

## Attachment 8 – Comments on Draft Plan

## Draft Plan Feedback Form

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This form collects feedback on the Public Review Draft of the Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Your comments will be considered in the final review and adoption process as well as implementation. At the end of this form there is an opportunity to provide detailed comments referencing page numbers in the document. Hit "Submit" at the end of this form to access that page.



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The Master Plan will be updated with input from the community, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and City Council and adopted in early 2017. Public comment will be invited throughout that process.

You can download the Public Review Draft of the Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan at the following links:

Individual chapters can be downloaded from the project website at: <http://www.mhparksplan.com/>  
 Complete Draft Plan Document (8MB pdf file): <http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19980>  
 Bikeways and Trails Maps: <http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19994>

## Principles and Goals

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The Master Plan outlines improvements and investments to achieve the following 12 goals.

**1. Which goals are most important to you and should guide the City's implementation of this plan? Check your top three choices.**

*Check all that apply.*

- Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities
- Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails
- Engage people of all ages and abilities
- Support the health and wellness of all community members
- Respond to changing conditions and evolving preferences
- Ensure equitable access to programs and places for recreation and activity
- Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently
- Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces
- Continue to provide regional recreation destinations for visitors that support economic growth
- Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes
- Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth
- Promote financial stability for the operation of City facilities.

**2. In implementing the Master Plan how should the City focus efforts?**

Indicate the balance between the choices below by selecting a point on the scale.

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Maintaining and improving current assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Expanding and planning for growth

**3. In implementing the Master Plan how should the City focus efforts?**

Indicate the balance between the choices below by selecting a point on the scale.

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Major upgrades or new facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Smaller improvements throughout the system

**4. What is your top priority for bikeways, trails, parks or recreation in the next 20 years?**

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**5. Do you have any other thoughts you would like to share about the draft plan?**

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**6. Your name (optional)**

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**7. Your email (optional)**

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Timestamp	Which goals are most important to you and should guide the City's implementation of this plan? Check your top three choices.	In implementing the Master Plan how should the City focus efforts?	In implementing the Master Plan how should the City focus efforts?	What is your top priority for bikeways, trails, parks or recreation in the next 20 years?	Do you have any other thoughts you would like to share about the draft plan?
11/22/2016 16:13:33	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Engage people of all ages and abilities, Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces	4	2		
11/22/2016 16:38:53	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Ensure equitable access to programs and places for recreation and activity	3	4	Find grants or subsidies to make the bikeways, trails, parks and recreation services affordable to our lower income community members. Plus we need stringent enforcement of our ordinances regarding pets. There are too many community members who do not pick up after their pets or take them into the playground areas which have sign stating "no pets allowed." I even saw one lady allow her dog to pee in the playground and Community Park!	
11/22/2016 17:15:43	Continue to provide regional recreation destinations for visitors that support economic growth, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth, Promote financial stability for the operation of City facilities.	3	3	More interconnections between routes	It looks very well thought out.
11/22/2016 19:28:49	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	5	1	More trails within city limits, all these great hills to run but no trails!	
11/22/2016 19:32:36	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	5	5	Making the location well known and marked	Cost feasibility and where the money is coming from to fund these projects

11/22/2016 23:12:59					Messing with El Toro is ignorant and destructive. There is plenty of other places to hike in nature than to destroy this landmark, and endanger the residents of Morgan Hill who live near this hill.  The City needs to get its priorities straight, and listen to its residents instead of selling them out.
11/22/2016 23:38:34	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	3	5	Extensive SAFE bike paths from anywhere to anywhere	
11/23/2016 8:55:39	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Engage people of all ages and abilities, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	1	5	Safe biking and walking trails on the Eadt side, particularly Mission View, Peet, Main, and Half Road.	There are no safe places to walk or ride bikes along the narrow roads on the Eadt side of 101. We also need better access to downtown via bikeways. What we DON'T NEED is more sports field that primarily benefit out-of-towers and bring in more traffic.
11/23/2016 10:35:18	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Engage people of all ages and abilities, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	2	4		
11/23/2016 10:46:53	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	3	3	There are many roads around Morgan Hill that don't have bike lanes and are very unsafe for bikes, ie., Sunnyside, Edmundson, DeWitt, just to name a few.	
11/23/2016 12:09:34	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails, Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces	4	3	Open up the El Toro hiking path.	

