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# The Niles Canyon Trail

Community Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm



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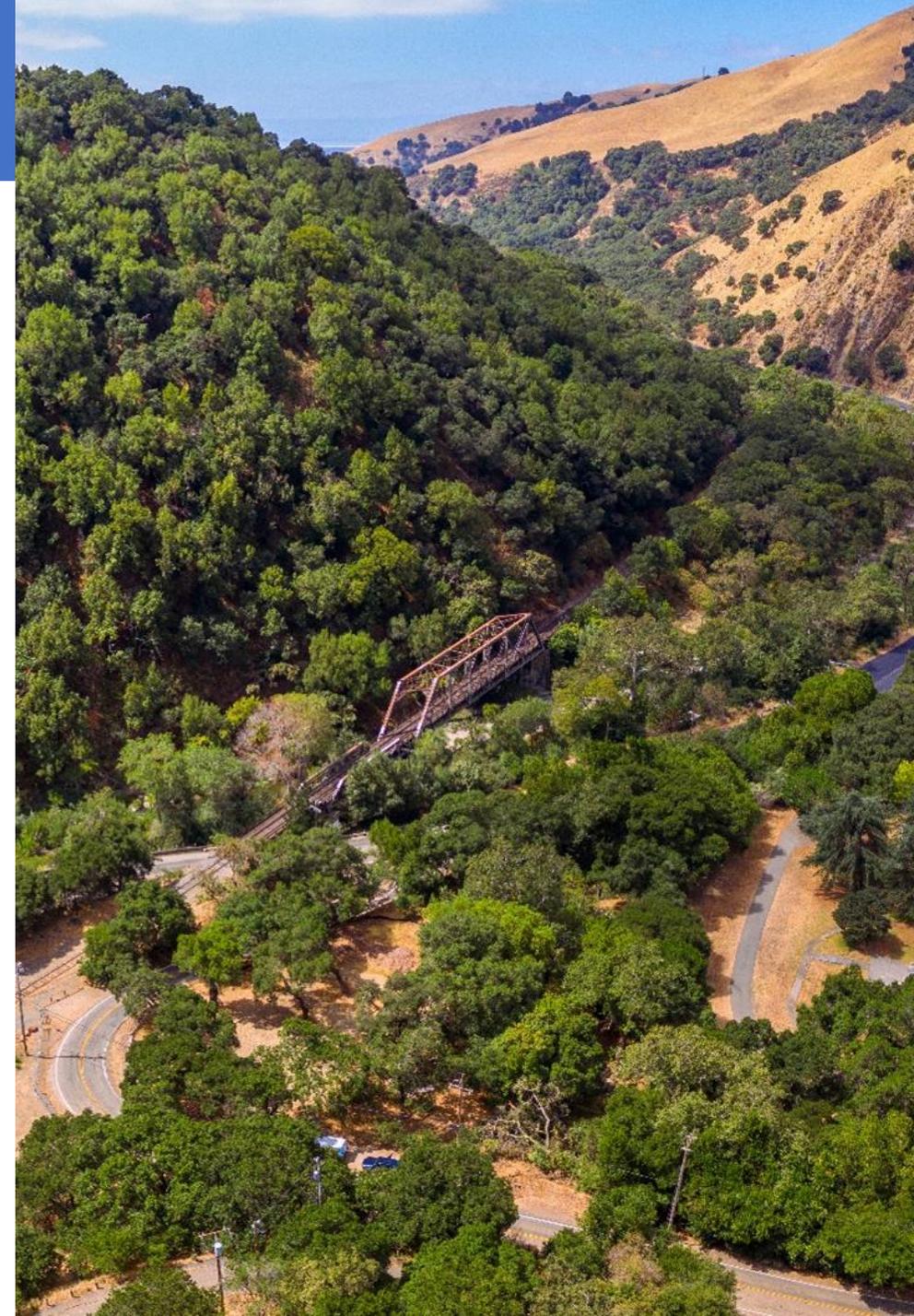
March 11, 2021

# Tonight's **Agenda**

1. **Meeting Logistics** – 6:30 PM - Katy Hussein
2. **Welcome** – Supervisor Richard Valle
3. **Introduction** – Ruben Izon
4. **Background of Trail Planning** – Robert Stevens
5. **Trail Design Update** – Mike Vidra
6. **Next Steps** – Robert Stevens
7. **Questions and Comments** – 7:00 PM – Katy Hussein
8. **Adjourn** – 7:30 PM

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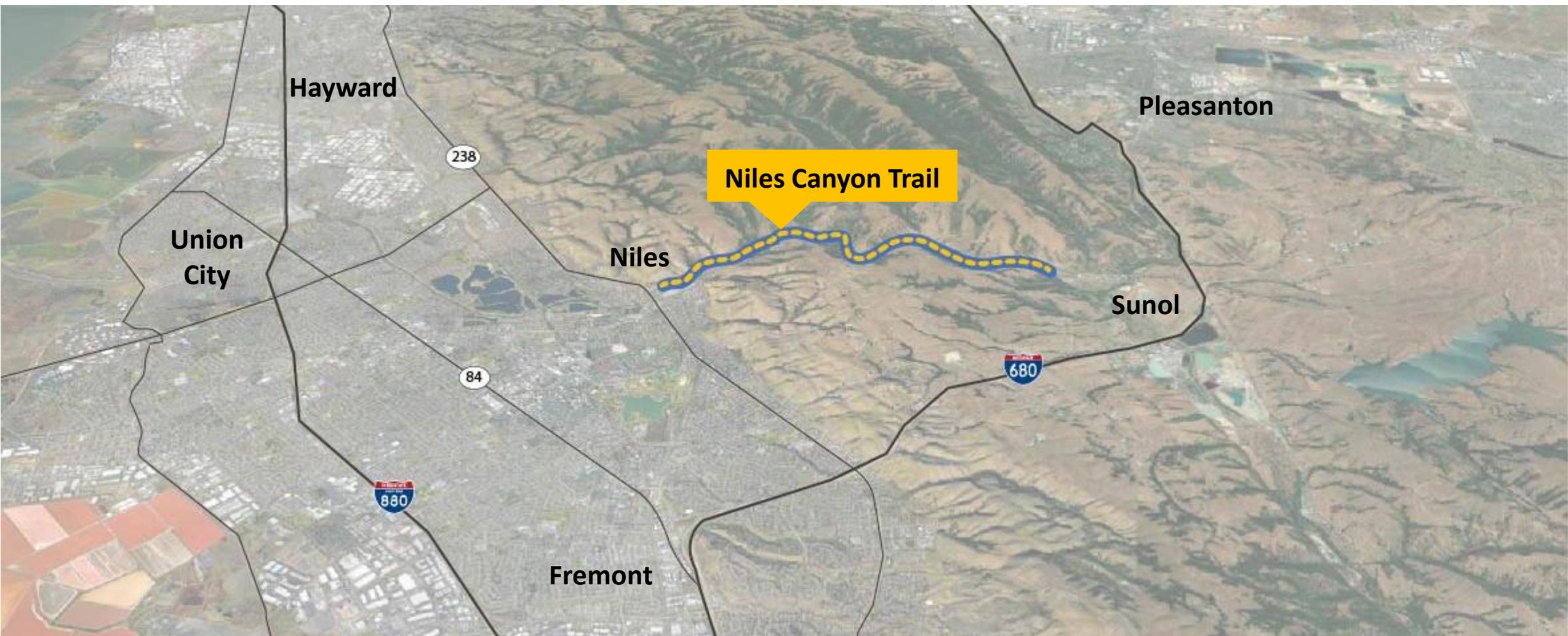


