

Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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You're Invited!

Spring Greenway Guided Walk

Saturday, June 16th
9:00 - 11:30 am

Join us on June 16th for the last Greenway guided walk of the spring. This walk is about 3 miles round trip on city streets and sidewalks, with stops to view important features. Learn more about the property's potential uses based on the City's [Preferred Alternative Plan](#).

We'll identify areas for creek and natural resource restoration, community gardens and gathering areas, and bike and pedestrian trails. Meet walk leaders in the parking lot near the tennis courts at Montgomery High School. Please register by emailing us at info@SoutheastGreenway.org or calling us at (707) 703-1922. Please include your name, email address, and your best phone number.



YOUR COMMENTS NEEDED

for Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

The City of Santa Rosa wants public input on updating its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) to increase biking and walking. Here are some important dates:



- **Public input for the Update should be submitted by June 15th.**
- **Community Open House on July 25th at 6-8 pm in the Rincon Valley Library:** Presentation of Draft BPMP Update Recommendations.

The City website at <https://srcity.org/2711/Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Master-Plan> shows ways to get involved in the process:

- **Interactive Map:** Indicate the bikeway and pathway improvements you want on the interactive map at: <https://altaprojects.net/santarosa/#/>
- **Online Survey:** Share your opinions and preferences in the online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SantaRosaBPMP2018>
- **Email Updates:** Subscribe to email updates for the project at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASANTA/subscriber/new?topicid=CASANTA_39

You can submit long comments within the survey or interactive map, or by email to Nancy Adams in City Traffic Engineering at nadams@srcity.org.

Greenway Proposals

We encourage all Greenway supporters to submit comments that will strengthen the future Greenway as a key link in the regional trail system that connects Santa Rosa from the west county to the Sonoma Valley. Please consider commenting on some of the following connection issues and suggestions that should be addressed by the BPMP:

Trails Going West: A strong link from the Greenway to downtown Santa Rosa is critical.

- Designate Vallejo Street and Hoen Avenue from the Greenway multi-use path to the downtown area as Class II or Class III routes and consider designating Vallejo Street as a bicycle boulevard.
- Facilitate bicycle and pedestrian movements to the Greenway from west county trails, Railroad Square, and the SMART train by improving bike access through the Prince Greenway Plaza and providing clear directional signs on best routes.

Trails Going East:

- Designate a Class 1 bike route and walking trail from the Southeast Greenway through Spring Lake Park and the Channel Drive / Montgomery Drive / Melita Road area to planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities along State Highway 12 and the Sonoma Valley. Use former Caltrans freeway right-of-way, Channel Drive, and a bridge over Santa Rosa Creek.
- The Master Plan should include an easement for a Class 1 bike and pedestrian path on the surplus Caltrans Right of Way property bounded by Sonoma Hwy, Los Alamos Road, and Melita Road.

Trails Going North: Support additional north-south bicycle bridges or lanes in the Farmers Lane and Mission Boulevard areas.

Trails Going South: Support construction of a Class I path for the proposed Farmers Lane Extension route south of Bennett Valley Road as soon as public ownership is secured.

Suggestions for the Citywide BPMP Policies:

- Add a special designation for the Greenway paths and other heavily used Class 1 paths needing separate bicycle/pedestrian lanes.
- Post signs along main routes with directions and distances to major destinations.
- Locate user-activated buttons for street crossings conveniently for bikes and walkers.
- Encourage e-bikes where possible.

Thank you for supporting the Southeast Greenway in this important way.

We hope to see you at the BPMP Community Open House on July 25th at 6-8 pm in the Rincon Valley Library.

Useful References:

- You can view the Preferred Alternative land use map for the Southeast Greenway at: <http://planthegreenway.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/FinalPreferred-Alternative041717.pdf>.
- You can view the Preferred Alternative policy proposals for the Greenway at: http://planthegreenway.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/PrefAlt_FinalMemo.pdf.

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