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GOLD RUSH SHARED USE PATH

PROJECT OVERVIEW
AND STATUS
SUMMARY

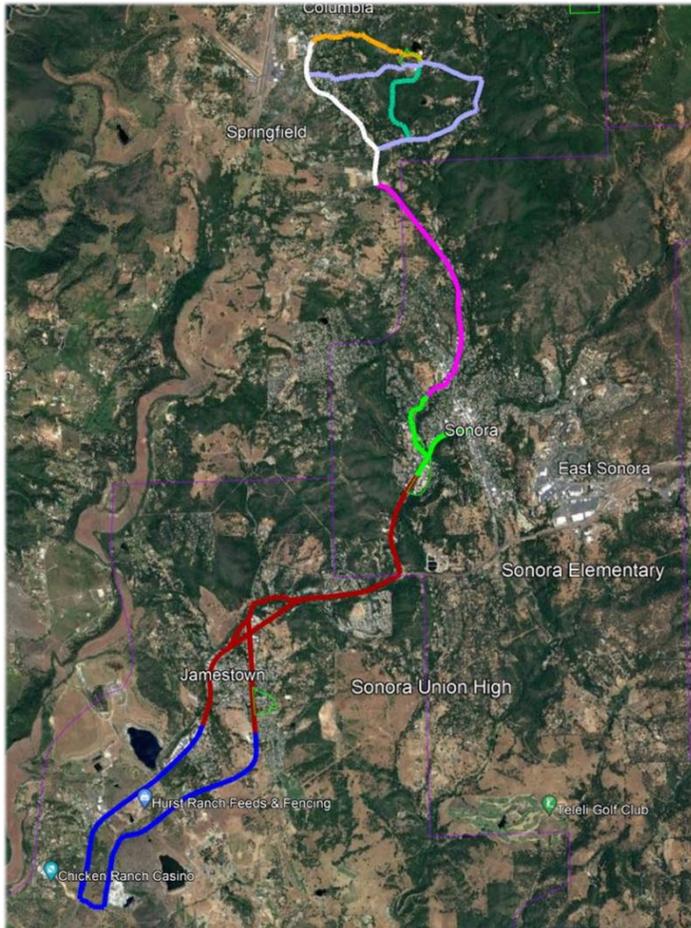
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PROJECT OVERVIEW



Overall Project: Gold Rush Shared Use Path
Estimated Total Cost: 9.5-20 million

- The completed Path will be a separated, Class I multi-modal facility stretching over 14 miles through Tuolumne County to continuously connect the Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians Tribal Lands, Jamestown, the City of Sonora, Columbia, and Columbia College.
- Project is a partnership between Tuolumne County Transportation Council, Tuolumne County, City of Sonora, Chicken Ranch Rancheria, and Blue Zones – Tuolumne County.
- Intended to serve as the “Non-Motorized Highway”, or the backbone of active transportation travel, in Tuolumne County. Connector paths will attach to the Gold Rush Path over time to provide a complete, easily accessible way for residents and visitors to get around the county on foot or travel by bike.

The Gold Rush Shared Use Path is a significant, multi-agency effort focused on increasing pedestrian and cyclist safety as well as improving access to critical infrastructure. The need for multi-modal improvements, and accessible sidewalks, has long existed in the County and can be found highlighted in our Regional Transportation Plan, SR 108/49 Multi-Modal Congested Corridor Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan. The Gold Rush Shared Use Path has been developed as the first step in improving our multi-modal network. Recent Staff efforts have seen major wins in this area with the agency awarded an Active Transportation Plan Grant, a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, and successful coordination with Caltrans to include improvements in an upcoming SHOPP project. The remainder of this document

provides details on each segment of the Gold Rush Shared Use Path and where that segment stands regarding development and funding.

PROJECT SEGMENT BREAKDOWN AND STATUS SUMMARY

SNAPSHOT:

| Project Section | Secured Funding Amount | Phase Funded Through | Funding Source |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Phase 1- City of Sonora | \$6.418 million | Construction | Active Transportation Planning Grant |
| Phase 2 – Connecting Sonora and Columbia | \$278,000 | Planning | Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant |
| Phase 3 – Columbia College and the Community of Columbia | TBD | Planning | Carbon Reduction Program (anticipated) |
| Southern and Chicken Ranch Segments | TBD | Construction (anticipated) | Caltrans SHOPP project (anticipated) |

PHASE 1 – CITY OF SONORA

Title: Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Phase 1

Total Cost: \$6.418 million

Funding Source: Active Transportation Program Grant and CMAQ Local Match. Awarded October 20, 2022.

Amount Funded: Funded from planning through construction

Length: 1.5 miles

Location: Beginning at the new bus stops on Stockton street and stretching down to the end of the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Then, also, from the entrance to Woods Creek Rotary Park, up through the park, to connect near Sonora High on the other side.