# The Niles Canyon Trail



**Background of Trail Planning**

# The Niles Canyon Trail



# California Trails



# California Trails



# Trail Considerations

## Natural Resources



Wooded Terrain



Burrowing Owl



Red Legged Frog

## Cultural/ Historical



Charlie Chaplin's *The Tramp* (1915)



Niles Aqueduct, Secret Sidewalk



Native Americans



Vallejo Mill



Transcontinental Railroad

## Recreational



Niles Canyon Railway



Roll and Stroll

# Trail Considerations

- Steep topography
- Geotechnical hazards
- Private ownership of some segments
- Human factors complicate the trail's development



# Previous Outreach

- ✓ **October 14, 2014** Community Meeting #1 in Sunol
- ✓ **November 2014** Stakeholder Field Walk
- ✓ **January 27, 2015** Community Meeting #2
- ✓ **April 14, 2015** Fremont City Council Meeting
- ✓ **May 12, 2015** Union City Council Meeting
- ✓ **June 18, 2015** Community Meeting #3
- ✓ **October 11, 2015** Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll
- ✓ **September 30, 2017** Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll
- ✓ **September 22, 2019** Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll
- ✓ **2020** Technical and Community Advisory Groups



Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll

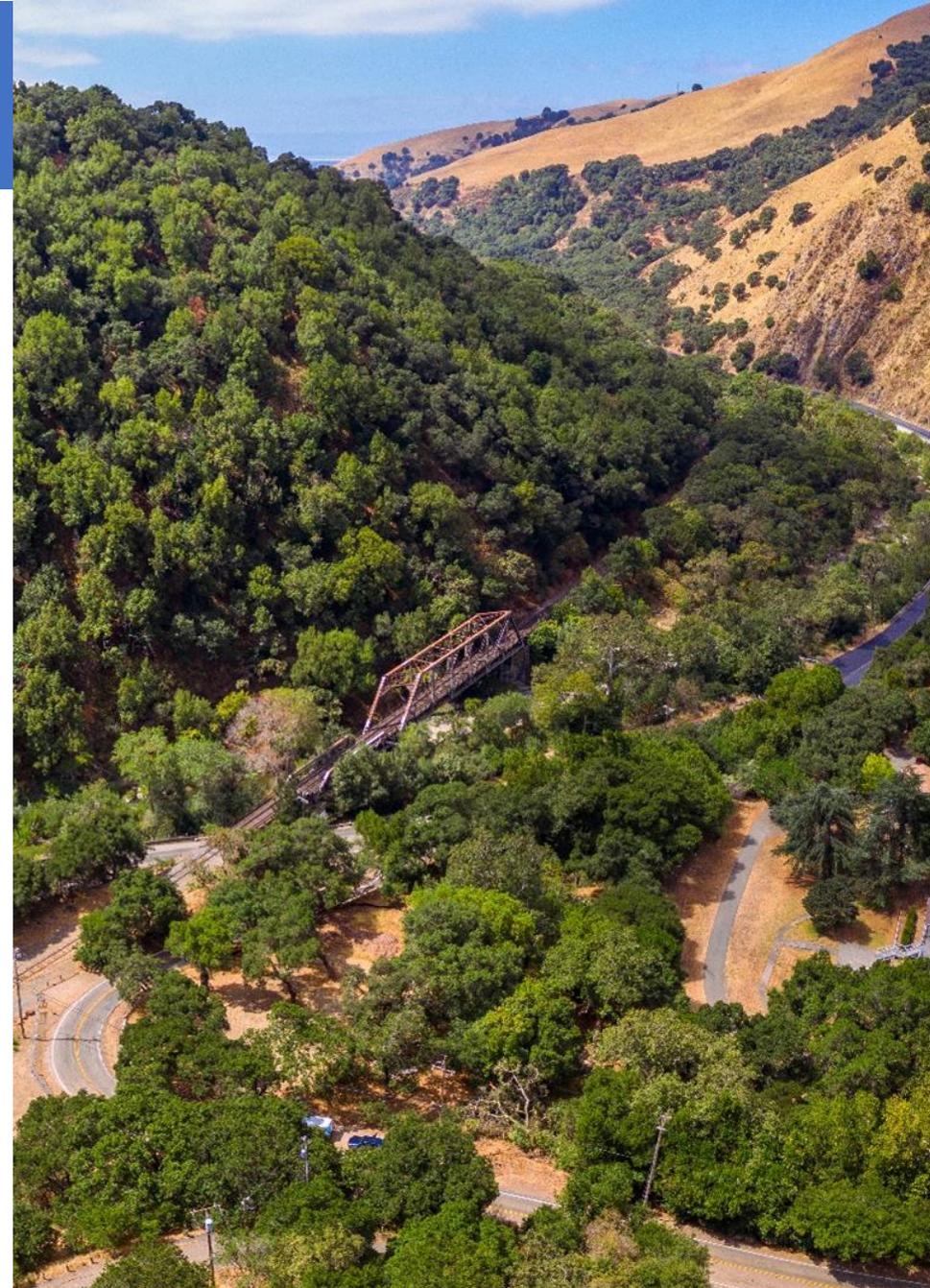


Stakeholder Field Walk

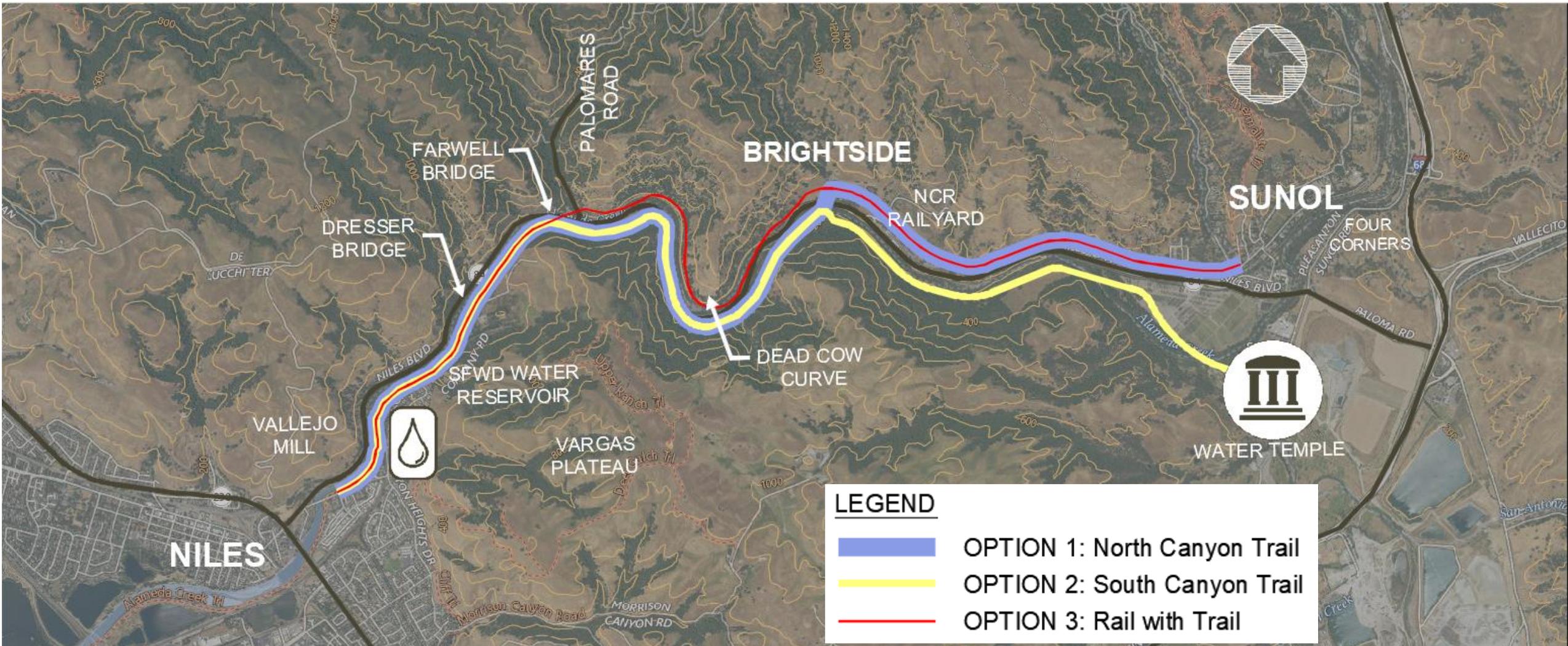
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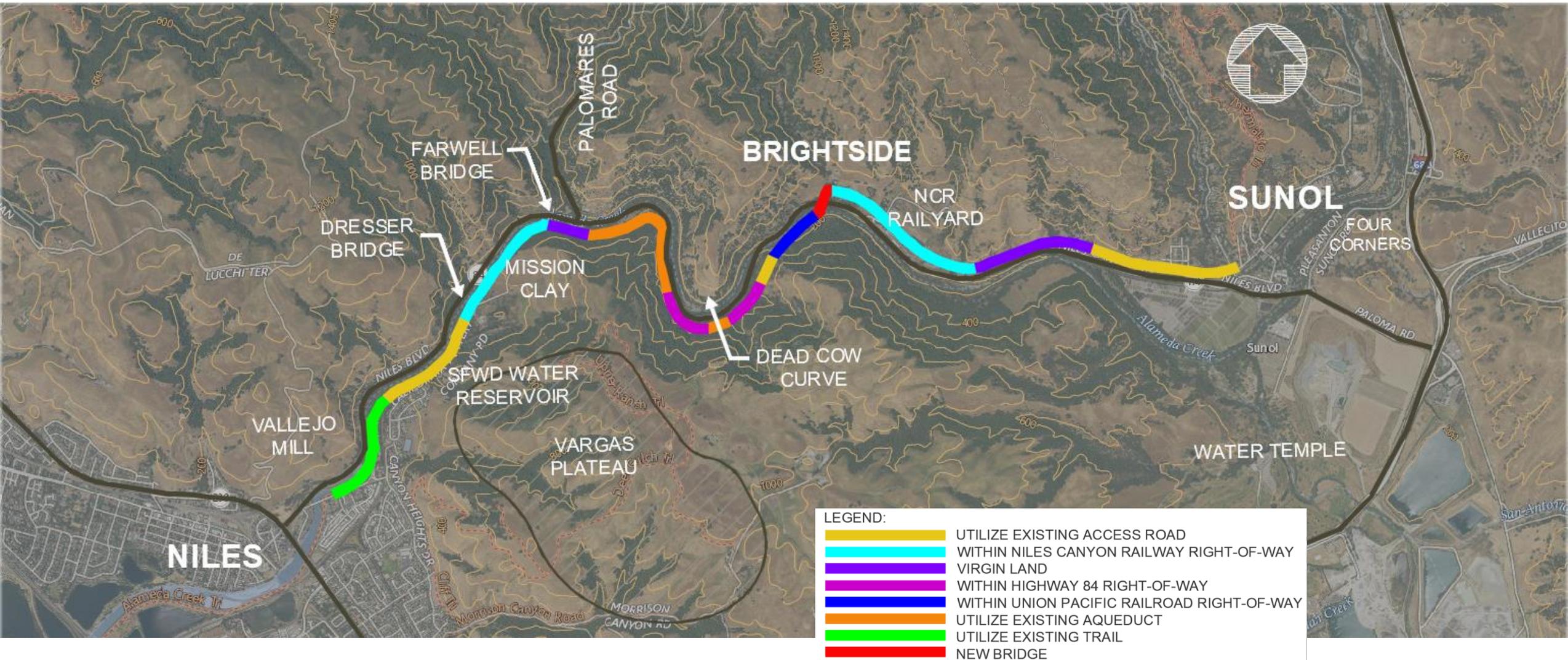
- **Establish** a safe and functional **class 1 trail**.
- **Minimize impacts** to environmental resources.
- **Enhance** or maintain stakeholder access to infrastructure.
- Develop trail alignments with a **realistic cost** that can be implemented in a **reasonable time frame**.
- **Identify and preserve** the historic water and rail infrastructure within Niles Canyon.

