



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Special Trails and Paths Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:15 AM

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On March 17, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N- 29-20, suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the statewide Shelter-In-Place Order issued by the Governor in Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, Portola Valley Town Council meetings are being conducted electronically. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance. Members of the public may attend the meeting by video or phone linked in this agenda

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral / Community Communications
3. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2020 Meeting (*minutes unavailable at time of packet distribution, they will be shared at the meeting*)
4. Old Business
 - a. Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for November 2020: Howard Update/Discussion
5. New Business
 - a. 2021-2022 fiscal year initiatives and programs: Group discussion and prioritization
 - b. Stanford Portola Terrace Application: Group discussion and response
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

Enclosures:

Trails Work Map & Memo

Budget Status

Trail Network – Portola Terrace

Capital Improvement Suggestions



MEMORANDUM

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO: Trails and Paths Committee

FROM: Scott Weber, Maintenance Worker
Howard Young, Public Works Director

DATE: **December 9, 2020**

RE: Trail work for November 2020

Attached is the trail work recording form completed for November.

The total maintenance staff hours worked in November was 27 hours.

The total contracted staff hours worked November was 0 hours.

Total hours worked: **27 hours**

Attachments: Trail Map
Work sheet

Trail	Length	Work Completed	Date
Admiral Quilter	0.5		
Alpine	3.0		
Arroyo	1.6	Cleared water bars	11-19
Bay Laurel	0.5	Cleared water bars	11-24
Black Oak	0.8		
Blue Oak	0.5	Cleared water bars	11-20
Buckmeadow	0.5		
Cervantes	1.3		
Cherokee	0.2		
Coalmine	0.8	Cleared water bars	11-24
Deer Path	0.7		
Dwight Crowder	2.0	Repaired bump, filled pothole	11-19
Eagle	0.6		
Fawn	0.3		
Fire Road	0.5		
Firethorne	0.1		
Georgia	0.3		
Golden Hills	0.7		
Golden Oak	0.2		
Grove	0.6		
Hay Forks	0.7		
Hillbrook	0.4		
Indian Crossing	0.4		
Iroquois	0.2		
Lake	0.4		
Larry Lane	1.5		
Los Trancos	1.1		
Los Trancos Rd	0.4		
Meadowwood	0.4		
Minoca	0.7		
Nathorst	0.3		
Old Spanish	1.9	Cleared water bars	11-25/30
Palmer	0.6		
Portola	2.3		
Possum	0.2		
Priory	0.5		
Redberry	0.2		
Sausal	0.6		
Sequoia	0.5	Cleared water bars	11-19
Shady	0.8	Installed no bikes signs	11-18
Shawnee	0.5		
Sunrise	0.8		
Sweet Springs	0.8		
Toyon	2.4	Cleared water bars	11-25/30
Veronica	0.2		
Westridge			
Willowbrook	0.8		
TOTAL	36.0 miles		



Work Performed by Town Staff = XXXX
 Work Performed by Contractors = OOOO

Stanford

Portola Terrace



Plan for Trails

Stanford's Portola Terrace project includes two trails, which will provide safe, public access to Stanford University's large oak woodland in conformance with the Trails and Path Element of the Portola Valley General Plan. Stanford will continue to coordinate with the Town of Portola Valley Public Works and Planning Department on the final details of the trails to be consistent with the Town's Trail Standards, and will build these trails as part of the development of the Portola Terrace housing project.

