



Meeting Minutes

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Purpose of Meeting: Present updates on schedule, community engagement, and plan; overview of bike path alternatives and project components, small group discussion, and next steps.

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom
See Microsoft Outlook Invite

Date: March 9, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

Attendees:

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Summary

1. Introduction
 - a. Welcoming Remarks from LACPW
 - i. Noé welcomed the team to the call and introduced Julian to provide welcoming remarks on behalf of LACPW.

- b. Roll Call
 - i. Julian kicked off the presentation with a roll call and went over the agenda.
- 2. PowerPoint Presentation
 - a. Schedule Update
 - i. Laureen walked the team through the SGVGN Schedule Update, including an overview of ongoing efforts, noting that Task 6 is progressing well and that the team is currently finalizing alignments and project components and working on identifying the 10 projects to develop the conceptual designs. The team has also been working on developing the environmental strategy. She noted that the second round of community workshops were completed, and the pop-up events have been held/are underway.
 - b. Community Engagement Update
 - i. Noé provided an update on community engagement activities.
 - ii. Community Workshops – Round 2: Design Alternatives
 - Noé walked through Round 2 of the community workshops, summarizing the following information:
 - 25 total participants across the 2 workshops.
 - Discussion during the workshops focused on the following themes:
 - On-Street Alignments
 - Wayfinding to main path/resources
 - Pair with local pathways/corridors/plans
 - Link with transit stops
 - Avoid heavy traffic
 - Avoid toxic/polluted areas
 - Encampments
 - Adjacent Amenities
 - Activities/amenities for families
 - Historical stories/landmarks
 - Waterway/ecological education
 - Areas of rest/shade/greenery
 - Bicycling events/amenities
 - Safety features/lighting
 - A summary of the Round 2 workshops can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. Community Workshops: Round 2 Summary

Workshop 1	February 16, 2022, 3:30 PM	15 Participants
Workshop 2	February 22, 2022, 6:00 PM	10 Participants
Total	—	25 participants

iii. Map-Based Survey

- Noé discussed the map-based survey, which was launched on October 14, 2021, and garnered 272 responses. The survey is available in Spanish, Chinese, and English and has been advertised via flyers, the website, and social media posts. The residence location of survey respondents are summarized on Figure 1.

