

Comments From Display at Community Center

THE PLAN DOES NOT SHOW THE PARCOURSE!

It looks like the plan has been improved to include more trees in front of columns. Clearly the shape and size of tree canopy is important. I will trust the Trees Workgroup to make good recommendations, but hope they consider aesthetics as well as % native, etc. Thank you for presenting the plan and soliciting comments! Also, I like the inclusion of wildflowers.

It would be good to put more shade trees on the West side of the tracks. Often I walk on the bike path because there is no shade on the West side in the afternoon. This is a great walking/biking path. The improvements will make it more inviting.

I would like to see a badly needed tot lot (small playground) for this neighborhood at say Portland and San Gabriel.

Allen Maris
1058 Ordway

I'd like to see all-organic landscaping-no pesticides, etc. Also, I'm wondering about the exercise equipment . I'm very attached to the push up bar between Marin and Dartmouth (closer to Dartmouth). Can it stay?

Thanks!

Alex Sterling
1026 Masonic Avenue

What are the squares around each column representing? Is this an exposed concrete footing? I hope not, if so what architectural decoration will it have? Will any of the walkways or bike pathways have to be replaced? If so can something other than asphalt concrete be used? Perhaps the pathways that are made of recycled tires.

Where can we learn more about what the area will look like during the construction phase? Will there be pile-driving, will the area be closed? For how long? What noise limitations will there be?

Ric Pipkin
908 Masonic Ave.

Is there any interest in setting aside areas for members of the community to garden? Is that the demonstration gardens are? How will this work?

Good job using natives! Only suggestion is to use native grasses like CA fescues or carex pansa for lawn areas. These grasses can be mowed, yet require less water, maintenance and no pesticide. Keep up the good work.

Ditto!

Make a fountain that has a geyser that uses wasted water.

Several years ago you held a large community meeting on the Ohlone Greenway and received many good and serious suggestions. What happened??

The two overwhelming things I remember were better maintenance of the facilities we already have and replacement of the existing Parcourse facilities with the more durable plastic (non-rotting) material that is now available.

It is a great idea. Thanks.

Lots of community gardens for neighbors to use- like victory gardens. What a timely enhancement given the increasing cost of buying food. Good for everyone's health-mental, physical, and emotional. Interactive and participatory, not passive. PLEASE!

Don't block the view of the path so more people get jumped and robbed!

My biggest concern is safety. It is very distressing to hear of the number of people attacked even if it is mostly on the El Cerrito side of the path.

Personally, despite being a long time runner, as a woman, I would NEVER run on the path, and even do not bike alone on the path.

1. Why two paths? No one uses the lower, winding path.
2. Replace lawn with drought-tolerant ground cover.

Mark Freiberg, 1078 Peralta Ave.

Please plant native trees such as buckeyes. Thank you.

Include and identify natives-grasses, shrubs, trees that are local-native to the watershed. Select for native wildlife habitat value. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Some low maintenance fruit trees would be nice- Apple, Plum, Fig?

Currently lots of sod/lawn- Plant drought tolerant ground cover/native when possible/sustain path roads. While ecology is important safety construction is also very important.

I 2nd and 3rd the ideas for low maintenance fruit trees/berries and garden plots. The east side of the current bike path is wide enough to make into community garden plots. Much-needed in small-lot Albany.

Contact CitySlickerfarms.org about their Backyard Garden Project (in West Oakland) and replicate that east of the greenway. I volunteer to help! pamtellew@lmi.net

Attachment A – Ohlone Greenway

My concern is the height of the trees near or under the Bart tracks. Pines or taller trees should be kept away from the tracks. Can the Parcourse be retained or improved? The flowering crabapple is lovely in the spring and can be pruned to remain the height they are. Please retain groups of them.

B.P.

Safety!

I'm an 80 year old riding the bike path and there will be many more of me in the future! Please don't plant low bushes where people can hide to jump cyclists. Low bushes tend to grow to be even bigger bushes. Consider the bulge of students after school that walk on the bike path, not the Pedestrian path. Is there a way to keep them separate? They talk and don't look at what's coming or for bikes. Great to hear you're open to suggestions and my relaxed path will become more pleasant.

P.S. On chilly mornings it's great to feel the sun. Tall trees can make too much shade on the east side.