

## Community Meeting Notes

October 28, 2010

Community Input	Response provided at October 2009 community meeting
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>	
Expand trail hours	
Trails should be open after sunset.	
Create time designation for cyclists and walkers	
<b>RULES / LAWS</b>	
Bicyclists and vehicles can not ride on the sidewalk – can not outlaw all accidents.	
Headphones interfere with awareness on trails.	
Slower speed limits do not work with trails that serve bike commuters	
What is the speed limit – is it posted?	15 mph
Different rules for different trails but trails are multi-jurisdictional.	
Who has “Right of way” on trails? Walkers or Bikers?	
Trails should be available for all.	
15 mph speed limit is deceptive for pedestrians.	
For posted rules: what are the penalties?	
Are their different rules for different trails?	Yes, different jurisdictions have their own rules. San Jose’s trails follow a consistent set of rules.
<b>DOG ORDINANCE / RULES</b>	
No leash over 6’	
Consider limiting number of dogs per bike.	
Is there a law against riding a bike with a dog?	No, and other jurisdictions also don’t have such a rule.
Does animal ordinance restrict the number of dogs you can walk?	No, but you can only own three dogs.
What affect will any change in a leash law have on dogs outside a trail?	
Would changes to the leash law be limited to trails?	No, they would be applicable to streets and parks also.
Animals cannot keep up with owners on bicyclist – it is dangerous for animals.	
Washington DC laws for trails include: 1) keep pet on a 6’ or less leash, 2) keep pet to right, and 3) treat pet as you would a child.	
Bike riding with dog is unsafe	
6’ leash law is adequate	

Two dogs and a bike is not a good idea.	
Dog parks are regarded as good places to exercise dogs.	
If dogs don't get enough exercise, they have behavior problems.	
Use a "springer" technology when cycling with a dog – perhaps this should be requirement.	
Cycling with a dog is also a problem on City streets.	
Bicycling with a dog is dangerous	
<b>AVOID NEW RULES / LAWS</b>	
Rules are for people without common sense.	
Does not want government regulation. Everyone should stay on the right and pass on the left when it is safe.	
Rules clarify "judgment" – people not always able to follow common sense.	
Don't try to legislate "common sense".	
You should not need to legislate common courtesy	
Does not support legislating common sense.	
This was a "freak accident", no laws are needed.	
Rules are made for people who don't have common sense.	
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>	
How may employees patrol parks?	14 full time rangers and seasonal staff.
Speeders immediately get bike / skateboard impounded.	
How many staff can be added if there are new laws to enforce?	Depends on the budget.
Obey speed limits	
Park Rangers should use photo radar to document speed of bicyclists.	
Flashing speed signs with you are "going so fast" message (radar trailer)	
Trail monitors should be present	
<b>STRIPING / SIGNAGE</b>	
Use County signage similar to Los Gatos Creek Trail.	
Post signs at trail heads	
Center yellow lines are missing and/or worn.	
Repaint the center line – it is faded.	
Paint arrows w/ travel direction on trail	

Add signage to encourage courtesy and education	
Blind curves on the trail need safety measures	
Trails do not specify walking / traveling on Right or Left.	
Right of Way signage would be helpful – define who yields to who	
<b>TRAIL DESIGN</b>	
Assign one side of the trail to cyclist and one to pedestrians	
New facilities should be designed to address concerns raised; separate trails for cyclists? Education? Technology?	
Separate trails for walkers and bikers.	
Separate trails – wider paths	
Stencil name of trail on the trail with location.	
Any suggestions for changes should look forward to new technology.	
<b>LIABILITY</b>	
Is the City liable for dangerous conditions?	Yes, in some conditions.
<b>EDUCATION / BEHAVIOR</b>	
People passing shower traffic should call out “on the left”.	
Walk your bike across narrow bridges.	
Dogs run off leash with bike riders	
Bicyclists need to yield to pedestrians	
Young bicyclists speed near blind curves	
Supports education on how to safety ride a bike with a dog	
Education is important.	
<b>OTHER</b>	
Provide more education to increase safety	
Fontana Park (dog area) needs grass.	
Suggestion – wireless leash technology	
A temporary restriction/solution is required while issue is evaluated.	
Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association is in favor of multi-use trails.	
Sun River, Oregon’s trail system is very good – look for examples	
Institute interim restrictions while this is going through the process.	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES / CALL BOXES</b>	
People must dial 277-8911 to reach San Jose Police Department	

Do the emergency call boxes go to 911 or Parks, with location on the trail?	
What about those w/o cellular phones?	
It is difficult to tell emergency personnel where a person is on the trail.	Pilot Project – Icon markers are to be placed on trails to help responders find points on trail.
Does a Park Ranger need to accompany emergency vehicles on the trail?	
I don't carry a cell phone – needs call boxes along the trails	
Are call boxes easy to use?	
Upgrade technology at 911 Dispatch Center so people/cellular phones can be found immediately.	
Can 911 Dispatchers locate people by GPS on their cellular phone?	No, but SJPD can find your location with your cellular phone.