



Facilities and Sustainability Minutes

October 27, 2025 at 2:30pm

Recorder: Andrea Anderson

LPC Mission Statement		LPC Planning Priorities 2025-2026	
Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting life-long learning.		Affirm LPC's unwavering commitment to equity by deepening campus-wide engagement, enhancing professional development, embedding equity-minded practices in decision-making, assessment, and accountability processes; and building capacity to resolve inequities.	Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.
			Establish a knowledge base and appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness; prioritize wellness in decision-making, assessment and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.
Chairs		Administrator	Classified Professionals
☒ Dan Cearley (Non-Voting Member) ☒ Jean O'Neil-Opipari (Non-Voting Member) ☒ Sean Brooks (Non-Voting Member)		☒ Paul Simpson	☐ Ellie Hirstein ☒ Jackie Hill ☒ Jennifer Farber ☒ Lina Chea
Dean, Academic		Faculty Member	LPCSG Student Representative
☒ Paula Checchi		☒ John Kelly (A&H) ☒ Andrew Cumbo (PATH) ☐ John Ruys (BSSL) ☐ Gina Webster (BSSL) ☐ Vacant (STEM)	☒ Rameen Ahmad
District Facilities		Climate Fellows	Guests
☒ Owen Letcher (Non-Voting Member) ☒ Ann Kroll (Non-Voting Member) ☒ John Seybert (Non-Voting Member)		☒ Niki Mai (Non-Voting Member) ☒ Ariel Reynolds (Non-Voting Member) ☒ Halleigh MacPherson (Non-Voting Member)	☒ Kiley Zieker ☒ William Tandongfor ☒ Larry Gosselin
Guests		Guests	Guests
		☒ Mike Ansell ☒ William Kossow	

Attendance (Quorum = 8)

Agenda Item	Information/Discussion	Action/Assigned To
1.	Call to Order <i>For information</i> Meeting called to order by Dan Cearley at 2:32pm.	None
2.	Review & Approve Agenda <i>For action</i> - Motion to approve agenda - Agenda Approved by: John Kelly and Sean Brooks	Motion: John Kelly Second: Sean Brooks
3.	Review & Approve September Minutes <i>For action</i> - Motion to approve Minutes - Agenda Approved by: Jackie Hill and John Kelly	Motion: Jackie Hill Second: John Kelly
4.	Action Items <i>For action</i> None	
5.	Old Business <i>For discussion</i> - Bathrooms – Gender Neutral Signage (Blatter) - The committee reviewed findings from a student-led survey conducted by members of the SAGA (LGBTQ+) Club, which assessed gender-neutral restroom accessibility and signage across campus. The students visited most campus buildings and compared restroom locations with the campus map. - Key Findings: Inconsistent or unclear signage: Many restrooms were difficult to locate due to missing or confusing signage. Map discrepancies: The campus map often misidentified or misplaced gender-neutral restrooms. Limited visibility: Some gender-neutral restrooms were located behind locked or staff-only areas, limiting student access.	None

