

# General Plan Amendment

## Master Path Map Update

File #318-15-MISC

# Pathways Element

- ❖ One of eight elements of the General Plan
- ❖ Adopted April 8, 2008
- ❖ Pathway system is a work in progress
- ❖ Includes Master Path Map

## Goal 4

*Maintain and implement the Master Path Plan to ensure development of the Town's Pathways system*



# Pathways Element Goals

Goal 1 – *Develop and maintain a safe, convenient pathway system that allows non-vehicular travel throughout Town, meets recreational needs of residents, and provides regional connections.*

Goal 2 – *Develop and maintain a system of roadside paths adjacent to public and private streets.*

Goal 3 – *Develop and maintain a system of off-road paths that provide connections between neighborhoods and direct routes to schools and open space preserves.*

# Purpose of Pathways

- ❖ Functions provided by the Town's pathway system:
  - Circulation throughout the community
  - Safe access and emergency routes
  - Outdoor recreation/fitness
  - Preservation of open character

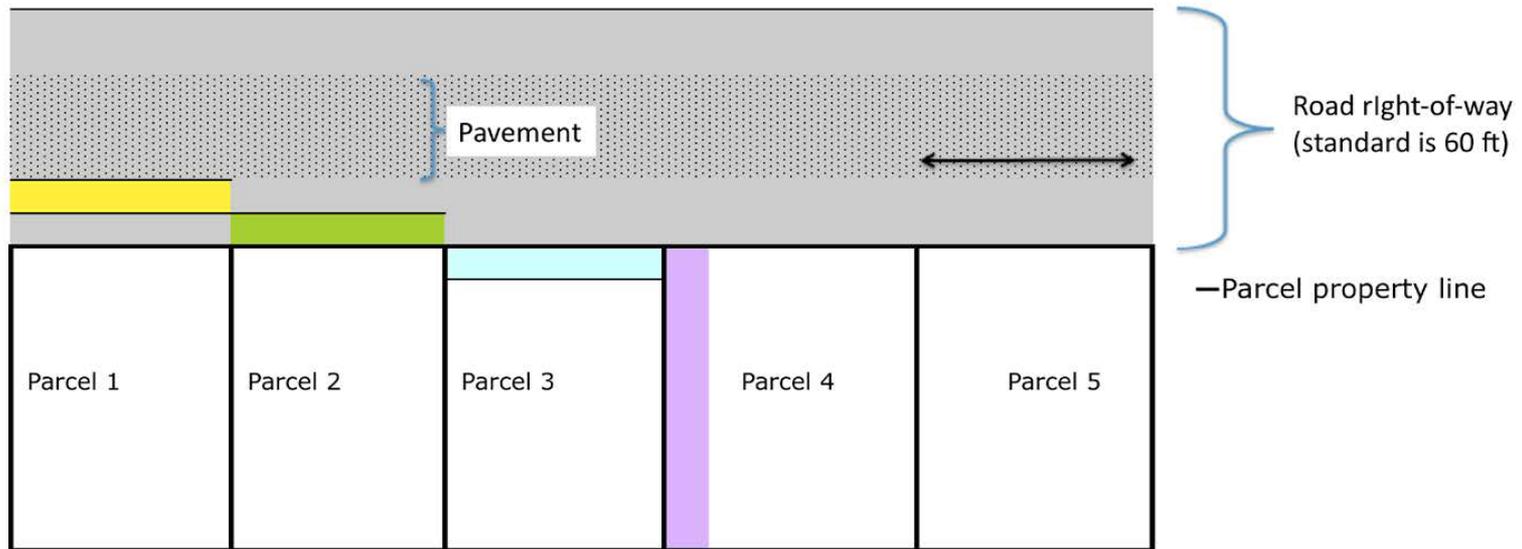


# Types of Pathways

- ❖ Roadside – usually type 2B, sometimes native
- ❖ Off-road – usually native



# Types of Pathways



## Roadside Paths

-  Pathway in road right-of-way adjacent to the pavement
-  Pathway in road right-of-way separated from the road pavement
-  Pathway in dedicated pathway easement on private property

## Off-road Path

-  Off-road path (generally located along property line)

## Access over the road pavement (requires no path to be built)

-  Public road: No easement required to allow public access over the road
- Private road: Easement required to allow public access over the road