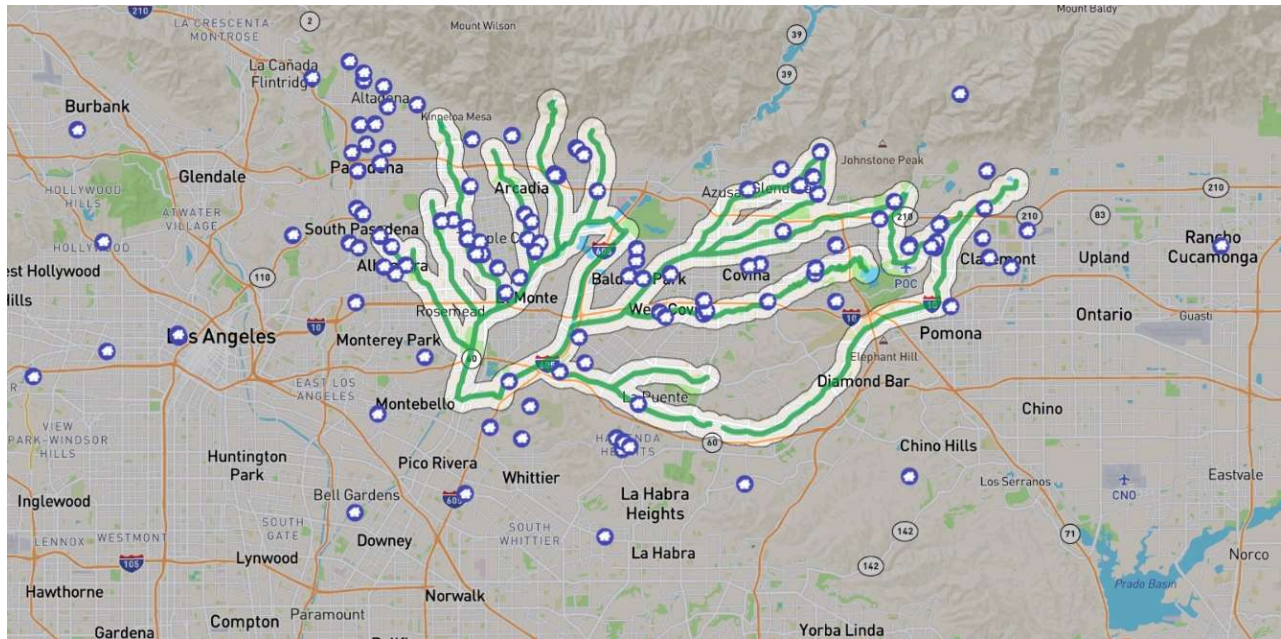


Figure 1. Map-Based Survey - Residence Location of Respondents

- The following map points of requested amenities and uses were identified and summarized on Figure 2.
 - Uses: 240
 - Amenities: 152
 - Access: 212
 - Destination: 184
 - Equestrian: 23
 - Concerns: 68



Figure 2. Map-Based Survey Results of Map Points

iv. Pop-Up Events

- Noé summarized the pop-up events that were completed, confirmed, pending, or are planned, as shown in Table 2. He stated that the five events that were already completed were a success. The pop-up event schedule would run from February through July 2022.

Table 2. Pop-Up Events Schedule

Location	Date	Day	Time	Status
Whittier Narrows Recreation Area	12/18/2021	Saturday	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Completed
Peter Schabarum Regional Park	1/8/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Completed
Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area	1/15/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Completed
South Hills Park - City of Glendora	2/5/2022	Saturday	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Completed
Encanto Park - City of Duarte	3/5/2022	Saturday	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Completed
Expo Center Trail – City of Industry	3/12/2022	Saturday	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Confirmed
West Covina Farmers' Market	4/25/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Confirmed
Covina Farmers' Market	4/8/2022	Friday	5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Confirmed
South Pasadena Farmers' Market	4/14/2022	Thursday	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Pending
Easter Egg Hunt – City of La Puente	4/16/2022	Saturday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pending
Arbor Day – San Dimas	4/30/2022	Saturday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pending
Bonelli Regional Park	TBD	TBD	TBD	Postponed
Antonovich Trail	TBD	TBD	TBD	Planned
Walnut Creek Park	TBD	TBD	TBD	Planned
Peck Road Water Conservation Park	TBD	TBD	TBD	Planned

v. Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Engagement

- Johnathan provided a brief update on the progress of the 16 workshops that would be conducted between March and July 2022.
- The goal of these workshops would be to maximize meaningful contacts with SGV entities to reach historically underserved communities.
