Introduction
The City of Suisun City implemented a three-week virtual community workshop for the McCoy Creek Trail Phase II Project to engage with community members in the Suisun City region. The virtual workshop was open to the public from Thursday, November 5, 2020 to Thursday, November 26, 2020. The project team received 152 responses from community members.

Background
The second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail will provide a 3/4-mile extension of this multi-use paved path along McCoy Creek from Pintail Drive to Blossom Avenue.

The 10-foot wide concrete trail will extend the completed first phase which runs from the Central County Bikeway adjacent to Highway 12 along McCoy Creek to Pintail Drive. It will include a pedestrian/bicycle bridge and potential projects amenities may include shade structures, wayfinding and educational kiosk signs, and mid-block crossing safety improvements. The trail segment will include three mid-block crossings at Blossom Avenue, Worley Road, and Pintail Drive. The City plans to install pedestrian safety improvements at these crossings such as high-visibility crosswalks, lighting, curb extensions, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and/or speed tables.

Methodology
The virtual workshop consisted of 13 questions focusing on:
- Current use of the trail
- Anticipated use on the future trail segment
- Preferred modes of transportation on the future trail segment
- Access points
- Amenities
- Benefits and challenges

The workshop included a short informational video which introduced the project, provided an overview of its objectives and planned alignment, and shared precedent imagery of potential amenities that could be included.
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Key Findings & Results

Nearly half of workshop participants (45%) were between the ages of 30 and 44, and a third were between the ages of 45 and 64 (32%). 86% of the workshop participants were Suisun City residents while 14% of participants were visitors. Overall, participants agreed that this trail extension project will contribute to improved community health and well-being. These findings demonstrate how the trail provides diverse uses such as running errands and access to the natural environment. Suisun City residents understand the variety of benefits a paved multi-use trail can provide from a recreational and transportation-related perspective. Participants of the virtual community workshop preferred to see amenities on the trail that celebrate the natural environment such as trees and habitat enhancements. When asked how they will use the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail, participants stated that the trail would be used for recreational purposes. Only 3% of participants did not want to use the trail due to concerns of homelessness and safety. Below is a summary of key findings from community responses to the workshop. A full list of all comments is available in this document’s Appendix.

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Question 1: How often do you currently use the McCoy Creek Trail (phase 1)?

Key Findings: The results of Question 1 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents do not use the trail, and when they do, it is infrequent. Among the most selected options were "I do not currently use the McCoy Creek Trail (38%)" and "Once a month" (19%).
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**Question 2:** What mode of transportation would you want to use on future trails in Suisun?

**Key Findings:** The results of Question 2 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents would rather walk and bike on trails instead of using scooters, rollerblades, and assistive mobility devices. Among the most selected options were "Walk" (34%) and "Bike" (30%).

**Question 3:** When the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail is built, how do you see yourself using it?

**Key Findings:** The results of Question 3 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents would use Phase II of the McCoy Creek Trail for recreational purposes rather than traveling to community destinations such as work or school. Among the most selected options were "Getting exercise" (54%) and "Walking my dog" (27%).
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Question 4: Where do you anticipate you will access this new segment of the McCoy Creek Trail?

Key Findings: Respondents taking the virtual community workshop were asked about where they will access the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail. Among the most selected options were “Pintail Drive” (67%) and “Blossom Avenue” (14%). The results of Question 4 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents can access the trail through Pintail Drive and Blossom Avenue rather than the other access points.
Question 5: This phase of the McCoy Creek Trail will include trash cans, dog waste stations, and other amenities to create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all. Which other amenities would you like to see along the extended paved multi-use McCoy Creek Trail? Select your top three choices.

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**Key Findings:** Respondents taking the virtual community workshop were asked about what amenities they would like to see along the McCoy Creek Trail. Among the most selected options were "Trees" (19%), "Exercise equipment stations” (13%), and “Habitat enhancements” (13%). The results of Question 5 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents would prefer amenities that benefit their health and well-being.
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Question 6: Have a specific idea in mind?
Upload a photo of an amenity you’d like to see along the McCoy Creek Trail.

Key Findings: Community members suggested having a bike repair on the trail along with drinking fountains, indicating the need for a rest stop and place to fix mobility issues on the McCoy Creek Trail.
Question 7: What do you think are the benefits or opportunities in extending the paved multi-use trail along McCoy Creek?

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**Question 8:** What are some concerns you may have about this extended paved multi-use trail along McCoy Creek?

