



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS AND SUSTAINABILITY

MEETING DATE: 08/03/2026

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: August 03, 2026
TO: Parks and Sustainability Commission
FROM: Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Receive a Report from Mid-Peninsula Open Space Authority Staff Regarding Proposed Trailhead Parking on Kennedy Road

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a Report from Mid-Peninsula Open Space Authority Staff Regarding Proposed Trailhead Parking on Kennedy Road

COMMENTS:

MidPeninsula Open Space Authority (Midpen) is planning improvements to parking along Kennedy Road near Top of the Hill Road. A description of the project is included in Attachment 1. Preliminary concept plans are included in Attachment 2. Midpen staff will present the project concept to the Parks and Sustainability Commission and invite comments and questions.

Attachments:

1. Kennedy Trailhead Parking Area Description
2. Kennedy Trailhead Parking Area Concept

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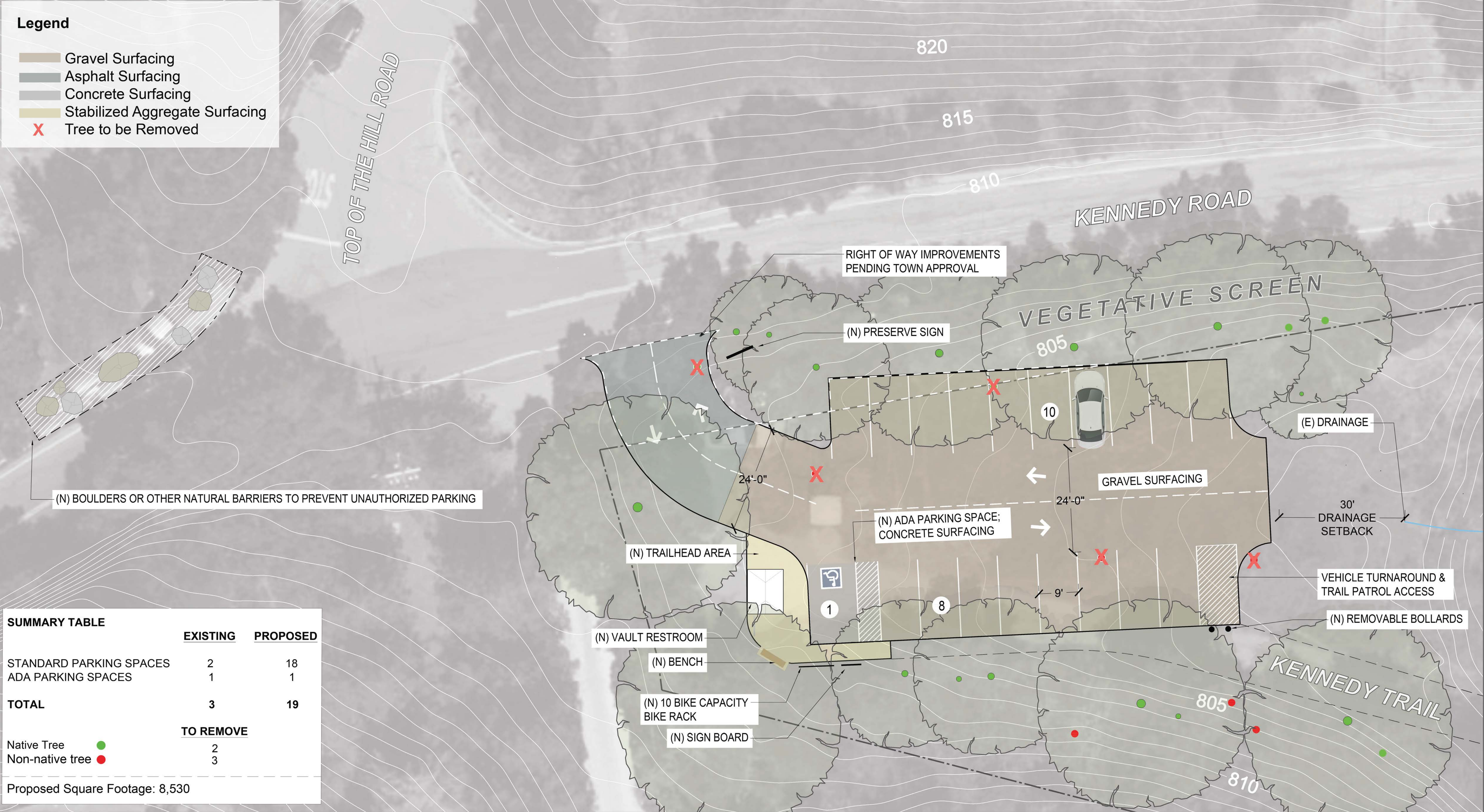
Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Kennedy Trailhead Parking Area Improvement Project Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve

The Kennedy Trailhead Parking Area Improvement Project (Project) intends to enhance Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and increase parking capacity at the existing Kennedy Trailhead located at the intersection of Kennedy Road and Top of the Hill Road in Los Gatos. This trailhead provides public access to the Kennedy-Limekiln area of the Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve and parking demand regularly exceeds the current capacity of the site.

In 2026 Midpen staff held an open house at the site and conducted an online survey to gather feedback from the local community about the project. This feedback has informed the development of a conceptual design plan for the project that will expand parking, address ADA barriers, and provide additional trailhead amenities, including a vault restroom, signboards, seating, and interpretive elements (Attachment 1).

This conceptual design plan for the project was accepted by Midpen's Board of Directors on June 10, 2026, and staff are now proceeding with technical studies to inform the design development process. The site improvements are currently anticipated to be implemented in 2028-2029, upon completion of final design, permitting, and environmental review.



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SCALE: 1"=10'-0"

DATE: 6/4/26

KENNEDY TRAIL PARKING AREA PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN