

Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Project

February Outreach Results Summary

Community outreach for the Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Project commenced in mid-January 2019 as the project team utilized media, social media and community networks to spread the word about upcoming input opportunities. The project team utilized the following outlets and methods to reach community members in the project area and the greater Humboldt Bay area:

- Visually appealing flyer in English and Spanish posted in dozens of community destinations (see Appendix A)
- Recorded radio PSAs for local stations + radio interviews on KHUM and KHSU
- PSA postings on local community calendars
- Press release through the City of Arcata that was included in local print and online media outlets
- Project website
- Letters with optional questionnaire to adjacent property owners and businesses along the proposed trail route
- Direct outreach to partner organizations and stakeholders plus through partner's social media
- Emails and surveys to schools located in the project area
- In-person outreach and surveying in Valley West and along the Humboldt Bay Trail North
- Surveying at community events with the Friends of the Annie & Mary Rail Trail

After learning about the Annie & Mary Trail planning project, hundreds of community members provided their input, ideas and concerns through a variety of outlets including:

- Completing the community survey in both English and Spanish available online and in print (available January 15 – February 18, 2019)
- Attending the Kick-off Community Workshop on the evening of Monday, February 4th
- Completing the adjacent landowner questionnaire
- Having one-on-one conversations with project team staff
- Providing input to the project at a District-level English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meeting at Pacific Union School

Community Survey Results

In total, 370 people completed the community survey (see Appendix B), including 13 responses to the Spanish-language survey. 91% of survey respondents would be interested in utilizing a completed Annie & Mary Trail for fun/exercise/recreation. Survey respondents also indicated they would use the trail for shopping/errands (37%), neighborhood transportation (24%), and getting to and from work (19%). 90% of survey respondents voiced they would use the trail regularly (daily, a couple times a week, or a couple times a month). Survey respondents do currently travel through the project area for a myriad of reasons (e.g. to get to work, to recreate in the Arcata Community Forest, to cycle between Blue Lake and Arcata), but most voiced concern about traveling by foot or bike through this area. Survey respondents' safety concerns in the project area included both transportation safety and personal safety concerns – current roadways being too narrow with little separation from fast traffic and also a lack of lighting and a high prevalence of homeless individuals in the area. Survey respondents also desired the Annie & Mary Trail to be extended beyond city limits eastward towards Blue Lake and specifically to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Park 1 located on the Mad River. While comments mostly on improving walking and biking safety and connectivity, at least eight respondents indicated the desire for equestrian use as the Arcata Community Forest and a popular horse pasture on Aldergrove Road are located in the project area. Survey results are further detailed in Appendix B.

Adjacent Landowner Questionnaire

City of Arcata staff received five responses to the questionnaire sent to adjacent landowners and businesses. A couple landowners whose property could adjoin the future Annie & Mary Trail corridor were interested in fencing and other interventions to ensure privacy. An industrial business in Aldergrove was interested in ensuring the trail would not impact this important industrial and manufacturing hub. Several businesses in the Aldergrove area were excited about increased walking and biking connectivity to their business for their employees.

Bilingual Pacific Union School Parent Meeting

On February 4th, bilingual staff from RCAA attended Pacific Union School's DELAC (District-level English Learner Advisory Committee) monthly meeting to speak about the Annie and Mary Trail Connectivity Project and to complete surveys with the parents in attendance. Many families that attend Pacific Union live in the Valley West neighborhood, including many Latino families. The DELAC group is made up almost entirely by Spanish-speaking parents and some staff. The DELAC group advises the staff and principal on

programs/services for English learners. The connection to DELAC was made through Lucy Salazar, an Annie & Mary Trail Project Task Force member, who asked if project staff would be interested in attending the DELAC meeting to hear parents' concerns and ideas. There were about 20 parents in the audience and many more children in the kids' corner. About 15 of the parents took the survey. We provided the survey in English and in Spanish. Some parents took the survey in English to practice their English. Many parents had concerns about the Giuntoli overpasses over Highway 299 and Highway 101 (the latter not in the current project area) and less concerns about the future trail itself. Many live in the Valley West area and they would like to feel comfortable letting their kids walk to school but do not feel it is currently a safe option for their kids. Overall, the parents are very excited about having a new nearby trail where they will feel safe walking with their kids. Many said that they would definitely use the new trail and are looking forward to it.

Kick-Off Community Workshop

The Kick-Off Community Workshop attracted over fifty people on a blustery, winter evening. The workshop including multiple methods for gathering people's ideas and concerns including:

- Open-ended questions on Open House displays
- One-on-one conversation with project team staff
- Comment cards
- Community surveys
- Small group mapping exercise

The workshop began with 20 minutes of informal conversation and feedback and perusing open house displays followed by a brief overview presentation of the project. Then participants were encouraged to join one of six small group tables for an exercise to map issues and challenges in the project area and design potential improvements. Large format aerial maps of the project area were included on each small group table as well as photos of example trail design features and bike/ped infrastructure. Participants worked with a table facilitator for 40 minutes discussing issues and opportunities, writing on the maps, and identifying their top concerns and ideas.

Feedback from the Open House questions and comment cards focused on the desire for a Rail to Trail facility separated from traffic, connectivity for walking, biking and equestrian use to the Arcata Ridge Trail, Park 1 on the Mad River as a future trail destination, improved lighting, and the need to improve the Giuntoli/Highway 299 overpass. Many people commented on potential trail design features such as lighting, bike racks, a separated pedestrian zone or gravel/natural surface part of the trail, and the need for connectivity to nearby neighborhoods.

The small group mapping exercise crowdsourced participants' local knowledge of the specific challenge areas in the project area for walking and biking and encouraged participants to think of what walking and biking improvements would best fit in the project area. Individual map comments are detailed in Appendix C.

Common safety concerns included:

- There was much concern about the Sunset and Giuntoli overpasses. All groups were concerned that these are dangerous bridges to cross as a cyclist and a pedestrian.
- Another safety concern that was common amongst all the groups was the Sunset Avenue and L K Wood intersection.
- West End Road was another big concern. Many wrote down that it is a difficult road to bike on because of narrow shoulders, large potholes, blind curves, large trucks, no lighting, and speeders who make it even more dangerous.
- Residents with adjacent properties to the potential trail are concerned about privacy and safety. Many suggested a solid fence will help with both of these concerns. Fencing along industrial zone or routing the trail away from industrial businesses was also suggested. Property owners want continued outreach throughout the project.
- Many comments suggested that the trail should have right of way at intersections with roads for safety.
- Many groups recommended to install pedestrian-scale lighting and call boxes along the trail to make it feel safer.
- Many comments mentioned concerns about encampments and homeless people along the railroad/trail. Reducing vegetation and increasing sight distance was a suggestion that could help this. People would like to see patrolling and removal/cleaning of encampments.
- Most groups suggested pedestrian-activated flashing beacons at crosswalks where trail crosses a road.

Opportunities and trail design features suggested:

- Ensure connections from the trail to Valley West neighborhoods, St. Louis Rd, L K Wood, Todd Ct, Frank Martin Ct, Ericson Ct
- Create safe connections to nearby schools and family-friendly recreational facilities.
- The parking is too limited at Larson Park for it to be a trailhead was a concern amongst some of the groups.
- Several groups suggest to extend the trail to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Park 1 which has access to the Mad River
- Trail mile markers were a popular idea
- Many suggested rail to trail wherever possible.
- A few people suggested building micro parks under St. Louis Rd

- Install secure bike lockers and bike racks at popular trailheads.
- Many suggested to connect the trail to future development in the Happy Valley area
- Paint green bike lanes and a separate lane for pedestrians.
- Build ramps for wheelchair access at all trailheads.
- Many suggested to have a mix of surfaces on the trail, not just asphalt. Perhaps have gravel/natural path along the trail.
- Many want to see art along the trail and/or gateway art.
- The comments also recommended to have educational signage along the trail including interpretive signage about the historic Annie & Mary Rail line.
- Keep equestrians in mind during the planning process.
- Limit lighting near wetlands to reduce impact to wildlife.
- Provide bike education to the community and PSA's about the rights of cyclists.
- There needs to be dog stations, garbage cans, water fountains, etc along the trail

APPENDIX A: Workshop flyers

APPENDIX B: Community survey input

APPENDIX C: Workshop comments on project area maps

APPENDIX D: Workshop photos

APPENDIX A: Workshop flyers

Arcata Annie & Mary Trail

The City of Arcata invites YOUR input to create a vision for the Annie & Mary Trail and improve walking and biking connections through north Arcata!

Share your ideas at a
Community Workshop
Monday, Feb. 4th 6 - 8 PM
D Street Community Center
1301 D Street Arcata

Complete a survey
and get more info at:
<https://tinyurl.com/ArcataA-M>







Arcata Annie & Mary Trail

¡La ciudad de Arcata invita la aportación de USTED sobre el Annie & Mary Trail para mejorar las conexiones para pasear a pie y en bicicleta por el norte de Arcata!

Comparte tus ideas en el Taller Comunitario

Lunes, El 4 de Febrero 6-8 PM
Centro Comunitario en la Calle
1301 D Street Arcata

Completa una Encuesta:
y para mas información:
<https://tinyurl.com/ArcataA-M>



APPENDIX B: Community survey input



Arcata Annie & Mary Trail Connectivity Project Community Survey

Please help the City of Arcata plan the multiuse Annie and Mary trail in Arcata. The trail will connect the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area via the railroad corridor and West End Road to the Aldergrove Industrial Park, Valley West, and eventually Blue Lake. Your comments on this short survey will be used to guide the planning and design options for the project, which is funded by the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Program. A map of the project area is attached for you to review as you fill out the survey.

1) Why do you/ your family travel along West End Road, over the Sunset Avenue or Giuntoli overpasses, or to Valley West or the Aldergrove Industrial Park? Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I live in the area described.
- ☐ I attend/take my K-12 grade child(ren) to school in the area described.
- ☐ I travel in the area to go to work.
- ☐ I travel in the area to go to HSU.
- ☐ I visit parks, trails and recreation facilities in the area.
- ☐ I travel in the area to do my shopping/ visit stores.
- ☐ Other (work/recreation/etc) – Please specify _____

2) How frequently do you walk (whether for commuting or recreation) or jog/ run in the project area?

Daily Couple of times a week Couple of times a month Rarely Never

If so, to where? (optional)

3) How frequently do you bike, scooter, skate, or other non-motorized mode of transport (whether for commuting or recreation) in the project area?

Daily Couple of times a week Couple of times a month Rarely Never

If so, to where? (optional)

4) How frequently do you drive in the project area?

Daily Couple of times a week Couple of times a month Rarely Never

If so, to where? (optional)

5) If you do not regularly walk, bike or roll in the project area, why is that?

- ☐ I do not feel safe (list reason) _____
- ☐ Distance is too great/takes too long
- ☐ I have other family transportation needs
- ☐ Weather can be unpredictable
- ☐ I do not travel frequently to north Arcata

6) If Arcata's section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area to, West End Road, Valley West and Aldergrove Industrial Park, in what ways do you estimate that you would use it?

- ☐ I would use the trail for neighborhood transportation in the vicinity of my home.
- ☐ I would bike, walk or roll on the trail for fun/exercise/recreation.

