



APPENDIX D

TRAIL ALIGNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

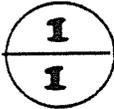
1. NAPA RIVER TRAIL SOUTH: East bank

Objective: Connect the River Trail to the Bay Trail and south to the marshes.

Discussion: The River Trail runs south on the levee along the River in Kennedy Park. To continue south it must cross a creek to Syar Industries complex which occupies a wedge of land outside the City limits between Kennedy Golf Course and Napa Valley Corporate Park. At the south end of the Corporate Park is a utility corridor and a restored wetland area. This extends to the City limits which is adjacent to the Caltrans Highway 29 right-of-way and the Southern Crossing Bridge. An access road (Soscol Ferry Road) runs below the high span of bridge. The treatment plant of the Napa Sanitation District is on Soscol Ferry Road immediately to the south, an attractive bird watching area (access by permission).

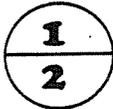
Recommendation: A route south from Kennedy Park through Napa Corporate Park to the southern crossing underpass. The Bay Trail currently shown on Highway 12/29 and Soscol Avenue could be relocated to this route. The most difficult part of the connection is the through the Syar Industries parcel which is in existing heavy industrial use. This route also requires substantial bridge construction, and is outside the city limit. A short term expedient is an on-road detour around the Kennedy Park golf course to Kaiser Road. The more direct route from the south end of the park is desirable and should be pursued whenever an opportunity occurs.

Alignment:

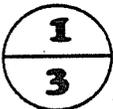


from the River Trail in Kennedy Park the trail will join Streblow Drive within the park.

The Trail will follow Streblow Drive to Highway 121 (Soscol) to Kaiser Road.



from Kaiser Road the Trail is on or beside an existing paved access road to the Napa Pipe site. The road right-of-way continues past a barrier to rear access gates to Napa Pipe. The roadway is bordered on the east by a landscape berm planted with eucalyptus trees. Where the roadway ends the landscape berm continues alongside the Napa Pipe site. The Trail may be accommodated either on top of the berm, or between the berm and the yard fence, or both.



the Trail alignment turns west at the end at the southern boundary of the Napa Pipe site following a service access road under the utility towers. This area is within a landscape easement and north of a wetlands pond area. Turning south the Trail parallels the railroad tracks to connect with the access road under the Southern Crossing Bridge. It will require a bridge over the pond outlet channel alongside the railroad culvert.

2. NAPA RIVER TRAIL SOUTH: West bank

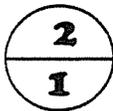
Objective: To connect the River Trail with trails proposed for Stanly Ranch, the Bay Trail and the marshes to the south.

Discussion: The southern end of the River Trail terminates at the Horseshoe bend where wetlands are a priority to the State Department of Fish and Game. Currently, further to the south, development of the Stanly Ranch project is in the planning process. A Specific Plan is being prepared. It will include a trail through the Stanly Ranch from the staging area at the Highway 12/29 intersection to the marshes to the south which is a priority for the City. The presence of some wetlands, and Highway 29 are major barriers between the southern end of the River Trail and the Stanly Ranch.

Recommendation: Connect the River Trail to Stanly Ranch on-road in the short term. In the long-term, an off-road trail connection will require further study, discussion and negotiation as land use decisions are made on undeveloped parcels north of Highway 29 and west of the Napa River. Connect the trail to the marshes to the south across the Stanly Ranch. This will be incorporated into the Stanly Ranch Specific Plan.

Alignment:

From the River Trail an on-road route west along Imola Avenue to Golden Gate Avenue south to the 12/29 intersection.



From the 12/29 intersection a tentative alignment through the Stanly Ranch is shown. Details of the final alignment and environmental consideration of the Trail in this area will be considered in the Stanly Ranch Specific Area Plan and EIR.

3. RIVER TRAIL NORTH ON SALVADOR CHANNEL TO ALSTON PARK

Objective: A connection between the River Trail and Alston Park by way of Salvador Channel

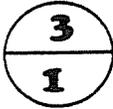
Discussion: Salvador Channel has continuity and good potential for trail development along most of its length from the Napa River west to its crossing under Highway 29. West of Highway 29 the creek is underground. A drainage easement between Solano Avenue and Las Flores Park is a potential trail opportunity.

Between Linda Vista Avenue and Dry Creek Road, the California Department of Fish and Game is restoring an area of riparian habitat as mitigation for the loss of the former creek habitat. Trail development may not occur within this easement. The north side of the easement is in the county lands beyond the RUL (Rural Urban Limit line).