	• Building-specific notes: ○ 1000 Building: Only one restroom found despite the map showing three; lock indicators inconsistent. ○ 1600 Building: Restroom labeled “Maternity” instead of “Gender Neutral”; signage being corrected. ○ 1700 & 2000 Buildings: Access unclear or limited; library restroom is staff-only. ○ 2100 Building: Clear signage and accessibility; noted as a positive example. ○ 2400 Building: Restrooms exist but can be difficult to find due to layout and after-hours access. ○ 2500 (Gym): Gender-neutral restroom located near the athletic training area. ○ 3300 & 3600 Buildings: Gender-neutral restrooms present but only unlocked during class hours. ○ 4000 Building: Map errors identified; signage updates needed. • Next Steps & Actions: ○ Work with Thomas Rothman to correct campus map inaccuracies. ○ Verify and update signage in each building, ensuring consistency. ○ Follow up with Facilities and Construction Management (Ann Kroll) regarding signage updates already in progress. ○ Send the student report to the Executive Committee (Owen, John, and Ann) for further review and implementation. ○ Consider establishing minimum standards for gender-neutral restroom access (e.g., at least one per building). • Additional Notes: ○ Current district policy requires all new construction to include gender-neutral restrooms on each floor. ○ No student requests for additional restrooms were noted; current focus is on improving visibility and accessibility. • Zero Waste Program (Tandongfor and Climate Fellows) ○ Cafeteria Composting: ▪ Fellows are working with Laura Cornett and cafeteria manager Minjee to restart the diversion of kitchen produce scraps to the Earth Tub for composting. ▪ They discovered contamination (plastic) in the organics bin and plan to hold a training workshop for cafeteria staff on proper waste sorting. ○ Hedgerow Project: ▪ A native pollinator hedgerow will be planted behind the horticulture orchard to enhance biodiversity. ▪ Cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 (9:00am-2:00pm), followed by two to three additional workdays for planting. ▪ They will create a flyer and invite volunteers, possibly through faculty outreach. ○ Partnerships and Training: ▪ Fellows have reconnected with StopWaste, which previously partnered with LPC. ▪ StopWaste is currently short-staffed but will assist later with educational workshops and technical training for compost sorting. ▪ A field trip to Davis Street and Fremont Transfer Stations is being planned for students and clubs to learn about landfill operations. ○ Reusable Container Program: ▪ The team is exploring ways to revive the reusable container initiative, addressing prior sanitation challenges. ○ Three-Stream Waste Bins: ▪ Efforts continue to expand compost/recycling/landfill bins on campus. ▪ Due to a pause on Altamont grant funds, the Fellows and Chabot-LPC Foundation are exploring alternative funding.	
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	▪ Maintenance and Operations is completing a campus-wide bin assessment (location, usage, and need in high-traffic areas) expected by week's end. ○ Next Steps: ▪ Complete the waste bin assessment and present findings to potential donors and the Foundation. ▪ Reestablish cafeteria composting and finalize staff training. ▪ Conduct hedgerow cleanup and planting events. ▪ Continue collaboration with StopWaste and explore funding for sustainability initiatives.	
6.	New Business <i>For discussion</i> • Linking Bike Trails with LPC and other Regional Parks (Gosselin) ○ Overview: ▪ Larry Gosselin, a local ranch owner and member of the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee, presented a proposal to develop regional trail connections linking Las Positas College (LPC) to surrounding areas and larger state and national trail networks. ○ Key Points: ▪ The proposed Las Positas Loop Trail (formerly the Collier Canyon–Doolin Canyon Loop Trail) would connect LPC to regional recreation and open space systems. ▪ The project builds on Measure D, a county initiative to enhance agricultural and conservation uses, now expanding to include integrated trail development for public recreation and rural access. ▪ The plan identifies four priority trail corridors in East Alameda County that would connect to: • Bethany Reservoir • Tesla Park (future) • South Bay Aqueduct • Las Positas College (serving as a central hub) ▪ These trails would link to state and national systems, including the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail and the California Riding and Hiking Trail, both of which intersect near the college. ○ Goals & Challenges: ▪ Address the trail development deficit in the Tri-Valley area, which lags behind other East Bay regions. ▪ Improve bicycle safety and connectivity between urban and rural zones (e.g., Collier Canyon Road). ▪ Recover unallocated funding (approx. \$110 million) originally intended for East County recreation infrastructure. ▪ Explore partnerships and funding sources, including mitigation funds and agency collaborations. ○ College Involvement: ▪ LPC has a seat on the Agricultural Advisory Committee (represented by Dr. Nan Ho). ▪ Gosselin encouraged the college to advocate for campus-linked trail priorities and collaborate with student	None