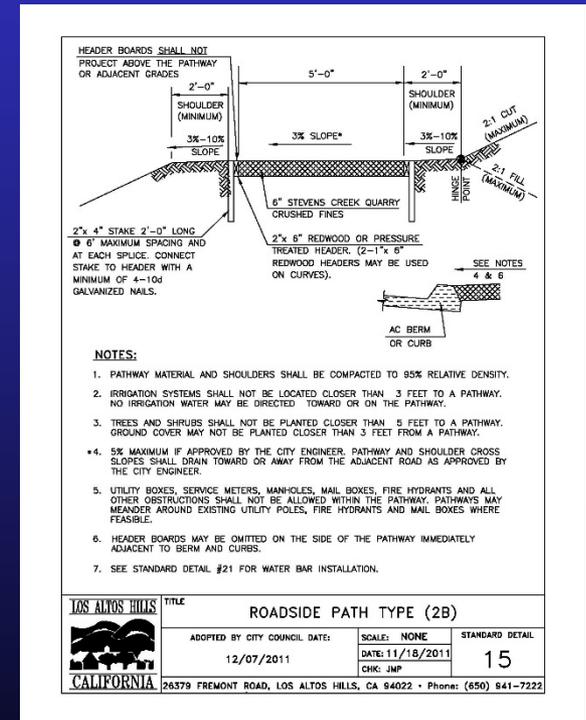
# Pathway Construction and Fees

## ❖ Properties evaluated at time of subdivision and site development

- New residence
- Addition(s) totaling 900 square feet or more
- New second unit
- New barn or stable 900 square feet or larger

## ❖ PWC recommendation

- Grant pathway easement(s)
- Grant easement and install path
- Install type 2B path in R-O-W
- Restore existing path
- Pay pathway fee



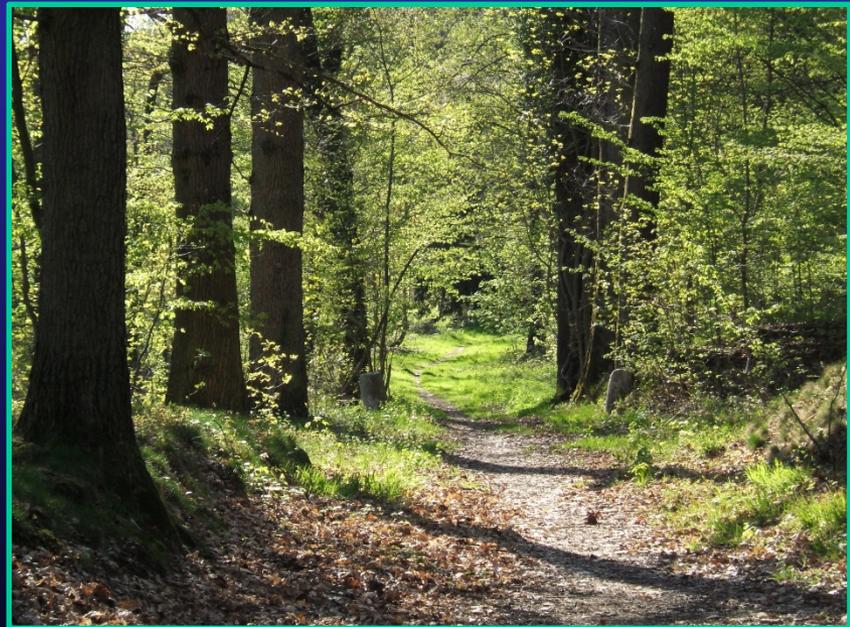


# Master Path Map Update Process

- ❖ Map update directed by City Council
- ❖ Pathways Committee Subcommittee
- ❖ Nine neighborhood meetings
- ❖ Six pathway walks
- ❖ Property records researched
- ❖ Updated list of properties that have paid pathway fees
- ❖ Developed draft map

# Master Path Map Update Process

- ❖ Review of draft map by staff and Pathways Committee
- ❖ Pathways Committee recommendations
- ❖ Planning Commission public hearing
- ❖ Joint Study Session



# Resident Concerns

- ❖ Topographic constraints
- ❖ Proximity of off-road paths to house or outdoor areas  
(loss of privacy)
- ❖ Disturbance to or removal of existing trees and landscaping
- ❖ Installing a path that does not connect to anything
- ❖ Construction cost
- ❖ Security



