

The Honorable Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San José
Councilmember Dev Davis, District 6
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 951113
via email, sent March 6, 2017.

re: support for the Three Creeks Trail – Agenda Item 5.2, March 7th

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Councilmember Davis,

I am writing to give my full support for Agenda Item 5.2 at the March 7th Council Meeting – “Actions Related to the 7715 Trail Project”.

This will mark a major milestone in a long and complicated project. In the early 2000’s, then-Councilmember Ken Yeager started the efforts to preserve this former railroad right-of-way for public use; Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio spearheaded the Council efforts to purchase the lands; and now Councilmember Dev Davis is leading the effort to finally fund the completion of the project. The Three Creeks Trail will hopefully someday connect the Los Gatos Creek Trail to the future Guadalupe River Trail and to the Coyote Creek Trail, and will also connect Willow Glen to the Tamien transit station and to Kelley Park. Trail advocates dream of connecting the Three Creeks Trail to the Five-Wounds Trail, continuing the trail northward from Kelley Park through a future “Coyote Meadows Park” and on to the neighborhood of the Five Wounds Church and the future BART Station.

The 7715 Trail Project will connect to the existing developer-constructed trail along Falcon Way to the south. The northern end of the project is at the future crossing of the Los Gatos Creek. This project is compatible with either a restored historic trestle or a modern replacement bridge. While that issue is being resolved, the trail will still be useful with just a minor detour via the Lincoln Avenue bridge.

But Tuesday’s motion is about more than just building 3/4ths of a mile of trail. The right-of-way is 60' wide or more, most of which will be landscaping and other park amenities: this will create over 5 acres of parkland!

I appreciate that construction costs are above estimates – an indication of the area’s booming economy. I support the Council’s actions to fund the construction. The costs may have been lower a decade ago, but they likely would be even more in the future.

This trail and five-acre park will be a wonderful addition to our community.
Thank you for your support!

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cc: San José Councilmembers
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Friends of the Five Wounds Trails
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