- WCA is partnering with Active SGV, Amigos de los Rios, Nature for All, and Women's Clubs to host and facilitate the workshops.
- During the workshops, an overview of the map-based survey was shared, and attendees are encouraged to participate in the survey.

vi. Community Workshops: Round 3

- Noé noted that the 3rd round of community will discuss the outreach findings, survey findings, and proposed conceptual design projects. They will be held in May 2022 tentatively as of the current schedule.

c. SGVGN Plan Update

i. Taylor provided a brief SGV Network Plan update, focusing on the major upcoming milestones:

- April 2022: finalization of the tributary narratives
- May 2022: finalization of opportunities and constraints diagrams
- September 2022: finalization of Greenway Network Plan
- December 2022: finalization of EIR/EIS and CEQA efforts

ii. Bike Path Alignments Overview

- Jesse provided an overview of the proposed bike path alignments for Tier 1 segments and walked through portions along Big Dalton Wash, Walnut Creek, and Alhambra Wash as examples of the different information included in each bike path alignment:
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Big Dalton Wash: The team created bike path alignments for all the channels. Where space allowed, bike paths were routed directly adjacent to the channel, shown as red, orange, and yellow lines, but due to constraints, options were looked at off-channel, shown as blue lines.
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Walnut Creek: As shown by yellow lines, which indicate a larger available space next to the channel, opportunity for a park or green space along these routes would be possible.
 - Bike Path Alignment Example – Alhambra Wash: Similar to the other examples, the orange line showed one possible route along the channel and the blue lines showed a possible route off-channel.

iii. Project Components Overview

- Jesse provided a brief overview of the proposed project components. She stated that to complement the bike paths, parks and green infrastructure elements were incorporated along the routes. Hundreds of different parcels directly adjacent to the channels were evaluated, analyzed, then scored based on numerous factors.
- A summary of the number of project components for each Tier 1 tributary and the progression through the screening process can be found in Table 3, with 34 total project components selected for further review. The 34 proposed project component locations are summarized on Figure 3.