11/23/2016 12:36:47	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Ensure equitable access to programs and places for recreation and activity, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	3	4	build a ring of trails around the city	
11/23/2016 14:10:23	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Continue to provide regional recreation destinations for visitors that support economic growth, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	4	4		
11/23/2016 16:06:34	Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth	1	1	Maintain/Expand the Coyote Creek Bike Path and widen it for better safety	
11/25/2016 9:24:55	Engage people of all ages and abilities, Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently, Promote financial stability for the operation of City facilities.	4	3	Don't take major thoroughfares away from automobiles.	Bicycle riders do not drive the largest revenues to keep small businesses going. More automobile parking and unrestricted access is needed. We, as a city, also need to do more to bring employers to Morgan Hill. Our economy should not rely so much on Silicon Valley.
11/25/2016 9:43:17		1	5	Schools. Better schools.	Bikeways, trails and parks are a tremendous waste of time with such crumby schools in Morgan Hill.
11/25/2016 19:24:19	Respond to changing conditions and evolving preferences, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth, Promote financial stability for the operation of City facilities.	1	5		
11/26/2016 4:59:25	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails, Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently	5	1	Expand safe bikeways	

11/26/2016 13:08:55	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently, Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces	3	2	Top priority - over more roads and developments. Wherever a bike can go a hiker/ped can go.	Leverage our booming economy with Developers - raise the amount of points to award a project. Use these extra points to connect sidewalks and underground utility lines. So what if they consider it inequitable - then we have that open space for a longer period of time. They will always complain, but walk away winners - the losers are you and me if we don't pilot our own ship.
11/28/2016 12:40:40	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Respond to changing conditions and evolving preferences, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	4	3	More nature parks less ballfields. More community garden and ag preservation and wildlife habitat.	I think the community garden should not be located on the Butterfield site. There is perchlorate under this site and it exposes all of us to liability issues. It also is way out of town; it does not relate to any connections or surrounding community. Is subject to vandalism and neglect.
11/29/2016 10:02:46	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails, Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces	3	1	To expand the network-just as you're doing!-so that our community has easy access to recreation and outdoor space	It looks amazing. I am thrilled with the direction our town is taking and think it will improve the lives of our community members on all levels. Thank you!



12/2/2016 12:34:37	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	3	4	Connectivity of between parks and parks with neighborhoods	The current proposed Community Garden site on Railroad and Butterfield is incompatible with Master Plan Vision and Goals. It is not connected to a neighborhood or other park. It does not support the health and wellness of community members since the site is over a highly concentrated rising Perchlorate plume and a proposed pumping well for cleaning groundwater is on the site. The liability for gardening on a Perchlorate plume is unknown. It is isolated and therefore unsafe for individual gardeners and young children. There is no protection from vandalism after hours. It is near no public transportation and there is no 1/2 mile walking access. Has "Working in partnership with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to enhance community use of regional parkland adjacent to and near the city and to bring regional visitors to the City, per General Plan Policy HC 3.15" (Master Plan Update, Chapter 4, P5 on page 4-5) been implemented? Is there a
12/2/2016 13:13:45	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Leverage partnerships to maximize community benefit and use resources efficiently, Promote financial stability for the operation of City facilities.	2	4	Stay within budget for spending on parks and recreation; maintain current assets; add and improve shaded areas; expand bikeways and trails as much as possible	

12/3/2016 14:42:53	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Diversify the experiences in the City's parks and along its trails, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	3	3	I would like to see more parks and trails rather than so many housing units being built. We want to preserve the small town/open space feel in Morgan Hill. I dont want our town to turn into a busy city by getting rid of all the opn space.	Preserve the open space. Quit building homes.
12/7/2016 15:41:12	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Engage people of all ages and abilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members	4	4	More protected bikeways that allow safe access to schools, parks, and downtown	
12/8/2016 11:04:34	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	5	1	Improving Safety on for pedestrians and cyclists (trails, paths, bike lanes, intersections). Connecting bikelanes.	It is important to Prioritize and Provide ACTIONABLE and ACCOUNTABLE goals. We have a current master plan that did not accomplish much. The City needs to take this plan seriously and find ways to provide funding and support. All City Planning (Planning Dept, etc.) needs to coordinate with this Master Plan. The City needs to focus on Vision Zero and Bicycle Friend Community programs.
12/10/2016 19:25:04	Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Support the health and wellness of all community members, Enhance safety and navigation to key recreation destinations and along popular routes	5	4	Access to everybody, clear and good signals along the trails	

12/12/2016 1:30:11

Improve connections between residences and the network of City parks and facilities, Balance active recreation with unprogrammed open spaces, Invest in and maintain existing assets while carefully planning for future growth

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A safe, and easily traveled, interconnected bikeway and trail system that spans the entire Morgan Hill region. This would allow for quick mobility between city parks and recreational destinations by bike or on foot. Whenever possible, an off-street multi-use trail is highly preferred, away from complex intersections and car traffic.

Adding restrooms and natural shade to parks will greatly enhance public use and enjoyment of the spaces, but proper maintenance and keeping things clean is just as important.

T-A1, T-A3, T-B1, P-B1 should be completed in the 0-2 year range because they directly enhance downtown, which will be frequented more often in the near term with all the current development projects which have already started downtown.

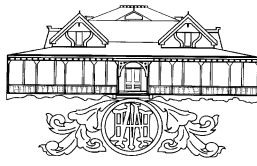
P-H1, P-H2, P-L1 should be completed in the 0-2 year range as well. These enhancements are well overdue.

Lighting would be a great safety addition for all parks.

Overall, I am very impressed with the thorough plans.