Trail Network

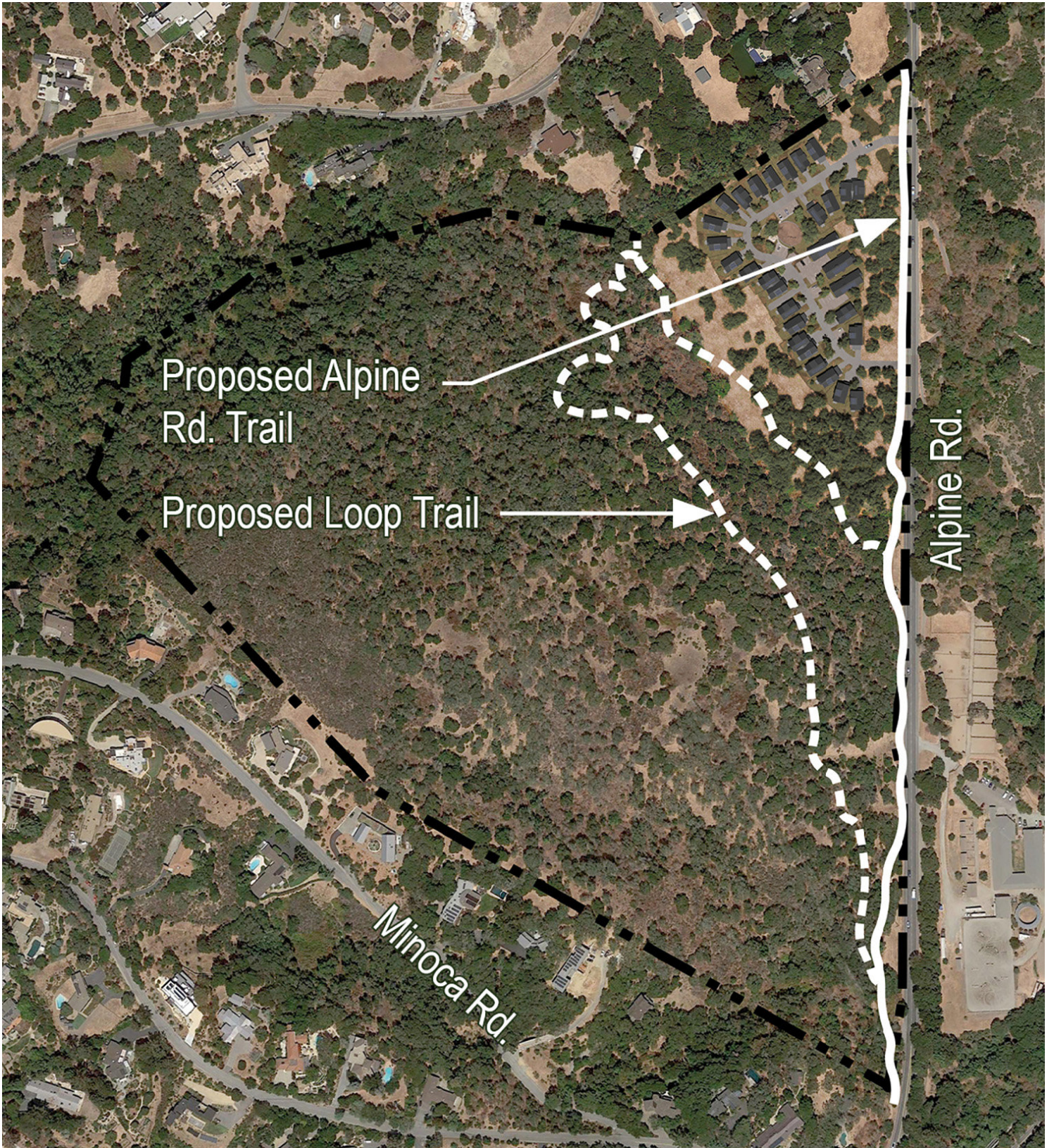
Portola Terrace Loop and Alpine Road Trails

The guidelines for these trails on Stanford property follow the objectives and principles laid out in the Trails and Path Element of the Portola Valley General Plan.

The goals are to:

- minimize any disturbance to the natural terrain and vegetation;
- provide a variety of experiences for users;
- provide convenient, safe passage;
- minimize intrusion on privacy in residential areas;
- adapt to the existing conditions to the extent possible.

The proposed routes are equivalent to the location and length of the conceptual routes found in the Trails and Path Element of the General Plan.



Proposed Alpine Rd. Trail

Proposed Loop Trail

Minoca Rd.

Alpine Rd.





Portola Terrace Loop Trail

Stanford proposes a new looped trail route of about three-quarters of a mile in length that approximates the layout of the two conceptual trails on the large oak woodland. It offers the following benefits to the community:

- provides two connections to the Alpine Road trail, making it accessible from either the north or south;
- designed to avoid habitat degradation;
- minimizes changes in the natural flow of water across the land;
- does not intrude into the extremely steep hillside in order to minimize disturbance to the natural terrain.

Alpine Road Trail

As part of the Portola Terrace project, Stanford will also improve the existing trail route along the property frontage (more than half a mile). The Alpine Road Trail presently exists as a worn dirt equestrian path and runs primarily within the Alpine Road right-of-way. Some portions of the existing trail leave the Alpine Road right-of-way and meander onto the Stanford property.

With approval of the project, Stanford will agree to dedicate those portions on university property to the Town of Portola Valley in the form of an access easement for the life of the property.

Running along the east side of Alpine Road is the Dwight Crowder Path, a multi-use trail improved in 2011 with funds provided by Stanford. The Dwight Crowder Path would serve pedestrians and the Alpine Road Trail along Stanford's property could remain an equestrian trail.

**Portola Valley
Trails and Paths Committee
August, 2020**

The following is a list of proposed or suggested Capital Improvement Projects that the members of our committee have submitted.

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1) Lay a path of base rock along Cervantes between the two intersections with Shawnee Pass	Cervantes Road south east side. Approximately 1,500 feet.	This section of town trail becomes sloppy during the winter months and is undistinguishable at times.
2) Enhancements to several existing trails	Sequoia Trail needs re-all-weathering and widening. Black Oak and Los Trancos Trails need re-defining in places. Spring Ridge/Deer Path are too narrow with soft sides.	Primarily safety concerns
3) Reestablish Minoca Trail	Minoca Road	This busy street requires the users of the trail to walk onto the street at many spots.
4) Expand Alpine Trail	The dirt sections of the trail.	They become over grown and messy during the raining season
5) Rebuild the existing Alpine Canyon Trail	Trail between Cervantes and Alpine Roads.	If the trail becomes under the jurisdiction of The Town, and there is adequate easements, then the trail should be engineered for safe passage.
6) Round pen for horses	Near town center or other location near the trail system	Used by equestrians to warm up their horse prior to a ride. Suggest a minimum diameter of 50 feet.