Table 3. Summary of the number of Tier 1 tributary potential project components through the screening process

Tier 1 Tributary	Initially Identified	After Screening	Selected for Further Review	Est. Tier 1 Length (mi)	Est. Project Components per Channel Mile (#/mi)
Alhambra Wash	23	3	3	5.3	0.6
Eaton Wash	16	9	7	7.5	0.9
Thompson Creek	16	14	5	5.9	0.9
Walnut Creek	58	19	7	7.7	0.9
Live Oak/San Dimas Wash	33	4	3	7.2	0.4
San Jose Creek	39	6	3	7.6	0.4
Little Dalton Wash	11	1	1	2.2	0.5
Big Dalton Wash	39	4	3	4.9	0.6
Rubio Wash	6	1	1	2.5	0.4
Puente Creek	27	3	1	3.9	0.3
Total	268	64	34	54.7	0.6 (average)



Figure 3. Proposed Project Component Locations

- Jesse walked through Vincent Lugo Park, Alhambra Gateway, and Walnut Creek Park as examples of the different information and potential project elements included in each project component summary.
 - Project Component Example – Vincent Lugo Park: Vincent Lugo Park is located along Alhambra Wash. The red dot indicated its location along the wash and the yellow outline showed the parcel boundaries. This project is an example of a park enhancement project which would utilize the existing park by adding in new stormwater management opportunities. Retrofit and enhancement of the existing park and stormwater management features were submitted through the Measure W / Safe Clean Water Program in July 2021. The SGVGN Plan could help to push this project forward into further development.
 - Project Component Example – Alhambra Gateway: The Alhambra Wash Gateway Project is located to the north of Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, along Alhambra Wash. This project is an example of a possible park at the entrance to a bike path alignment. This project would develop the empty lot as shown by the parcel boundary map to include green infrastructure elements and neighborhood access to the channel.
 - Project Component Example – Walnut Creek Park: Walnut Creek Stormwater Capture Project is located near the 10 and 605 freeway intersection, along Walnut Creek Wash. This project is an example of a possible park routed along the bike path within the County right of way. This project would develop the empty space next to the channel into not only a bike path but also a linear park.

d. Small Group Discussion

- i. Noé gave an overview of the breakout rooms. Attendees were given the opportunity to choose their area of preference based on whether they lived, worked, or frequented any of the trails or natural areas within the specified regions.
 - Group 1 (West) – Alhambra Wash, Rubio Wash, Eaton Wash
 - Group 2 (Central) – Little Dalton Wash, Big Dalton Wash, San Dimas Wash, Walnut Creek – Attendees did not join this group.
 - Group 3 (South & East) – San Jose Creek, Puente Creek, Thompson Creek
- ii. Breakout room attendees were presented with a set of key considerations and key questions.
 - Key Considerations:
 - Available ROW (right-of-way)
 - Major Crossings
 - Early Implementation
 - Key Questions:
 - Potential Bike Path Alignments
 - What are specific on-channel alignments that are potential bike path opportunities?
 - How would you expect on-street alignments to impact the use of greenways? Please share your experiences with previous projects or proposals.
 - Potential Project Components and Park Opportunities
 - What are specific parcel locations that are potential park opportunities?

- In your experience, what would you expect communities to request as far as amenities to be included or potential park locations? Have any of these requests caused concerns?
- iii. A Mural whiteboard, divided by the abovementioned three regions, was utilized to facilitate the discussion in each small group.
- iv. After the small group discussion, the attendees regrouped into the main room. Noé and the facilitators debriefed on the key ideas from each group.
 - Key Points
 - Safety
 - Concerns around major arterial road crossings
 - Concerns around mid-block crossings for cyclists
 - Concerns around bike path alignments that diverge sharply from trail
 - Leverage safe routes to school
 - Install class I paths and protected bike lanes for cyclists
 - Make the paths as continuous as possible
 - Motorist challenges
 - Use bicyclist activity to slow traffic
 - Natural Features
 - Use mature trees and existing native plantings
 - Make the network visually attractive to encourage use
 - Capitalize on scenic mountain views
 - Areas for bird watching
 - Amenities
 - Solar LED lighting
 - Signage
 - Trail restrooms
 - Water stations
 - Shade
 - Utilize parking lots for bike path amenities
 - Connectivity
 - Interconnectivity between many cities and jurisdictions
 - Connection to colleges in the south/ east
 - Connection to Emerald Necklace, Bonelli, Claremont running trail
 - Promotion
 - Posting flyers with SGVGN Plan information and survey links at washes
 - Frame the plan around children using the network