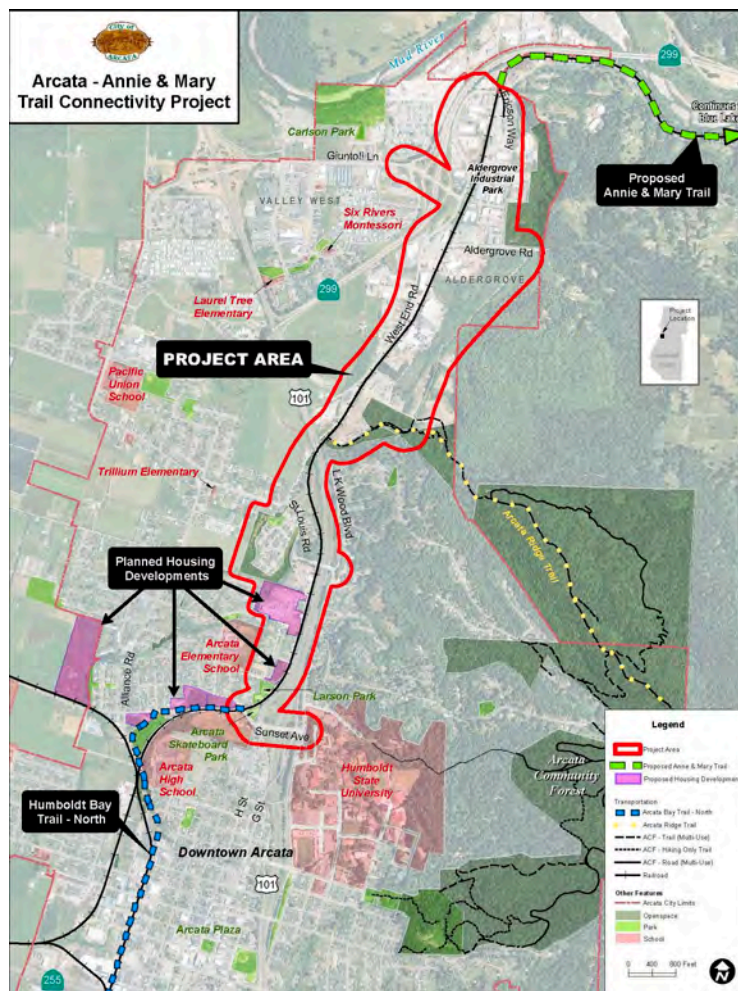
- ◇ I would take my K-12 grade child(ren) to school via the trail/ I would go to and from my K-12 school via the trail.
- ◇ I would use the trail to travel to/ from work.
- ◇ I would use the trail to travel to/ from HSU.
- ◇ I would use the trail to travel to/ from recreational facilities or adjoining parks/ open spaces.
- ◇ I would use the trail to travel in the area to do my shopping/ visit stores.
- ◇ Other (work/recreation/as a tourist, etc) – Please specify _____

7) If Arcata's section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area to, West End Road, Valley West and Aldergrove Industrial Park, how often do you estimate that you would use the trail?

Daily Couple of times a week Couple of times a month Rarely Never

8) Do you have any additional comments about the proposed Annie & Mary Trail or transportation safety concerns in the project area?

The Project Team of the City of Arcata, Redwood Community Action Agency, TrailPeople and SHN greatly value your input provided in this survey, and invite your participation in all upcoming outreach events! Please visit <http://www.cityofarcata.org/831/Annie-Mary-Trail-Connectivity-Project> for additional event notices and project information. A community workshop will be held on Monday, February 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the D Street Community Center to focus on understanding current challenges and opportunities in the project area.





Encuesta Sobre el Proyecto Comunitario de Conectividad Para el Annie & Mary Trail [Sendero de Annie y Mary] de Arcata

Favor de ayudar a que la Ciudad de Arcata planee el Annie & Mary Trail de uso múltiple en Arcata. El sendero conectará el área de Sunset Avenue/Larson Park por la línea de ferrocarril y West End Road al Aldergrove Industrial Park [Zona Industrial de Aldergrove], Valley West, y finalmente a Blue Lake. Sus comentarios en esta breve encuesta se usarán para guiar las opciones de planificación y diseño del proyecto, que está solventado por Caltrans Sustainable Communities Program [Programa de Caltrans Para Comunidades Sostenibles]. Un mapa del área del proyecto se adjunta para que Usted pueda revisar al llenar la encuesta.

1) ¿Por qué viaja Usted/su familia por West End Road, cruzando por los pasos elevados de Sunset Avenue o Giuntoli, o hasta Valley West o Aldergrove Industrial Park? Favor de indicar todos que se aplican:

- ◇ Vivo en el área descrita.
- ◇ Asisto/llevo a mi(s) hijo(s) del grado Kinder hasta 12 a la escuela en el área descrita.
- ◇ Viajo en el área para ir al trabajo.
- ◇ Viajo en el área para ir a HSU.
- ◇ Visito parques, senderos, y facilidades de recreo en el área.
- ◇ Viajo en el área para ir de compras/visitar tiendas.
- ◇ Otro (trabajar/recreo/etcétera) – Favor de especificar:

2) ¿Cada cuándo pasea Usted a pie, caminando o corriendo (o para ir/volver del trabajo o recreo) en el área del proyecto?

Diario Unas veces a la semana Unas veces al mes Raras veces Nunca

Si sí, ¿adónde? [opcional]

3) ¿Cada cuándo pasea Usted en bicicleta o scooter/ patineta (o para ir/volver del trabajo o recreo) en el área del proyecto?

Diario Unas veces a la semana Unas veces al mes Raras veces Nunca

Si sí, ¿adónde? [opcional]

4) ¿Cada cuándo maneja Usted en el área del proyecto?

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Si sí, ¿adónde? [opcional]

5) Si Usted no pase consistentemente a pie ni en bici por el área del proyecto, ¿por qué no?

- ◇ No me siento seguro [indica razón]_____
- ◇ Demasiado lejos/cuesta demasiado tiempo
- ◇ Tengo otras necesidades de transporte familiar
- ◇ Tiempo puede ser imprevisible
- ◇ No viajo frecuentemente al norte de Arcata

6) Si la sección del Annie & Mary Trail en Arcata se cumpliera con enlaces del área de Sunset Avenue/Larson Park hasta West End Road, Valley West, y Aldergrove Industrial Park, ¿cuáles son las maneras en que Usted cree que lo usaría?

- ◇ Yo usaría el sendero como transporte por la vecindario cerca de mi casa.

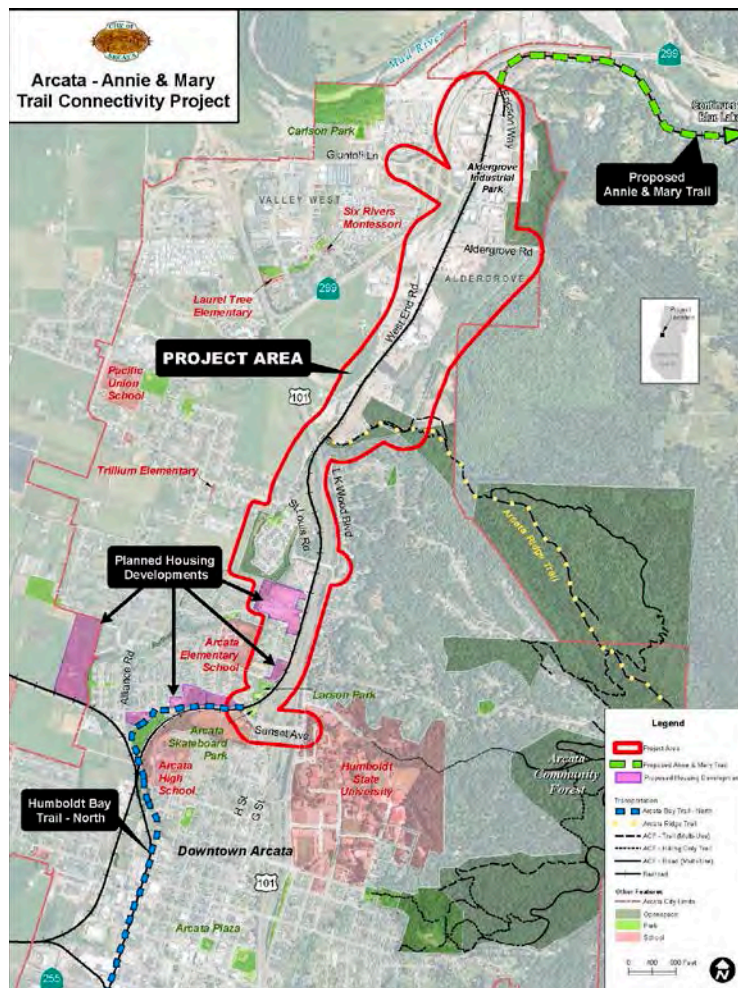
- ◇ Yo pasearía en bici, a pie, o por ruedas en el sendero como diversión/ejercicio/recreo.
- ◇ Llevaría a mi hijo (s) de grado K-12 a la escuela a través del sendero / Iría a mi escuela K-12 desde y hacia el sendero.
- ◇ Yo usaría el camino para viajar a / desde el trabajo.
- ◇ Yo usaría el sendero para viajar a / desde HSU.
- ◇ Yo usaría el sendero para viajar hacia / desde instalaciones recreativas o parques / espacios abiertos contiguos.
- ◇ Yo usaría el sendero para viajar en el área para hacer mis compras / visitar tiendas.
- ◇ Otro (trabajo / recreación / como turista, etc.) - Especifique _____

7) Si la sección del Annie & Mary Trail en Arcata se cumpliera con enlaces del área de Sunset Avenue/Larson Park hasta West End Road, Valley West, y Aldergrove Industrial Park, ¿con qué frecuencia estima que usaría el sendero?

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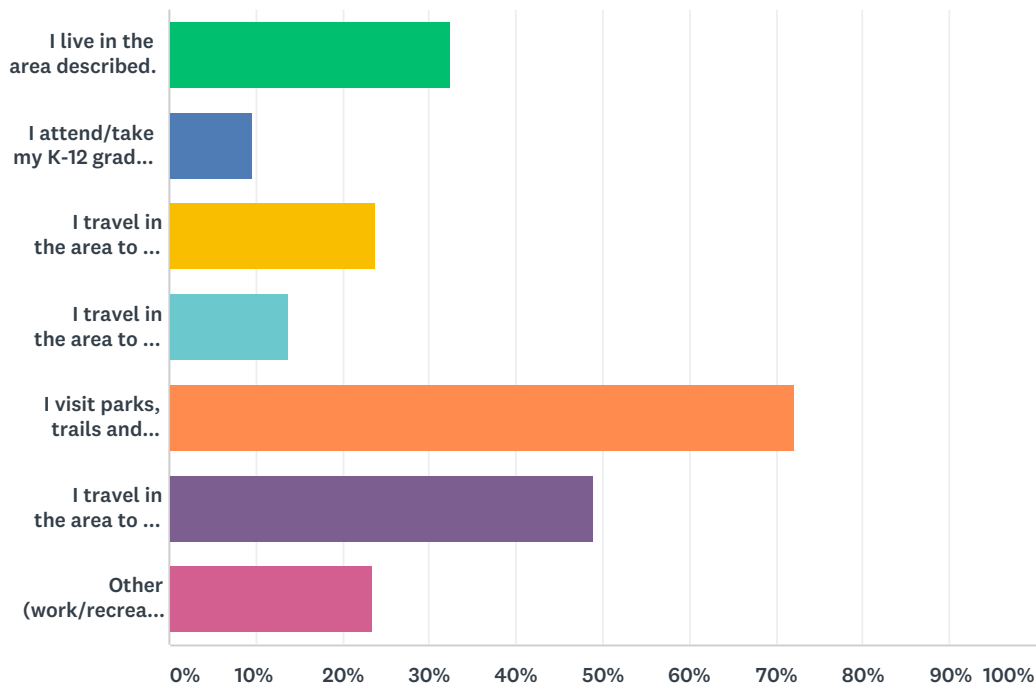
8) ¿Tiene más comentarios sobre este camino o sobre problemas de seguridad en el transporte en el área del proyecto?