Detailed Feedback		
Timestamp	Page number	Comment or description of the change you would like to see made
11/22/2016 16:22:08		Add dog poop bag stations, trash cans, access to water for pets along bike paths and walkways.
11/22/2016 17:15:54		Add dog poop bag stations, trash cans, access to water for pets along bike paths and walkways. Along all walkways were it's financially responsible, I understand adding plumbing could be expensive but because of the heat of the summer months having water for pets and having water available for humans in an emergency could be life saving. I reside along the walk way between La Cross Circle and Watsonville Road adjacent to Mill Creek homes, and I believe the trash cans help keep the walkway clean of debris and aid in collecting animal waste.
11/29/2016 14:15:26	4.14	Bike Boulevard is listed twice in Table 4-3 and Bike Lane is missing.
11/29/2016 14:22:12	4.27	There are design constraints that make protected bike lanes on Monterey Road in the downtown (between Main and Dunne) difficult to implement such as the on-street parking and large curb bulb outs. Has a design concept been prepared that addresses these constraints? Buffered bike lanes would be a viable and less costly solution as mentioned in Bikeways and Trails Recommendations B3-7.
11/29/2016 14:25:56	4.28	Depot Street between Main and Dunne already has bike lanes. Converting it to a bike boulevard would degrade it as a bike facility. I would recommend that the bike lanes be retained - and possibly be buffered - to provide an improved bicycle facility.
12/7/2016 15:52:13	13	The form won't let me put in the exact page number. It is 4-13. An action under recommendation F-2 should be to improve traffic flow in the area.
12/7/2016 15:54:38	17	The form won't let me input the correct page number. On page 4-17, shouldn't action 3-7 be implemented upon completion of development rather than commencement?
12/7/2016 15:59:39	30	The form won't let me enter the correct page number. Page 4-30: TA-15 Hale Avenue trail from where to where?
12/7/2016 16:03:46	6	The form would not let me put in the correct page number. Page 5-6: Is the planning level cost for P-E1 and P-E2 \$500,000/acre or \$50,000/acre? Either then comma is in the wrong place or you're missing a zero.
12/7/2016 16:07:11	7	The comment form won't allow me to put in the correct page number. Page 5-7: Consider adding either here or in Chapter 4 the reason that the Community Garden needs to be relocated.
12/8/2016 11:02:50	2-14	test
12/11/2016 21:11:31	Potential Multi-Use Trails Map	I would like to see an additional pedestrian/bicycle bridge over 101 at Barrett Ave. This will give families who live west of 101 between Dunne and Tennant a safe method of crossing the freeway to get to the OSC and the Aquatics Center as well as the Catholic HS that will someday be built. Neither Tennant or Dunne are currently safe for families to use as a highway crossing.
12/11/2016 21:13:11	Potential Multi-Use Trails Map	I would like to see the Madrone Channel trail paved throughout its entire length. Current conditions of the natural surface trail are less than ideal for families.

12/11/2016 21:14:43 Potential Multi-Use Trails Map	I think the Madrone Channel trail should be extended to the north beyond Burnett Ave with a bridge added over Coyote Creek near where the the Coyote Creek Trail crosses under 101.
12/11/2016 21:17:18 Potential Multi-Use Trails Map	The Butterfield Channel Trail should be extended In both directions to connect with Sobrato High School in the north and the Little Llagas Creek Trail to the south. Additionally, it should extend beyond the Little Llamas Creek Trail intersection along Watsonville Rd to connect with a future multi-use trail along DeWitt/Sunnyside/Santa Terese.



## Morgan Hill Historical Society

To preserve and share the history of Morgan Hill, and its environs, to inspire a sense of community.

Chris Ghione, Director Community Services  
City of Morgan Hill  
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Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Dear Chris,

If VMM and MHHS are to partnership with the City under the umbrella of the Department of Community Services, Parks & Recreation, references to these along with our community history and culture should be incorporated throughout the language of the Master Plan. Edits in the attached draft Master Plan are consistent with those approved by the City Council for inclusion in the 2035 General Plan. The edits also inform the reader on what VMM is and why it has been added to the Master Plan. Without these inclusions, one does not understand why it pops up in just a couple of places with no rational.

Villa Mira Monte is a National Registered Landmark offering our community some very unique advantages:

- a central educational location that can serve as a starting point (information center) to learn more about our community and what to do and see
- the only organized central location to collect and exhibit our area history
- enhances an already vibrant and diverse recreation system
- compliments area events and rental space within a quaint and historical setting

Since VMM and MHHS are new to the Department of Community Services, the Master Plan should expand the definition of “recreation” to include historic resources and educational venues. We look forward to working with DCS and PRC to draft a strategic plan for Morgan Hill’s cultural and historical resources, and providing a vision with projects and policies for implementation over the next for 20 years.

