Citrus Heights Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail Mariposa Extension
Community Meeting Summary – August 18, 2026

Introduction
On Tuesday, August 18, 2026, the City of Citrus Heights hosted a community workshop for the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail Mariposa Extension. The event was held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sayonara Community Center, 7836 Sayonara Drive, in Citrus Heights. A total of 31 community members attended the workshop.

Background
The Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail (ACCT) – Mariposa Extension Project is the next phase in the City's plan for a citywide trail network. The project will extend the existing 3.4-mile Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail by approximately 0.5 miles along Arcade Creek between Sayonara Drive and Mariposa Avenue. Proposed improvements include a 10-foot-wide paved multi-use trail, trail lighting, ADA-compliant curb ramps, four creek crossings, drainage improvements, landscaping, and a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon with a new marked crosswalk at Sayonara Drive.



Community members and the project team discussing the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail Mariposa Extension at the Sayonara Community Center

Meeting Purpose and Format
The purpose of the workshop was to provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail – Mariposa Extension Project, review the proposed improvements, ask questions, and share feedback with the project team.

The workshop began with a brief presentation providing an overview of the project, including the proposed trail alignments, key features, and next steps. Following the presentation, the meeting shifted to an open-house format. Community members were able to walk around the meeting space at their own pace to review project maps and informational materials, speak directly with City staff and the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Presentation Overview
A brief presentation was led by members of the project team, including Katie DeMaio of AIM Consulting, Judy Matsui-Drury and Leslie Blomquist of the City of Citrus Heights, Hunter Young of Kimley-Horn, and William Dunning of the Citrus Heights Police Department. The presentation followed the agenda topics outlined below.

Existing Trail Network

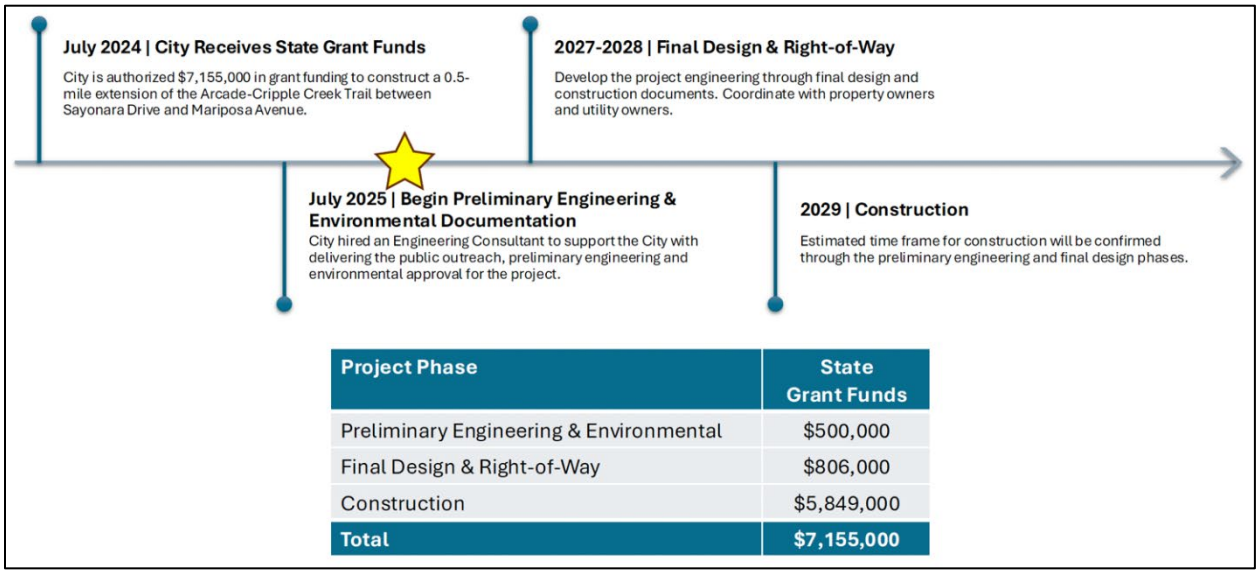
The project team provided an overview of the existing and planned trail network in Citrus Heights and its connection to the broader regional trail system. The presentation highlighted the existing 3.4-mile Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail, which opened in May 2024 and extends from Sunrise Boulevard near Arcade Creek Park Preserve to Wachtel Way near the Roseville city limit. The trail is designed for walking, bicycling, running, and other forms of active transportation and is part of the City's long-term vision for a connected citywide trail network.



Leslie Blomquist, City Engineer at the City of Citrus Heights, presenting to community members

Project Timeline and Funding

The presentation reviewed the project schedule and available funding. The City received $7.155 million in state grant funds for preliminary engineering, environmental documentation, final design, right-of-way, and construction. Preliminary engineering and environmental documentation began in 2025, final design and right-of-way are anticipated in 2027–2028, and construction is currently anticipated in 2029.



Project Phase	State Grant Funds
Preliminary Engineering & Environmental	$500,000
Final Design & Right-of-Way	$806,000
Construction	$5,849,000
Total	**$7,155,000**

Timeline graphic from the "Project Timeline and Funding" slide from the project presentation

About the Project

The project team explained that the Mariposa Extension is the next planned phase of the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail. The project would extend the existing trail approximately 0.5 miles along Arcade Creek between Sayonara Drive and Mariposa Avenue**.** The extension is intended to close an important gap in the trail network, improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, provide a safer off-street travel option, and expand access to nearby neighborhoods and community destinations.



