan early in 2017.  
**Stay Tuned!**

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Photos of the Second  
Community Planning  
Workshop on October 8



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## City Council and Planning Commission Weigh In

On November 1, the Santa Rosa City Council and Planning Commission held a joint study session to review Guiding Principles and Alternative Plans for the Greenway with PlaceWorks, the City's Planning Consultant. The commissioners and council members found the community's first choice – Alternative 1: Minimal Footprint – compelling. This alternative focuses on providing bike and pedestrian trails, parkland and community gardens, as well as restoring creeks, orchards and natural habitat. Several members also wanted the plan to address the need for increased housing, a high priority for City Council.



Highlights of their feedback to PlaceWorks include:

- Create a hybrid alternative that includes a continuous Greenway and opportunities for housing
- Provide separate paths for bikes and walking and identify connections to downtown
- Activate the space to keep "eyes on the Greenway"
- Help kids get to school using Greenway paths
- Keep orchards - especially east of Summerfield
- Explore opportunities for shared parking

PlaceWorks will now develop a Preferred Alternative, using input from City officials and the community, as well as feedback from the City's Technical Advisors and the Greenway Partners. The Greenway Campaign will advocate to ensure that the Preferred Alternative honors the community's vision – a continuous Greenway from Spring Lake Park to Farmers Lane with a broad expanse of open space for people and wildlife to enjoy.

You can watch the video of the meeting at <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/government/council/Pages/councilmeetingarchive.aspx>.

## The Community Speaks



On October 8, over 150 people attended a Community Workshop to weigh in on 3 Alternative Plans for the Greenway. The majority of participants had a preference for Alternative 1, Minimal Footprint, which keeps the Greenway green while offering gardens and recreational opportunities. Highlights of community input include:

West Segment (Farmers Lane to Wanda Way)

- Prefer little or no development on Greenway
- Put "eyes on the Greenway" for safety
- Keep Hwy 12 onramp as is

Central Segment (Wanda Way to rear of Congregation Beth Ami)

- Prefer parkland, gardens, and habitat restoration
- Have trailheads include water, restrooms, and signage
- Mixed opinions about housing and retail uses at Yulupa
- Concerns about safety of crossing at Yulupa Ave.

East Segment (Behind Congregation Beth Ami to Spring Lake Park)

- Restore orchards, wetlands, and wildlife habitat
- Have mileage markers, wayfinding signs and public art
- Concerns about safety of crossing at Summerfield and some preference for bridge

You can find more information in the Workshop 2 Summary at:  
[planthegreenway.com/documents](http://planthegreenway.com/documents).

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