Best Regards,

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Comments and Additions to Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation 2035 Master Plan

**1-1, Chapter 1, Introduction:**

Second paragraph, last line, after recreational, insert **“,historical”**

Third paragraph, second to the last line, after recreational, insert **“,historical”**

**Plan Purpose:**

First paragraph (last on the first page), second line, following next 20 years, insert **“New to this planning process is the incorporation of our city’s National Registered Landmark, Villa Mira Monte, a history park.”**

1-2: First paragraph, third line from the bottom, after capital projects, insert **“historical landmarks”**

First paragraph, second to the last line, after vibrant add **“and diverse”**

**1-5, Planning Process:**

Second paragraph, second line after park network , insert **“historic resources,”**

**1-6 Document Organization:**

Third line, after parks, insert **“historic resources”**

Chapter 2: Existing Conditions and Community Needs

Second line, after trail, insert **“historic resources”**

Chapter 4: Policies and Procedures

Second line, after parks, insert **“historic resources”**

Fourth line, after parks, insert **“historic resources”**

**2-1, Chapter 2, Existing Conditions and Community Needs:**

Introduction:

First line, after Parks, insert **“Historic Resources”**

Location and Setting:

Delete second sentence in paragraph and replace with, **“The area surrounded by orchards and ranches was originally inherited by Diana Hill Murphy in 1882 the same year she married Hiram Morgan Hill; they named a five acre parcel, Villa Mira Monte and built their country home at that location. By 1906, portions of the area had been sold, lots were established and the residents decided to incorporate as the city of Morgan Hill. The property of Villa Mira Monte containing the home of our city’s namesake always remained and in 1978 was designated as a National Historic Landmark. This designation requires that Villa Mira Monte be preserved and maintained into perpetuity.”**

Second paragraph, second line from the bottom, after parks, insert **“Villa Mira Monte, a National Registered Landmark,”**

Third paragraph, third sentence from the bottom, after music/arts events, insert **“an active Historical Society hosting educational, recreational activities, and events”**

2-2:

First paragraph, second sentence, after City parks, insert **“History Park”**

**Overview:**

Insert second paragraph between first and third, **“As we continue to grow, it’s important to maintain a sense of who we are and where we came from through our history education park.”**

2-5, City Financing and Organizational Structure:

Second paragraph, fifth line from the bottom, after Older Adult Services, insert **“Villa Mira Monte, History Park”**

## **2-6, PARKS**

### **Parks: Key Findings**

Add bullet point between last two on page,

**“Villa Mira Monte is underutilized as an educational facility. With completion of proposed development, more educational and rental opportunities would be available.”**

**2-9:**

Table 2-1: Existing Park Classifications:

Add the following, as a second **Privately-owned Parks** classification,

**Size, “2.5 acres”**

**Service Area, “Open to the Public dawn to dusk”**

**Description “Villa Mira Monte, a National Registered Landmark, to be preserved and maintained into perpetuity for community, educational and recreational use. The Morgan Hill Historical Society serves as stewards for this site.”**

## **2-18, RECREATION FACILITIES**

### **Recreation Facilities: Key Findings**

Add bullet point between Local access and Balancing cost points,

**“Adapt and enhance Villa Mira Monte History Park to preserve and educate the community on our city’s heritage and history.”**

## **2-19, Recreation Facilities System**

Last paragraph, fourth sentence from the bottom, after museum, insert **“formerly the Acton house which was built in 1911 and was the home of John Acton and his family, longtime residents of Morgan Hill, and the History Trail. The Hiram Morgan Hill House offers a unique quaint setting as a rental.”**

Last paragraph, third line from the bottom, after as, insert **“history park and rental resources. Villa Mira Monte is a perfect tie in for Sports and Tourism; while in town for sports events, many tourists visit VMM to learn about our community and history.”**

## **2-20, Morgan Hill Recreation Facility Inventory**

Add, Villa Mira Monte

**Special Use Facility and Park**

**2.5 Acres**

## **2-21, RECREATION PROGRAMS**

### **Recreation Programs: Key Findings**

In bullet point starting Community members.....events, insert **“education of Morgan Hill history”**

In bullet point starting The City’s youth.....thrive. Add **“An opportunity to incorporate Villa Mira Monte and its history.”**

### **Recreation Programs System and Needs**

In second line from the bottom after Special Interest, insert **“History Programs at Villa Mira Monte”**

## **3-1, Chapter 3, Vision and Goals**

### **Introduction**

Fourth line from the top, after Parks, insert **“Historical Resources”**

### **Vision and Goals**

First paragraph, second line after bikeways, insert **“Historical Resources”**

First paragraph, last sentence after development, insert **“historical significance”**



On lower portion of page, under listing of improvements and investments outlined, after #11., insert **12. Incorporate historic resources to “preserve and share the history of Morgan Hill, and its environs, to inspire a sense of community.”** (MHHS Mission Statement)

**13. Champion a plan to develop the Morgan Hill Information Center at Villa Mira Monte providing an opportunity to promote historical resources.”**

Make 14. Promote financial.....facilities.

