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## New segment of Los Gatos Creek Trail finished in San Jose

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Bicyclists, walkers and runners have a new portion of the Los Gatos Creek Trail to explore. The newest segment of the trail alongside KB Homes is open near the former Del Monte Cannery site. The segment connects to the existing Los Gatos Creek Trail at Auzerais Avenue, continues north past the Del Monte water tower and ends under the San Carlos Street railroad bridge crossing.

With the new segment in place, there is now a continual route from Lonus Street, just off Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen at Interstate 280, to San Carlos Street.

KB Homes funded the new 2,000-foot portion of trail to connect to the existing creek trail along its Monte Vista development as part of an agreement with the city of San Jose.

Although the fence was removed early this month, Yves Zsutty, trail program manager, says the trail segment is not officially open.

"[KB Homes] took down the fence, but they have yet to turn it over to the city," Zsutty said.

Before the trail is officially opened and owned by the city, an inspection needs to occur along with some fencing, minor pavement repairs and striping, Zsutty added.

An interpretative station still has to be installed at the new site, detailing the history of cities

surrounding the Los Gatos Creek trail, including Campbell and Los Gatos.

According to Zsutty, the trail segment should be complete in the next two months.

"Aligning a trail through there is challenging because there are no setbacks," Zsutty said of the creekside properties.

The completion of this segment brings San Jose closer to its goal of creating a 100-mile trail network over the next 15 years that will connect pathways throughout the city.

A gap through Willow Glen still exists. One segment of the trail ends at Meridian Avenue and Curci Drive and starts again at Lonus Street.

Zsutty said the trail users are encouraged to use bike lanes on the street to connect to the next portion of the trail off Lincoln.

It may be awhile before the trail connects through Willow Glen, but San Jose is still committed to creating a trail network, Zsutty said.

The Willow Glen Spur Trail is the next segment that city officials plan to address at a meeting on Feb. 4, 7-8 p.m. at the Willows Senior Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave., Room 6. The proposed Spur trail will run through Willow Glen connecting the Los Gatos Trail to the Guadalupe River Trail. For more information, visit [www.sjarks.org/trails](http://www.sjarks.org/trails).

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