THE CITY OF EUREKA
Bay to Zoo Trail

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Dear Homeowner,

Hello, my name is Brittany Powell and I am one of the Project Managers assigned to the Bay to Zoo Trail Project. As you may know, the Bay to Zoo Trail has been conceptualized for over 20 years and is a Strategic Visioning Goal for the Eureka City Council. The Trail will link the existing Waterfront Trail to Sequoia Park Zoo, running north/south along Eureka's sloughs and gulches. In 2023, the City of Eureka was awarded funding for the proposed Bay to Zoo Trail Project with grant funds from Caltrans. The City of Eureka is excited to bring this community project to reality.

The extensive planning necessary for this project has been underway for quite some time. In 2024, The City contracted with GHD to perform environmental impact studies and preliminary engineering. The project has completed environmental studies, as required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and CEQA the California Environmental Quality Act. These studies represent the first phase of project work.

The next phase of project work will include furthering the trail design and determining the precise alignment of the trail. The recently completed preliminary engineering is considered a 30% design set. The next level of work will look at the placement of the trail, the elevations along the trail, the types of materials and construction methods for the trail, to reach a 65% and then a 100% design set. Most importantly, this next phase includes conversations with property owners along the trail alignment and adjacent to the trail alignment.

There any many steps to this process and property owners along the proposed trail are encouraged and invited to be heavily engaged during this phase of work, and thus the reason for this letter.

In order to keep all property owners and stakeholders informed and engaged, City staff will be ramping up communications and outreach. In the meantime, I am looking to obtain your most current contact information. Please email or call me with the following:
1 – Property owner contact information, and preferred method of contact (phone, email, text)
2 – Contact information for the person responsible for making decisions related to the property
3 – Tenant contact information, if any.

Scan the QR Code below or visit https://www.eurekaca.gov/255/Trails to view our website, for information on proposed alignment, facts, history, funding and more. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Experience the beauty of Eureka's natural landscapes on a new trail connecting the waterfront to the captivating Sequoia Park Zoo

Trail Segments

- **Second Slough** - Connects at waterfront trail and consists of elevated paths to preserve natural habitats. A roundabout is planned at Myrtle Ave and McFarlan Street to provide a safe crossing for bicyclists, pedestrians, and calm traffic.
- **Second Gulch** - Find yourself under a canopy of diverse trees with connections to communities and schools
- **Sequoia Park Zoo** - Pedestrian and bicyclist enhancements as well as traffic calming elements will be installed along existing roadways

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Trail Facts

- Trail alignment is currently preliminary
- The Bay to Zoo Trail is a Safe Routes to School Project, alleviating traffic congestion during peak hours by providing alternative routes to school
- The City of Eureka has been awarded $10,751,000 in grant funding for the project

Current Project Timeline

For more information on the Bay to Zoo Trail Project, scan the QR code above to visit our website, email us at BTZtrail@eurekaca.gov, or call 707-441-4194.