

To: Jeanne Suyeishi / City of Fremont
Rajeev Batra / City of Fremont

From: Jodi Ketelsen / TYLI
Kaila Lemons / TYLI

Date: June 24, 2020

Subject: Sabercat Trail Extension Public Meeting Summary

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Objective:

The objective of this meeting was to share the purpose of and concepts for the Sabercat Trail Extension Project (Project) with members of the community and to gather their feedback. This meeting constitutes the first of three opportunities for public involvement.

Meeting Format and Attendance:

- A public meeting was held on June 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. With the interest of making progress on the Sabercat Trail Extension Project during a time where there are state orders to limit group activities due to the COVID -19 pandemic, the City of Fremont opted to hold a virtual meeting using the Zoom program platform.
- Members of the public were invited to attend by mailed invitations and by notifying neighborhoods using the **Nextdoor** app as well as posting a public notice on the City of Fremont website. In addition, those who expressed interest received an email invitation.
- Presenters included: City's representative Project Manager, Rajeev Batra, and from the T.Y.Lin International consultant team including Jodi Ketelsen/Environmental Manager, Mark Ashley/Project Manager, and Noel Shamble/Bridge Designer. Also available to answer questions were the Public Works Director, Hans Larsen, and the City's Project Manager, Jeanne Suyeishi.
- Special Attendees included: Senator Bob Wieckowski represented by Rocky Fernandez, Mayor Lily Mei and City Councilmember Raj Salwan.
- There were 40 public attendees, and 3 T.Y. Lin team attendees (See **Appendix A**)
- During the webinar, attendees were able to submit written feedback through the "Q&A" function, and could request an opportunity to provide verbally feedback through the "raise hand" function. Attendees were also directed to use a survey link, an email link or the mailing address to continue submitting feedback through July 10th.

Meeting Presentation Summary:

The public webinar began with an introduction of presenters working on the project. The presentation agenda included: project objectives, a review of design elements, information about trail uses, and environmental and social issues that may influence the project study.

The project purpose is to provide a direct, safe, and convenient route for bicyclists and pedestrians to key community and transportation resources. An overview of the project development process was provided with an emphasis on future opportunities for public involvement. It was explained that the Sabercat Trail Extension Project is currently in the initiation stage, which includes gathering existing conditions, conceptual design, and community input.

Visuals and explanations of the project context, City's Bicycle Master Plan (2018), and the project setting were shared followed by descriptions of the four project sections following west to east and then north including 1) Trail from Blacow Road to Osgood Road which would cross the UPRR and BART rail corridor, 2) trail continuing from Osgood Road to the west landing of the future I-680 Crossing which includes a location for a future Paleontological museum and parking, 3) the I-680 pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing with connection to the existing Sabercat Trail, and 4) the north trail connecting from the west I-680 bridge landing to the future Irvington BART station near Washington Boulevard.

An outline of the design process was shared using the Santa Monica Trail Pedestrian Bridge as an example. It was explained that at the current initiation stage, the team needs community feedback to determine a theme which will provide guiding principles for the project design to reflect community values. A slide of potential themes to consider was included.

To conclude the presentation portion of the webinar, community input topics were summarized, and information for project points of contact were provided. The webinar then moved on to allow written questions and verbal comments from the public.

Public input received during the online meeting:

- Public interest largely focused on the history of Sabercat Historical Park. Comments suggested using the site's natural history as a theme for the project and that the team has not fully incorporated the long history of the Project and the surroundings.
- Concern regarding the suitability and continuity between the existing Sabercat Trail and the planned extension was expressed, specifically regarding pedestrians and bicyclists sharing the path.
- Comments on safety were made regarding lighting, ADA accessibility, and trail hours of operation.
- One person inquired about how construction could be phased to prioritize portions of the trail.
- Community members would also like more information about the status of the museum project.
- One person asked whether no bridge over I-680 was an option

Appendix A

Sabercat Trail Extension Project Public Meeting Attendees

ATTENDEES

Mark Hirsch
Charlene Dizon
Zhong Cai
Melissa Avery
Ken Wu
Bob Wieckowski
Al and Helen Shamble
Anh Ngo
Steve Skala
Joyce Blueford
Andreas Kadavanich
Madison Tang
Fatima Guadamuz-Cabral
Oxs6WE
Caroline Harris
StephenTu
Sophie Fan
David Soon
Juliette
Audie O. Will
Wai Lieu
Nick Pouschine
Winnie
Alana
Kumuthini Jayananth
David Leal
Ben Chi
Jonathan Buck
Ruth Narayan
Sandy Ferreira
Khandan Bahmani
Ken
Alejandro Rendon
Suzanne Wolf
Rocky Fernandez
Roger Ravenstad
N&T
Raj Salwan
David Santana
Sophia Huynh
Kaila Lemons