#### **4-1, Chapter 4**

##### **Policies, Actions and Projects**

Second line in first paragraph, after Parks, insert **“historical resources”**

#### **4-3, PARKS,**

##### **Table 4-1: Recommended Park Classifications**

At end of list, under Park Classification add **“History Park”**

Typical Size, **“2.5 acres”**

Service Area, **“Citywide”**

Description, **“Owned by a 501(c)(3) corporation, is a National Registered Landmark, required to be preserved and maintained into perpetuity as a community educational recreational resource.”**

Percent of Acreage Counted Toward LOS, **100**

#### **4-4, Actions**

Add **“1-7. Complete development of Villa Mira Monte and include as a Downtown Park”**

Under P3., Actions, add **“4-4. Complete development of Villa Mira Monte to be integrated into downtown park for community use.”**

#### **4-8, P13.,**

Add **“13-2. Envision and strategize for an Interactive Agriculture Exhibit at Villa Mira Monte. This would provide children and adults the opportunity to better understand Morgan Hill’s roots.**

Change to **“P14. Provide Historic Resource opportunities for community assess access.”**

**14.1 Develop history park improvements to Villa Mira Monte to better serve and educate our community.”**

**Change current P14 to P15 and re-number as needed**

#### **4-9, RECREATION**

##### **Recommendations: Programs/ Membership/Facility Rentals**

4-4, after movie nights, add **“History Days at Villa Mira Monte”**

##### **4-12, Recommendations: Facilities**

F1., **Actions**, insert bullet after **Improved technology at the site,**

**“Strategically identify and acquire land north or south of Villa Mira Monte for additional Museum use (exhibits, archiving, etc) and development of historical Agricultural grounds. Promote walkability to downtown.”**

**1-4.** Continue to collaborate with.....operations.

Move bullet point starting **“Consider.....fiscal sustainability.”** to underneath first bullet point. In this bullet point, delete increasing to **“providing”** delete **“additional”** after intent, insert **“for site management”** and to indentify.....sustainability.

Add additional bullet point, **“Consider Villa Mira Monte as the Morgan Hill Information Center.”**

#### **4-20, S1., Actions**

Change 1-3. **Provide Handicapped Parking signage accessible from Villa Mira Monte driveway."**

#### **4-21, S4.**

Within first bullet point, after facilities, add **"history park, Villa Mira Monte,"**

#### **4-24, 2-9.**

Following bullet point, Active recreation, add bullet point, **"Historical & Cultural Resources;"**

#### **4-25, 2-10.**

Fourth line in paragraph, after Community Park, insert **"Villa Mira Monte"**

#### **4-25, OM6.**

Second line, after service, insert **"history background orientation,"**

#### **4-32, P-B,**

**Following P-B,**

Change **"Project #P-C"** as follows: **"Develop History Park"**

Recommended Enhancements: **"Implement master plan for History Park"**

Relevant Sites: **Villa Mira Monte**

#### **5-1, CHAPTER 5,, Implementation and Action Plan**

#### **PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA**

In third sentence from top, after These, change **"10 to 11"**

Add bullet point,

**"Preserve our city's history and culture through education and exhibits to serve the entire community."**

#### **5-2, RECOMMENDED PROJECTS**

Fifth sentence down, after parks., insert **"As development decreases and accordingly, impact fees are reduced, the City needs to develop and adapt a strategic plan that will support needs." (A Park Maintenance Fee)**

#### **5-6, Table 5-3: Project Priorities for Parks**

Insert and change P-E1. to

**Project, "New History Park: History Park at Villa Mira Monte within walking distance of downtown, north of Main Avenue and south of Wright Avenue.**

**Currently serves tourists, new residents, school programs, as community rental and for community recreation events. Long term goal to be the Morgan Hill Information Center.**

**Planning-Level, Capital Cost, Funding allocated at time of plan**

**Time Frame, 1-10 years"**

#### **5-8, R-E1.**

Update **"Time Frame, Ph. 1, 1-2 years**

**Ph. 2, 3-5 years"**

#### **5-12,**

**Encourage volunteerism and community-built projects.**

Fourth sentence from the top, after gardens, insert **"history park, w/tours of city namesake's home and local history museum,"**

**Consider voter-supported funding measures when appropriate.**

Third sentence, after investments, insert **"and historical resources preservation."**

**Continue to utilize voluntary contributions through the RCDS**

Second sentence, after recreation, insert **"historical resources"**

**Explore special assessment district opportunities.**

Fourth sentence, after (CFD), insert **“or a Monterey Road Merchant Assessment”**

**SUMMARY**

First sentence, after amenities, insert **“history, culture”**

## **Bikeways, Trails, Parks & Recreation Master Plan**

### **Draft – Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

#### **11/10/16 Stakeholders Meeting**

R. Santos review of MP comments:

Please add Table of Content page and Figures and tables page.

**Page i.** Stakeholders Advisory Group Listing - please include name of agency next to representative.

**Page 2-6** Consider adding Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve (CVOSP) to 3<sup>rd</sup> bulleted key findings. CVOSP is increasing in visitor use each year, last year 2015 CVOSP visitors were more than 60,000 from both City of Morgan Hill and San Jose.