v. Mural Whiteboard Notes

Group 1 (WEST) - ALHAMBRA, RUBIO, EATON

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Available ROW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conceptual alignments are based on an analysis of available right-of-way. Some areas are constrained and have limited width adjacent to the channels 	Major Crossings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large street crossings impacted alignment alternatives. Large streets with over 5 lanes pose major challenges for the Greenway. 	Early Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagrams below identify projects that are currently in development. Projects are in different stages; from planning, to design, to construction. 	1. Proposed Alignments <p>How would you expect on-street alignments to impact the use of greenways? Please share your experiences with previous projects or proposals.</p>	2. Adjacent Parks <p>In your experience, what would you expect communities to request as far as amenities to be included or potential park locations? Have any of these requests caused concerns?</p>

ALHAMBRA WASH



Figure 4. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Alhambra Wash

RUBIO WASH

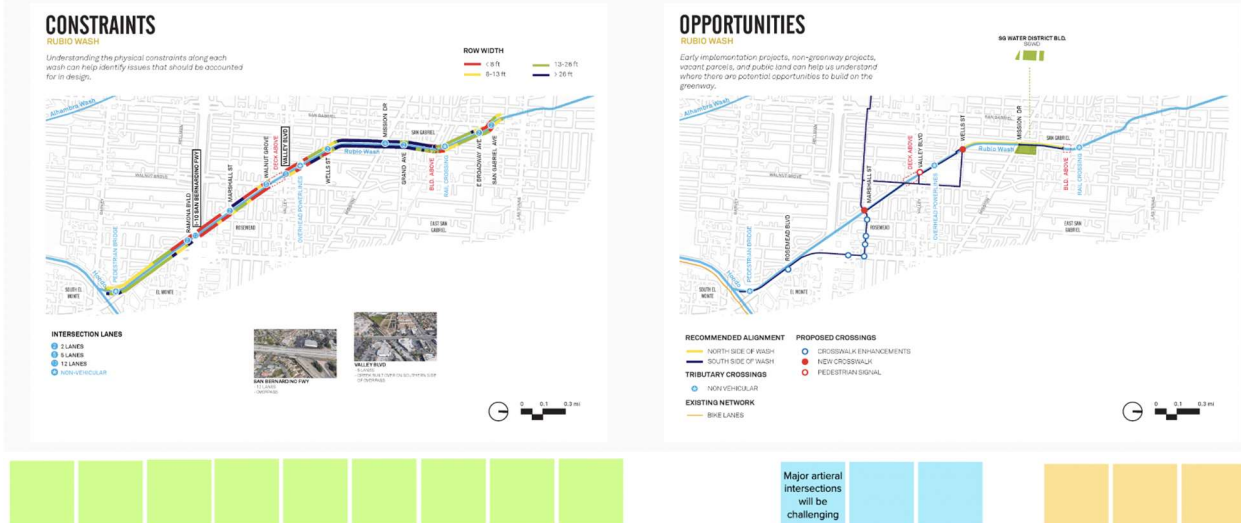
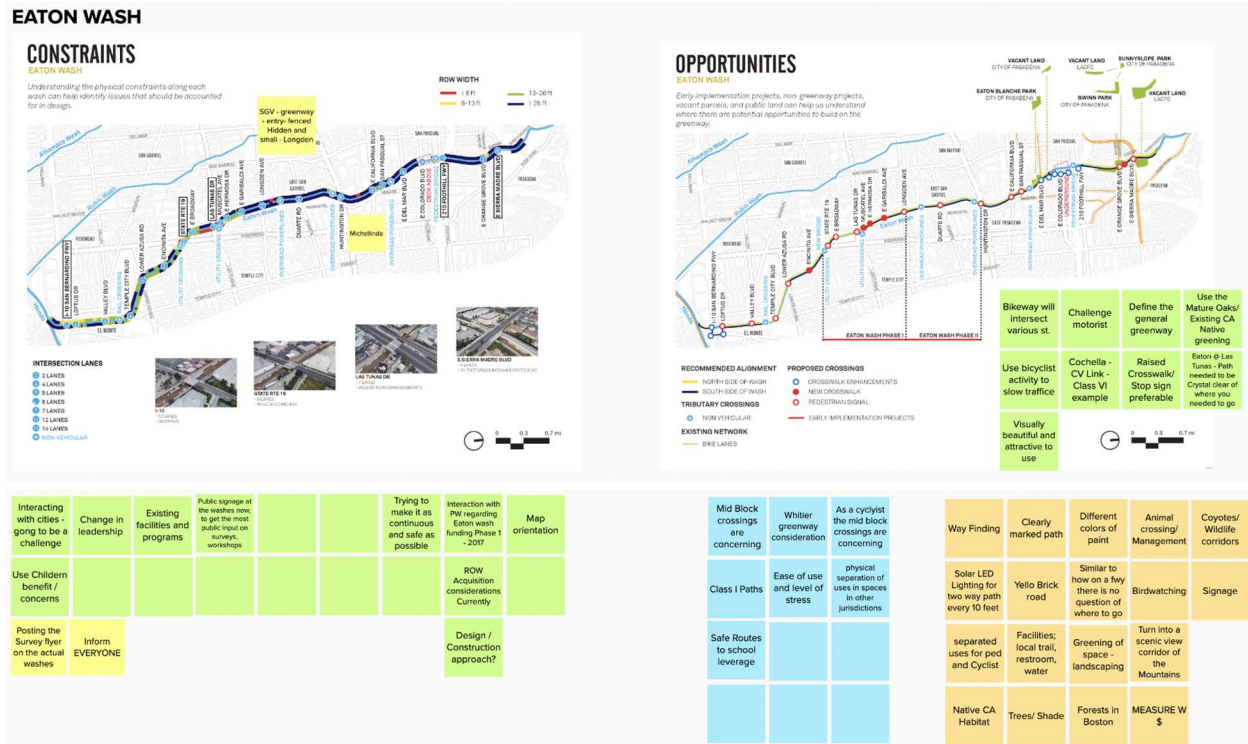