- **Public safety** (65%)  
- **I don't have any concerns** (24%)  
- **More people in the area** (11%)

**Key Findings:** Respondents taking the virtual community workshop were asked about their concerns about the McCoy Creek Trail. Among the most selected options were "Public safety" (64%). The results of Question 8 reflected that the majority of Suisun City residents believe that public safety on the trail will raise issues in the future.

**Demographics**

**Question 9:** What is your age?

**Key Findings:** The majority of Suisun City residents that participated in the virtual community workshop were between the ages of 30 and 44 (45%). The second highest age group was between the ages of 45 and 64 (32%).
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**Question 10: I am a...**

**Key Findings:** The majority of the community members that participated in the virtual community workshop were from Suisun City (86%), while 14% were visitors.

**Question 11: If you are a visitor, where are you from?**
The majority of visitors that participated in the virtual community workshop were from Fairfield, Vacaville, Sacramento, and Kennesaw.

**Question 12: Do you have any other comments or questions about the McCoy Creek Trail Phase 2 Project?**

**Key Findings:** Community member comments reflected their concerns of homeless encampments on the trail. In addition, lighting in the entry points and throughout the McCoy Creek Trail was also addressed. Many comments reflected the need for trails to connect from Suisun to Fairfield. Other comments noted how public safety needs to be addressed on the trail, in regard to increasing police presence. Respondents showed enthusiastic support of extending the McCoy Creek Trail.
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Building Awareness
The overall virtual workshop effort included a public information campaign to build awareness about the project and the City of Suisun City’s goal to create a paved trail network. The project team implemented a variety of strategies to reach the community at large and inform them about the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail and the virtual workshop. The project team reached more than 3,600 community members in the Suisun and Fairfield area through the strategies described below.

Community Partnerships
Seventy-five stakeholders received personal calls and emails asking them to share information about the virtual workshop and project with their organization through their existing communication links, including e-newsletters and social media.

The following organizations shared information:
- Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Committee – Social media and e-newsletter
- Suisun Resource Conservation District – Website
- Suisun City Public Works – Social media
- Suisun City Parks and Recreation – Social media
- Dan O. Root II Health and Wellness Academy – E-mail newsletter
- Ray’s Cycle Shop – Social media
- Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Social media
- Solano Mobility – Social media
- Crescent Elementary School – Family bulletin e-mail
- Solano Land Trust – E-mail newsletter
- Casa de Suisun Senior Apartments – E-mail newsletter
- Suisun City Historic Waterfront Business Improvement District – E-mail newsletter

Earned Media
A media release about the McCoy Creek Trail—Phase 2 workshop was sent to local and regional media outlets. The Daily Republic and Vallejo Times Herald published articles about the project workshop.

Digital Content Distribution
Emails were sent to 190 community members within the Suisun City and Fairfield region twice with information about the virtual workshop and project, and a call to action.
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Social Media Groups  
The AIM team has joined and posted in the following Facebook Groups to build awareness about the project and encourage participation:

- Suisun City Moms
- Solano County Mommies
- Suisun Community Happenings
- Suisun City News
- Fairfield, Suisun Crime, and Community Info
- Suisun City Residents Civic Forum
- Solano County what's going on in your community
- Suisun Community Info and Tips
- What's happening in Solano County
- Solano County Information
- What's Going On In Solano County?
- Solano County Awareness/News
- Suisun City Dog Park
- Suisun City Rocks!
- Suisun City Community Clean Team
- Things To Do Solano County

Social Media Targeted Advertisements  
The following social media analytics include reach, post engagement, and link clicks. Reach refers to the total number of people who have viewed the social media advertisement. Post engagement includes all actions that people take involving ads while they are running. Post engagements can include actions such as reacting to, commenting on or sharing the ad, claiming an offer, viewing a photo or video, or clicking.
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**Signage**  
Approximately 22 h-stake signs were placed around Suisun at key activity centers and the existing McCoy Creek Trail to catch community members’ attention and encourage them to visit the virtual workshop. Eleven of the signs were in English and the other eleven were developed in Spanish.