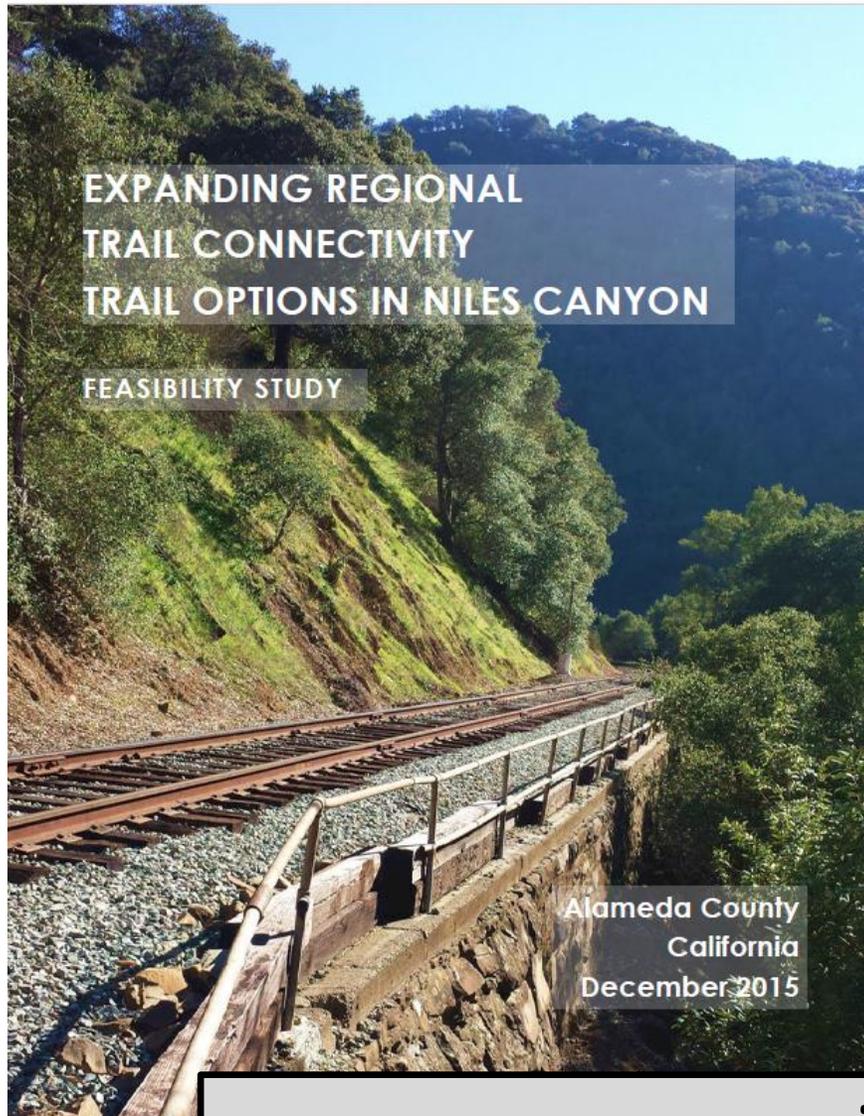


# Trail Options



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## EXPANDING REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIVITY IN NILES CANYON

Alameda County, California

### Project Study Report

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#### Project Sponsors

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**San Francisco Water Power Sewer**  
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**Alameda County Water District**  
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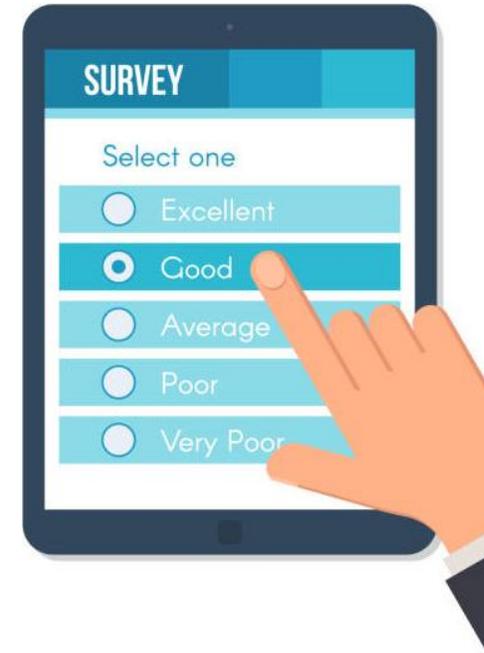
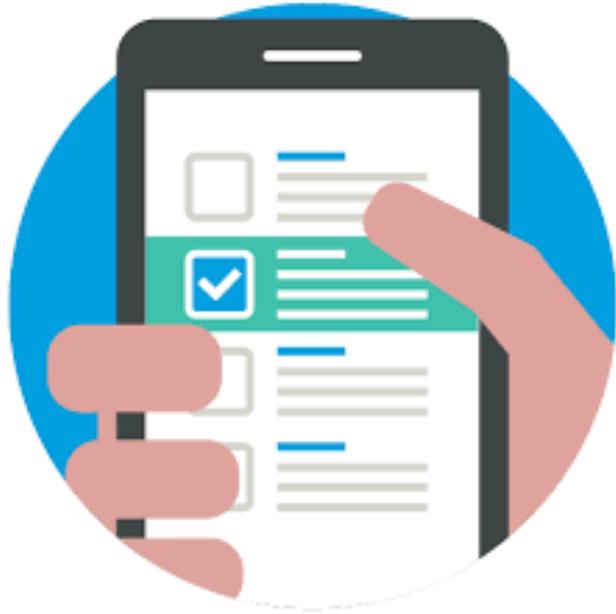
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**April 2017**

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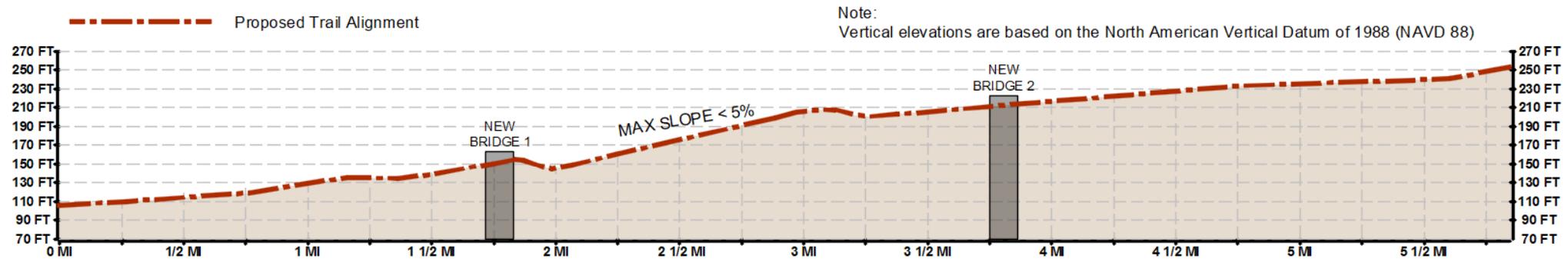
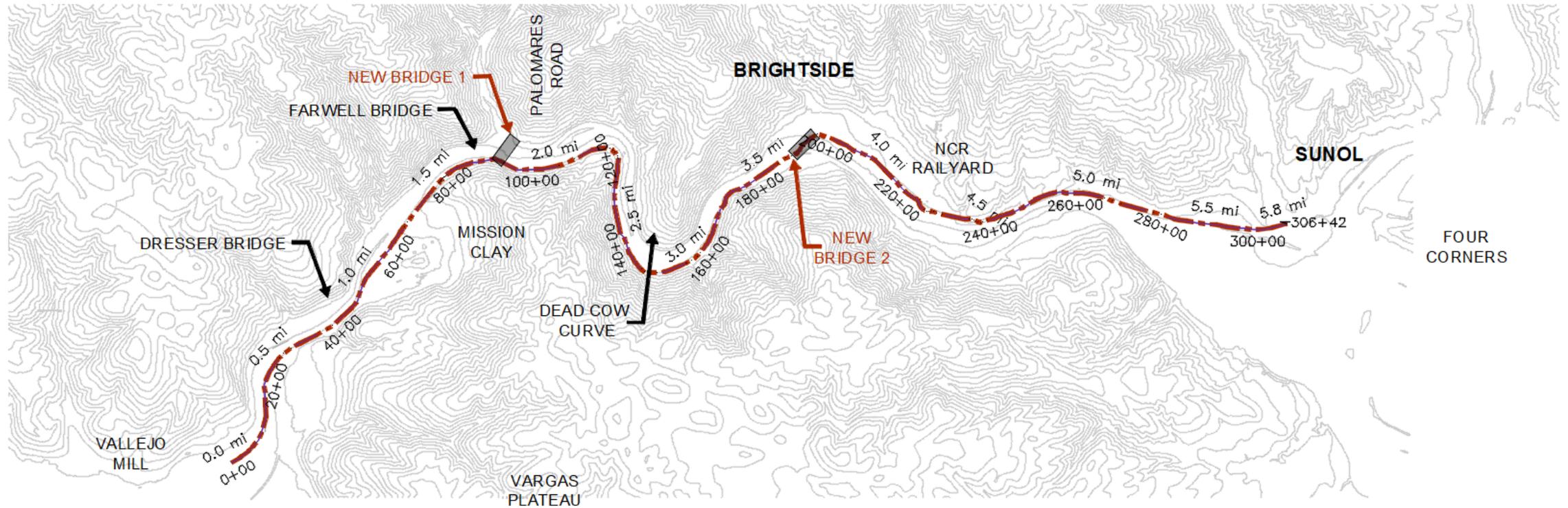
Poll Questions