Project map from the "About the Project" slide from the project presentation

Trail Design Considerations

The project team discussed several factors being considered as the preliminary trail design is developed, including connectivity, right-of-way, environmental considerations, constructability, maintenance, and cost**.**

Proposed Alternatives

Three potential approaches for navigating the Arcade Creek corridor were presented: bridges, retaining structures, and low-water crossings**.** The project team reviewed maps showing the proposed trail alignments and how the different alternatives could affect creek crossings, nearby properties, fencing, and potential tree removal.

Environmental Considerations

The presentation identified environmental resources to be considered as the project moves forward, including biological, cultural, and aquatic resources, as well as trees.

Next Steps

The presentation concluded with an overview of upcoming project activities. Next steps include collecting community feedback, continuing development of the preliminary design, evaluating the preferred and most feasible trail alignment, completing CEQA approval, advancing final design and right-of-way, and ultimately moving into construction.



Community members signing into the workshop

Stations and Board Exhibits

Below is an overview of the stations and board exhibits presented at the event. All boards displayed at the workshop stations are available to view on the project webpage.

Welcome Station

Upon arrival at the meeting, community members were welcomed and invited to sign up with their contact information to receive future project updates and event notifications. Free giveaway items were offered and provided by the City.



Judy Matsui-Drury from the City of Citrus Heights, discussing the trail network with a community member

Station 1: Project Overview and Trail Network

Station 1 provided an overview of the Mariposa Extension and its place within the larger Citrus Heights trail network. A factsheet board highlighted the proposed 0.5-mile extension between Sayonara Drive and Mariposa Avenue, key project features, and the preliminary trail location. Two copies of the factsheet board were displayed in separate rooms of the community center so attendees could comfortably review the information and discuss it with the project team.

The station also included the City's trail network map, showing existing and planned trails and how the Mariposa Extension would connect to the broader Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail system.

Station 2: Preferred Trail Alignment

Station 2 focused on the preferred design alternative, Alternative 3 – Low Water Crossing Option**.** The preferred alignment map illustrated the proposed trail between Sayonara Drive and Mariposa Avenue, including four low-water creek crossings, a proposed retaining wall, fencing, potential tree removals, and a typical section of the 10-foot-wide trail with two-foot shoulders. Two copies of the map were available for attendees to review the design and ask the project team questions.



Community members conversing with the project team (left and right)

Station 3: Open Comment

Station 3 provided comment cards for community members to share any additional feedback or questions about the project. Attendees could complete the cards at their convenience and submit them to the project team.

Feedback received through the comment cards is provided below:

- We've lived here across 3 generations with a family member always in [*adjacent address*] since 1964. I am 100% in favor of the trail and can't wait.
- We've been at [*adjacent address*] since 1964! My family members love this! Thank you for doing this! Directly behind my property [*adjacent address*] there is a vacant lot. It would be a great place for a laid-back little nook for people to sit in (a garden area). Also - some people aren't used to having people use these open spaces, but the whole time I was a kid, there were people back there (often me and my friends), and it was cool.
- Currently, I do not have a fence. My concern is how close the trail will be to my property. Do I need to present a property assessment to the City, or will you share yours? I am sure more questions will surface, but that is it for now.

- This comment is really regarding all the trails. Please no Class 3 E-Bikes! As a Senior, I can see the benefits of Class 1 or 2, but Class 3 is dangerous. Also, as we finally connect with Roseville or other neighboring areas, let's all have the same trail markings. Roseville's is perfect in that it requires pedestrians to the left and bikes to the Right. Just like required on the roadways. It is easier to see a bike coming toward you and to step out of the way, but bikes coming up behind a pedestrian are dangerous. You can't always hear them coming (especially the E-bikes) until they are trying to pass you. Roadway requirements should be the same for the trails. Consistency may help avoid accidents. Thanks for listening.

Public Notification

The project team used several strategies to promote the meeting and encourage community participation, including:

- **Email Notification:** Two email blasts were sent via Constant Contact to stakeholder lists and interested community members regarding the meeting. These emails were distributed on July 28 and August 11, 2026, and reached 547 recipients. Additionally, the project team sent personal email invitations to nearby community members, businesses, and organizations.
- **Social Media:** The project team promoted the workshop in local Facebook Groups. Two boosted ads were published on July 28 and August 11, 2026. The City posted on their social media page on August 12 and August 17, 2026.
- **Press Release:** The City of Citrus Heights promoted the meeting in its monthly E-Newsletter, released on August 13, 2026. Click here to view the E-Newsletter.
- **Property Owner Meeting:** The project team met with nearby property owners on July 28, 2026, to discuss the project and invite them to attend the community workshop.
- **Flyer Delivery:** On August 4, 2026, 80 flyers were delivered to local businesses, public facilities, and community gathering locations near the project area (including the front counter at City Hall). These efforts helped share meeting information with nearby community members and encourage participation in the outreach process.
- **Pop-Up Event:** Workshop flyers and the proposed trail alignment board exhibit were available at a pop-up held during the City of Citrus Heights' City Scoop event on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Project team members were also present to answer



Community workshop flyer delivered to City Hall

questions, share information about the Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail Mariposa Extension, and promote the upcoming community workshop.

- **Additional City Notifications:** A web banner on the City homepage, postings on the external City calendar and internal events calendar for staff and Council, and an official Facebook event on the City's page.

Next Steps

Feedback gathered during the community workshop will be reviewed and considered as the project team continues development of the preliminary design and evaluates the preferred, most feasible trail alignment. The project will then advance through CEQA approval, final design and right-of-way, and ultimately construction. Final design and right-of-way are anticipated in 2027–2028, with construction currently anticipated in 2029.

Community members are encouraged to stay involved and follow the project as it moves forward. Visit the project webpage for future updates and to sign up to receive project information and notifications.



"Next Steps" graphic from the project presentation