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Shannon: I have not been able to locate the IS/MND for the LG Creek Master Plan Reach 5. I found the MMRP and the approval resolution, as well as the master plan itself, but not the CEQA document. If you could provide it, that would be great.

(Unfortunately, it appears that when the City rebuilt its website a couple of years ago, all the links to old documents—for example, from City Council agendas—were broken. Quite annoying! ☹)

Thank you.

**Karl F. Heisler**

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To clarify, there is a Class I trail shown in Figure 6.14 (Bicycle and Micro-Mobility Network) of the DWDSG that is not covered by the Master Plan. I'm not sure if the applicant has discussed this with you.

Thanks, and have a good evening!

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Hi Karl,

I think it's fine to describe what the applicant is proposing to build as part of the proposed project and mention separately (in a footnote or otherwise) that the City still hopes to implement the Master Plan, but it would be a separate project.

As mentioned in my email below, the IS/MND for the Master Plan did not cover construction of the Los Gatos Creek trail east of the channel, which is what I think DOT was referring to. Have you seen the IS/MND for the Master Plan? I don't think it's posted online, but you may tracked it down another way. I can copy it to OneDrive if necessary.

Thank you,

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Hi Karl,

Sorry for the delayed response. In a recent meeting to discuss the DWDSG, it was clarified that the Master Plan only covered the trail on the east side, not the west, so interim measures are proposed to connect the trail.

I will look into this and get back to you ASAP with a response.

Best,

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Shannon, David: It seems to us that the DOT edits somewhat conflate the project applicant's proposals with the City's desire to fully implement the Los Gatos Creek Trail—Reach 5 Master Plan. Rather than phrase the proposed improvements as stop-gap measures until the full trail master plan is implemented, we think it would be cleaner to simply describe what the project is proposing to build, as we did initially, and then separately mention—probably as a footnote—that the City still hopes to implement the Master Plan but that this would be a separate project. (Interestingly, DOT states that environmental review for the LG Trail Master Plan is not complete, but that's not really true, as there was a MND prepared several years ago. I imagine that it's possible that an addendum or some other supplemental CEQA analysis may be needed, but it seems not quite right to say that CEQA review of the trail has not been completed.)

Please let us know what you think.

Thank you.

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Hi All,

Please refer to the attached summary of proposed improvements, which has been reviewed and edited by DOT, and let us know if you have any follow up questions.

Thanks again for providing the summary Karl!

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