Figure 5. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Rubio Wash



Group 3 (SOUTH & EAST) - SAN JOSE, PUENTE, THOMPSON

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SAN JOSE CREEK

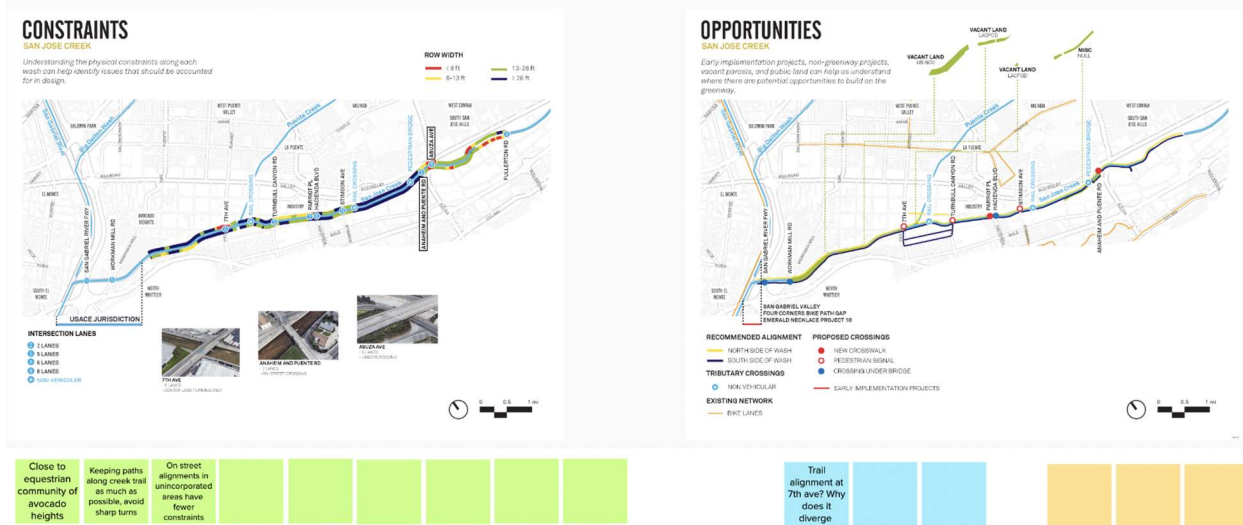


Figure 7. Mural Whiteboard Notes for San Jose Creek

PUENTE CREEK

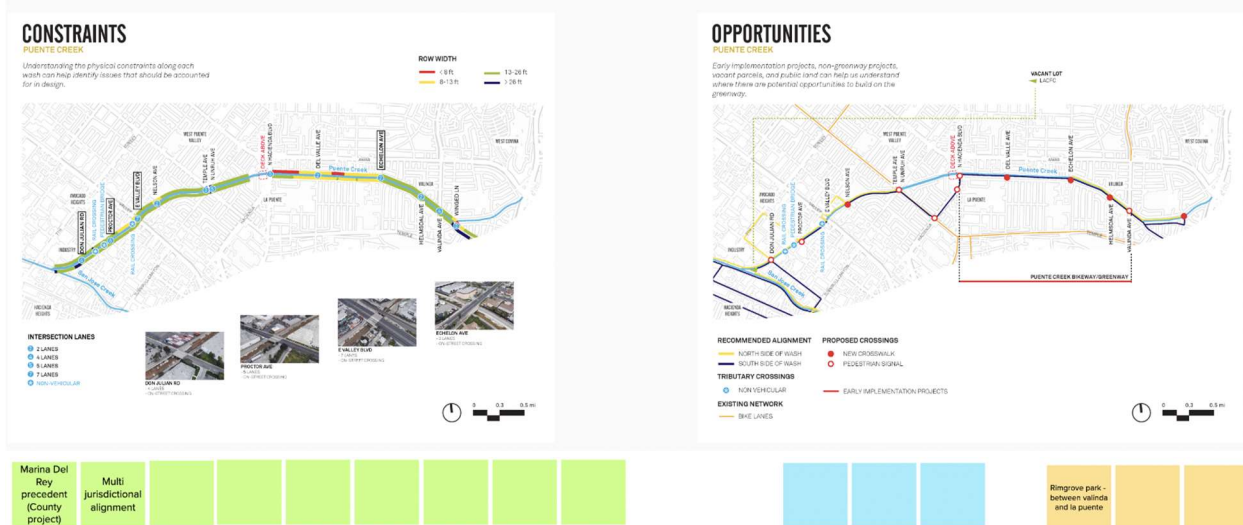


Figure 8. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Puente Creek

CONSTRAINTS THOMPSON CREEK

Understanding the physical constraints along each reach can help identify issues that should be accounted for in design.

ROW WIDTH

- 1-5 ft
- 6-10 ft
- 10-20 ft
- 20-30 ft

INTERSECTION LANES

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- 3 LANES
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OPPORTUNITIES THOMPSON CREEK

Early implementation projects, non-greenways projects, vacant spaces, and public land can help us understand where there are potential opportunities to build on the greenway.

RECOMMENDED ALIGNMENT

- ADJUSTED SIDE OF ROAD
- RIGHT-OF-WAY

PROPOSED CROSSINGS

- CAR/BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN
- PEDESTRIAN
- PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL

TRIBUTARY CROSSINGS

- BIKE/PEDESTRIAN

EXISTING NETWORK

- BIKE LANES

Figure 9. Mural Whiteboard Notes for Thompson Creek

- e. Asks of the Steering Committee
 - i. Julian walked through the Asks of the Steering Committee that would be presented during the Steering Committee Meeting:
 - Provide feedback for the Community Workshops: Round 2.
 - Send of list of potential groups (names and emails) that would benefit and would have interest in joining the Community Workshops.
 - The Project Team's goal is to promote the workshops one month prior to the event.
- f. Next Steps
 - i. Julian mentioned that the meeting minutes summary would be sent after the meeting.
 - ii. The Opportunity and Constraints Diagrams anticipated to be completed in May 2022.
 - iii. Community engagement would continue with the planned pop-up events and efforts to plan future pop-up events as well as preparation for Community Workshops Round 3.
 - iv. Julian closed out the meeting by noting that the next meeting would be held on May 11, 2022, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Community engagement, SGVGN Plan, and environmental documentation updates would be presented.