

Fancher Creek Bridle Trail, February 01, 2019 Public Meeting Comments

Comment 1:

If the Trail funds need to be phased in - it might be better (wiser) to eliminate the trail along the Santa Fe RR; this has the most difficult encroachments since that portion of the Trail is 97 ft. in depth.

Response 1:

The project must adhere to the description stated in applications submitted for the Fancher Creek Bridle trail, which include the segment along the California alignment. The trail along the California alignment has been realigned to minimize impact to encroaching property owners where possible, and does not extend to the full 97.2' easement.

Comment 2:

If the trail is an “easement”, who owns the underlying land? Doesn't Fresno County own the land for the trail?

Response 2:

Dedication of the easement was made and accepted with the final map recordation dated. Please see attached.

Comment 3:

Liability issue clarification on County responsibility.

Response 3:

In general, a Public entity will be responsible for injury caused by a dangerous condition on an easement area under their jurisdiction. For more information on Liability of Public Entities, please refer to Government Code section 835.

Comment 4:

Will you post the trail and FID road “No unauthorized motor vehicles”? Kids and adults on scooters and motorcycles use the FID road now and it's a safety hazard.

Response 4:

The County of Fresno cannot post signage on FID property. The County of Fresno is planning to post signage banning unauthorized motor vehicles on the Fancher Creek Bridle trail.

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Comment 5:

Please email presentation material from 2-1-19 meeting on Fancher Creek Bridle Trail.

Response 5:

A copy of the February 01, 2019 Fancher Creek Bridle Path presentation will be included with the response to the meeting's comments and questions.

Comment 6:

John Pape be on premise for every cut.

Response 6:

John Pape is the consulting arborist on the Fancher Creek Bridle Trail project. As part of the consulting arborist agreement, his scope includes recommendations for pruning of trees, recommendation for care and preservation, and periodic inspections of pruning contractor's performance on pruning of trees.

Comment 7:

A property owner made the comment that the County did not consult the Fancher Creek area residents before planning the proposed bridle path. The bridle trail will negatively affect the already dwindling Fancher Creek wildlife while creating an attractive nuisance that will attract more transient people to the area.

Response 7:

The County has been in contact and consultation with Fancher Creek area residents throughout the life of the project. As early as October, 2012 Fancher Creek area residents expressed interest in keeping and maintaining the trail. Since then the County has been in contact with the area residents through either meetings or correspondence with SPOA and other stakeholders.

According to the Mitigated Negative Declaration report published in October 2015, the project will not have a significant impact on the environment along Fancher Creek. This includes wildlife in the area. At the time of the CEQA application it was determined that an Environmental Impact Report was not necessary for this project.

The County predicts an increase in pedestrian and equestrian traffic along the trail will be a deterrent and not an attraction to the transient population.