#### **Page 2-10**

Please distinguish Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority land and conservation easement with different colors on all maps.

Background is given on El Toro trail planning, should you also give history for Jackson Oaks and previous efforts for trail planning.

#### **Page 4-16**

Please consider adding OSA to **Section B2, Action 2-5** to coordinate bikeway to Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve on Hale Road – North to Palm Avenue.

Typo error on left inset – Should read Bicycle Facilities.

#### **Page 4-27 Project B-B, Relevant Site B-B3**

Please consider extending Santa Teresa Corridor Bikeways Project: Hale Ave from **Palm Avenue** to W main Ave to reach Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve (CVOSP) - 348 Acres, with vehicle/equestrian staging area, restroom and 4 miles of Multi-use trail (hikers, bicyclist and equestrian). Phase II for CVOSP is in the planning stages and Proposes ¾ mile ADA accessible interpretive loop trail and Outdoor Learning Center.

The extension to Palm Ave is consistent with Santa Clara County Parks Trail Master Plan R1-A (Bike), Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, Northern Bicycle Retracement Route.

In 2015, CVOSP's Arrowhead Loop Trail was certified as an Interpretive Site of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. From this Loop Trail interpretive signs illuminate this Historic Trail looking upon Santa Teresa/Hale Ave.

#### **Page 5-10 Opportunistic Funding Sources**

Please revise to: **Santa Clara Valley OSA, Urban Open Space Grant Program.**

Please add "**Santa Clara Valley OSA, 20% Funding Program**": the Open Space Authority has been setting aside 20% of its capital expenditures annually for urban open space projects since 1997. Once a

year, funds are allocated to participating cities and the County of Santa Clara based on each jurisdiction's percentage of parcels within the OSA's benefit assessment district. Member cities include Milpitas, Campbell, San Jose, Santa Clara and Morgan Hill.

Projects that qualify for funding include land acquisition, environmental restoration, and improvements that provide or enhance open space. This includes projects that increase public appreciation of open space, such as trails, overlooks, and interpretive signage and projects that convert surplus or abandoned lands. (Shorten description as appropriate for MP).

Please see website for detailed description <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/urban/index.html>

**Page 5-11** Funding Strategy Recommendations, 4<sup>th</sup> bulleted item, please reference as **Santa Clara Valley OSA**, not Open Space District

**From:** [D. Muirhead](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, November 14, 2016 1:09:36 PM

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Comments on Morgan Hill Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation  
Master Plan Draft of September 2016

Some general comments on philosophy, structure, and city resources,  
a few possible typos, and various specific impressions.  
Doug Muirhead, November 14 2016

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Philosophy  
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While The Plan encourages adding amenities to existing Neighborhood parks,  
An expanded bicycle and pedestrian network and diversified recreational  
and cultural experiences throughout the city will further strengthen  
the community's fabric and strong sense of place as the community grows  
and evolves.[1-1]  
Community members frequently travel outside of their neighborhood, and  
sometimes even the city, to access their favorite parks and in search of  
diverse amenities.[2-24]  
the Park Classification continues to target Neighborhood parks for residents  
within a short walk of each park rather than seeing them as community  
destinations.  
Yet Recommendations: Parks P8. Enhance park amenities Actions [4-6]  
8-3. Add restrooms to high-use neighborhood parks.  
8-4. Install drinking fountains  
seem to argue against the older "Neighborhood" definition.

So "Community" should be "Citywide" and "Neighborhood"  
should be "Community". In any case, the City's big-C "Community Park"  
needs a new name (Ghione Gardens has a nice ring to it).

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I am very unhappy that The Plan places so much emphasis on these facilities  
being part of the economic development strategy[1-1].  
Recommendations: Parks P7. Support Morgan Hill as a sports tourism and  
recreation event destination [4-6]  
I see parks and trails and bikeways as a quality-of-life counter-balance  
to what is being done to our city in the name of economic development.  
Whether you look at Findings from the previous Parks and Recreation Master  
Plan or heard what residents said at the recent stakeholder meeting, the  
concern remains:  
Community residents have expressed a concern of the impact  
that regional recreation facilities may have on neighborhoods.  
And while this is probably a second-order consideration, you do say  
Recommendations: Facilities  
F3. Ensure that regional use of Morgan Hill's recreation facilities  
do not adversely impact established neighborhoods and that they support  
quality of life for residents. [4-13]  
And as mentioned above, residents challenged the NIMBY Action 3-1.[4-13]  
Site regional recreation facilities outside of established residential  
neighborhoods to avoid traffic, parking, and noise impacts.  
as just shifting the impact from the core to the edges.

Downtown as a community hub and destination for visitors is another economic development focus in The Plan.

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Structure

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I find it hard to get an integrated view with Key Findings in Chapter 2 (separated by other material) and Recommendations in Chapter 4 (separated by lists of Actions). Collecting the top-level material into a summary table in the Introduction might help.