**H-Stake locations include:**
- Montebello Vista Park
- Lawler Falls Park
- Lawler Ranch Park
- Patriot Park Charleston St.
- Quail Glen Park
- Carl E Hall Park
- Heritage Park
- Opening of the McCoy Creek Trail (Phase 1)
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Other comments:
• Skateboard
• Roller skate
• Skateboard
• Golf cart
• Roller Skates
• Long board
• Wheelchair accessibility
• None

When the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail is built, how do you see yourself using it?
Other comments:
• Recreational use
• Enjoying nature: birdwatching etc. along the creek
• Fresh air and nature
• Birdwatching
• Adding exercise to shopping
• Running errands
• Be too afraid to use it due to the homeless

What do you think are the benefits or opportunities in extending the paved multi-use trail along McCoy Creek?
Other comments:
• This will not protect the wildlife that come to the creek. Nor will it build appreciation of the wildlife or plants in the area. This will be overrun by the homeless.
• Sound walls where the trail backs up to private properties
• I don’t see it benefiting the city of Suisun city at this time. It is just another area for homeless to be able to sleep make it dirty and steal stuff from people's houses.
• Make sure there is plenty of lighting

What are some concerns you may have about this extended paved multi-use trail along McCoy Creek?
• My backyard will backup to up to the trail. I am worried about future issues due to people being there drinking, drugs, homeless, etc.
• Homeless camping out
• Homeless encampments running along the trail. Examples are along the paths around Fairfield and the path near the water tank on the way to the marina
• Too many homeless, I don’t feel safe
• People with loose dogs and no leash. The county wont take action and 1M Americans are bitten each year according to the US Veterinarian Association.
• Unsure how the homeless population will affect these areas.
• Homeless encampments.
• Homeless people camping behind my house. Thieves looking through my fence invading my privacy and looking for opportunities.
• Homeless camps
• Homeless
• Wesley Ave is a short street and should cancel that access and the street is in need of repair
• Homeless
• Very dangerous, rocks, goat heads, fast cars/speeding
• As someone who lives in the area with the trail right behind our house, I would be nervous in case there are homeless people that could potentially start fires or cause damage to our house.
• Homelessness and drug addicts
• Litter removal and landscape maintenance. Current trail is a MESS!
• Homelessness
• Homeless encampments
• More trash in the creek area.
• More homeless to the field behind our homes and with our budget issues this isn't a priority
• Prohibit dogs. I'm tired of walking thru a dog latrine and being threatened by unruly dogs and their irresponsible owners.
• I really love the idea but I’m still concerned about homelessness!
• Maybe it will attract homeless people unless Suisun City addresses the homeless crisis.
• What will the city do proactively to make sure it doesn't turn into a homeless encampment magnet
• Homeless people using seating too much and/or making camps
• WATER to drink
• Homeless trying to live near path
• Regular trash pick up
• Homeless
• Transient encroachments
• Homeless encampment
• Homeless camps
• Homeless finding area on path to camp out
• Homeless encampments, illegal dumping, and garbage going into the creek, crime affecting homeowners living along the trail
• Homeless people
• Homeless individuals using the area to set up camp... it already happens along portions of Fairfield’s Linear Park Trail.

If you are a visitor, what city are you from?
• Fairfield
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• Fairfield
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• Fairfield
• Fairfield
• Kennesaw
• Sacramento
• Suisun
• Suisun City
• Suisun City
Do you have any other comments or questions about the McCoy Creek Trail Phase 2 Project?

- Will the trail be patrolled regularly? Do you have comments from the residents from phase 1 that have their backyards backing up to the trail?
- Great start!
- This trail needs so much attention. Please clean up after your pets people and city should require fencing be secure as pets are breaking loose due to poor management. I am in fear at times when I walk this
- Good work
- Excited for this! Would love to have my Girl Scout troop be able to help with wildlife habitats and signage.
- Provide lights at least on entry point
- We are so happy you are doing this. Thank you
- Put the pavement down along with basic amenities such as trees. Avoid cute improvements that will require maintenance. Be very cautious about making the the park conducive to campers.
- Not leading to Downtown Suisun
- Will this trail be frequently monitored so encampments aren’t going to be built along them next to residents fences.
- Would be nice to have lighting along the trails if possible for months that the sun sets at 5pm in case people are using the trail to travel to and from work.
- Excited to have this extension!
- A restroom along the way.
- Please redirect the grant money to use to put in speed bumps on the existing streets so that our children can walk to school without cars speeding in excess of 50 miles an hour driving by them. Use the grant money to clean up the neighborhood of homeless instead of giving them more areas for them to dump this trash. I am very concerned about my property and person being safe.
- Dirt jogging trails beside cement trails.
- More people as they advance in age will be walking, usually early morning or late afternoon, especially in summer.
- Phase one doesn’t look very nice. Why should I believe phase 2 will be different.
- I would enjoy bat and owl houses
- I think this is a great idea!
I checked "Public Safety" because I would like to feel and be safe when using the trail. I would welcome more people using the trail. One can feel vulnerable when alone on it. A public notice AND the reality of police coming through on bikes at irregular intervals would be a good idea, but our little police force is already understaffed....