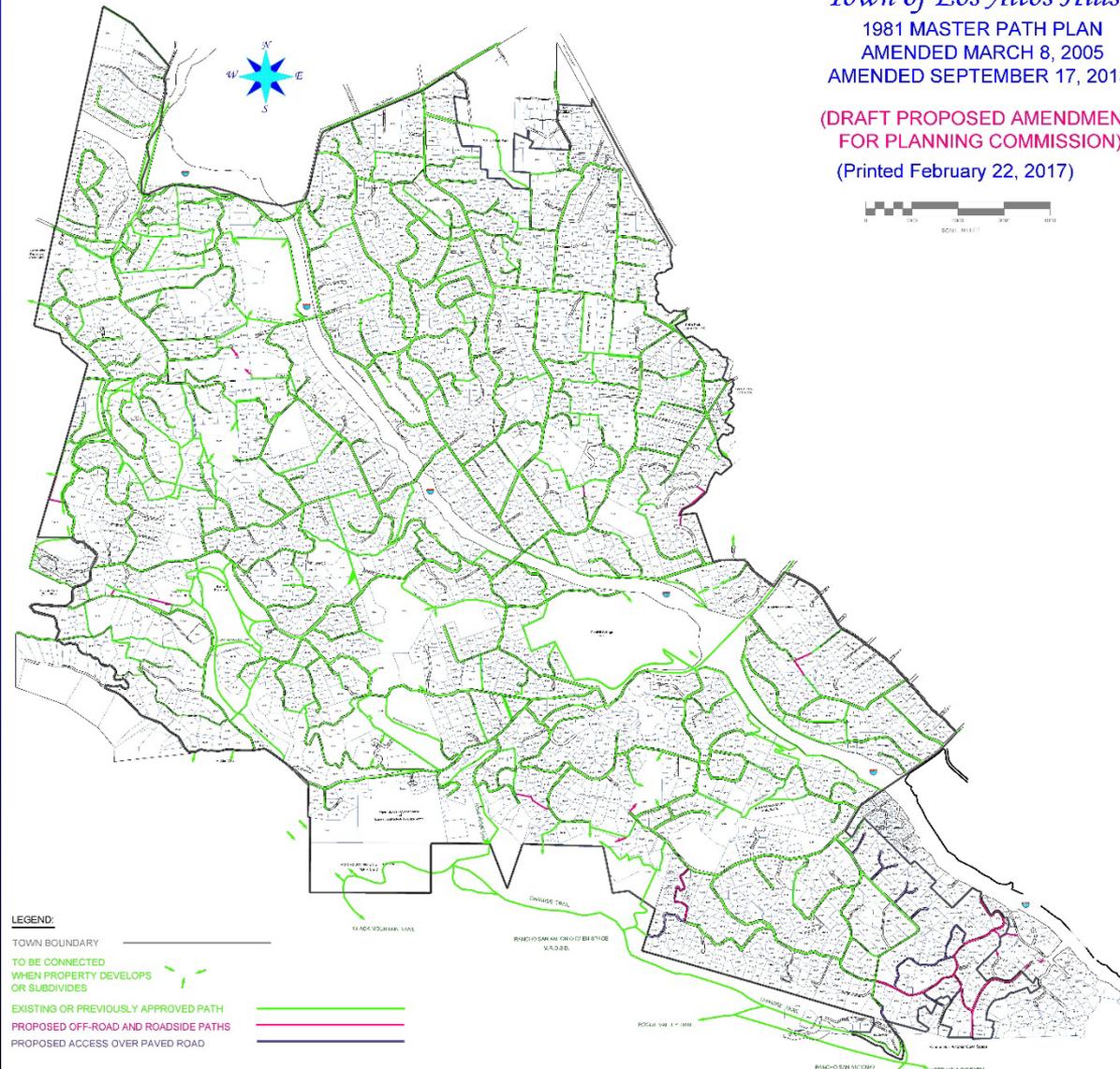
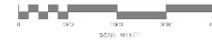
# Draft Master Path Map

*Town of Los Altos Hills*

1981 MASTER PATH PLAN  
AMENDED MARCH 8, 2005  
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

(DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
FOR PLANNING COMMISSION)

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# Discussion Items

- Should the Town's pathway requirements be applied uniformly or should areas annexed since 2002 be treated differently given topography, available space and potential
- Should there be text amendments to the Pathways Element to clarify the intent

# Next Steps

- Planning Commission public hearing
- Planning Commission recommendation to City Council
- City Council public hearing

# Circulation Element

## Complete Streets, Roadways and Pathways

*Complete streets concept recognizes that a transportation network should account for multiple users with different abilities. The Town's pathway system in conjunction with streets and roadways has accommodated the full range of users since the Town's inception.*

- ❖ Policy 3.3 - Provide routes for walking and bicycling to school that are designed to encourage safety and are in keeping with the Town's semi-rural character.
- ❖ Program 7.1 – Continue to require implementation of the Pathway Element in new development and in capital improvements.
- ❖ Program 7.5 – Encourage pedestrian facilities to reflect the semi-rural character of the Town, with an emphasis on pathways separated from the roadways rather than integrated curbs and sidewalks.

# Roads Designated for Pathways on Both Sides

- ❖ Altamont Road
- ❖ Concepcion Road
- ❖ Fremont Road
- ❖ El Monte Road – Summerhill Avenue to Stonebrook Drive
- ❖ Manuella Road – Fremont Road to Scarff Way
- ❖ Moody Road
- ❖ La Paloma Road
- ❖ Page Mill Road
- ❖ Purissima Road



# Pathways Element

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*Policy 1.1 - All residents of the Town shall have immediate access adjacent to or across the street from their residence to a pathway or pathways, for safe and convenient pedestrian and other non-vehicular travel along Town roads and to schools and community facilities, and for recreational enjoyment of the natural amenities of the community.*

# Possible Amendment to Policy 1.1

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*All residents of the Town ~~shall~~ **should** have immediate access **to a pathway** adjacent to or across the street from their residence ~~to a pathway or pathways~~ **or indirect access via a vehicular right-of-way**, for safe and convenient pedestrian and other non-vehicular travel along Town roads and to schools and community facilities, and for recreational enjoyment of the natural amenities of the community.*