



Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning
Mountain View, CA 94041

June 10, 2015

Re: Support for extending the Stevens Creek Trail

Dear Working Group members, Council members, and Staff:

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP) would like to express our support for extending the Stevens Creek Trail beyond its current stopping point south of Fremont Avenue to connect with the part of the trail that already exists south of Stevens Creek Boulevard.

The Stevens Creek Trail will serve the region optimally to the extent that it interconnects communities in the area. In the same way that road systems allow those driving to travel across distances without concern that the roads end at city limits, trails allow those walking and biking to enjoy the same convenience. It is this feature that is most important and essential through the proposed extension work.

We understand the concerns expressed about extending the trail. These concerns were raised also when the trail was established in Mountain View, and these concerns mostly or entirely abated once the trail was in place. As it exists today, it is widely viewed as a valuable asset for the city, both by those who use it frequently or only occasionally. Even for those who do not use the trail, it is something they can be proud of in their home town. It also helps to shift travel to walking and bicycling and to encourage people to leave their cars at home more often than they might otherwise. This shift improves health for those using the trails and for all through reduced greenhouse-gas emissions in the region.

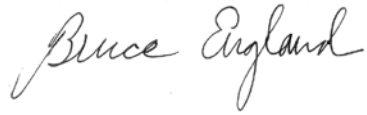
For the extension design, we favor what the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail supports, which includes:

- An initial extension from the trail's current stopping point south to Fremont Avenue along the creek (similar to how much of the trail exists in Mountain View today)
- A bridge over Fremont Avenue to connect the trail to Bernardo Avenue
- A dedicated, separated bicycle path on Bernardo between Fremont and Homestead Road with sidewalks retained for pedestrian needs
- Use of existing streets between Bernardo and Stevens Creek Boulevard where the trail could connect to the existing trail at that point in Cupertino

We do thank you for the work you are doing on this project, and we look forward to the outcome of the project trusting that it will result in the extension that many of us in the community are anticipating.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce England". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Bruce England

on behalf of the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

About Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning is a group of local volunteers—comprised of over 70 members—dedicated to making Mountain View as beautiful, economically healthy, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian accessible, and affordable as possible. MVCSP member interest and expertise covers areas such as housing, transportation, the environment, the economy, and beyond!

For more information, see <http://www.mvcsp.org>.

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