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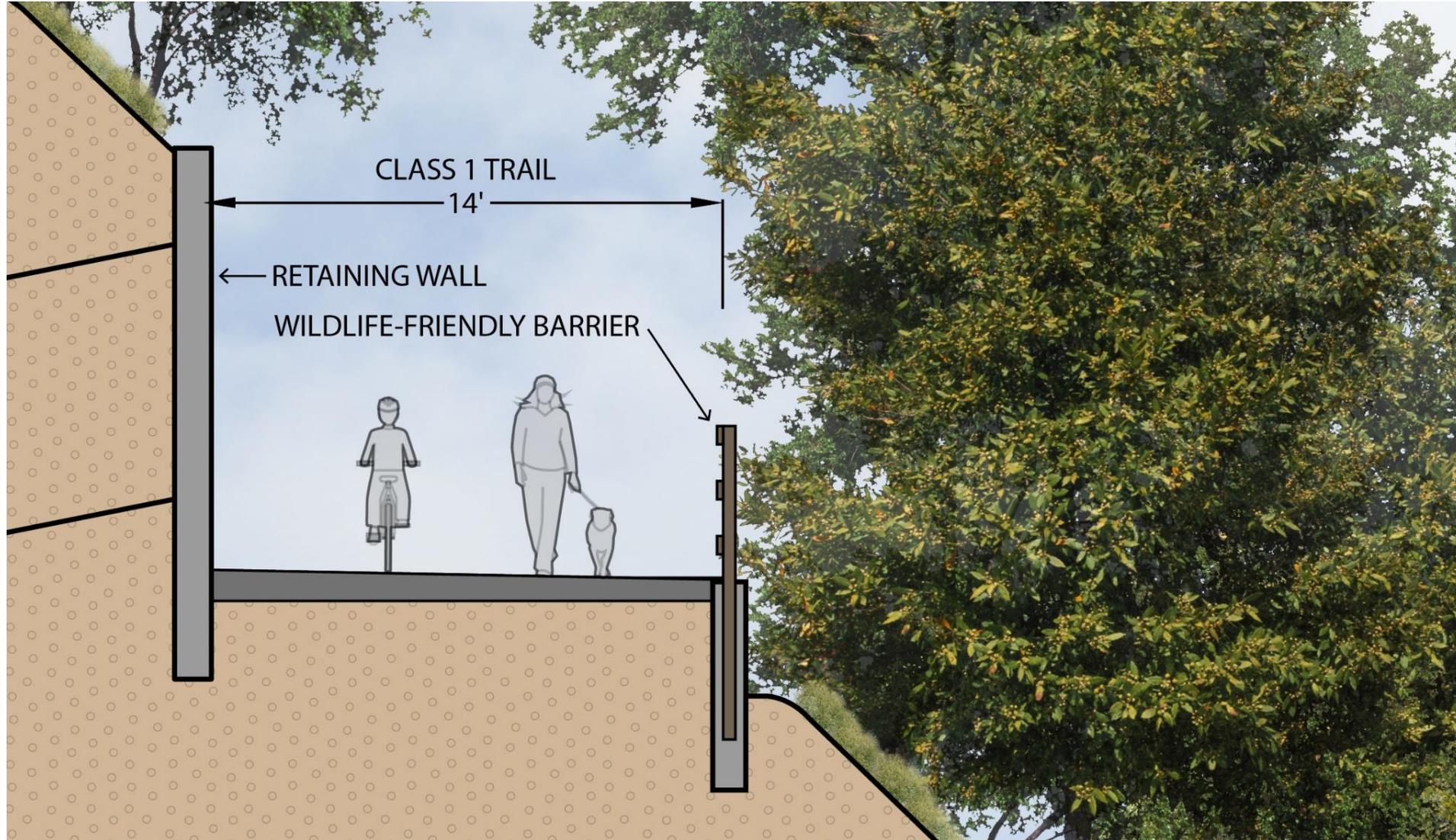


