



# Del Rey Oaks Community Workshop Public Comment Summary

February 5, 2019

## INTRODUCTION

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), in partnership with the City of Del Rey Oaks, hosted a public workshop on February 5, 2019 to present the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway (FORTAG) concept to Del Rey Oaks community members and gather initial feedback on the trail's preliminary conceptual designs through the City of Del Rey Oaks. This workshop marks one of the first public consultations for the Del Rey Oaks connection of FORTAG, and the community will continue to have opportunities to provide feedback on the alignment and design options as the project develops and during the environmental review.

The public workshop was held at Del Rey Oaks City Hall, and approximately 30 people were in attendance. Attendance included the Mayor, four City Council members, three Planning Commissioners, and residents of Angelus Way, Carlton Drive, and beyond. Prior to the meeting, the project team mailed event postcards to all residents of Angelus Way, and to residents of Carlton Drive along the proposed project's extent. The meeting was also publicized through Del Rey Oaks email lists and on various social media platforms.



Figure 1: City Manager Dino Pick welcomes attendees to the community meeting

The Workshop kicked off with a welcome by City Manager Dino Pick. Then, Fred Watson, FORTAG co-founder, presented an overview of FORTAG, including the values and vision of the proposed trail and the proposed regional alignment. Jeff Knowles, Alta Planning + Design, introduced the Del Rey Oaks connection of the FORTAG trail and some initial designs for the

Carton Drive and Angelus Way segments. Rich Deal (TAMC) and City Manager Pick facilitated a group conversation for initial questions. After the group conversation, attendees walked around the room and participated in smaller group discussions at different stations. The stations included:

- **Station 1: Project Goals & Overview.** Discuss the history, vision, and benefits of a continuous FORTAG system with one of its founders.
- **Station 2: Carlton Drive & Frog Pond.** Review alignment, design options, and provide input on Highway 218 crossing and pocket park opportunity.
- **Station 3 & 4: Angelus Way.** Discuss trade-offs and preferences (what do you like and do not like about each option).

At the end of the workshop, attendees were invited to submit comment cards to provide additional feedback. Comment cards can be viewed in Appendix A. This document serves to summarize the public comments received by the project team during the Community Workshop. The primary goals of the summary are to:

- Document the major categories of comments identifying key community needs, priorities, and concerns regarding the FORTAG alignment and design.
- Outline the project's next steps and future opportunities for public engagement.
- Include scanned comment cards and feedback heard at the Del Rey Oaks Community Workshop.



Figure 2: Workshop attendees visited open house-style stations

## PUBLIC INPUT

A number of adjacent landowners in attendance, particularly residents of Angelus Way expressed concerns, and in some cases opposition, to the FORTAG alignment along Angelus Way. Other attendees expressed excitement about the vision of FORTAG, and the benefits the trail would bring to their community. The following list consolidates the themes of the feedback heard:

### Neighborhood Character

A number of residents of Angelus Way and surrounding roads expressed that Angelus Way and the neighboring parks are already easily accessible on foot and by bike. Many thought the proposed multi-use path concept on Angelus Way was unnecessary given the low volume of vehicle traffic, and would create too many negative impacts, including loss of parking, potential difficulty backing out of driveways, and relocation of mailboxes and trash cans.

A reoccurring statement from residents of Angelus Way who were opposed to the FORTAG alignment noted that they do not want the calm, secluded and quiet nature of street to change. As one resident wrote, “My street is semi-private and quiet, and I want to keep it that way.” One resident pointed out that she valued being able to view different wildlife outside of her home, and was concerned that the presence of a trail would change that.

#### Liability for Private Property Owners

The houses on the creek side of Angelus Way have driveways that bridge the existing creek. Some adjoining landowners feared for young people’s safety or that they will be subject to additional liability in the event youth (or other trail users) fall into the creek on their property.

#### Property Value

Some adjoining landowners expressed concern that having the trail alignment close to or near to their property will lower their property values.

#### Enhanced Community Connections

A number of workshop attendees and Del Rey Oaks residents expressed excitement that the project would connect beloved destinations within the city. Attendees expressed that they thought this trail would improve quality of life for themselves and their families.

#### Resident Parking

Residents on Carlton and Angelus Way expressed concerns over the project design and parking for residents. One attendee on Carlton Way expressed that she would like the design to restore parking on both sides of Carlton Drive, as it was before the current street redesign. Residents near Angelus Way noted that visitors already use parking on Angelus Way on the weekends to access Del Rey Oaks Park. Some were concerned that the alignment through Angelus Way would prevent them or their friends and family from being able to park on the street, as they have done for many years.