	groups interested in sustainability and transportation. ▪ Student government (via Rameen Ahmed) expressed interest in coordinating with the committee. ○ Next Steps: ▪ Gosselin will present the full trail integration proposal at the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting (scheduled for the following evening). ▪ He will share the meeting link and contact information for those interested in participating. ▪ Committee members will notify Dr. Nan Ho of the discussion and encourage continued college engagement. ● IER Request Form Support (Cearley) ○ Each fall, faculty submit requests for instructional equipment, which are reviewed by the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) for budgeting and prioritization. ○ The current IER form includes a question asking how requested equipment aligns with LPC sustainability efforts. ○ The sustainability guidance on the LPC website is minimal, providing little direction for faculty to evaluate if purchases are environmentally responsible (e.g., recyclable, reusable, long-lasting). ○ Daniel Cearley added references to the president’s sustainability value statement, board policy, and administrative policies, but acknowledges more concrete guidelines are needed. ○ Discussion emphasized the need to create a rubric or clear criteria for evaluating sustainability in purchases so that it has meaningful weight in the review process. ○ Currently, sustainability is treated as an “extra credit” question and is not formally included in the scoring rubric. ○ Committee members agreed that developing guidance and incorporating it into the rubric would help faculty make informed decisions and ensure the question has significance. ○ Next steps include gathering input from committee members and potentially assigning “homework” to draft sustainability guidelines for the webpage. ● Horticulture Improvements (Cornett) ○ Laura, who is off campus, is leading the effort to install a more solid door. Jean is unsure how far along Laura is in the process. The plan is to follow up with Laura for clarification. ● Bird Safe Windows (Farber) ○ The discussion focused on birds striking the south-facing windows on the east end of the 2100 building. Jennifer Farber noted that a bird is found dead outside these doors about once a month due to window reflections. VC Owen Letcher explained that common solutions include insect screens or patterned films on windows, but there is currently no plan to address this issue at existing buildings. John Seybert added that M&O staff have not reported it as a significant problem. The group agreed to monitor the situation, document incidents, and consider potential solutions in the future if bird strikes become frequent or severe.	
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7.	Updates <i>For information</i> • M&O (Seybert) ○ Solar energy: The college has partnered with a company for preventive maintenance and to improve photovoltaic energy production, with a detailed report expected in spring. ○ Building 2500: Interior damage from building heaving will be repaired; long-term solutions are still under consideration. ○ Building 4000: Roof leaks are being addressed. ○ Stair Art Project: Planned for completion over the holidays. ○ HVAC improvements: Ongoing in the 1600 building. ○ Vertical personnel lift (Building 2400): Consultant engaged to explore improvements. ○ Lot C Road Dip: Major repair planned during dry weather and school calendar break. ○ Speed Bumps: Some were repainted, but concerns remain about visibility; further assessment will be done. • District Facilities (Letcher) ○ The City of Livermore will be installing two deer crossing signs along Campus Hill Blvd. near LPC—one on city property and one on college property—to address deer-related incidents, particularly during dawn and dusk. The signs will be set back from the multi-use trail for safety and may include reflectors during certain times of year. ○ Committee members shared experiences with deer collisions, noting near misses and one incident where a student hit a deer, which had to be euthanized by police. They also discussed traffic concerns on the downhill slope, suggesting additional signage or speed monitoring. VC Owen Letcher mentioned that the city can deploy speed trailers if requested, and campus safety can enforce speed limits on college property. The group emphasized monitoring deer activity and traffic to improve safety. • Campus Construction & Bond Update (Kroll) ○ STEAM Project & Amphitheater: Includes the new STEAM building and amphitheater. DSA (Division of State Architect) comments were resubmitted in late September; feedback expected by mid-November. Amphitheater construction may start late November to mid-December, possibly over the Christmas break. ○ Building 600 (Journalism & Media): Move-in planned over winter break. Classrooms will be available in January. Exterior painting and punch list work are underway. ○ Athletics & Recreation: Addition of 16 pickleball courts, 6 beach volleyball courts, and a new soccer scoreboard is in progress. Next design meeting scheduled. ○ Building 1300: Architect hired; project board-approved. Will be renovated into a large lecture and event space with storage. ○ Building 1600: First-floor renovation for Guided Pathways, aligning with other support service areas, is in design. ○ Cafeteria Lighting: Planned for winter break; currently in servery phase. ○ Building 2500 (Gym): Acoustical panels and emergency lighting are being replaced. Panels ordered; work will begin soon. ○ Miscellaneous Projects: Minor furniture and renovation projects (Mesa Furniture, etc.) scheduled over Christmas break. ○ Main Science Building: Submitted to DSA in September; approval expected in 6+ months. Construction of vertical structure likely August 2026, still on track for 2028 completion.	None
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	○ Amphitheater Timeline: Current DSA schedule delays likely push approval to late December; full completion expected later than initially anticipated. ○ Overall, multiple campus construction and renovation projects are ongoing or upcoming, with some delays due to DSA review timelines, but all major projects remain on track for their long-term goals.	
8.	Good of the Order <i>For information</i> • Events ○ Mon., Oct. 28: Diwali Hindu Festival of Lights (Quad, 12pm-2pm) ○ Oct. 28-29: LPC Spookyfair: Club & Resource Fair (Quad, 11am-2pm) ○ Oct. 30-Nov. 1: The Rocky Horror Fall Show (Mertes Center, 7pm) ○ Wed., Nov. 5: El Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead Celebration (Quad, 11am-2pm) ○ Wed., Nov. 5: LPC Games (Mertes Center, 2:30pm-4:30pm) ○ Thurs., Nov. 6: Veterans Day Event (Mertes Center, 11:30am-1:30pm) ○ Thurs., Nov. 13: LLNL/LPC Seminar Series (Room 1011, 6pm-7:15pm) ○ Fri., Nov 14: ISC2 Fall Meeting (Building 2400, 8am-5pm) ○ Sat., Nov. 15: LPC Open House (10am-1pm) ○ Las Positas Event Calendar ○ Athletics Schedule ○ Theater Arts Schedule • Athletics Highlights: ○ Men's and women's soccer teams nationally ranked; upcoming home doubleheader: women vs. Foothill College at 4:00 PM, men vs. Cabrillo College at 6:30 PM. ○ Men's basketball scrimmage held; season starting soon. ○ Women's volleyball home game Wednesday; water polo teams active. • Chancellor's Luncheon Awards: This Thursday to honor employees; suggestion to move it to Friday for better attendance. • Meeting Schedule: ○ Discussion about November/December meeting dates due to Thanksgiving and winter break. ○ Next meeting confirmed for Monday, November 24th; no December meeting planned.	None
9.	Future Agenda Items <i>For discussion</i> • None	

