

## **Walking Path Alternatives – East Sutter Creek**

The City Council has directed the Planning Commission and the Broadmeadows Developer to explore various ways to provide a walking/bicycle path from the eastern subdivisions (Sutter Crest, Sutter Crest Manor, Golden Hills Units 1 and 2, and Broadmeadows) to the Downtown Area.

Five possible routes have been identified and explored:

### **1. Reconstruction of Gopher Flat Road**

This alternative would require reconstructing Gopher Flat Road between Cole Street on the west to the west end of Sutter Crest Manor; a distance of approximately 2,900 feet (0.55 miles).

This would be the most expensive option, possibly requiring additional right-of-way; as well as storm drainage and shoulder improvements, including sidewalks. The residents of Broadmeadows would contribute approximately \$65,600 from traffic impact fees at the time of building permit issuance.

It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Engineer to prepare preliminary drawings and cost estimates for this alternative. Engineering costs would be paid for from the existing Gopher Flat Road Traffic Impact Fund.

### **2. Powder House Estates Property**

This option would establish a walking/bicycle path from the west end of Sutter Creek West street to Randolph Street on property owned by the Jackson Rancheria.

The City Manager met with Tribal representatives, who indicated that they are not interested in allowing a pathway across their property.

There are three options for the development of a walking/bicycle path from locations in the Sutter Crest and Golden Hills Subdivisions. These options are shown on the attached map and aerial photo, and are as follows:

3. Extension of Golden Hills Drive

This route would extend south from the end of Golden Hills Drive through the Trafalgar property; then west through the Sipes property to the east end of Eureka Street.

This route would require property owner permission, as well as some grading work on Trafalgar; and pathway development on the Sipes property which is flat and parallels the creek. This path however, is located near the eastern boundary of the City and would not serve residents of Sutter Crest very well.

4. Ridgecrest Court

Extending from the southern terminus of Ridgecrest Court, the pathway would cross property owned by Scott and Jana Harvey, and traverse the hill on Trafalgar property to the east end of the Sipes Property.

Development of the route has been established by Ridgecrest Court property owners; but would require property owner permission, as well as additional grading and path development.

5. Sutter Crest Pump Station Easement

This final option would utilize the existing easement on a graveled access to the Sutter Crest Subdivision Wastewater Pump Station. The entrance is located on the south side of Sutter Crest West street between 254 and 264 Sutter Crest West.

From the pumping station, the path would traverse to the southwest along the back property of 301 Eureka Street to link up with Eureka Street. Again, property owner permission would be required, but this option appears to be the most feasible route and is centrally located to serve the neighborhood.

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