El Equipo de Proyecto de la Ciudad de Arcata, Redwood Community Action Agency, TrailPeople, y SHN valoran enormemente su aportación en esta encuesta e invitan a participar en todos los próximos eventos de divulgación. Asista a un taller Lunes el 4 de Febrero desde las 6:00 hasta las 8:00 p.m. en el D Street Community Center [Centro Comunitario en la Calle D]. Si Usted no puede venir en persona al evento, obtener más información en <http://www.cityofarcata.org/831/Annie-Mary-Trail-Connectivity-Project>.



Q1 Why do you/ your family travel along West End Road, over the Sunset Avenue or Giuntoli overpasses, or to Valley West or the Aldergrove Industrial Park? Please select all that apply:

Answered: 364 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in the area described.	32.42%	118
I attend/take my K-12 grade child(ren) to school in the area described.	9.62%	35
I travel in the area to go to work.	23.90%	87
I travel in the area to go to HSU.	13.74%	50
I visit parks, trails and recreation facilities in the area.	72.25%	263
I travel in the area to do my shopping/ visit stores.	48.90%	178
Other (work/recreation/etc) – Please specify	23.35%	85
Total Respondents: 364		

Question 1 - "Other" responses:

For recreation

To bike West End Road between Arcata and Blue Lake

To get home, to work or for errands

For horseback riding in Arcata Community Forest and to horse pasture off Aldergrove

For dog walking

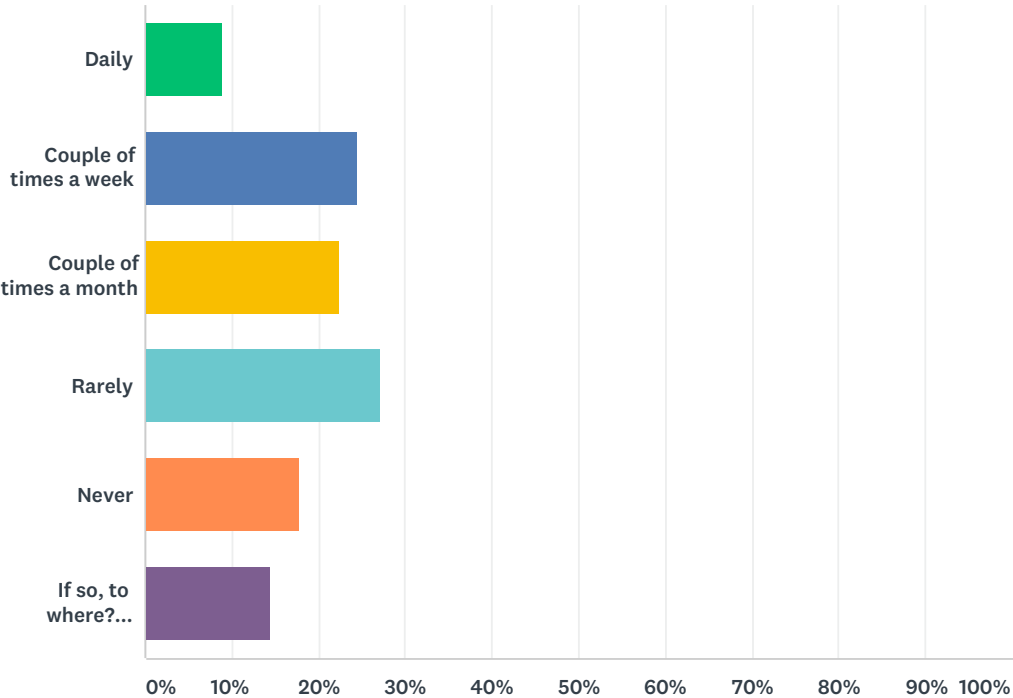
To get to Arcata Headstart

To walk to work

To visit friends

Q2 How frequently do you walk (whether for commuting or recreation) or jog/run in the project area?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	8.99%	33
Couple of times a week	24.52%	90
Couple of times a month	22.34%	82
Rarely	27.25%	100
Never	17.71%	65
If so, to where? (optional)	14.44%	53
Total Respondents: 367		

Questions 2-4 - "If so, to where?" responses:

West End Road

Valley West

Arcata Ridge Trail + Arcata Community Forest

Pump Station (Park 1)

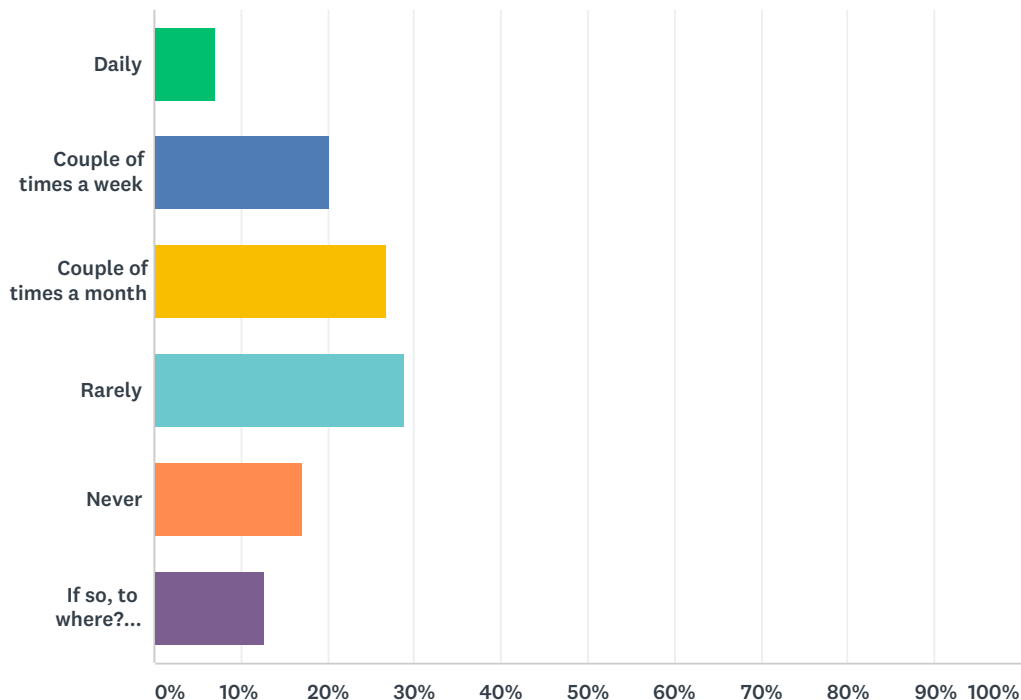
Current trails...Hammond, Humboldt Bay Trail, Arcata Marsh

Arcata Elementary School + Skate Park + HSU

Downtown Arcata

Q3 How frequently do you bike, scooter, skate, or other non-motorized mode of transport (whether for commuting or recreation) in the project area?

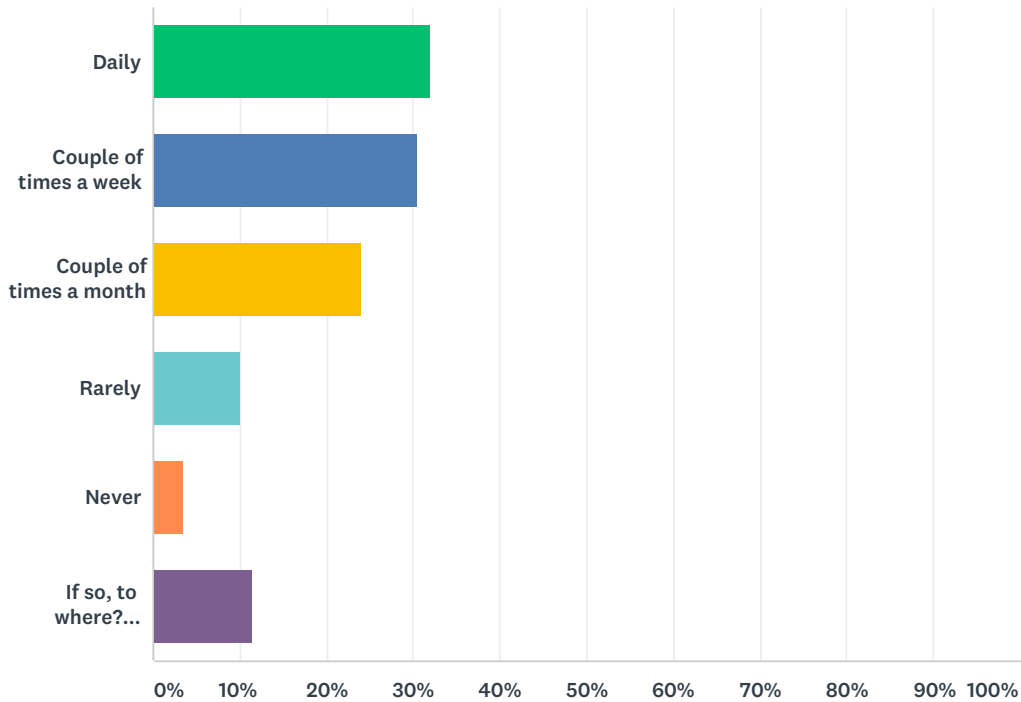
Answered: 366 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	7.10%	26
Couple of times a week	20.22%	74
Couple of times a month	26.78%	98
Rarely	28.96%	106
Never	17.21%	63
If so, to where? (optional)	12.84%	47
Total Respondents: 366		

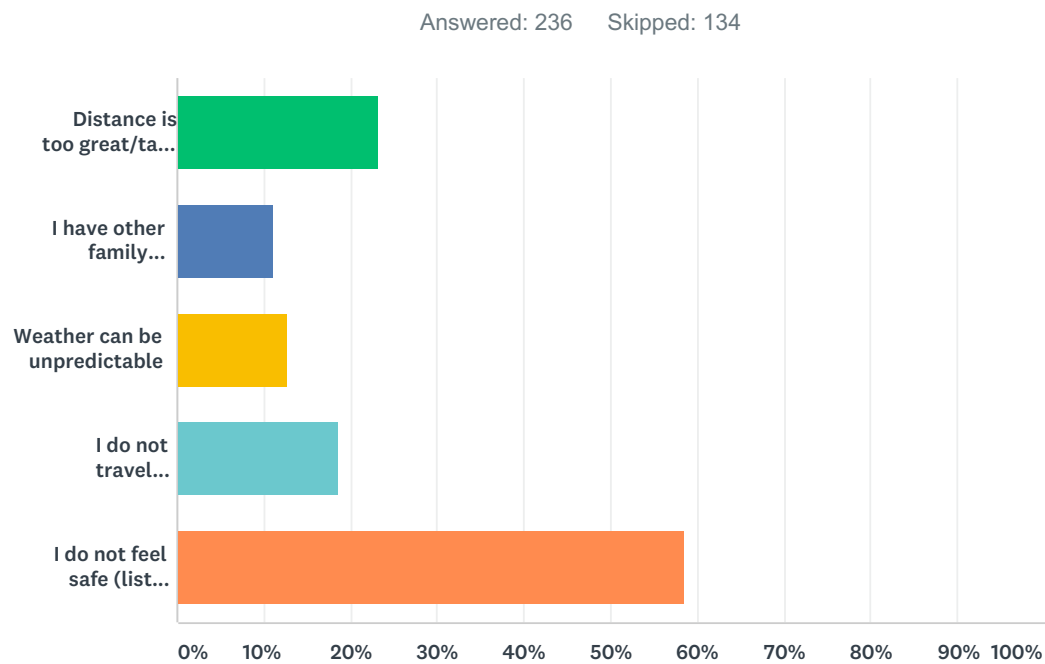
Q4 How frequently do you drive in the project area?

Answered: 366 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	31.97%	117
Couple of times a week	30.60%	112
Couple of times a month	24.04%	88
Rarely	10.11%	37
Never	3.55%	13
If so, to where? (optional)	11.48%	42
Total Respondents: 366		

Q5 If you do not regularly walk, bike or roll in the project area, why is that? Please select all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Distance is too great/takes too long	23.31%	55
I have other family transportation needs	11.02%	26
Weather can be unpredictable	12.71%	30
I do not travel frequently to north Arcata	18.64%	44
I do not feel safe (list reason)	58.47%	138
Total Respondents: 236		

Question 5 - "I do not feel safe (list reason)" responses

I do not let my children walk through valley west for the homeless people who walk around there.

no shoulder, fast drivers, dark roads

car traffic

bad bike

Concern about homeless in the area

West End Road is dangerous and not appropriate for recreation use

I do not always feel safe biking with my children while using the overpass and West end road as access routes to the greater Arcata area

There are no adequate bike or hiking paths that are free of cars.

Not enough lighting and no call boxes. Trails don't connect. Need patrols & night lighting

Moved

a little freaked out when traveling with two small kids

needs trail

There is no other way of transportation other than the bus but if the trail opens, it makes it more accessible for me visit the area or walk to commute.

Traffic has increased tremendously in Arcata due to their pro-development/ infill spike.

transient population, large trucks on the roadways, no sidewalks

West End Road has not felt safe as a bicyclist.

Biking in traffic is dangerous

High number of transient camps

Road is too small..no room for my dog to come too. Cars go too fast on west end road. Feel like I'll get hit.

Haven't checked it out yet. Need to see if it goes past any sketchy pot farms, if homeless frequent the area and if any druggies use it. Humboldt needs more everything when it comes to mental health and coming across someone not treated in what I believe is isolated areas is fearful to me because of their possible unstableness due to lack of outreach for mental health. Also, with the recent dealings with needles being dropped wherever and this could be a to and fro area away from authorities druggies could start leaving them along the trail. As a woman, I fear a sexual attack due to possible areas for a predator to hide.

Traffic

Narrow shoulder/bike lane and fast traffic

Homeless encampments

I don't like walking or biking on a direct roadway.

w. end is often cited as bike friendly. it's not, barely one lane in places, blind curves, careless drivers crossing lanes, inconsiderate cyclists wearing headphones and riding side by side... lived on w.end for 6 year, can't believe nobody has been killed. it could have been me last sunday, after the snow, i was clearing fallen trees and brush so the emergency vehicles and pg&e could pass... almost hit twice.

Hey 299 to get to Giuntoli seems dangerous for bikes

This will be a tweaker trail

Traffic

loose dogs, inattentive drivers,

Homeless population near Valley West is unpredictable.

Cars drive too fast on West End Road.

Cars drive too fast without safe area for pedestrians

If there is a homeless population

too many transients

Question 5 - "I do not feel safe (list reason)" responses

Traffic on West End Road

West end road is a death trap for non-motorized

Traffic on 299

There is not a trail at the moment. There are many turns and I don't feel safe with drivers.

Traffic

No shoulders or bike lanes.

Homeless

I kept the south railroad track to Christie ranch open for years to commute safely with my horses, I let it grow back!!!

To many transients were using it to access our ranch, theft, camping, garbage all negatives

Too many aggressive homeless in the area, including Valley West Shopping Center

west end rd is too narrow and has no traffic enforcement

Fast cars, no sidewalks, low visibility

Cars too fast, not enough room in road

The overpasses are not safe for bikes or pedestrians

We'd love to ride bikes (and with our kids) to more parts of Arcata if it felt safer for cyclists

Homeless people and drug addicts

Not pedestrian or bike safe for me and especially unsafe if my kids are with me

Traffic

Valley West area is kind of creepy area with a lot of crime and the Industrial Park is plagued with big trucks and an ugly industrial look. I wish we could get these businesses to improve their properties and plant some trees and get rid of the invasives. These area are not the most inviting part of Arcata, etc.

I don't like sharing the road as a cyclist on West End Road or the overpass

Too much traffic on the road and no shoulder.

Lots of druggies

W. End Rd is very narrow in spots.

Walking and biking along west end road can be dangerous because of cars

Riding my bike on the shoulder is dangerous

Trucks on 299, small shoulder, garbage +transient's unpleasant debris, on West End shoulder can be problematic

Discontinued sidewalks, poor lighting, sidewalks/driveways uneven surface.

Traffic and tricky crossing at guitoli

No- West end rd too narrow

West End can be unsafe on a bike

Need a trail, once built I will use it.

homeless, transients, lack of lightiing

homeless

transients

Traffic/busy streets

Car, traffic conflicts

Question 5 - "I do not feel safe (list reason)" responses

Vehicles going too fast to feel safe and the homeless

Unsafe roads and intersections.

traffic

Cars

Cars drive too fast on narrow, winding road

Cars drive too fast, not wide enough space to walk, bike or ride horses at a safe distance from the road

I used to walk for exercise but I no longer feel safe. Too many homeless/scary people asking me for money or food.

traffic and little to no shoulder

I'm terrible on a bike and there are no designated bike lanes that I can recall in the area.

no answer

Cars drive too fast, no safe enough route/ bike lane/ trail

I live on the other side of the River and have to use the 299 to get to West end and the hwy doesn't feel safe to ride on, especially for a child

sketchy vibe

The drug addicts /transients scare me and my children

Parts of the area are unsafe to bike or walk in, due to the lack of bike lanes and/or sidewalks. This is especially true for walking/riding with children.

Walk/ride Warren Creek only as West End is not safe at all for pedestrians.

Too much vehicle traffic, crazy add drivers, homeless panhandling!

Feels unsafe biking with kids across overpass to Giuntoli

no trails

unsafe bicycle infrastructure

The access to west end rd by foot, bicycle, or transit is difficult

Narrow Shoulder/Bike Lane, No street lights

Traffic and road obstacles

car traffic

We love to ride off road trails, but don't feel safe in bike lanes next to cars

I want to bike there more, but i don't like riding on those streets

traffic

I like to bike with my kids, but not here because it's with cars. We like paths away from cars.

People drive too fast on West End Rd., not just logging trucks but regular people. I like to ride bikes with my daughter but I'm worried about her safety on the road.

Seem to have more tents around Carlson Park

Transients and other populations living along tracks.

West end rd isn't safe for bikers or walkers

I carry pepper spray bcuz of all the transients/camps along the trail. You need to cut the overgrowth back and have police patrols. Period

Separation between bikes and large trucks needed.

I would absolutely love to ride my bike to the Mad River or Blue Lake, but West End Road is narrow with many blind turns, and simply is not safe for bikes or pedestrians.

Question 5 - "I do not feel safe (list reason)" responses

I am a little anxious about sharing the road with cars if I bike or run. I follow correct traffic laws as a cyclist or runner but it's too frequent that drivers opt to ignore me/my rights as a fellow road user.

Aggressive driving behaviors make West End Road and the overcrossing intersections of Sunset & Giuntoli uncomfortable to negotiate.

West end road is too scary

traffic too congested at roundabouts, no clear road lines, logging trucks, high speed, unsafe for biking with children

The roadways can be a bit tough with traffic and glass

Narrow roads with no shoulder. Many folks speed on this road.

Safety

Dark and rainy in winter

No protection from vehicles

I do not feel safe walking here as a woman.

To many vagrants!

hit by car, riding in dark, creepy people, etc

West End Road unfriendly to pedestrians

West End Rd. isn't safe for cyclists or pedestrians. Sunset overpass is difficult to negotiate on a bike.

Roads are too small for both vehicles and bikes, especially with my children.

west end road and warren creek road should stay private

No designated bike lanes, I'd start on West end today where there's not even a shoulder.

Not enough room on the road. Very dangerous for cars when people are on the road. They wave you on to pass on blind turns and get upset when you don't. They should not be on west end. It is not safe for anyone involved

I run on existing trails in town, Arcata Community Forest, and the Arcata Marsh.

Local streets are too narrow for bikes, traffic on 101 is too fast.

Some of these areas are not pedestrian/bike friendly.

Lack of shoulder and driver visibility during the rain

I have to go either 299 or West End from Blue Lake and don't feel safe

There is no sidewalk or shoulder where I can safely walk or bike with my young son.

No shoulder or path

The traffic on the roundabout is not safe for biking.

The trail would change this for me

it is too dangerous at the 101 underpass, because people drive at high rates of speed and often they drive large vehicles. Also the dust is easily kicked up into your eyes.

Transients, homeless infest Valley West area many are aggressive and menacing to others seems no law enforcement presence there AT ALL

Existing walking options involve most streets which do not tend to have sidewalks or shoulders (especially West End Road).

The overpasses in Valley West are intimidating.

Until the trail is complete from Blue Lake to Arcata I doubt I'll ride back and forth much. I do bring my bike to Arcata to take advantage of the Hammond Trail and the bay trail.

