Sonoma Schellville Trail

Sonoma County Regional Parks
Sonoma Schellville Trail Project Background:

• Railroad operated until mid-1900’s and changed ownership several times. Railroad right of way currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad

• Proposal to develop a 4 mile trail located along the former railroad right of way which partially parallels 8th Street East

• Planned 8 foot wide paved trail begins at Sonoma Bike Path and ends at Highway 121

• Planned trail will be a connector to the 500-mile San Francisco Bay Trail alignment

• County has secured 3 easements, 1 fee title to sections of the railroad right of way and one trailhead through the development process
Existing Class I Bike Path

Existing Trailhead
0.32 Acres Property
Dedication from Zabelle (2015)

Future Acquisition

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Need License From SMART for Trail & Trailhead

Existing Trail Easement
From 8th St E
Sonoma Holdings, LLC (2007)

Existing Trail Easement
From Wine Country Industrial, LLC (2006)

Need Trail Easement from KS Mattson Partners, LP

Existing Trail Easement
From Sonoma’s Best (2004)

Requested 15’ x 890’ Trail Easement
From Napa Road Self Storage (Feb. 2018)

Existing County Property Donated
By Schell Investments (2004)

Note: Trail Distance From Existing Bike Path to Fremont Rd. is 3.6 miles.

February 2018
Requested 15’ x 890’ Trail Easement
From Napa Road Self Storage (Feb. 2018)
Completed Trailhead

- Southwest corner of 8th Street East and East Napa Street; view looking northeast
- 10 parking stalls and landscaping
Existing Conditions
8th Street East Approaching East Napa Street
Existing Conditions
Mac Arthur Street and 8th Street East
8th Street East at Cassidy
Near Schellville Road
Next Steps for Sonoma Schellville Trail:

• Continue negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad

• Continue negotiations with SMART for license agreement to use their section of railroad right of way

• Apply for funds to complete acquisition, environmental work, design/engineering and construction
Measure M Funding

• $20,000 expended for Scoping

• $80,000 expended for ROW
  • $ 259,000 matching funds

• $550,000 remaining Measure M – Fully Programmed
  • $  50,000 FY 17-18
  • $100,000 FY 18-19
  • $100,000 FY 19-20
  • $100,000 FY 20-21

• $1,861,000 total estimated cost
Central Sonoma Valley Trail

Sonoma County Regional Parks
Central Sonoma Valley Trail Project Background:

- Central Sonoma Valley Trail project is located in the Springs area from Agua Caliente Road to Verano Avenue
- Project initiated by the local community which included Verano Springs Association, Springs Community Alliance, Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce in the 1990’s
- Improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists in the Springs area within the Highway 12 corridor
- Project identified in 1997 County Bikeways Plan and led to Central Sonoma Valley Bikeway Plan/Study (2001)
- Study identified a 3 mile transportation network of off street and on street connections
Current Project Scope:

**Three trail segments completed 2017:**
- Sonoma Charter School - Vailetti Property Trail Segment (0.31 miles) by MidPen Housing
- Flowery Elementary School Trail Segment (0.11 miles) – Depot Road to Larson Park by Regional Parks
- Verano Avenue Trail Segment (0.31 miles) – Sonoma Creek to Main Street by Regional Parks

**Funding sources**
- MTC Lifeline (CMAQ) Funds
- Measure M Funds
- County Park Mitigation Fees
- MidPen Housing
Sonoma Charter School – Vailetti Property Trail Segment

• Looking south from Vailetti Drive
Fetters Apartments

- Looking west from Elaine’s Way near Rancho Drive
Fetters Apartments, future Commercial Development

- Looking north from Depot Road
Flowery Elementary School

- Looking south from Depot Road
Flowery Elementary School

- Between school and Larson Park looking west
Larson Park
• Bridge crossing Pequeno Creek, looking south
Verano Avenue

- At Main Street, looking west
Verano Avenue

• At crossing to Maxwell Farms Regional Park, looking west toward Sonoma Creek
Verano Avenue

- East of bridge crossing Sonoma Creek, looking east
Measure M Funding

• $63,000 expended for Larson Park segment
  • $125,500 match

• $100,000 for Flowery School and Verano Avenue
  • $525,000 matching funds

• $787,000 remaining Measure M

• $1,900,000 total estimated cost
Project Purpose:

• Provide a safe north south route for pedestrians and bicyclists to use along the Highway 1 corridor that is separated from the road

• Trail provides safe connections to residences, local businesses, State Parks and County Parks

• Provides link in the California Coastal Trail
Project Background:

• Early 2000: Trail project initiated by local residents wanting a safe route to walk and ride bikes through Bodega Bay

• Interagency approach with Regional Parks, Public Works, Caltrans, State Coastal Conservancy, State Parks to address the community’s request

• 2002: State Coastal Conservancy planning funding

• 2005: Feasibility Study and Conceptual Improvement Plan

• 2008 Completed 0.4 mile connection from Doran Beach to Birdwalk Coastal Access

• 2014 and 2016 Completed 1.1 mile Coastal Prairie Trail
North Harbor, Smith Brothers Road, and Harbor Trail Segments
Approximately 2.4 miles

Estimated total cost: $4.4 million

Status
• Completed wildlife, botanical, and wetland surveys and submitted wetland survey to US Army COE in 2013
• Studies will inform NEPA and CEQA

Current
• Received $100,000 Coastal Conservancy grant to complete the design and engineering plans for North Harbor
• Meeting with Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) February 17, 2017
View at Intersection of Bay Flat Road Looking Northwest at Future Trail Crossing

Proposed Trail Crossing
View from Diekman’s Bay Store Looking Northwest at Future Trail Location
View from Smith Brothers Road Looking Northwest

Bodega Bay Yacht Club

Proposed Trail Separated From Road
Measure M Funding

Expended
• Cheney Creek Bridge
  • $100,000 Measure M
  • $440,000 match
• Coastal Prairie Trail
  • $350,000 Measure M
  • $1,153,000 match

Programmed
• Coastal North Harbor Trail
  • $300,000 FY 18-19
  • $160,000 match
• Smith Brothers Road
  • $ 50,000 FY 18-19
  • $100,000 FY 19-20
• Coastal Harbor Trail
  • $ 50,000 FY 20-21
Completed CEQA & Design/Engineering Complete by December 2018

Start CEQA & Design/Engineering in Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Completed

Bodega Bay Trail (Coastal Prairie Trail)
Bodega Bay Trail (Coastal North Harbor Trail)
Bodega Bay Trail (Coastal Harbor Trail)
Bodega Bay Trail (Smith Brothers Road)
Bodega Bay Trail (Cheney Creek Bridge)
Trail Feasibility Studies

Sonoma County Regional Parks
Project Goals:

• Provide a continuous Class I bike path/trail for transportation and recreation
• Improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists
• Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
• Promote health living by providing a trail for community use
• Promote tourism to help bring in more money for the local economy
• Provide connections to places of interest
• Minimize impacts to private property, agriculture, and sensitive environmental resources
• Identify concerns and potential solutions for the project level plan