Recommendation: From the River Trail at Trancas Street to Highway 29 the trail will follow the creek or drainage channel wherever possible. West of Highway 29 the Trail will continue on-road along Trower Avenue to Alston Park. A connecting trail to Las Flores Community Center will follow Solano Avenue north to the drainage easement running along the northern boundary of Justin-Siena High School.

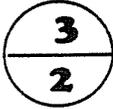
Alignment:

From the Napa River Trail at Trancas Street to Big Ranch Road the creek lies outside the RUL. The trail will be on-road within the city boundary to the intersection of the creek with Big Ranch Road.



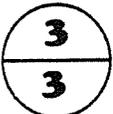
From Big Ranch Road to Garfield Park (end of Garfield Lane) the Channel is within the Big Ranch Road Planning Area. Specific alignment of the Trail in this segment will be included in the Specific Plan and the environmental impacts included in the Specific Plan EIR. The alignment is expected to be in the following locations:

- From Big Ranch Road the Trail will follow the north bank of the Channel. A detour around a parcel of existing development abutting the Channel may be necessary.
- The Trail will then cross to the south bank of the Channel or continue on the north bank across another undeveloped parcel crossing to the south bank on a new bridge further upstream.
- The Trail continues on the south bank of the Channel to the end of Garfield Lane. A detour away from the Channel may be required around buildings adjacent to the Channel.



At the end of Garfield Lane is Garfield Community Park which is a largely undeveloped area on the south side of the Channel with Little League ball fields on the north side. The Trail follows the south bank of the Channel through the undeveloped parcel of to Vintage High School. The Trail then will run through the Vintage High School campus. It follows a pathway north of the school gymnasium turning north across an existing bridge to run along the east side of the Channel to the intersection of Trower and Jefferson Streets.

The Trail will cross both Jefferson Street and Trower Avenue at a 4-way stop intersection.



West from Jefferson Street to the end of Lassen Street (which dead-ends at the Channel) the Trail is proposed on the north side of the Channel. The land is currently in agricultural use. Houses back on to the Channel on its south side.

In the area of Lassen Street, the Trail will cross to the south side of the Channel on either a new or an existing bridge. The Trail will follow this side of the Channel to its' end at Byway East. In this section a well established path is developed and used by the abutting residences for service access to backyards. Residential and commercial development occupies the north bank.

An on-road connection south on Byway East to Trower Avenue will cross Highway 29 at a signaled crossing and continue along Trower Avenue to Alston Park.

CONNECTION TO LAS FLORES COMMUNITY PARK

From the intersection of Trower Avenue and Highway 29 an on-road link along Solano Avenue will connect to the Trail along the drainage easement on the northern boundary of Justin-Siena High School.



From Solano Avenue along the drainage easement which borders Justin-Siena High School the Trail crosses Maher Street to Las Flores Park and Community Center. Additional easement-rights will be needed.

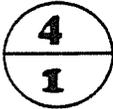
4. RIVER TRAIL EAST TO SKYLINE PARK

Objective: To connect the River Trail to Skyline Park and the Bay Area Ridge Trail within the park.

Discussion: Napa State Hospital lies between Kennedy Park and Skyline Park. Changes in use at the Napa State Hospital site may provide an opportunity to include a trail link between them.

Alignment:

From Kennedy Park to Soscol Avenue the Trail runs through the park skirting the restored wetlands area, and connects to Streblov Drive - see Section 1/1. It crosses Soscol Avenue at the traffic signal.



from Soscol Avenue to Skyline Park the Trail follows the southern and western boundary of the Napa State Hospital grounds to Skyline Park on its western boundary. An agreement with Skyline Park Association will be needed to gain access to the park and for the collection of user fees.

5. RIVER TRAIL TO WESTWOOD HILLS AND TIMBERHILL PARK

Objective: A trail from the Napa River Trail to Westwood Hills Park and Timberhill Park.

Discussion: A creek corridor trail along Napa Creek and its south fork Browns Valley Creek was a concept suggested by earlier plans. However, these creeks have limited potential for a trail within their corridors.(see *Creek Evaluation , Exhibit A.*) In the downtown area where the Napa Creek meets the Napa River, access to the creek is incorporated into the public spaces of the downtown area as part of the Napa Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan.

Upstream the next trail opportunity is the potential to follow Napa Creek from California Boulevard underneath the bridges carrying Highway 29 to First Street at Freeway Drive.