Other detail does not appear where I expect (so I wasted a comment on what I thought was missing and then had to delete it) or is repeated in multiple places. An index or footnotes linking the web of interconnections might help.

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I had asked for GIS layers. What would be really useful is a pop-up at an intersection that lists specific improvements for that location. Or the ability to select only some layers to look for interconnections.

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City Resources

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I want to broaden the scope of staff considerations beyond that listed in B-8-2: Provide ongoing education opportunities to City of Morgan Hill planning and engineering staff on the planning, design, implementation and maintenance on innovative bikeways and trails.

The Plan lists many design standards and regional, state, and national laws, guidelines, and professional associations. What do current staff and their eventual replacements know? What do they want or need to learn? Do other duties take precedence? Might our trails person be designing the Hale/Santa Teresa road expansion? Might our bikeways person be dealing with administrative issues as a Deputy Director? Can staff participate with residents and others after-hours if their bargaining unit requires overtime pay?

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In a quick re-scan of the old master plans, I was reminded that what we had wanted in the past did not happen and have been carried forward in The Plan. Why did past efforts fail or, phrased another way, what were challenges that could not be overcome? For example, from a past plan:

Finding: Not all neighborhoods are currently served by neighborhood or community parks within walking distance.

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Typos

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B-4-4. ... partnership with the policy [Police?] department

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CHAPTER 5 INTRODUCTION

This implementation and action plan targets short (up to five years), medium (five to 10 years), and long-term investments (one to 10 years) [(10+ years) is used on next page under Costs and Phasing]

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Recommendations: Community Services

3-1. Recruit community based organizations that provide community [word missing?] to locate at the Friendly Inn Non-profit Center.

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P7. Support Morgan Hill as ... recreation event destination [destination]

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OM5. Developing and regularly [word missing?] maintenance plans for all parks and facilities

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Table X: Recommended Recreation Facility Projects [4-34]  
Two projects have same R-G Project Number  
Expand aquatic facility capacity, Expand Senior Service Center  
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CHAPTER 5 Implementation and Action Plan INTRODUCTION [5-1]  
[typo long-term investments (one to 10 years) -> 10-20,

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Specifics

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Unless you have a plan for a plan, based on previous efforts by Parks  
Commission members,

    During this master planning process the City initiated conversations  
    with MHUSD to establish joint-use agreements for school sites that  
    enhance the City's park offerings.[2-13]  
"initiated conversations" is not predictive.

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Consider transit and shuttle access as well for  
    gaps may be addressed through improved bicycle and pedestrian  
    connections to existing parks [2-14]  
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Recreation Facilities: Key Findings and Recreation Programs: Key Findings  
contradict each other:

    Residents are willing to pay for use of recreation facilities.[2-18]  
    Community members identified the costs of classes as the top reason that  
    they do not participate in programming.[2-21]  
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In addition to creating challenges to coordinate future improvements,  
    many paths of travel alternate between City and County land [2-24]  
make it difficult for residents to know whom to contact for a specific  
problem or improvement.

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Unless there is a public access easement, I see no \*community\* benefit  
to privately-owned, privately-accessible parks and think they should not  
be included in any catalog of park and recreation land.

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Expand "residents with disabilities" to include seniors and those with  
lesser mobility [4-9]  
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Add currently-inaccessible publicly-owned land to Recommendations: Facilities  
F6. Maintain and support public access to Morgan Hill's destination parks and  
recreation facilities.[4-14]  
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Are Bicycle Boulevard [4-14] and Bike Boulevards (Class III) [4-15]  
really different?  
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While I support Recommendations: Bikeways and Trails B2 Action 2-3.[4-16]  
    Support General Plan Policy TR 8.13 by requiring pedestrian and  
    bicycle public access from a cul-de-sac to an adjacent public amenity,  
    or from a cul-de-sac to an adjacent street.  
some residents object to outsiders passing through their neighborhood.  
How do you intend to create more acceptance?  
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Recommendations: Bikeways and Trails B3 Action 3-1.[4-16] is premature  
    Continue to implement adopted Vision Zero implementation strategy  
since the strategy has not been defined let alone adopted.  
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Integrate education and outreach with enablers such as legible wayfinding and convenient bicycle parking; do bicycle helmet fittings at cultural and recreation activities.[4-17]

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Consider that "people traveling by bicycle" [4-17] is not one-size-fits-all. A recent VTA bike/ped webinar noted that shared bike/ped paths worked better if the bike users had a local destination (job, shopping) than if they were commuting through.

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System-wide Guidelines S3. Enhance sustainability features 3-2.[4-20]  
Design parks to be low impact developments that include pervious surfaces (permeable pavers, pervious concrete, porous or open-graded asphalt) when practical and feasible.  
No mention of heat islands.

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Table X: Recommended Trail Projects

T-A Multi-Use Trails [4-29]

Construct two-way, off- street paved trails for pedestrian and bicycle use and other non-motorized users.