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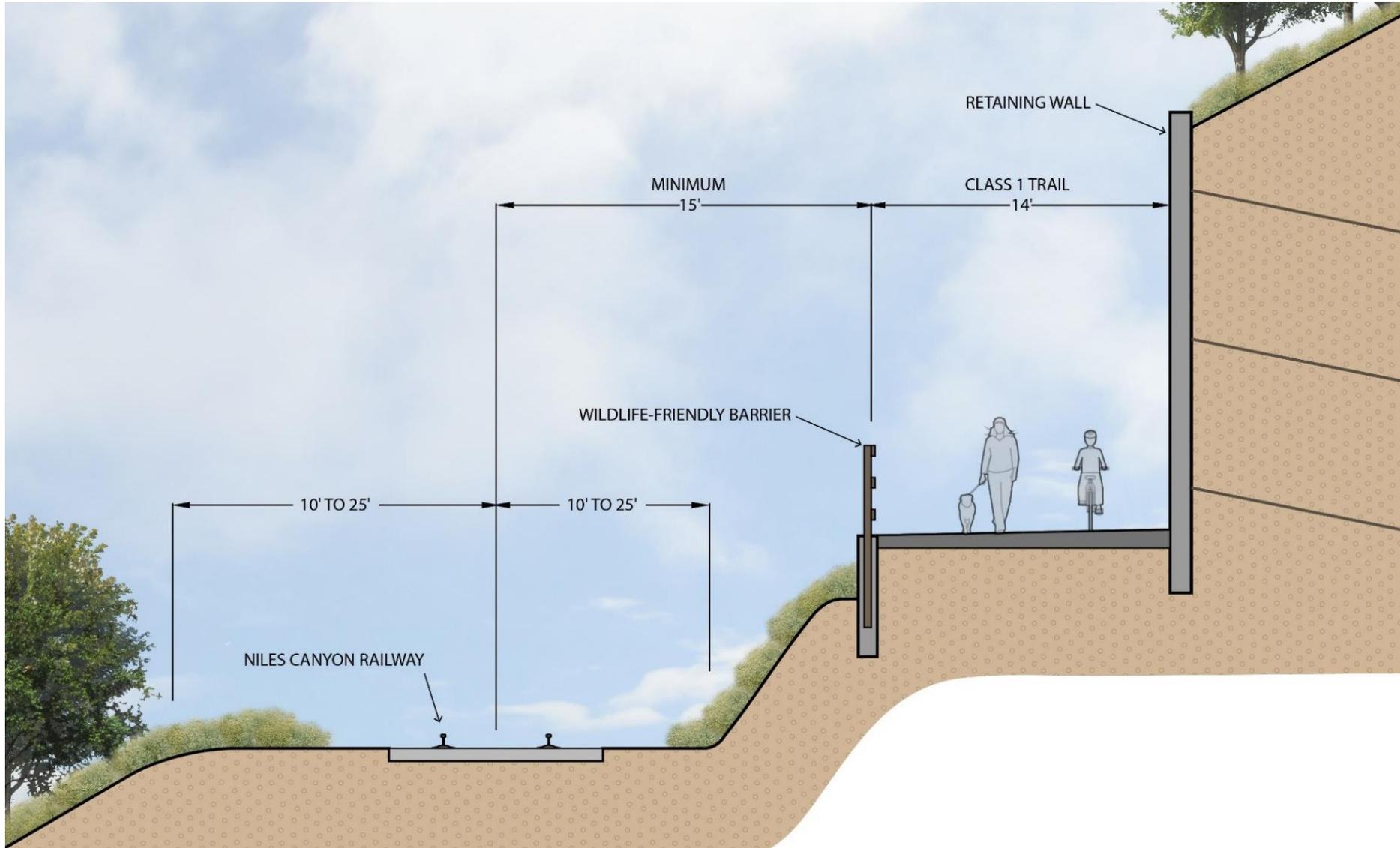
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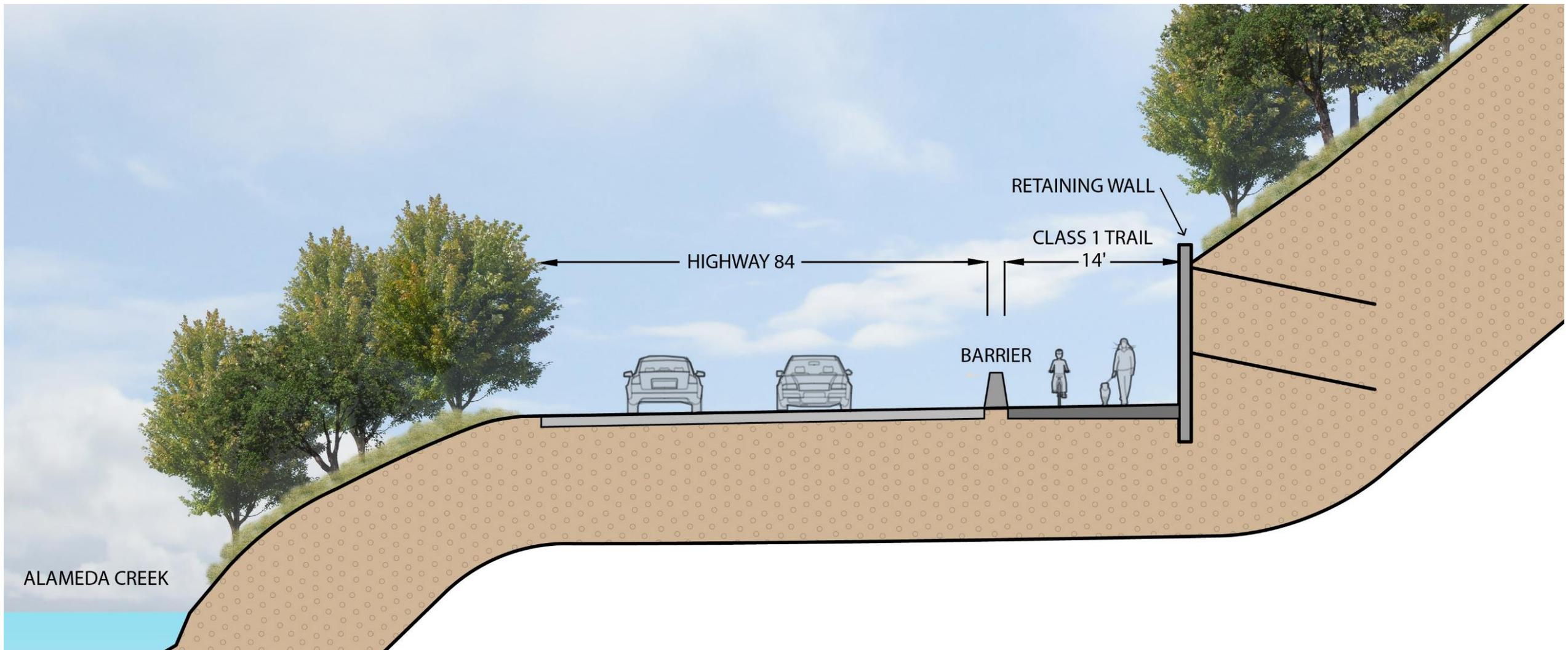
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Existing Conditions



Sunol Aqueduct trail access

# Trail Refinement



Existing Conditions



Trail access along Union Pacific Railroad's right of way

# Trail Refinement



Existing Conditions



Trail access along Union Pacific Railroad's right of way

# Trail Refinement



Existing Conditions



Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge

# Trail Refinement



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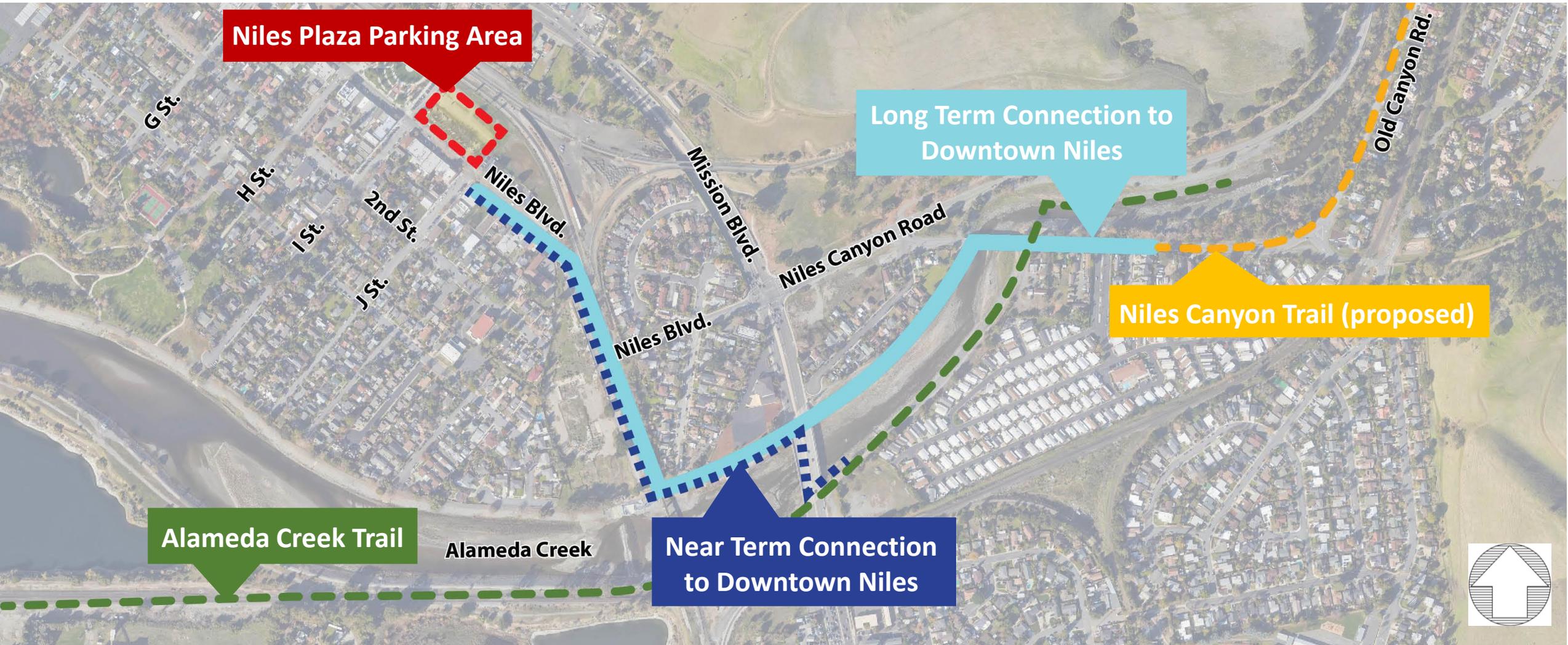
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The trail will need to provide visitor parking. Currently, the plan proposes linking to parking at the following locations:

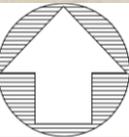
- 1 The existing Niles Plaza parking facility.
- 2 Parking at the existing Alameda Creek Staging Area.
- 3 A new parking area at Palomares Road.
- 4 Parking at the future EBRPD Tyler Staging Area



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**Class 1 Trail  
Alameda Creek**



**Class IV  
S. Niles Boulevard**



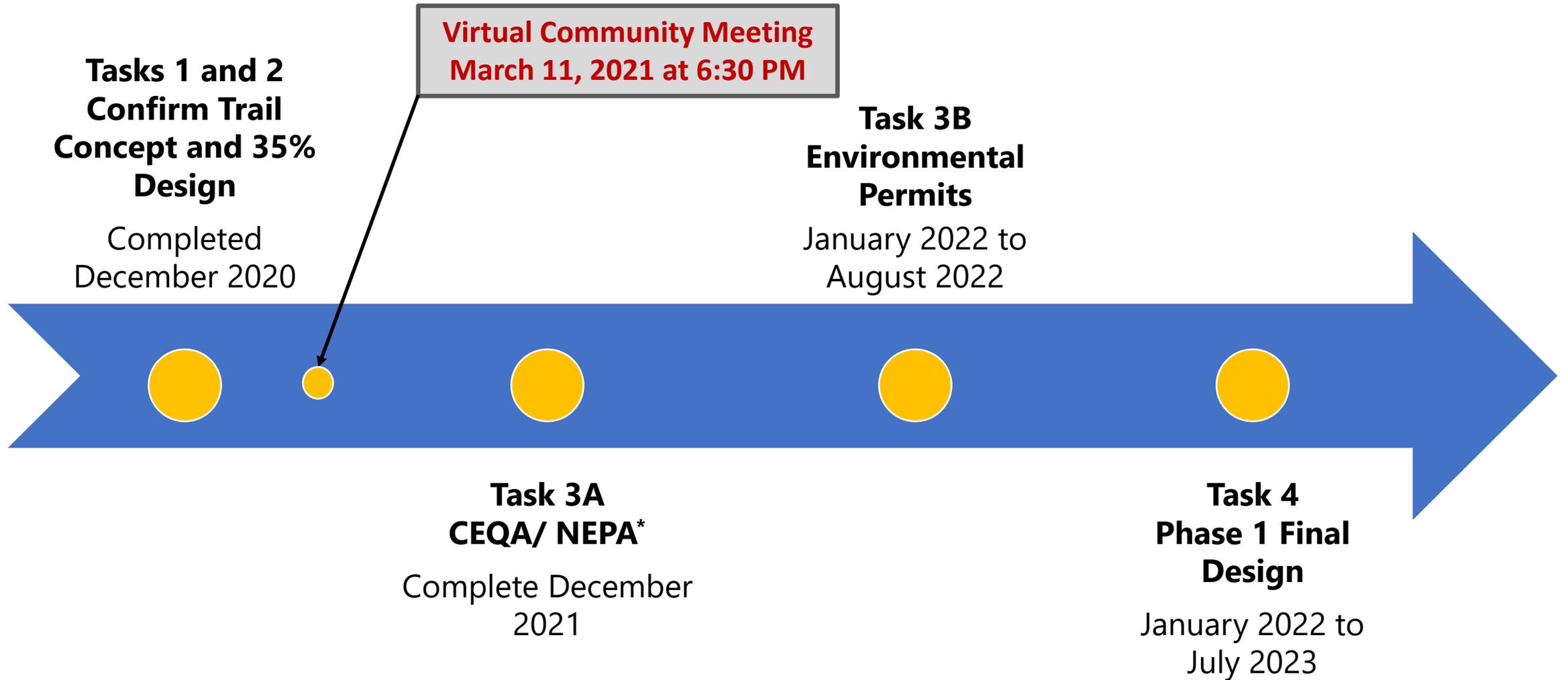
**Class III – Bike Boulevard  
Downtown Niles**

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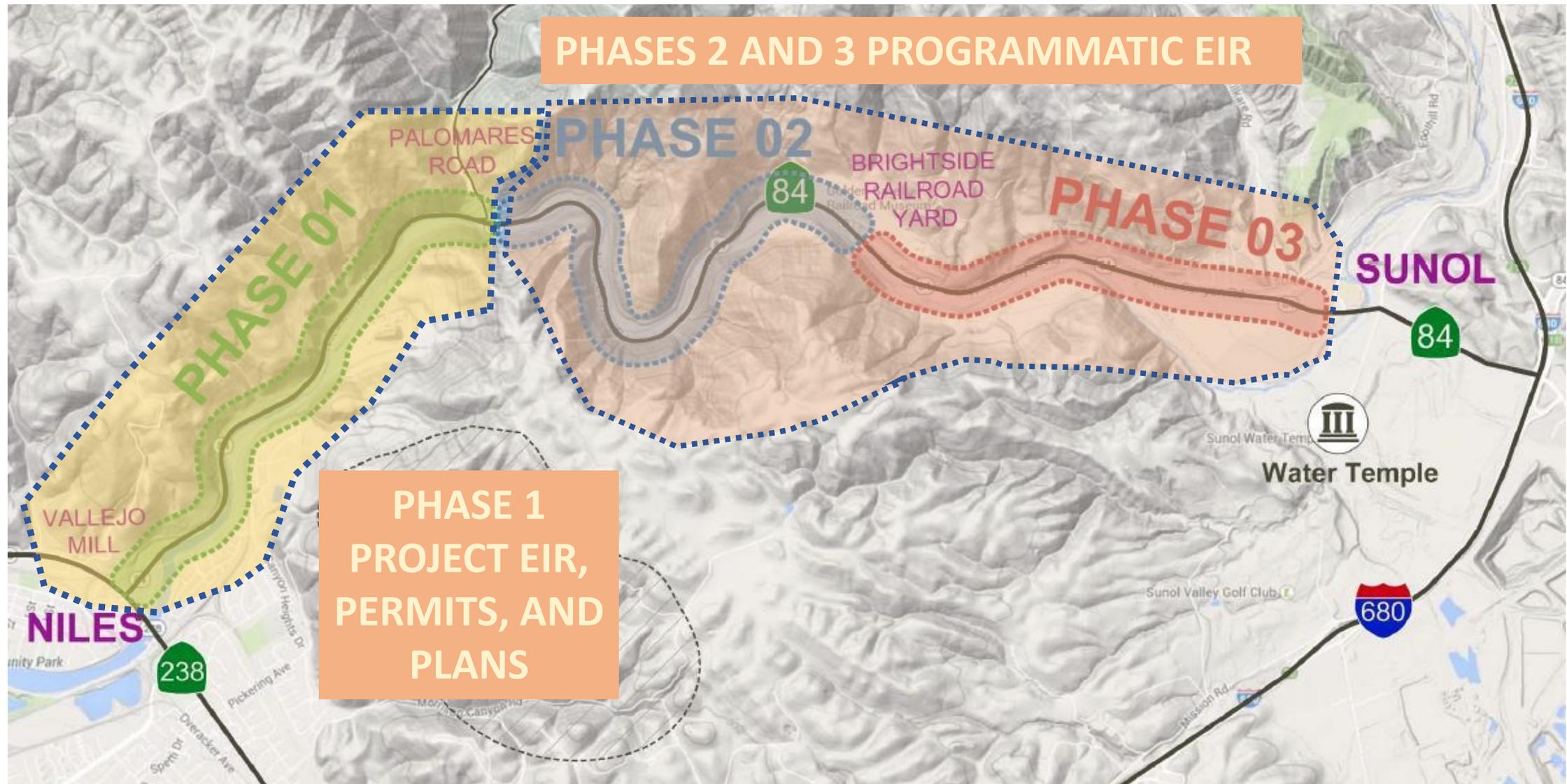
**Next Steps**