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm

Next meeting: November 24, 2025

SUMMARY: POTENTIAL LINK TO FUTURE TRAILS LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

The purpose of this summary is to describe the progress of efforts to connect Las Positas College to a planned expansion of a local and regional trail system, and to invite the LPC community to engage with planning and advocacy.

Las Positas College sits within an area informally designated an “Untrailed Zone” by the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). Our research shows that as early as 1956 the state designated a multi-use trail to cross the Tri-Valley around the current grounds of Las Positas College. That plan was never implemented. Since then, trail development plans have expanded in the area, but not materialized despite the presence of two overlapping recreational districts, our county Recreation Plan, and a successful ballot measure passed 24 years ago that directed there be a North Livermore trail system.

Historical plans describe an extensive network of trails that can connect LPC to Dublin, Springtown, Pleasanton, then Livermore south of I-580. State recognized regional trail corridors, if implemented, could connect the college to Mt. Diablo, the Central Valley onto the Pacific Crest Trail, the arroyos south of I-580 and the entire SF Bay trails and bike path network. Although integrated trail and path systems are being developed in the cities and other rural areas of the east bay, they languish in the Murray Township Untrailed Zone that includes Las Positas College.

Fortunately, the AAC is working to define the lack of trails and provide solutions that can be implemented. Those solutions include two trails that are proximate to LPC. If implemented, the trails have the potential to add to the character of the college and create connectivity to a trail network that extends nationally.

The Collier Canyon - Doolan Canyon Loop Trail, or potentially renamed the Las Positas Loop Trail is adjacent to LPC. Funds to purchase easements are in escrow but EBRPD is considering rejecting those funds and delaying public access to Doolan Preserve. This loop is planned to:

- begin at the west entrance of LPC,
- travel north on an upgraded Collier Canyon Road shoulder ~2.5 miles,
- travel east across a private ranch to Doolan Preserve,
- travel to the south-east access of Doolan Preserve at Doolan Road,
- continue south on Doolan Rd to bifurcate at the Crosby property
 - one branch will continue adjacent to Doolan Rd to N. Canyon Parkway to return to the college, or head west to Dublin,
 - one branch can proceed parallel to Cottonwood Creek before crossing 580 to the south to access trails that travel east-west along the arroyos.
- Link to the State Parks Trail Corridor being investigated by Supervisor Haubert’s office and the AAC.

California Trail Corridors is a program administered by the California State Parks. State Parks contributes various types of support and guidelines to local trail agencies and organizations to create a primary trail structure that can connect to local trails forming a statewide trail system that links communities to recreational, educational, agricultural, cultural, business, and natural resources throughout the state and beyond.

The Bay Area already has several California Trail Corridors. The following three are either already planned, or can be extended to the area of Las Positas College:

- the California Riding and Hiking Trail (CRHT) which passes close to LPC and the Doolan Preserve with the potential to connect north to Mt. Diablo, and to the arroyos south of I-580 via the Las Positas College Loop Trail. The CRHT was never developed in Alameda County despite being represented in the county general plan and there being development in Contra Costa County. The undeveloped trail has fallen victim to the phenomena of the Murray Township Untrailed Zone
- The Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MC2Ct) is a corridor that currently passes through Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Calaveras counties. Stakeholders and officials from Calaveras County learned of the progress of the AAC with trails development and requested we become involved with the MC2Ct. This trail has been extensively developed in Contra Costa County but is blocked by the Murray Township Untrailed Zone that surrounds LPC. The support of a trail coordinator is necessary to include Alameda County.
- The American Discovery Trail also serves Contra Costa County while bypassing the Murray Township Untrailed Zone. The support of a trail coordinator is necessary to include Alameda County.

Lack of advocacy is one reason the Murray Township Untrailed Zone exists while other East Bay Regional Park District wards have extensive local, regional, and national trail connectivity. Although the AAC will propose policy to cure the curse of the Murray Township Untrailed Zone, it will be advocacy by citizens that has the greatest impact.

Biking to Las Positas College

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Political Science – Student Work Study

- Joanna Tice Jen, Ph.D. jtjen@laspositascollege.edu
Dr. Jen is a trail runner.

The attached graphics to inform you of the status of trails around LPC.

- 1) Current East Bay Regional Park District map showing the location of Las Positas College in the "Murray Township Untrailed Zone."
- 2) A Map from a 1951 article showing the proposed California Riding and Hiking Trail
- 3) The map from the Alameda County 1956 Recreation Plan also showing the proposed California Riding and Hiking Trail
- 4) A draft diagram of the Las Positas Loop Trail

Next Steps

- 1) Outreach to LPC student and faculty trail users.
- 2) Outreach to residents of the LPC Loop Trail
- 3) Inform and request direction from elected officials.
- 4) Inform and request direction from staff members of appropriate jurisdictions.