#### Outsiders and Unwanted Behavior

Some adjoining landowners feared that putting the trail alignment on their street would bring outsiders, and unwanted behavior, such as drug use and crime, closer to their homes. As one resident said, the proposed alignment would be like “rolling out a red carpet” to invite people experiencing homelessness and unwanted behavior they currently see near Laguna Grande to their street.

#### Project History and Process

Overall, some of the attendees were skeptical of city involvement in the process, remarking that the City had known about the alignment for many years, but had not conveyed the City’s involvement or alignment to local residents. Attendees were concerned about when and if decisions affecting their street had already been made.

#### Alignment Ideas

Workshop attendees had ideas for different alignments than those proposed at the workshop that they asked the project team to study. These alignments included:

**Hwy 218:** Some attendees were in favor of installing and separated walking and biking path along Highway 218. Nearby residents noted that have seen an increase in vehicle traffic in recent years and would like projects to include traffic calming elements, such as speed humps and roundabouts.

**Plumas Ave:** Some attendees were interested in having the Plumas Ave alignment continue for the length of the street, taking advantage of the existing easement next to the powerlines.

**Angelus Way:** Between the two alternatives, residents overwhelmingly preferred the design that had the least change to the current condition. A couple of workshop attendees noted that the section of Angelus Way along the creek erodes in the winter, and inquired if this issue will be addressed through the trail design. Residents asked the design team to explore fencing options.

## NEXT STEPS

TAMC and Alta will host an outdoor public engagement event at Del Rey Oaks in the Spring. Additional outreach will be conducted throughout the project area, through Fall 2019. Locations for further outreach will include CSU Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula Recreational Trail, and the City of Marina.

# APPENDIX A

## Comment cards and written feedback



1. Section of road along creek (Angelus Way) erodes in winter. Will this be addressed to ensure safety
2. Who will be responsible for litter in creek and on trail (Angelus). Today we get things flowing from park
3. How to manage/prevent people from trespassing on property. We get it today, either on bridge or in creek
4. How will parking for park be addressed
5. Will our mailboxes be relocated - do not want my mailbox on path
6. Given it is a neighborhood, how do we manage use outside of reasonable hours. Early morning/late at night,



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

I think the idea of a bike trail would be positive if there's a substantial community of bikers already on the Peninsula. Having it run through Angelus Way seems a little bizarre considering what we've heard from some of the more passionate audience members, so an alternative route would seem more advisable.



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

COMMENT CARD

The proposed alignment; Del Rey Woods, Carlton  
Del Rey Park, Angelus, Work Park to  
Seaside is excellent

Thank you for the considerate  
design





Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

We hate the proposed idea  
about the trail along Angelus Way  
but favor the 218 bike path.

Dieter & Heidi Seitz



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

I like the idea.

My only concern is keeping bikes  
from zooming around the other  
trails.



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

CARLTON DRIVE WANTS THE PARKING  
BACK RECONSTRUCTED BACK TO THE  
WAY IT WAS - NO BIKE TRAIL -

162517 - 831-224-6939



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

COMMENT CARD

N 1 M by !!!, 938 Angeles Wy

don't need it

Go on 218 Walk Path. Build K-rail on Path to  
Protect Walkers + bikers



- IF CARLTON IS CLOSED - PLEASE CONSIDER OUTREACH TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO SEASIDE RESIDENTS THAT THIS ISN'T DRO BEING EXCLUSIVE ALSO MITIGATE ELDER'S THAT HAVE TRAVELED CARLTON TO HIGHLAND TO ACCESS SEASIDE - SUCH AS TROLLEY'S I GUESS CARLTON WILL STAY OPEN! XOXO!
- MITIGATE BIKERS IMPACT THRU FROG POND W/ FENCING THRU SENSITIVE HABITAT
- EDUCATE CYCLISTS ABOUT STAYING IN THEIR LANE
- SAFETY WILL HAPPEN IF RESIDENTS RIDE THE TRAIL



- 1.) Service Road at Park is closed AT Sunset. I don't want a 24 hr trail
- 2.) Only 19 parking spaces in park lot up to 80 cars on weekends
- 3.) I have wood gates to enter my property I park on Angelus to open and close them.
- 4.) Deliveries would be hard: UPS, Fed-ex lumber & dumpsters.
- 5.) My street is semi private & quiet and I want to keep it that way.
- 6.) 218(hwy) has 7'-8' space put it up there.



Laguna Grande Park

Have we talked to Monterey  
and Seaside PD about their  
dedicated police units for  
"quality of life" issues?

Has the police chief been consulted?

Time of us?

How will we prosecute local ordinance  
violations?