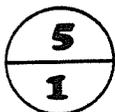
From Westwood Hills, trail opportunities lie in the county area outside the RUL. From Buhman Park to Timberhill Park, Browns Valley Creek follows Browns Valley Road and Partrick Road where it meets an unnamed tributary creek from Timberhill Park. This tributary runs through undeveloped land in agricultural use. Development of this area is expected. A trail to Timberhill Park from Partrick Road should be feasible following this creek.

Recommendation:

This link in the system has few opportunities for continuous off-road location and relies heavily on the road system to accommodate the trail. The recommendations include a Highway 29 undercrossing and a future link between Partrick Road and Timberhill Park.

Alignment:

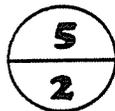
From the River Trail, the Trail will follow Napa Creek through the downtown area. From downtown to California Boulevard the Trail will require an on-road connecting segment.



at California Boulevard a currently undeveloped parcel lies on the north side of Napa Creek. A trail following the top of bank of the creek is proposed. Other options include an approach along D Street Alley, or the currently well-used route across the middle of the site to the Highway 29 bridges. A pathway under the bridges is well established. The Trail then follows the creek under the three highway bridges which carry the two lanes and off-ramp of Highway 29. It continues within the Caltrans right-of-way meeting the existing designated bicycle trail at a hole in the fence at its terminus at the end of Coffield Drive.

From Freeway Drive to Westwood Hills Park an on-road connection along First Street and Browns Valley Road will be required.

From Westwood Hills Park to Timberhill Park an on-road connection will continue along Browns Valley Road and Partrick Road to an unnamed tributary of Browns Valley Creek.



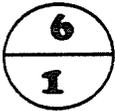
from Partrick Road to Timberhill Park the area is currently open grazing land. The creek (unnamed), a tributary of Browns Valley Creek, is deeply cut and steep sided. The Trail therefore needs to be located outside the riparian zone in areas currently heavily grazed. A bridge crossing Browns Valley Creek at Partrick Road and another crossing the creek into Timberhill Park will be needed.

6. OTHER RIVER TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Soscol Avenue to River Trail on Tulocay Creek

Development along Tulocay Creek upstream of Soscol Avenue now restricts a creekside trail alignment. Downstream from Soscol Avenue the creek flows through a parcel owned by the Gasser Foundation. On the south side of the Creek the Napa South Marketplace commercial development is now underway. The City has accepted a trail easement over the parcel on the north bank. Undeveloped land, wetlands and the railroad lie between this and the Napa River. Ultimately the trail will connect to the River Trail.

Alignment:



Soscol Avenue to Napa River along Tulocay Creek. The Trail follows the north bank of Tulocay Creek.

7. CONNECTIONS TO SURROUNDING COUNTY AREAS

Discussion: Destinations in the surrounding county area include the city-owned watershed lands at Milliken and Hennessey Reservoirs east of the City. These areas offer open space with good recreational potential. These facilities are located in the hills where roads are typically narrow and winding which limits trail development. It is highly desirable to develop off-road or safe on-road trails to these watershed lands.

Other destinations in the county area surrounding the City include the scenic valley vineyards to the north and the Bay Marshes to the south.

As Napa County has no off-road trail system, access to the surrounding county areas is currently limited to roads.

Recommendation: Encourage and cooperate with the County in planning trails to connect significant recreation destinations. Encourage the county to sign, upgrade and improve designated roads for bicycle travel. Roads with the potential for trail locations extending outward from the city to the county scenic areas may include:

- Silverado Trail to the north
- Coombsville Road to the east
- Old Sonoma Road to the west
- Solano Avenue north to Yountville connecting to the Yountville Bike Trail system.

Within the City, the road connections to the surrounding county areas will appear as part of the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan.