**FIGURE 3-12: TRAIL NETWORK
AAC UPDATED**

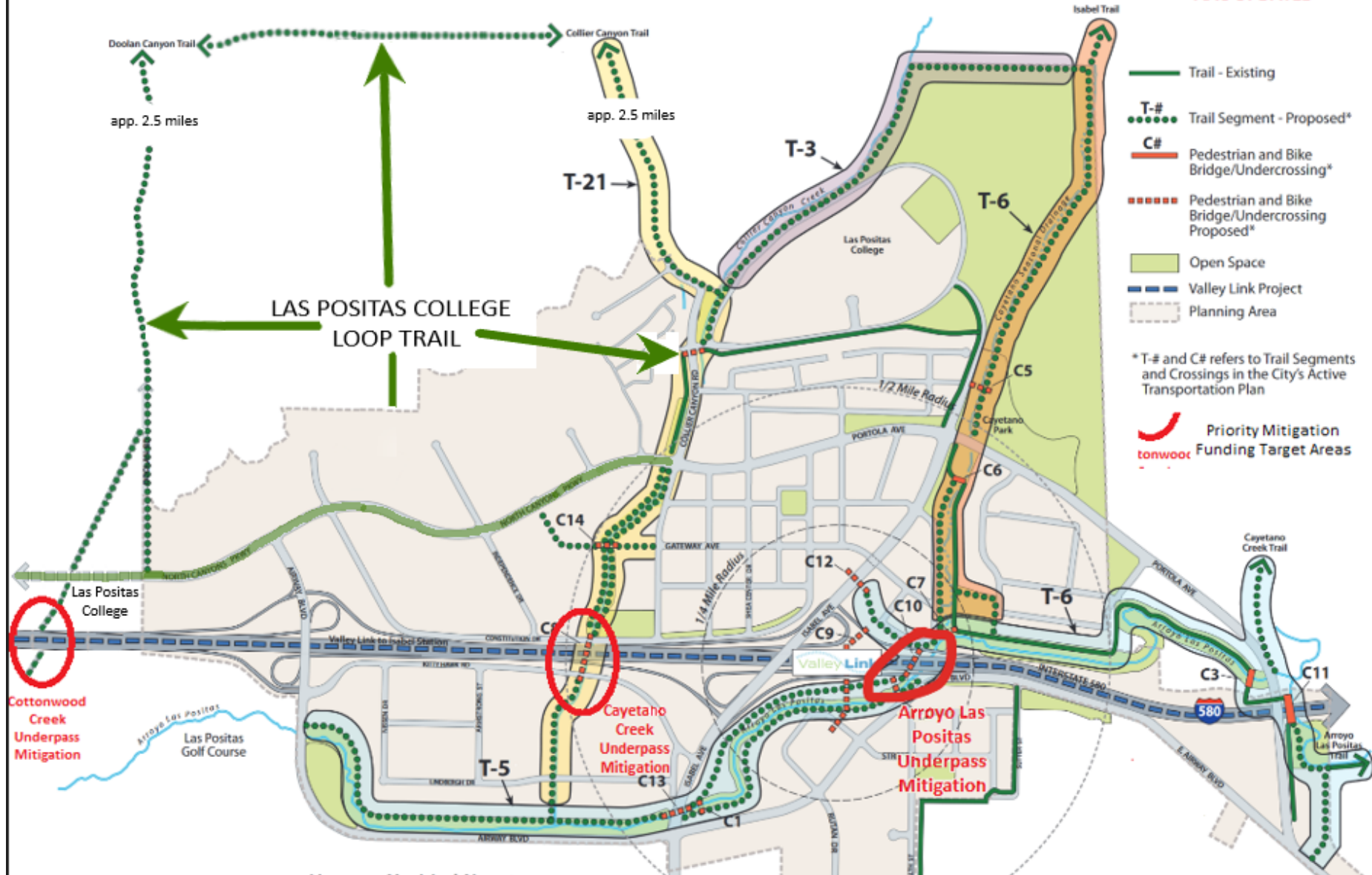
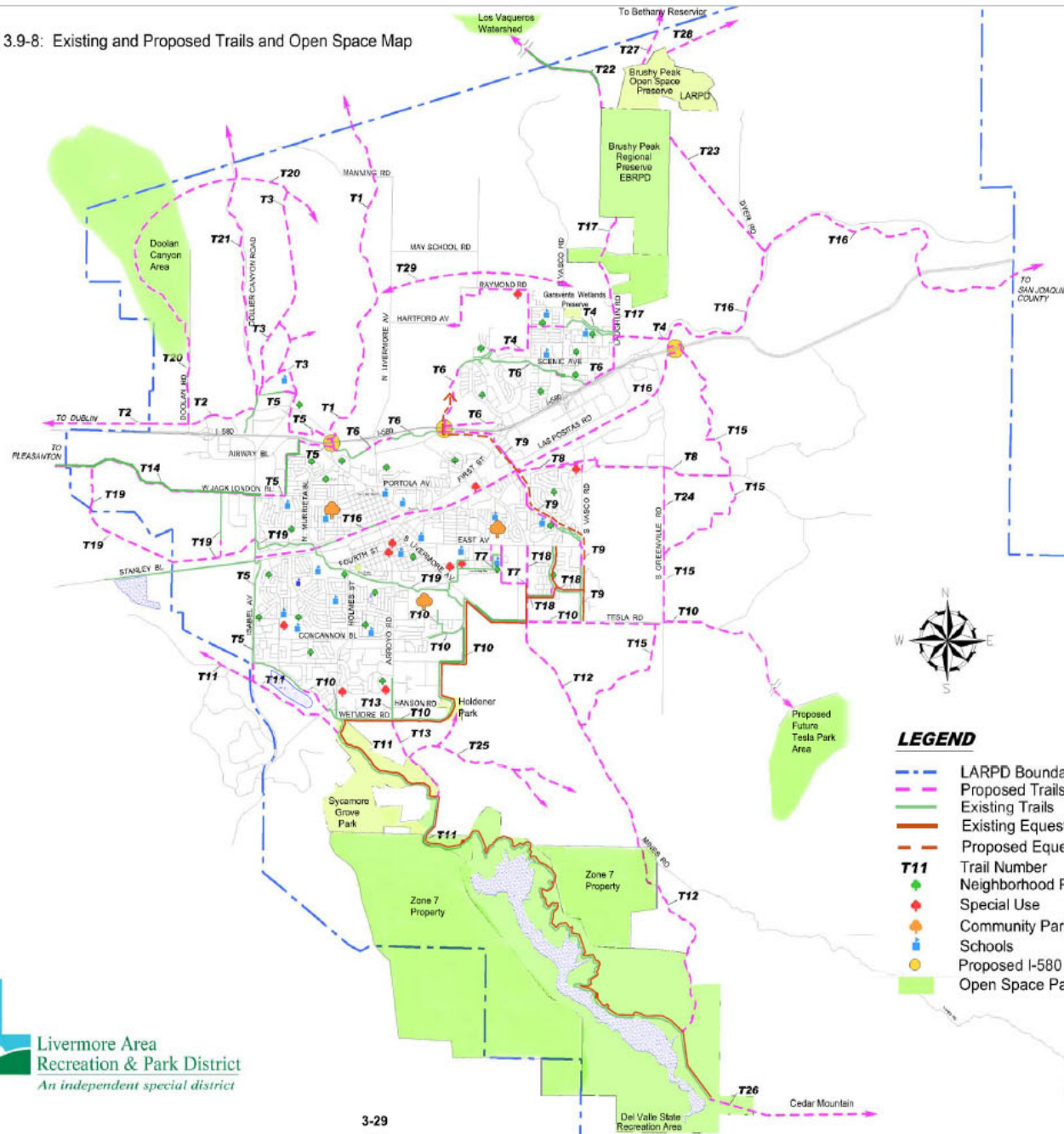