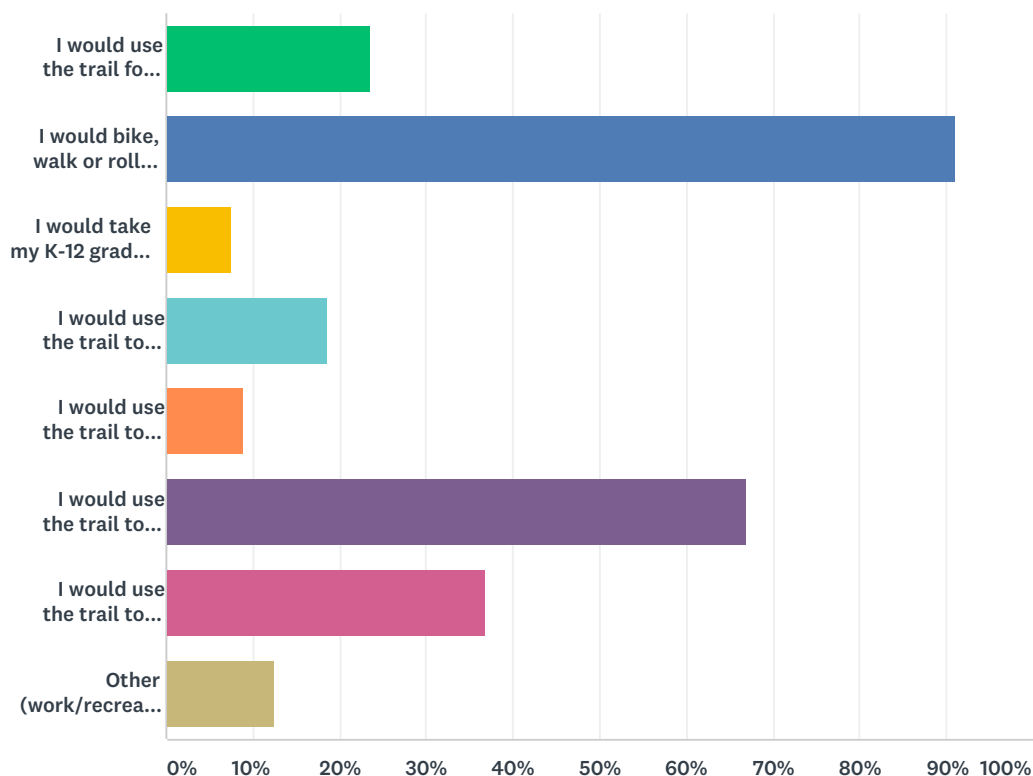
Equal focus on not feeling safe because of homeless/transient people in the area

and current roadways are narrow and have little separation from fast traffic

Desire for more enforcement, lighting and call boxes

Q6 If Arcata's section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area to, West End Road, Valley West and Aldergrove Industrial Park, in what ways do you estimate that you would use it? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 359 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would use the trail for neighborhood transportation in the vicinity of my home.	23.68%	85
I would bike, walk or roll on the trail for fun/exercise/recreation.	91.09%	327
I would take my K-12 grade child(ren) to school via the trail/ I am a K-12 student who would go to school via the trail.	7.52%	27
I would use the trail to travel to/ from work.	18.66%	67
I would use the trail to travel to/ from HSU.	8.91%	32
I would use the trail to travel to/ from recreational facilities or adjoining parks/ open spaces.	66.85%	240
I would use the trail to travel in the area to do my shopping/ visit stores.	36.77%	132
Other (work/recreation/as a tourist, etc) – Please specify	12.53%	45
Total Respondents: 359		

Question 6 - "Other (work/recreation/as a tourist, etc) – Please specify" responses

Bird watching

Use trail to access other equestrian trails

My responses assume a quality trail.

I would not use it at all.

I would never use the trail in the current location

Recreation

Wouldn't use it, would likely have more transient camps

this project is a big waste of money. get us a trail over west end road so we can go to the water pumps safely. there are bike lanes in almost all of the "project area." jeeszopete.

i would not use it here. i would use it from altergrove to the pump stations or blue lake

If it feels safe I'll commute on my bike to work

I would be afraid to walk the trail

Pony carting if possible would be fun!

I would want to horseback ride on the trail.

If it were connected further east, I could do family rides from home.

I would ride my horses on the trail often

I would not use it. It would not be safe.

Pleasure walking with dogs.

I would not use it

As an occasional visitor to the area, I would ride or drive my horse on the trail.

If trail provided a bridge over the mad river to connect Glendale Dr and west end rd I would use it daily to get to/from work.

no

Especially if it goes through the disk golf course

horseback

Social visits

Travel to deep seeded farm

As of right now not planning on using the trail because of hoping to have it all fenced off

Roll with my pony and cart

Rec Cycling

Recreational cycling

My son could get to his school in valley west from his dads in arcata

If the city dismantled the giant homeless camp off West End near corner of Guintoli I just might use that trail

It would make preschool more accessible to low income families with limited transportation.

Equestrian access, pony carting.

recreation

Absolutley! Family bike rides, walks, and the employees at our site would greatly benefit from it. Over 900 employees at our location

Would share with visitors

As one of the race directors of a local Boston Qualifying marathon, which draws runners from all over the country, I would also like to be able to consider the new trail as a possible race course. These kinds of events draw attention to the trail and have the potential to raise ongoing funds for maintenance too.

Recreation development in the dolly varden pond/alder grove areas would improve birding and wildlife observation opportunities in the area. That area SHOULD be a recreation area, those log ponds should be cleaned, the infill development in upper Janes Creek is unacceptable. Remove the hideous flakeboard plant or convert it to a recreation facility but NO NEW BUILDING or impervious surfaces in upper Westend.

I will oppose warren creek - the RR crosses private land

This would be contingent on the A&R trail making West end Rd safe too.

to enjoy nature along the trail.

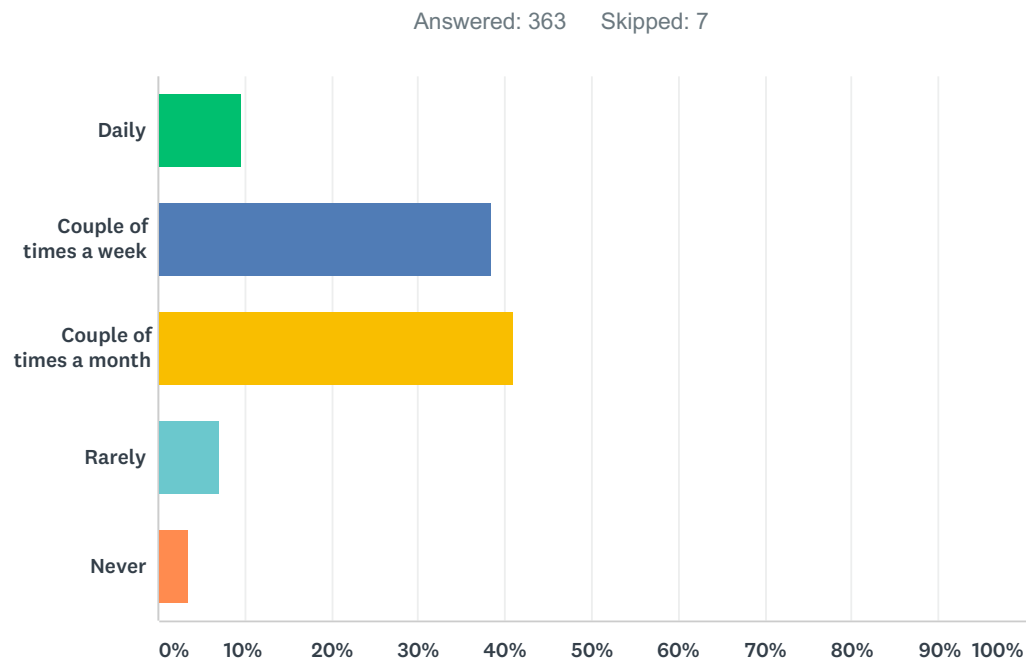
may never use

Running, cycling, dog walking etc

Travel to visit friends

Again, my goal is to be able to ride my bike from Blue Lake to Pump Station, to Valley West, to downtown Arcata

Q7 If Arcata’s section of the Annie & Mary Trail were completed with links from the Sunset Avenue/ Larson Park area to, West End Road, Valley West and Aldergrove Industrial Park, how often do you estimate that you would use the trail?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	9.64%	35
Couple of times a week	38.57%	140
Couple of times a month	41.05%	149
Rarely	7.16%	26
Never	3.58%	13
TOTAL		363

Q8 Do you have any additional comments about the proposed Annie & Mary Trail or transportation safety concerns in the project area?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 165

Question 8: "Do you have any additional comments about the proposed Annie & Mary Trail or transportation safety concerns in the project area?" responses

The bridge connecting Pacific Union and Valley West is dangerous for children to walk. Maybe a traffic light so they can cross more safely.

Make the road wide

Connect the trail as close as possible to Valley West.

It would be great!

I am very hopeful this project will finally begin! It is much needed and will help the livability of our area so much! Thanks to all who are working to make this happen. It will be a huge asset to our communities!!

It would make a great difference!

I love trails! Thank you!

Looking forward to completion

Separate bike/ped from car traffic. We need dedicated trails!

Can't wait until it's completed!

Great place for a trail!!

Please make it equestrian accessible

Providing safer non-vehicular routes allows more families to teach diverse ways of travel.

This trail needs to reach Blue Lake with a better branch to McKinleyville. This is an important first step.

The trail should be on the RR right away

Awesome project- Thanks! No safety concerns.

With texting, bike commuting has become so much more dangerous. This could save lives

run it all the way to blue lake!!!

It would be good to look at all trail route options when the Glendale/Blue Lake Community Plan is being done later this year. Looking at a comprehensive plan for the entire area based on the communities vision may identify better options than simply traveling along the Cal Trans R/W.

If people want to volunteer their time and money for a trail, great, more power to them. On the other hand, to use the power of taxation, the power to destroy, robbing one person to satisfy the whims and pleasures of others, has gone far off the rails. It is long past time that the City Of Arcata returned to a limited and proper role.

DO IT!! Build it and this obese nation will come!!

How would this impact surrounding environmental areas, and are there any birds in the area?

Lots of wetlands exist on the northern end of the trail. These wetlands are already quite fragmented in the industrial zone. The trail should minimize impacts and perhaps enhance degraded wetland habitats where possible; especially to benefit amphibians and other native aquatic fauna. The north end of the trail should end at a public space so a destination is something of value and safe.

I strongly support the trail.

The safety issues are a major concern. This is through the currently zoned "medical marijuana cultivation zone" as well as would go through areas that are not conducive to trails - mills, construction companies, heavy industries - sheet metal shops. Seems like a poor idea to put a trail through such businesses.

I cannot wait for this to happen! I love outdoor enthusiasts on this road but it is dangerous to everyone. I probably have 1 close call every week (I drive this road 7 days a week).

Can't wait for it to connect to Blue Lake!

Excellent project! It will make our communities safer and healthier. Also an excellent use of public funds.

Funds would be better spent dealing with existing problems instead of creating new one.

yea, save this money for a trail where there isn't already safe roads. please and thank you.

Would the Annie Mary part have some type of security present?

Hoping this all comes to fruition and appreciate all the work that goes into it.

Homeless camps-

Are there any plans to develop a trail along Fieldbrook Rd for a connection between Blue Lake and McKinleyville?

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The existing trails in our communities (Hammond/Bayfront/Marsh etc.) are fabulous. I am so excited to see this project come to completion. Thanks for all your work. What a gift to our communities!

i feel like the goal should be to use the trail from around wes greens to warren creek or blue lake.. so cyclists and walkers didn't have to dodge cars on w.end.

I have lived in blue lake most of my life. I am concerned I'll be a lot more foot traffic and possible theft and homeless coming to our town. How are the security concerns I have been addressed will there be additional security assigned to this project for our small town?

I would like to see trails constructed. We live a bit further away, so would only use the described portions occasionally.

Looking forward to it! Thank you.

Link it to blue lake and I would use it every day. Its dangerous to commute via bike from blue lake to valley west.

This will bring more drugs thieves and homelessness to Blue Lake

i am so happy this is moving forward

I live out Jacoby Creek Rd so am not up north a lot but would definitely use the trail for biking and walking if it were there.

Great plan! We can't have enough trails! Good for our community!

My teen and I love to hike with our dog. Any safe trails are welcome.

Our family would use this area for recreation much more often if it was safer to bike.

It will be wonderful

I live in Blue Lake, so I don't recreate in Arcata, except to ride horses in the park. I might cart a pony on that stretch, though.

Crossing private property even using the existing railroad that would bring a lot of people, including transient campers, too close to many private properties.

I would use this much more if it connected to Blue Lake, where I live.

Please build this, been waiting 25 years and I am getting old!!!

Please make it horse friendly.

Equine friendly would be perfect!

My home getting broken into.