T-B Natural Surface Trails [4-31]

I would like to see hard surface paths with soft shoulders; see definition in previous Trails plan

IMPROVED TRAIL: compacted granular surface such as quarry fines or decomposed granite

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System-wide Guidelines S3. Enhance sustainability features 3-7.[4-21]  
3-7. Train City maintenance staff and include specific standards and expectations in maintenance contracts for the care of low-water, naturalized landscapes, natural play environments, and other new types of features in the system.

Include MHPD graffiti abatement person; be aware of frequent turnover.

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System-wide Guidelines S4. Community education elements [4-21]

Printed and online biking and trails map at trailheads and public places including community centers, recreation facilities, libraries, and tourist destinations.

How about kiosk at CC meeting and Commissions? How about promotion by service and professional organizations (Rotary, Chamber, Realtors)?

How about at quarterly New Resident Orientation?

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System-wide Guidelines S4. Community education elements [4-21]

VTA had an interactive map (<http://bikeplanmap.vta.org/>) that was available during the revision of the County Bike Routes map that showed routes and features; selecting two points would give distance.

County Parks has interactive maps that show distance and elevation profiles for trail segments.

There are also open-source packages such as Keith Vetter's interactive bike map and route planner called KLIMB (written in TCL).

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System-wide Guidelines S8. Strategic lighting 8-1.[4-23]

Consider providing pedestrian level lighting (combined low ground-level and higher-level lighting)

I raised the subject of ground-level lighting with Scott Creer when Chris did a tour for bidders on Downtown Parks. While I find these path lights pleasing and not light pollution, Scott noted that they are easily damaged be it accidental or intentional.

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Recommendations: Bikeways and Trails B3 Action 3-3.[4-16]

Improve intersections to accommodate through and turning bicycle traffic needs detail. This is probably part of the larger Proposed Intersection Improvements.

Multimodal intersection improvements include enhanced crossings, signals, and other.[4-27]

Recommendations: Bikeways and Trails B3 Action 3-5.[4-16]

Review opportunities to enhance technology for Police Department, i.e., Crossroads accident database software

So I would like to see a CIP project that identified all of our intersections with signals (40 City, 6 101/on/off ramps, 1 County).

Also add to The Plan definition of Multimodal improvements above countdown times

adaptive timing for pedestrians and bicycles

usage measurements built into signals and detector loops

Your Proposed Intersection Improvements map shows 21 intersections with no identified improvements. See also Table X: Recommended Bikeways Projects B-D Multimodal Intersection Improvements [4-28,4-29]

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B7. Coordinate development of the bikeways and trail network with regional partner agencies and organizations Action 7-1.[4-18]

Support General Plan Policy TR 8.4 by coordinating development of the bikeways and trails network with the VTA Cross County Corridors, Santa Clara Countywide Trails Master Plan, the Santa Clara Countywide Bicycle Plan, the South County Joint Area Plan, the Santa Clara County Bicycle Technical Guidelines, and the California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual.

How are you going to prevent these from becoming silos? I mention the other plans at each agency community forum, and staff and consultants acknowledge their existence, but what is the mechanism for coordination?

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OM2. Continue to be a community-driven department that actively solicits and values input and ideas from residents, stakeholders, and partners.

Develop and refine the City's approach to community outreach [4-24]

2-2. Assess community needs and update the Master Plan every five years

5. Respond to changing conditions and evolving preferences; [3-1]

11. Invest in and maintain existing assets while planning for future growth;

Parks 6-3. Replace outdated play structures [4-6]

We are updating other Infrastructure master plans in part because what the City implemented was not what the plans recommended. And the Parks, Trails, and Facilities plans are 10-15 years old. So a review of the Master Plan every five years is insufficient. At a minimum, prior to creation of draft CIP each year, PRC subcommittee should review progress and obstacles.

OM7. Continue to engage all relevant City departments and divisions [4-27]

Add City Commissions, advocacy groups, and relevant businesses.

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Natural resource interpretation and protection [4-24]

Promote County and OSA programs and/or offer them locally:

bird surveys, spring wildflower walks, star-gazing

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Recommended Trail Projects R-D Volleyball Complex [4-34]

Consider area in local parks where you could set up one or two nets; need distance or fencing so area is safe from traffic and for other users.

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Recommended Trail Projects R-G Expand aquatic facility capacity [4-34]

Consider mid-morning/mid-afternoon hours. I don't swim in crowded lanes.

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Recommended Trail Projects R-G Expand Senior Service Center [4-34]  
Consider how people will get there, since we have no bus service.  
Current services depend on grants from Sourcewise and County for rides and lunches.

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Recommended Trail Projects R-H New Community Center [4-35]  
I think this should be east of Monterey or even out near 101,  
but neither of those locations will have bus service.

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Morgan Hill 2035 Level of Service Calculations [4-35]  
I don't think acreage is the best metric for "Level of Service".

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Opportunistic Funding Sources [5-11]  
Grant funds: The City seeks grant funding to augment other  
funding sources. Grant funding sources include:  
Add County Public Health and SCVWD.

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