



PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) supports the general plan for the development of “South Park”, the general plan and design for the initial sections of multi-use trails, and the general plan and design for the future complete development of the park. The PAC also supports identifying sufficient funds soon to complete the entire park.

During the PAC's October 11 meeting, PAC members and County staff discussed potential conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists on trails through the park, especially where new trails and a water overlook cross Four Mile Run (4MR) Trail, where pedestrians and cyclists are already in conflict. The PAC talked about how to prevent these conflicts, the need to monitor behavior when the new paths are open, and the need to resolve any conflicts that may arise. Suggestions included broadening landings that intersect with 4MR Trail, wayfinding signs/maps and share-the-road/speed limits/caution pedestrian crossing signs – using graphics, PAL signage, Spanish, and signs on trail itself. A visitor to our meeting suggested using half dome mats at various path intersections to alert visitors with vision disabilities to turns – and also serving as a speed bump for cyclists.

The PAC congratulates the design team, including staff, on working closely with such a diverse group of stakeholders and small space to design the park to meet so many needs, including commuting cyclists, dog owners, playing children, and park visitors enjoying the local history, flora, and fauna of the restored 4MR. The paths through this new park will provide vital links to the many trails and neighborhoods in this area for pedestrians of all ages and abilities who will walk, run, stroll, and roll through it. We look forward to enjoying this new park!

Sincerely

Pamela Van Hine
Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Chair

CC: B. Heim, Pedestrian Advisory Committee members and staff, County Board, Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair, Transportation Commission Chair, Energy and Environmental Conservation Commission Chair,