Please keep in contact with Christie Ranch, we are not potters produce as shown on some maps 707 601 2611 jbarrelracer85@gmail.com thank you

Would like to see it extended out to Water Pump Park on West End Road so that we could hike and ride horses.

How are you going to provide security and safety for the businesses located in these areas? This project is going to attract the many homeless in our area and facilitate their travel. I have seen this in other trail projects and am very saddened that we waste money to provide recreation to our community and the homeless ruin it for us. Are you going to have police on bikes patrolling this trail? Are you going to provide security to the businesses along this trail? Those are the important questions.

please remove the old rails and fix the road surface on West End rd. by Wes Green. These rails cause a major bump in the road that is dangerous if hit at high speeds and damaging to vehicle suspension at moderate speed

Would also like to see a dog park in that area someday

I very much look forward to this trail!

This would be life changing

I'm really looking forward to being able to bike to Blue Lake more safely.

This is greatly needed!

Finish the whole thing to Blue Lake!

How much I use it will depend on the layout, might not be efficient for me

I think it's a great idea and will be used by many bicyclists, joggers and commuters. I live in Blue Lake, so it's not my neck of the woods. I am, however, concerned that the proposed trail on Railroad Avenue in Blue Lake is going to absorb much needed parking on that street. Also, not fond of that street becoming one-way.

Design and construct it better. While nice to have, the other recent trails in town are not well developed, conceived or constructed. Just having them doesn't mean they are well done. Having something that is well designed and constructed to last in the long term will help bring the overall costs to the community down. Upkeep over the next 20 years will cost more than initial construction if poorly constructed. You're going to make a homeless highway into my neighborhood

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I am in total support. We moved out of easy reach of the bike path through the creamery/ marsh and miss it. It was the most positive and safe way for me to bike with my three children (ages 7, 5, and 5). There is a lot of stress on the road, and trails allow us to all relax and enjoy our environment.

Please allow dogs on the trail.

I would like the trail to not be so marked up with paint markings and signs like the Bay Trail. Those trails looks like mini-highways and are very unattractive. Use minimal markings (such as markings that say "Stay to Right" instead of painting bright yellow stripes onto the trail.

Let's make the bike trail aesthetically pleasing.

The way it is now, just the bike lane, is pretty good, though just having it be wider, or replaced with one of those seperated by a curb lanes, would be enough of an upgrade..

I can't wait for it to come out farther and go to Blue Lake. I will use it regularly.

I would LOVE to have a bike trail that would connect Arcata and Blue Lake. Our family would ride that a lot for exercise and to access the rivers. This would be a dream come true!

As a child, I rode my horse and played on the adjoining roads. Please provide a safe option for the next generation and for former I inhabitants visiting their place of birth.

Blue Lake access!

I am excited about this! The more trails we have, the healthier and happier we will be.

I live off of Warren Creek Rd., and some neighbors have expressed concerns about the transient/homeless people traveling through more if the trail is completed. There are also concerns about potential impacts to the Mad River.

Make it as scenic as possible and away from cars. Have an area where young children learning to ride can practice. Take necessary ongoing garbage cleanup into account. Utilize stops at the mad river for recreation. Glendale/Essex residents need to be able to cross the river to avoid riding on hwy 299.

no

Do it!!!

Safety and Privacy for homeowners on the RR line that may be used. I speak for everyone/homeowners on West end rd (x spear xst. louis) if the path does use RR. As a resident along west end rd. using the rail would be preferred over using the HBWD water way because that would literally be people in backyard at least the rails sit up above our backyards.

LETS BUILD IT! To Connect Arcata! It just makes sense!

please do it. our lives depend on safe travel. my household has 1 car and 4 bikes.

Build it before I die! Please :)

Use Rail corridor for horses from N. Ridgetrail to Aldergrove ultimately to west end rd. and pump station park. Gravel between tracks for foot and horse. pave side for bikes

Multi-use trails should be wider than 16 ft near populations where recreational use is heavy and once you leave the heavy use and transition to commuter use it should be closer to 10' or greater in width.

It's important to have a separated pedestrian lane in an urban trail like this. It's also important to give trail users the right-of-way at intersections to ensure safe and comfortable bicycle use.

A trail along West End Rd. would be great and much safer. As an equestrian, would love to see dirt/gravel/ or grass alongside paved path, and not all pavement.

Lighting is a big issue for walking/biking- not only along the proposed trail but especially bypasses.

One reason I like W. end rd is that it's relatively safe, slow car speeds, low traffic volumes. What I don't like about Hammond Trail are the dog walkers, small children etc. Ultimately, I'd like a safe bicycle route to blue lake because N. Bank Rd and West End beyond aldergroce park seem very narrow and dangerous.

It will be a great new route for pedestrians and bikers to get to valley west

The railroad bed is my first choice in designing a trail if possible. Rails to Trails

I have been waiting for this trail since I was a young child!

Add a bike rack (to lock bikes) at redwood community park trailhead on west end rd. Then I can lock my bike and hike the lower Janes Creek Loop. And Yes! Extend to County Pump Station. I go there often!

I fully support having a trail built at least from skate park to HBMWD Pump Station Park

The area near Sunset roundabout can be tricky for bikes and pedestrians, as well as other high traffic areas. Bike lanes painted green can help by making them more visible to both drivers and bikers and improve safety.

Please build it soon.

Looking forward to safe bike ped walk to the Mad River park at the HBMWD connect closer to valley west area

Exciting

In the Arcata area, there is not enough safe corridors and bike path well maintained bike paths separate from roads for non motor transportation

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Please include connectivity to all other parks and neighborhoods

Could the trail be moved further east towards the freeway through this residential area? What is the city going to do to protect and preserve our privacy? How is the city planning on keeping people off our property? How is the city planning on addressing drainage? I would like to be involved in what effects my property on 3390 West End rd., Arcata My concerns about this project is maintaining our privacy, safety. How will it be patrolled? Will it be lite at night?

I'm pleased with the way the various sections of trail are really happening.

Will the trail be useable with 10 feet of sea level rise?

Thank you for working on this.

I would like to see as much seperation from motorized vehicles as possible for pedestrians and bicylists who use the trail.

It would be nice to see a map of this plan and future blue lake plan so respondents could see any impacts to their residences, etc

Equine friendly is very important to me and my family

How are you going to fund the constant clean up & how are you going to keep it safe for families or joggers? Law enforcement can't possibly maintain the entire

Hope it goes all the way to blue lake. I would use it for biking, horse riding, horse driving and hiking.

Just do it.

I would like to know exactly what improvements are being discussed and exactly where they would be situated.

This trail will be a great addition to north Arcata.

I love this trail idea

great connection to help people stay off hwy

100%

Just do it! Please

Yes Please! Sooner is better!

I live in Eureka, otherwise I'd use this method of transportation for many more of the things listed above

There needs to be a safe passage for bicycles from glendale drive along the 299 to connect with the proposed annie and mary trail!!!

It would be wonderful to link Arcata to Blue Lake!!!

Include Clean signage of NO CAMPING, also have a maintenance schedule in place - Shay parks a lawsuit waiting to happen

Safe pedestrian & bike trails would help families attending the Arcata Head Start programs operating in the Aldergrove Industrial Park. The

lack of sidewalks in the area is concerning. The Sunset/101 N / G street overpass/ LK Wood intersection is very scary for pedestrians.

Crossing 6 lanes of traffic is really not safe there. I think that intersection should be a top priority for HSU and the City.

I fully support completion of the trail to increase non car usage and have more recreational biking/walking opportunities for our community.

Just do it!

Excited to hear it's in the works! Thank you!

looking forward to link to Blue Lake.

Make it EQUESTRIAN friendly!! Get APD to dedicate a Valley West Officer full time to CLEAN UP VALLEY WEST!!

Thanks for working on this. Looking forward to a recreational ride to Blue Lake!

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great project. good luck.

increase my use of the area, shopping, restaurants, gas, etc.

safety concerns due to existing transient encampments in this area

I think it's fantastic!

This trail would greatly enhance the industrial zone out by west end rd. access is difficult right now if you don't have a vehicle. The trail location (along the tracks) is great for us. special amenities like food/ drink trucks along the trail may entice people to use it. How fast can you get it usable? need it now!

Street lights along west end road from spear ave. to Giuntoli

Garbage cans, benches and outhouses are needed

We love riding historical rail trails and can't wait to ride between Arcata and Blue Lake

I think this trail makes MUCH more sense than the one going to eureka, which it will be under water within, oh, 3 to 5 yrs! Plus, i think people will use this one MUCH more!

I love that this is happening. The Valley West neighborhood needs improvements desperately. get it done

Yaaaaaaaaaaaaay!!!!

This is SO EXCITING!

I think it is a higher priority to link the north end of the ridge trail to the Mad River pump station park via rail corridor

This trail name is exactly why minorities do not feel comfortable here. What natives are named Annie and Mary? What minorities can identify with those names as a reputation of their culture? The trail name is a testament to white culture, white culture in our City, white culture in business, white culture in the names used and glorified in this area. Thank you for the Annie and Mary trail a trail that expresses micro aggressions in the community.

I live in Eureka and work in central Arcata, I would probably not use the trail much unless it was well publicized, very accessible, quiet, safe and attractive. I'd only use it as a lunch break location. So I'm not the idea survey person ;)

A connection from Foster to Foster would be really nice...super sketchy "trail" there now, would love for kids to be able to ride bikes through there safely!

Unsafe, unhygienic with homeless living on tracks. I don't feel safe and don't want to walk through feces, urine and garbage that is strewn about. Must be cleaned up and monitored.

Thank you make sure it has lightening trash receptacles and a public toilet

Cut back all the overgrown noxious weeds so transients stop camping along it.

I would really really love to be able to bike all the way to Blue Lake on a safer route. I feel taking west end road, the only current option, is too unsafe and panic inducing. I would also appreciate and utilize a safer route to the giuntoli business area. Thank you!

Greatly support additional pedestrian/bike trails separate from vehicles. Completing the trail to Blue Lake would be amazing!

It would be great to connect the "rails to trails" bike path, which begins on Foster Ave and goes all the way through the Arcata Marsh to the bay trail, with a trail that goes north all the way to Blue Lake. Currently, riding your bike on any street in Arcata is dangerous due to heavy parking needs and hidden (small and unpainted) driveways. Biking/walking/jogging on the new bike paths is the safest way to get around town (hopefully soon "towns"), without a car.

I have no safety concerns. See my comments in #6. And finally, I having a network of trails to connect our local small communities for safe non-motorized travel is the kind of asset that keeps me feeling optimistic about Humboldt County. Trails are among the things that people are looking for when bright, healthy, engaged people are considering where to live and work.

This would really create a useful and direct non-motorized route connecting Larsen Park to Aldergrove Industrial Park. Still needed is a low stress connection into Valley West. Thank you!

I'm in favor of building the trail ASAP

More trails everywhere! Driving is getting more frustrating all the time around here

Because this area is a portion of the historic Arcata and mad river railroad, I just hope that the project does justice to the history of the line.

We need to make sure that people know that this line was the first railroad in California.

I'm not in the arena often, but I think this trail would greatly benefit the community. I think it would be a great step in making the Valley West neighborhood more vibrant and safe for those who live, work or attend school in the area. I hope it works out!

It will be an important addition to our area and attract more tourists.

All for it!!

Please make this trail happen

Will there be any police patrols along the trail especially at night? I'm concerned it will become a trail for criminals to scooe out houses to rob and have an easy getaway.

Go trails! This is exciting!