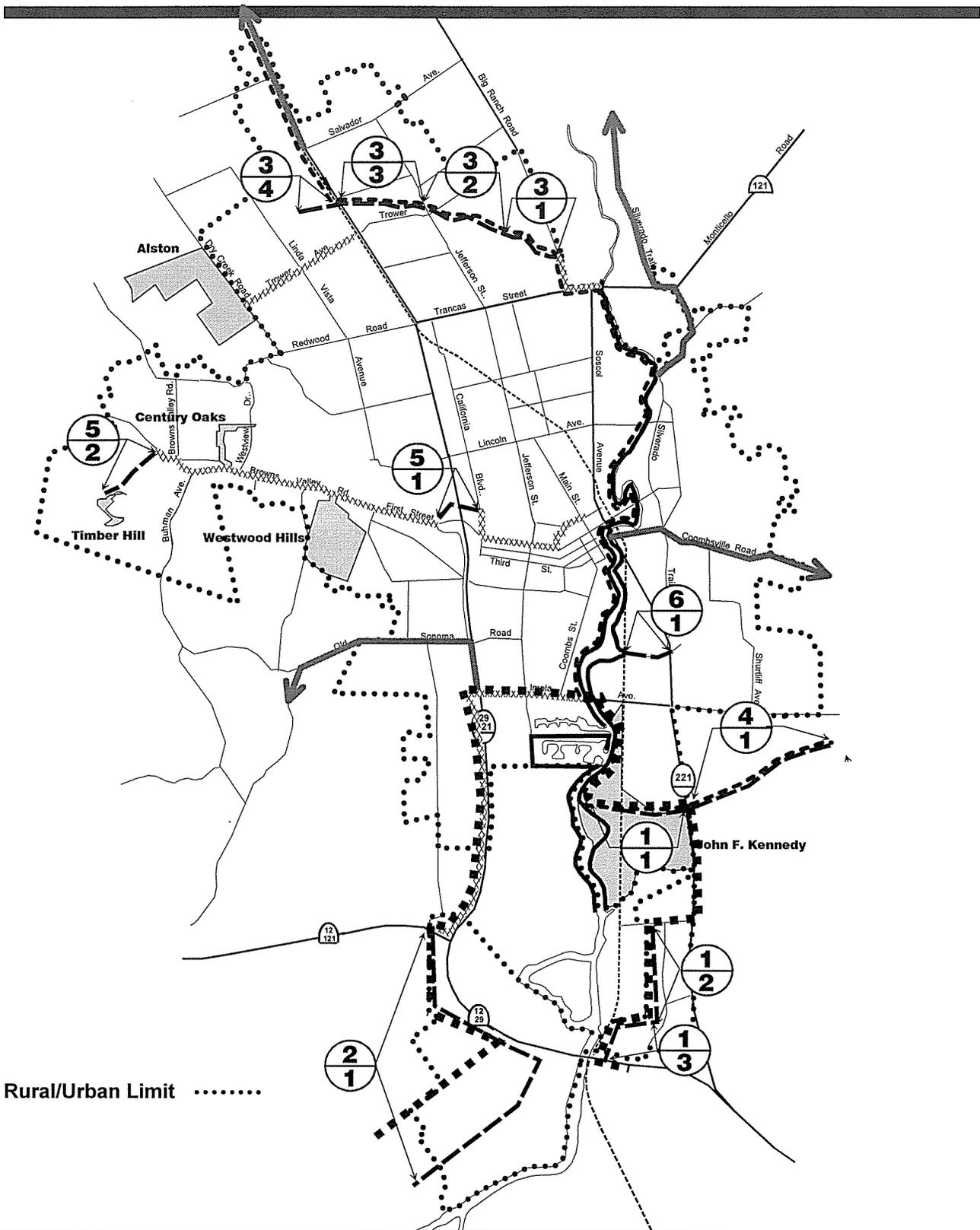
8. REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Bay Trail Connection

A Bay Trail alternative alignment is proposed to better fulfill the Bay Trail goal of a location close to the Bay and off-road where possible. The new alignment would enter Napa on the Southeast by way of Soscol Ferry Road to a location adjacent to the Railroad and continue through the Napa Valley Corporate Park to the south end of Kennedy Park. From there it would follow the River Trail to Imola Avenue, turn west along Imola Avenue, and south on Golden Gate Avenue to connect with trails at the Stanly Ranch. The trail would exit the Stanly Ranch to the south to connect to Cuttings Wharf Road and on to the Napa Marshes.

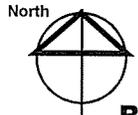
Bay Area Ridge Trail Connection

From the existing designated Bay Area Ridge Trail in Skyline Park the trail would connect to the River Trail either through the Napa State Hospital property or west on Imola Avenue. It follows the Napa River Trail and Salvador Channel north through Napa leaving Napa either along Solano Avenue or from Alston Park for destinations in the hills. The specific Ridge Trail alignment north and west of Napa has not been identified.



Rural/Urban Limit

Appendix D
Trail Alignment Plan
with Sections



- Napa River Trail** ———
- City Wide Trails** - - - - -
- On-road Connections** xxxxxxxx
- Roads to County Areas** ———>
- Ridge Trail** - - - - -
- Bay Trail** ■■■■■
- Rail Trail** - - - - -



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