I would like City of Suisun City to do more to solicit public comment earlier in the planning process. It's great to ask for comments now that Phase 2 has already been prioritized and funded. But was this actually the project that Suisun residents wanted? Would the same money have met residents' needs better if used to create cheaper-and-longer bike lanes along existing roads? As a hypothetical example, along Railroad Ave east of Sunset? I don't know the answer. But let's have that discussion before moving on to Phase 3. Separate issue: public safety. During a recent "Listening Circle" sponsored by Sustainable Solano, several residents expressed hesitation about using the Phase 1 trail for fear of being accosted by homeless people camping along McCoy Creek. Again, I don't know the solution, but this public perception needs to be discussed/addressed. Do we need well-publicized "family bike hours"? Video cameras? Or perhaps the fear is simply unrealistic?

Not this project but the trail along the south side of 12 looks so inviting and beautiful but there is no place for visitors to park if they want to use it.

We do not need Wesley Ave to be an access point as the street is a short one and needs repair as it is coming apart (broken up blacktop.)

This is not going to help us with this budget that we are dealing with at this moment. I do not think this is the right time to be worrying about a bike path when we have a homeless situation we can't control look at the Main Street off-ramp exit 30 acre lot I could keep going.

Please take safety into consideration. Cars always speed 25mph+. Rocks hit bike riders as cars pass, debris from city maintenance always leaves goat heads on path causing flat tires. I experience at least one flat tire every two weeks. It gets expensive.

Please add water fountains and possibly a dog bowl at the base of the fountain

As someone who would be living with the trail behind their house, I would like some kind of wall or soundproofing done around our backyard fence because we don’t want to be disturbed by all of the newly added noises and a higher population of people around our house, which could be at any time of the day, interrupting our schedules and privacy.

I would love some trash cans on the trail that would be nice

Keep CLEAN

Now is not the time to get more people using the same space outside

This trail system will be great as long as it doesn't become a trail for homeless to live and move from Fairfield to Suisun. The public safety aspect is important not only because of crime and blight but also the fire danger created by careless and purposeful homeless fires.

Please if you do this project keep in mind that everyone has small children. I personally don’t have nothing against homeless but they can be dangerous. Are they gonna be
Police patrolling the area? Are they gonna be lights? Are you guys still gonna work hard and keep homelessness away from the city. Thank you

- Can't wait for this to be implemented!
- It is about time. Fairfield has had that for DECADES & we have used theirs.
- trash cans for pickup after dogs
- thank you for asking the public users
- drinking water access
- Where is a good place to park, to be able to walk it?
- The possibility of homeless will squat in this area. How can we assure that this safe is always clean and safe to all residents/visitors? Suggest to have videocams and lightposts in this trail too.
- Concern with it being taken over by homeless and impacts in households that back up to the trail
- More trash and recycling cans would be useful
- So excited! I’ve always wished that the current trail between Pintail Dr. and the main pathway along Hwy. 12 would loop to the Other side so you could have a continuous loop of exercise.
- Please do not allow homeless to camp on in or by trails
- Include how the city plans on addressing the homeless and the insane persons on the trail in the plan.
- I Would Love to See More Bicycle & Walking Trails in Our Area But Our Homeless Population is a Real Problem and People DO NOT FEEL SAFE!!!!
- Although I check the “don’t see myself using it” answer above, I don’t want to give the impression that I’m not all for an increased trail system in Solano County. I AM! I’m an avid cyclist that regularly rides 20 miles at a time. The short distance of this particular trail just doesn’t fit into my regular training plan. Now, if this trail (phase 3) could extend further north and connect into the existing trail system in Fairfield (and beyond) that would be exciting. We do not want Wesley Ave as an entrance. We also would like a sound wall where it backs up to homes.
- I think its great to have more trails, i would use it to ride bikes from fairfield to suisun to visit family.
The City of Suisun City is planning for the second phase of the McCoy Creek Trail, which will provide a ¾-mile multi-use paved path along McCoy Creek from Pintail Drive to Laurel Creek. The 10-foot wide concrete trail will extend the completed first phase, which is located between the Central County Bikeway and Pintail Drive. It will include a pedestrian / bicycle bridge, shade structures, wayfinding, educational kiosk signs, and lighting.

Give your input online now through November 26 at: www.McCoyTrail.com

COMMENT ON:
- current & future trail use
- trail access & connections
- future trail amenities
- challenges & opportunities of extending the paved trail

Questions? Contact Romi Pal at sromipal@aimconsultingco.com or (916) 442-1168.
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