I had no idea this was in the works. This will be huge. Finally.

Build it!

This would be a great asset to our area. I've lived in this area for 60+ years and I would definitely take advantage of an expanded trail system. The safety concerns I have are related to NOT having an alternate trail system available to travel on by non-motorized means. I've been an avid cyclist for most of my adult life and I've never been more concerned for my safety on the roads than now. The A&M Trail would provide a link that would tie in wonderfully with the Humboldt Bay Trail (when completed) and don't forget the Hammond Trail. Then it would be possible to link south Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville/Clam Beach and Blue Lake with minimal interaction with motorized traffic. Keep the momentum going!

Thank you! I am excited about this trail. If you need volunteers please let us know

Please get it done soon

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No

Thanks for your work in pursuing this

Arcata trails are being abused by electric motorized recreation and this poses a risk to all users of the trails; please do not allow electric motors on trail system

No More In Fill Development on Upper Janes Creek, Clean the ponds and convert the area for recreation and habitat conservation. Parks, plants wildlife and people can happily coexist if we are more considerate for the land

The entire project is sadly dependent on a river crossing which h I do not believe will ever be feasible, given the condition of the bridge across the Mad River at Lindsay Creek. Why, why, why is this not being acknowledged or addressed? The sooner an alternative plan is conceived of, the better off this whole project will be. One cannot put a bike trail across a bridge that is being undermined by the river!!! The water district went under the river with the new pipeline! Wake up!

I would like to see a trail access point by Ericson court in the mid industrial park area. This would allow me not to have to use alder grove road on my bike. A welcoming extension would also be traffic calming street measures for more friendly bicycle use on Ericson way.

Please no!!! We don't need anymore transients on west end road or Warren Creek. Please don't do this!

make sure it allows horses!

It will be amazing!! Having a designated trail, that is historical and for recreation. Is a great idea. This needed to be done much sooner. Better late than never. Please make the completion of this trail a reality. As alternative transportation is needed and necessary in our expanding community.

Cant be built fast enough

I live south of that area in Arcata, but if there was a trail for non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians I'd visit that part of town a lot more often.

make a safer freeway route to glendale road

I really hope it happens!

Love the idea. Would use it regularly.

Excited about the possibility of having this trail!

In Full Support

I think any time we enhance our community with biking and walking trails, we are making for a practical environment for getting from place to place safely, whether walking to school, shopping, hiking, running, visiting neighbors, or commuting to and from work.

This is a great idea. I love using the trails in the area near my home.

The more non-vehicular trails we have, the better. Thank you.

always concerned for safety given the transient population in our area and the limited resources for policing.

Make it safe for walking and cycling, please.

I am soooo excited to have this trail! It would improve our lives. We want to travel by bike and foot and cannot currently do that from our house, but this trail would make it possible.

I feel like I could get hit by a car every time I bike West End Road.

This is a long overdue project. I'm so happy it's moving forward.

I'm looking forward to riding my bike on the new trail!

If it connected to a Mad River access, it would be a game changer for family bike rides

This is a major improvement, residents and visitors will reap benefits of the trail and provide a balance to the blighted area that is much needed

I have a BIG concern. I don't want people or their dogs walking into or seeing me in my backyard. My backyard is my sanctuary. My front yard is not. We don't have a sidewalk and drivers speed by our house everyday. Now, there will be people able to watch me in my backyard as I garden or barbecue etc..?! There are 3 homes on West End X St Louis (mine being one of them), whose backyard touches the RR tracks/easement. Today I heard chainsaws north of my property and was told, next week the vegetation along the tracks on our block will be cut!?! Talk about uninformed and short notice. We just got the letter informing us of this project yesterday (Jan 10th) !? I feel a bit angry because you have asked for our input, but your actions are telling me you really don't seem to care about the well being of the people whose property touches the designated area. It's one thing if it was happening in our front yard. At least our house would be facing the trail and our front door would be locked. Some homes on the Hammond trail, Julie Neander's being one of them, the trail is in her front yard and her house faces it. She has a road out front and then the trail. There is a buffer. We will not be able to see who is out there when we are in our house. Who knows, one of the Arcata "Traveler" might see our sweet spot out back and think "What a perfect place to camp for the night. There's a fire pit and vegetable garden...cool" Perhaps if you put up a fence or provide a thicket between the trail and our backyard, we can maintain a sense of privacy and peace that we deserve as tax payers. That would be greatly appreciated. It's the least you can do since you are moving forward regardless of our input.

This project sounds like a wonderful addition to help make improvements in the Valley West neighborhood.

Working together on trail connectivity. separating riders from high speed cars

As a BOD member for Friends of the Annie & Mary Rail Trail we hope that this piece with Blue Lake section at the other end of the Annie & Mary Trail, we are advancing the entire Annie & Mary Trail

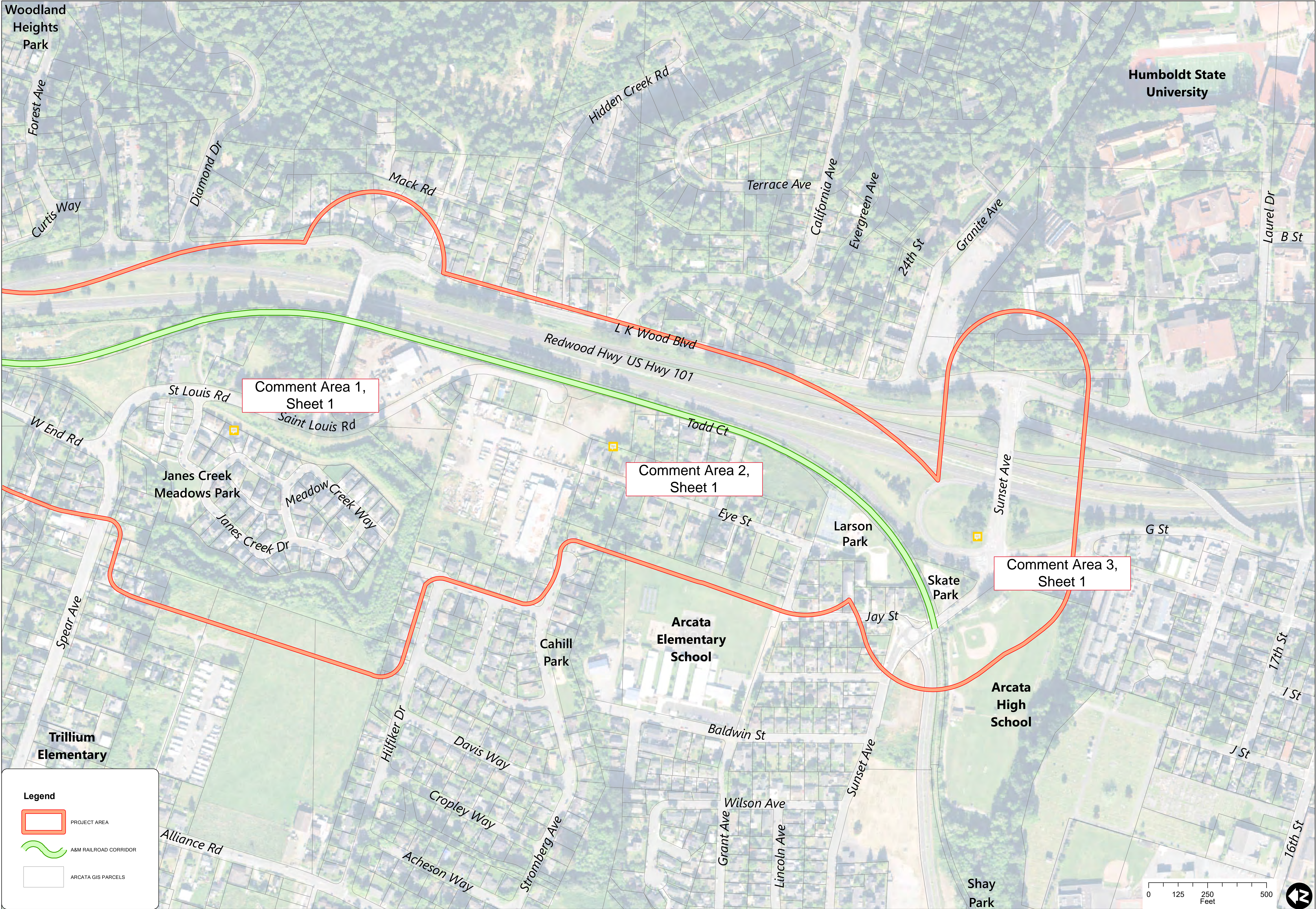
Looking forward to riding safely through Arcata to Bayside or Eureka

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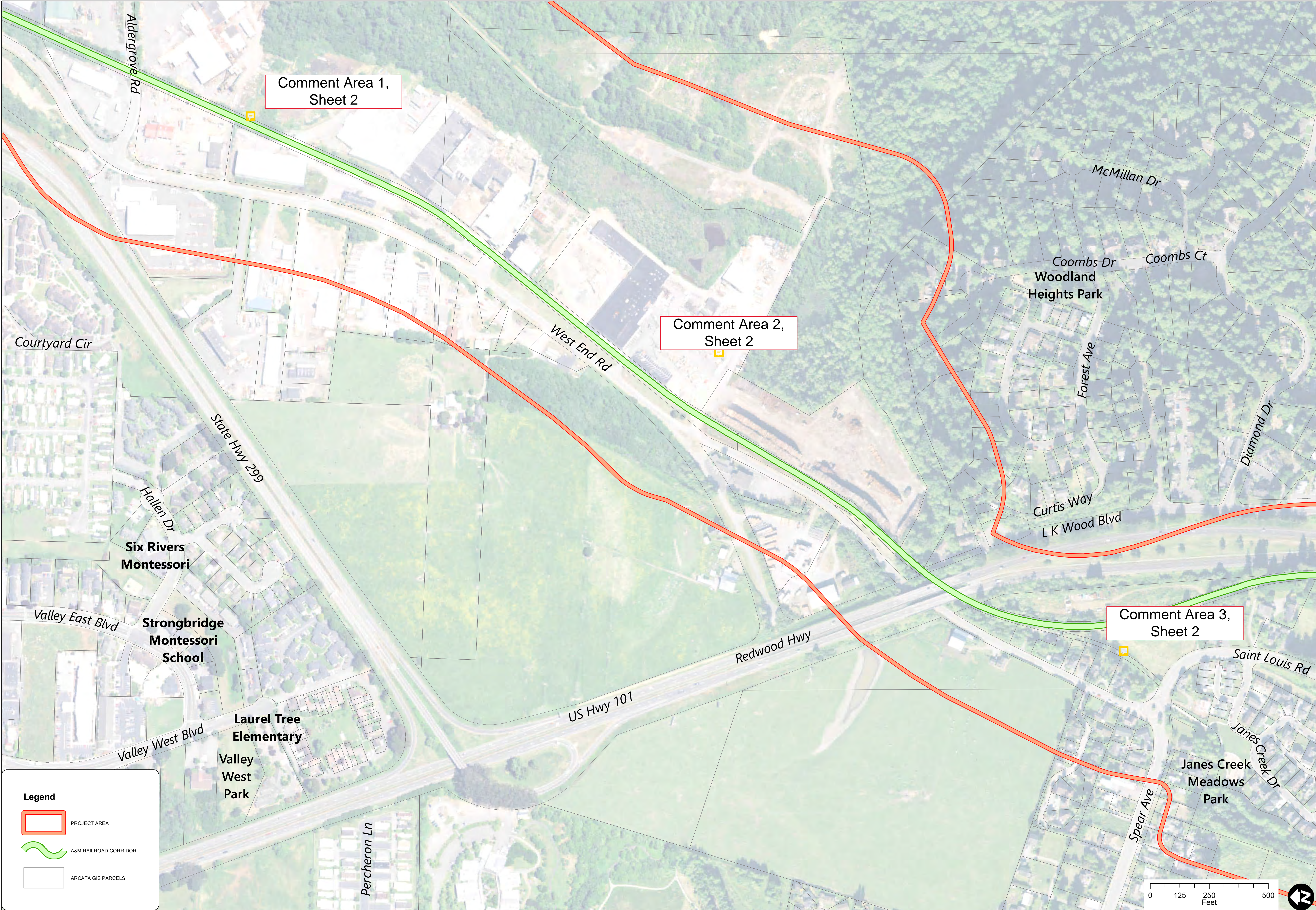
Though I no longer live in that neighborhood, I feel like the trail would be a huge boon for people in the neighborhood with regards to ease and safety of non-motorized transport.