Exhibit 3.9-8: Existing and Proposed Trails and Open Space Map



Trail Name/Number

- T1 Cayetano Creek Trail
- T2 North Canyons Parkway Trail
- T3 College Trail
- T4 Altamont Creek Trail
- T5 Isabel Trail
- T6 Arroyo Las Positas Trail
- T7 Civic Center Trail
- T8 Patterson Pass Trail
- T9 Arroyo Seco Trail
- T10 South Livermore Valley Trail
- T11 Shadow Cliffs to del Valle Regional Trail
- T12 Mines Road Trail
- T13 Arroyo Road Trail
- T14 Jack London Trail
- T15 South Bay Aqueduct Trail
- T16 Iron Horse Trail
- T17 Laughlin Road Trail
- T18 Dunsmuir Trail
- T19 Arroyo Mocho/El Charro Road Trail
- T20 Doolan Canyon Trail
- T21 Collier Canyon Trail
- T22 Brushy Peak to Los Vaqueros Trail
- T23 Brushy Peak Connector Trail
- T24 Greenville Road Trail
- T25 Dry Creek Trail
- T26 Cedar Mountain Trail
- T27 Brushy Peak to Brentwood Trail
- T28 Brushy Peak to Bethany Reservoir Trail
- T29 North Livermore Connector Trail

LEGEND

- LARPD Boundary
- - - Proposed Trails
- Existing Trails
- Existing Equestrian Trail
- - - Proposed Equestrian Trail
- T11** Trail Number
- Neighborhood Parks
- ◆ Special Use
- ◆ Community Parks
- Schools
- Proposed I-580 Trail Crossing
- Open Space Parks

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

EXISTING AND PROPOSED TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MAP

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