# Project Schedule



\* If Federal Funds Available

# Trail Development Process



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**Questions and Comments**

# Comment Process

**Tonight's format for comment and questions.**

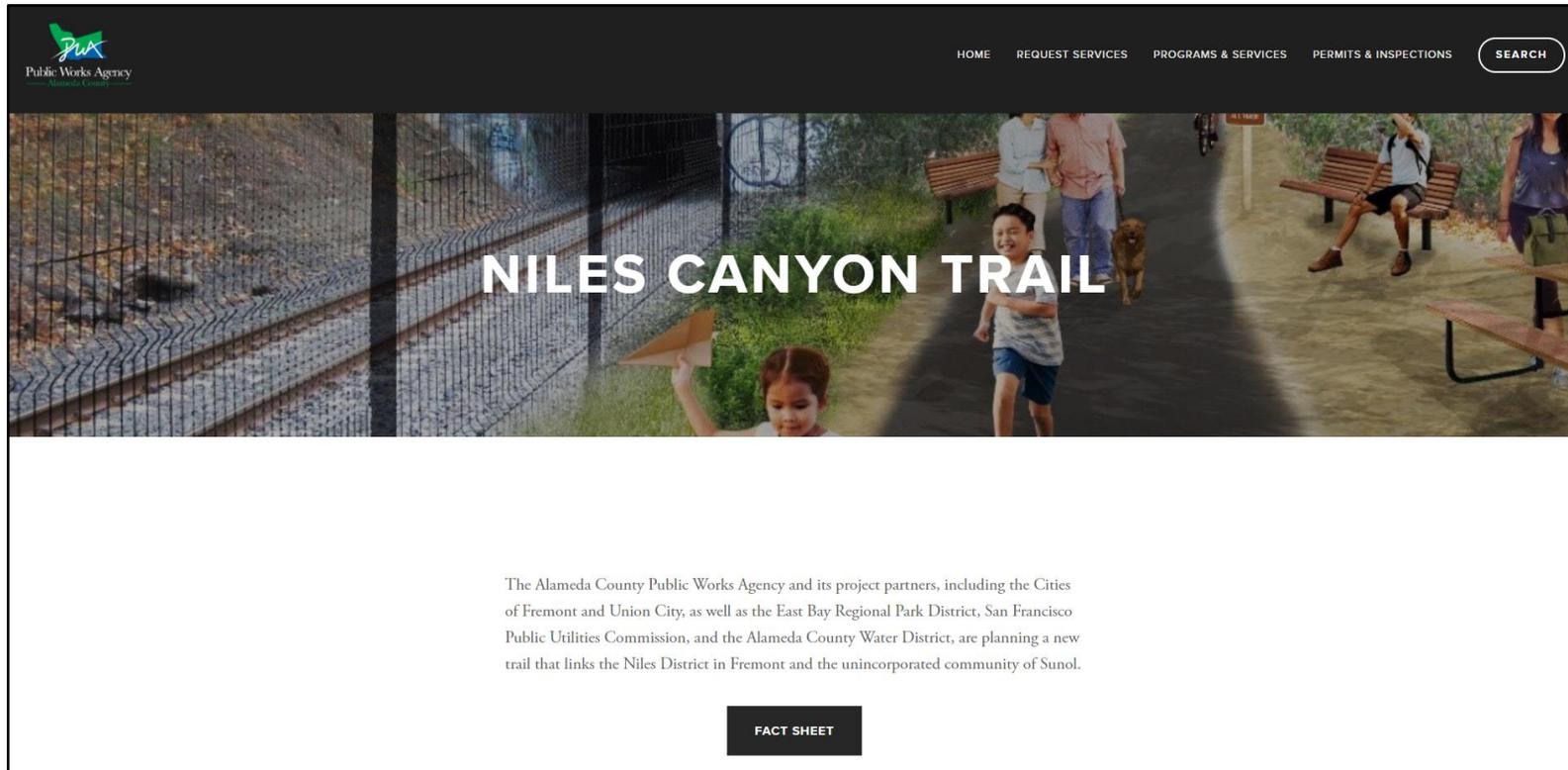
1. To ask a questions verbally:
  - a. In Zoom, please use the raise your hand option in Zoom,
  - b. On the phone press \*9. You will get a notification to unmute when it's your turn. Press \*6 so you can speak.
2. In addition, please use the comment feature in Zoom to write in your comment.

**You can also add comments in the sign-in sheet using the link in the Zoom chat section.**



We will be limiting comments to 1 minute to allow everyone's participation and complete the discussion by 7:30 PM.

# Project Updates



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Niles Canyon Trail website. At the top left is the logo for the Public Works Agency of Alameda County. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, REQUEST SERVICES, PROGRAMS & SERVICES, PERMITS & INSPECTIONS, and a SEARCH button. The main banner features a photograph of a paved trail with people walking and a dog, with the text "NILES CANYON TRAIL" overlaid. Below the banner, a paragraph of text describes the project partners and the trail's purpose. A "FACT SHEET" button is located at the bottom of the text area.

Public Works Agency  
Alameda County

HOME REQUEST SERVICES PROGRAMS & SERVICES PERMITS & INSPECTIONS SEARCH

## NILES CANYON TRAIL

The Alameda County Public Works Agency and its project partners, including the Cities of Fremont and Union City, as well as the East Bay Regional Park District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the Alameda County Water District, are planning a new trail that links the Niles District in Fremont and the unincorporated community of Sunol.

FACT SHEET

**Please provide feedback by  
March 26, 2021**

**Please complete our sign-in  
sheet using the link in the  
Zoom chat section.**

**Website: [www.nilescanyontrail.org](http://www.nilescanyontrail.org)  
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