Planned Improvements Highlights: 1.5 miles of Class I Pedestrian and Cyclist path separated by a landscape buffer, several rapid flashing beacon crosswalks, pedestrian-scale lighting, and ADA improvements.



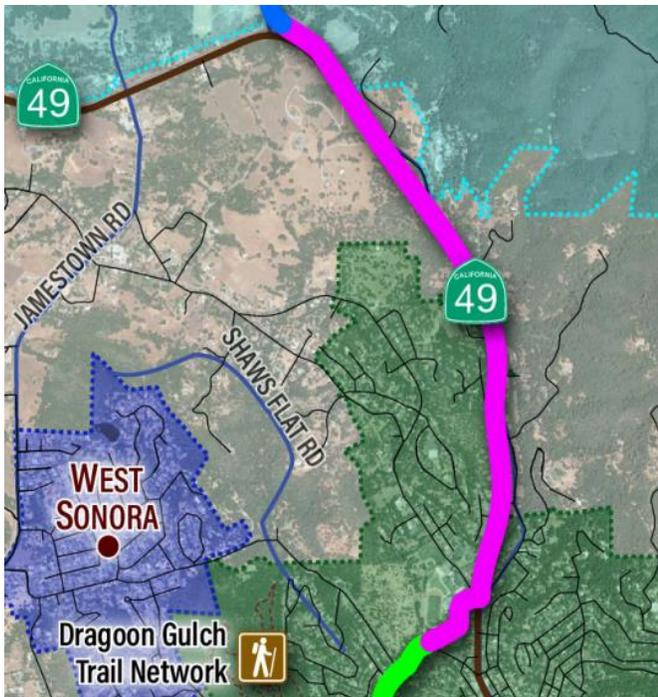
PHASE 2 – CONNECTING SONORA AND COLUMBIA

Title: Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Northern Segment

Funded Project Title: SR 49 / Gold Rush Multi-Use Path Phase 2 Feasibility and Complete Streets Study

Total Funded Project Cost: \$278,000

Funding Source: Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant and Local Match. Awarded August 31, 2023.



Amount Funded: Only the planning phase at this time.

Length: 2.1 miles

Location: From Sonora High School to Parrots Ferry Road.

Planned Improvements Highlights: This section of SR 49 serves as the gateway to both Sonora and Columbia. The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant project will include planning for many of the same complete streets improvements as Phase 1 while developing and analyzing pathing alternatives for the 2.1-mile northern segment of the Gold Rush Multi-Use Path. This project

also includes:

- An Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) to be performed on the SR 49/Shaws Flat/School St/Columbia Way intersection to better understand the best option for both highway operations as well as how to safely address multimodal improvements for this area, directly adjacent to the high school.
- Collection of Lidar data to better understand the physical constraints of the corridor. Lidar is often not available in rural areas and will be imperative for developing viable multi-modal alternatives for the constrained areas.
- Substantial planned public outreach.

PHASE 3 – COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND THE COMMUNITY OF COLUMBIA

Title: Gold Rush Shared Use Path – College Segment

Funded Project Title: SR 49 / Gold Rush Multi-Use Path Phase 3 Feasibility and Complete Streets Study

