



## **Two Rivers Trial Phase III Project**

### **Sutter's Landing Regional Park Site Plan Update Community Open House #2**

#### **Written Comments**

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On December 12, 2024, the Dokken Engineering team participated in the Sutter's Landing Regional Park Site Plan Update Community Open House #2. The team's station included updates about the preferred Two Rivers Trail Phase III alternative.

A display board showed the preferred Two Rivers Trail alternative. Attendees were given the opportunity to share comments and ask questions about the project. Some attendees also provided written comments, as transcribed below.

#### **Comment Card Notes - General:**

- Leave it the \*\*\*\* alone.
- I am excited to see this trail connect to the larger trail system. I hope that this will also connect to the bike bridge over the American at the 160.
- I would love to see the UPRR level crossing come to fruition. I know it is a way out, but I would love to know what is holding it up. So excited.
- If there aren't trees in the plan, could be tree mapping for potential future plantings. Plant natives only, partnerships with Native Plant or Tree Foundation.
- Would be nice to connect to new pedestrian/bike lanes adding to overpass by Cal Expo plus connect to native on north side of American River
- These trails should include history about the Capital City Wheelman, the bike club that started in Sacramento in the late 1800's ago so people can understand the history of the bike community. Add a ghost bike memorial with names and dates of bikers that passed while biking.
- Why can't bike path go along American all the way?
- Love this project! Need more info about integrating other existing uses of this area. Many people use the river trails for off leash dog exercise. Sacramento has an opportunity to lead in multi-use and be seen as visionary, like Bay Area and other urban areas. Please incorporate access points for dogs to existing river trails rather than soloing people into fenced, grim areas and like with mountain bikes on hiking trails, encourage responsible use.
- Hello, I'm writing to provide community input on Sutter's Landing Park. As the bike trail connections continue to move forward from Sutter's Landing Park to the rest of the American River bike trails, it's very important that the bike access from 28th Street is improved, specifically going up/down the hill over the railroad tracks. The current bike lanes are narrow and completely unprotected from the large gravel trucks and other vehicle traffic entering and exiting the park and going to the McKinley Village Development. This is especially dangerous considering, when a cyclist is going uphill, it can be difficult to keep a perfectly straight course within the narrow bike lane. Even worse, there is a surface material change from asphalt to concrete directly through the middle of the bike lane, which can catch a bike tire and destabilize the bicyclist. And there is often loose gravel in the bike lane that spills off the many gravel trucks. As the park connections to the American River Bike Trail move forward, it is more important than ever to create protected bike lanes in and out of



the park that separate bicyclists from vehicle traffic. It's only a matter of time before the current conditions lead to a tragic accident. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about my comment or require clarification. Best, Jeffrey McInnis

- I am a heavy user of Sutter's Landing Park. I run or walk there with my dog about 5 days a week. We enjoy running along the water's edge and listening to the birds. Over the years, the erosion on the riverbank trail has progressed quickly. Some erosion due to use is unavoidable, but much of it is due to bicyclists. There used to be signs indicating that cycling was prohibited, but they got torn down repeatedly. I would like to see some bike barriers installed along with signage to protect the riverbank. These could take many forms, including vertical barriers that bikes cannot fit through, or horizontal barriers dug into the ground, like railroad ties. Due to the multiple points of access to the riverbank trail from the paved bike path, such barriers would need to be installed in several places. I'm sure you are aware of the different possibilities, and I don't believe there are ADA issues on the narrow dirt trail.
- I helped to organize the Sutter's Landing clean up with Friends of the river/Friends of Sutter's, and am a regular volunteer, especially after holiday weekends when the trash load is severe. There's not much we can do about changing people's behavior (especially during/after consuming alcohol), but we can make infrastructure changes to facilitate the better parts of human nature. I believe that there are sufficient garbage cans along the bike trail, but much of the trash is recyclable. I wonder if recycling bins could be added to the garbage bins to encourage separating the waste stream.