APPENDIX C: Workshop comments on project area maps



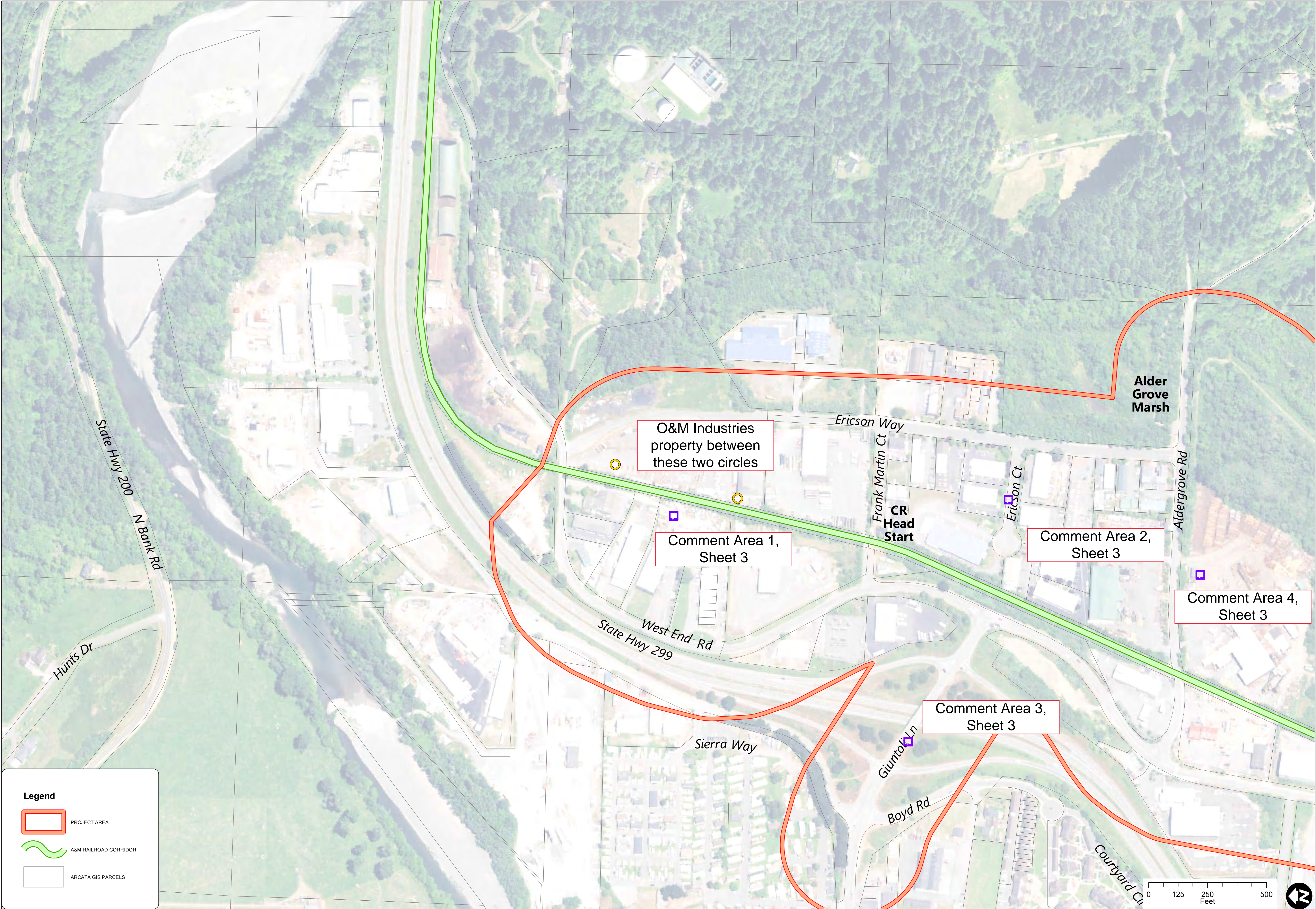
Arcata Annie and Mary Map Comments Sheet 1

Comment Area 1	Comment Area 2	Comment Area 3
Have ramps on neighborhood connections	Leave greenbelt to separate trail from hwy 101	Sunset Bridge is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists x 3
Make the Janes Creek neighborhood connection accessible to bikes	Wider area with slow zone	The intersection at LK Wood and Sunset is horrible for peds nad bikers x6 (most dangerous)
Need a connection to trail from St. Louis x3	Make designated section for slow riding for learners	Detours: LK wood and Pd bridge
Signs limiting uses like mopeds	Use Lkwood as bypass to sunset	Needs better lighting x2
Connect Bridge at St. Louis Rd	Connectivity at Todd ct? with parking x2	Lower lkwood is too steep
Lots of camping under St.Louis overpass	Wheelchair access throughout	Direct people to overpass?
Connect to Diamond drive neighborhood	Expand bike lanes on lk wood	Eliminate Parking on overpass
Conect to Mack Rd neighborhood	prioritize dense housing along trail	Sunset/LK Wood turning movements sketchy
Potential to be very scenic in St. Louis Area	Adding bicycle parking at popular destinations	A lot of wrong way bike riding and riding on the sidewalk of sunset bridge
No lighting at wetlands. Filtration zones near wetlands to reduce runoff rate	Rail to Trail	What will impacts of new housing on west side of 101 be on sunset bridge circulation.
micropark under bridge		Parking limited at Larson Park to be trailhead x3
Need garbage and dog stations		Gateway art
Rail into Trail		Why isn't the sunset bridge included?
		Utilize pedestrian bridge
		Need load/unload zone for cars dropping off students at Arcata High
		Foster Sunset roundabout crossing is very challenging and dangerous for parents dropping off kids at Arcata high field. Need more of a turn out for vehicles to pull over
		Connect to HSU
		Ped activated light beacon on sunset/lkwood x2
		Access to Larson Park



Arcata Annie and Mary Workshop Comments Sheet 2

Comment Area 1	Comment Area 2	Comment Area 3
Large Trucks crossing	Have bike lane go behing aldergrove rd	Parking? Restroom. Dog bags, food trucks
Potential safety issue. Highly industrial	Connect future happy valley to trail or what goes through it	Connection to LK Wood x5
Motorized vehicles ie bikers? skateboards?	Install microparks	Bike rack at the connection with LK Wood
Design for intersections to be safe for active transport	Riding West end rd is difficult- ahh! X2	Formal trailhead with parking and facilities for trail/
Not having stops for active commuters	West End b/w spear and wes green is scariest section	Consider fencing in this area
Flashing light crosswalks where road intersects trail on aldergrove x4	Reduce encampments. helps feelings of safety	Concerns about rail being close along rail corridor
Wider Trail capacity for ped/cycle/scooter/bike	environmental concerns from encampments	Drainage concerns along Janes Creek
Lots of traffic here at aldergrove xing	Current encampment on ridge trail	Put in battery charging station along trail.
Would be cool to access ridge trail from water line easement	Large Trucks here	Wherever possible put bike trail right on old rr grade and not next to it
	Debris on shoulder	Pedestrian safety over bicycle safety
	Currently not inviting for active tranport	If there are bridges in the project. Make the bridges more natural looking. The bridges at the Arcata marsh don't fit in and are very loud. Especially when a skateboard runs over it. Look at Santa Cruz trail bridges for examples.
	Rali to Trail. Save time and \$. Prefer this.	Potential alignment for trail can be closer to the 101.
	Very narrow existing space for bikes and trucks fo fast	Water line would be even more intrusive to the west end rd. residents. It would be literally opening a front door to trail the railroad would be better.
	Need Parking for ridge trail	Need trail patrol. Mckinleyville got grant for atvs
	Overpassn RR is a safe place to travel as road is narrow	Solid high fencing by the trail that guards private residences. We are afraid people will come off the trail and use our property to access west end rd
	Design for slowing motor traffic (eg, narrower car lanes, adding curves)	Privacy concerns especially at night. If no way to move trail-need solid fencing and vegetation
	Open foilage (pruning) increase sight distance. reduce vegetation.	
	Trailhead at Happy Valley	
	City needs to do direct contact with adjacent property owners	
	Paint Ped on Ped line and Paint Bike on Bike lane	
	Neighborhood connection to trail from apts.	
	Clearing of RR rail has increased drainage problems	



Arcata Annie and Mary Map Comments Sheet 3

Comment Area 1	Comment Area 2	Comment Area 3	Comment Area 4
End of project is not much of a destination	Direct access to trail from three way stop to ericson ct and trail. Direct access to Frank Martin Court as well x2	Giuntoli Area + Valley West and East are dark	Heavy logging trucks on Aldergrove Rd.
Trail mileage markers please x2	Lots of Families walk from west end rd to Frank Martin Ct to get to Head Start. It's dangerous.	Unsafe Crossing x4	Narrow on West End Rd
Extend to Pump Station Park x2	Lots of students and families walking	No Bollards	Bike rack for trail
Not any lighting currently dark on road and rail corridor		Peds/Bike near high volume+ speed traffic	Consider Water Pipe Alignment
People have cut through fence clearing brush improved access.		Possible roundabout @ Giuntoli /Boyd Rd	Challenge is trail on rail through industry areas. McCullough
Security Concerns along back of property (O&M property). A to B (See PDF Map)		Dangerous Heavy traffic. Can take 15 minutes to get opening	Connectivity to Marsh and Recreation here
Fencing along sections that are close to industrial businesses		Limited visibilty for cars turning left coming in from 299 south and 299 north	
Move from Rail corridor to West End @ Frank Court		Really challenging for everyone	
Very risky route for bikes, peds - 1.5 lane road		Disarray in 3-way stop (selfish driving)	
Horrible pothole where Ericson way meets West End Rd.		High speed traffic	
Debris on 299 shoalder. Call city to sweep shoulders		More fast driving begins here	
West End Rd past Project Area has No shoulder, no bike lane, narrow roads, dangerous blind curves, Fast traffic, Large trucks, people drive fast, has potholes.		Bike Lane ends here	
		Stop sign for bikes going straight is not really needed at the 3-way stop on West End Rd and Giuntoli	



Arcata Annie and Mary Workshop Map Comments Sheet 4	
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A lot of people walk on west end rd	
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Need good trail destination for this place	
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Connect Arcata to the River	
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Attachment D: Workshop photos