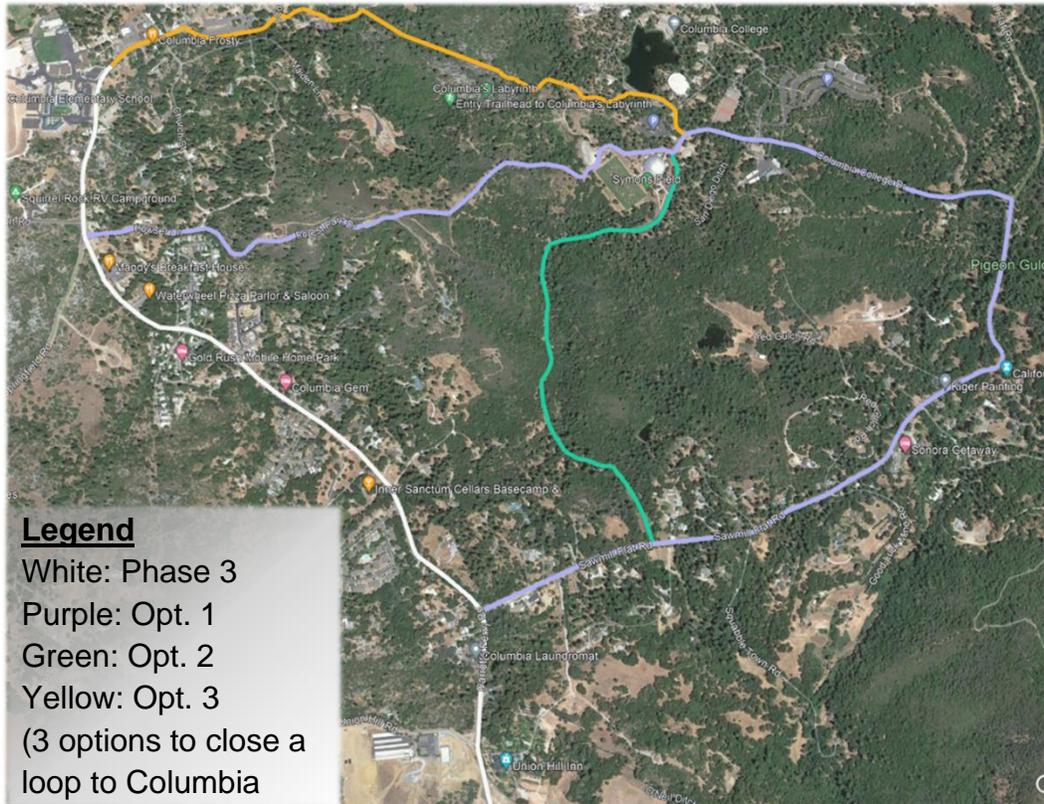
Total Funded Project Cost: TBD

Funding Source: Carbon Reduction Program

Amount Funded: Only the planning phase at this time.

Length: TBD

Location: Multiple options starting at Parrots Ferry Road and heading towards Columbia College, the Community of Columbia, and possibly creating a "Columbia Loop" if alignments are viable.



Planned Improvements Highlights: This section of the trail is one of our most visited by tourists. The community of Columbia has a number of historical attractions as well as serving as the home for many college students. That does not mean the same issues present in other path segments are not also present here. There is still significant need for walkability improvements in this area. Phase 3 has a very similar scope to Phase 2, especially with regards to the complete streets improvements. However, here there is the addition of needing to explore multiple alignment options in order to achieve the goal of creating a full loop in the area of Columbia.

SOUTHERN & CHICKEN RANCH SEGMENTS

Title: Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Southern Segment

Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Chicken Ranch Segment

Total Funded Project Cost: TBD

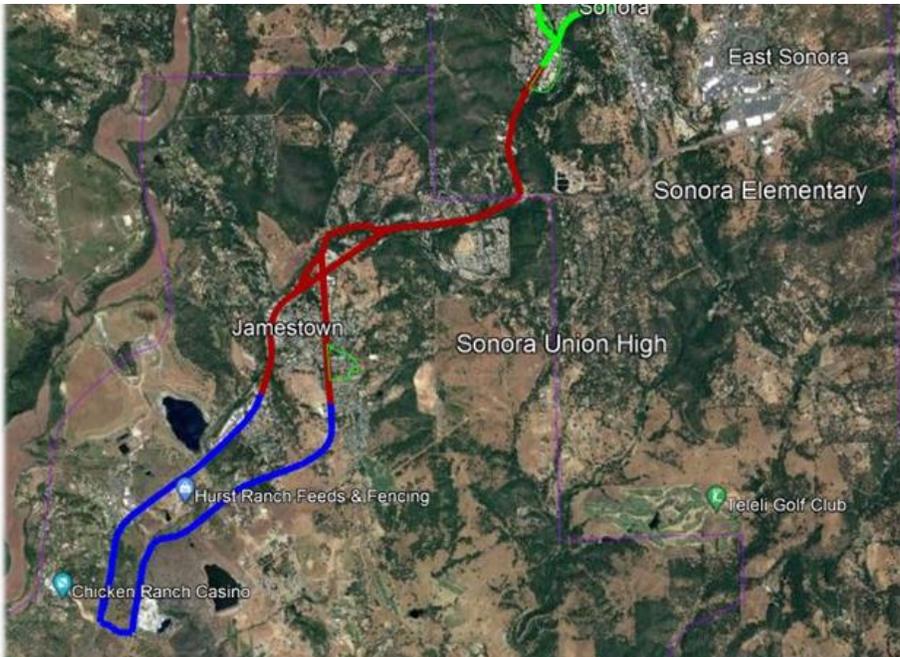
Funding Source: Caltrans SHOPP Project effort (For the sections in Caltrans Right of Way)

Amount Funded: Through to construction, assuming positive community engagement.

Length: TBD

Location: Though there are a few options here, the general project area will span from the terminus of Gold Rush Shared Use Path – Phase 1 near the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, down through Jamestown, and out to Chicken Ranch Road near the new Chicken Ranch Casino.

Planned Improvements Highlights: These segments, again, have improvements consistent with others in the overall path. There is an opportunity to create a large loop similar to the Columbia/College segment and the need to explore options in a constrained project area close to higher-speed traffic. The completion will drastically increase safety in the corridor. The funding for these segments comes from Caltrans offering to include the exploration of the inclusion of the construction into an approximately \$63 million SHOPP



project. But Caltrans needs to hear that the community wants a walkable and bikeable path here. We need active community involvement to get such improvements funded!