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

COMMENT CARD

I think that the idea of a  
regional bike/pedestrian path is a  
GREAT one. Let's make this happen.

Gary Kreeger





Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

You must understand how skeptical we are of the implementation of this project after the debacle of Carlin Drive several years ago.

I don't relish inviting "outsiders" into our neighborhoods. Safety and privacy are big concerns. ~~At~~ all the homes along Carlin back up to Frog Pond + give access to the homes from the Pond.

I just sat through this meeting next to Councilman Gagliotti who was obviously in favor



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

COMMENT CARD

I'm a resident of DRO (I live on the north side of Canyon Del Rey) & I'm thrilled about this concept. I'm in total support of all aspects. Regarding Angeles you might want to put up a few signs & leave it the way it is. It's already a very easy road to take on bike or foot. I also think Carlton changes work well. Thank you for your patience tonight. You all were amazing! Love it!



I think a rec-trail on Angeles Way is a terrible idea. It should be on 218 with a wall to protect- bikes & walkers. a rec-trail along a creek with no barrier is a terrible idea.



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)

COMMENT CARD

I have Googled studies address bike trails and crime, bike trails and home values etc. The studies I've looked at all reflect decreases in crime or ~~now~~ no increase. Home values have increased, realtors state they get much closer to asking price if a home is near or off a bike trail. These are government studies DOT etc down to local transportation agencies. So Fed to local nationwide.

The transient/homeless issue is a concern. Do studies reflect problems regarding homeless?  
Thanks for your presentation. Well done!



Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG)  
COMMENT CARD

Please study Ree Trail to go Plumas  
to Fremont. Already have easement (?)  
under water and lots less auto traffic

Thank you

# I.) Path would have a bad effect on my life & home

- A) Resident for 28 years
- B) No one on my side of the street wants it
- C) The street is fine the way it is
  - 1.) you can walk or ride with no problem
- D) street is 30' wide at my gates: No room
- E) Parking on weekends is terrible I couldn't have family or friends over
- F) Wood gates on hinges: manually operated by opening & closing on the street
- G) Deliveries would be impossible UPS, Water, Lumber, Dumpsters
- H) I feel as if I have the right to park in front of my own home I.) Garbage Cans?

# II. Lets look at The Park

25 BBQ  
25 1332  
10 balls  
5 dogs

- A) 18 parking spaces, 3 Handicap
- B) Another 18 on Angeles to Adair
- C) Service Road is closed at sunset
- D) 2 BBQ rentals, Ball Field(?), Dog Park up to 60 cars more than 80
- E) Service Road is emergency exit for Angeles

# III. Now look at 218 on creek side

- A) 7'-8' of space from white line
- B) slim k rails and re-stripping
- C) Lower Speed Limit

# IV. What is the city getting out of this?

Who maintains path  
Kayakers in creek  
... is a disaster

- you're study vs. my study  
- lower prop. values

- + Can the trail go all the way to the Burger King
- ↳ connects to City of Seaside tennis courts
- + Dog Park - dogs and people
- + Can we just reconstruct all of 218
- + Has many collisions happen @ intersect on

- + 7-8' extra room on 218 instead
- + Service road along ← ~~along~~ don't want people there 24hrs a day
- + Monterey Co Sheriff Dept - transient pop increasing on <sup>an ~~an~~ FM</sup> and Fremont and CDK
- + Don't consider Work Memorial Park a park.
- + Parking on Carlton Drive was removed, hard from guests. → Last project was supposed to fix speeding
- + 1st Responder - trails + tunnels // ~~to~~ speaking for 3 ~~lines~~
- + Turkey, frogs, Deer, Owl on Angeles Way
- + Bridges - people/kids want to ~~peer~~ down creek

+ Trail on Angelus is Invasive... don't

+ People don't like

→ Never had an issue getting to Frog Pond

+ Angelus - area is already accessible - ~~was~~  
"keep it simple"

+ S, 9 y'dd - walking from Laguna Grande  
"rolling out a red carpet"

+ Don't like signs - "nobody reads signs"

+ Del Rey Park section - closed @ sunset

+ 7' of space on 218, rather than on street

↳ consider restringing +

+ Drainage from 218 down those side streets  
↳ lots of run-off

+ "Our community is already accessible by foot"

+ "It takes a little bit of work, but we use it"

+ In 5 years I've lived here, traffic has increased

+ Historic convo about speed bumps + roundabouts

↳ Different Idea

+ People hitting fences of back houses

+ Extremes: No one use path, Everyone use path

+ Parking - every Saturday or Sunday

+ Jocelyn Canyon / Deer Flats.



stop

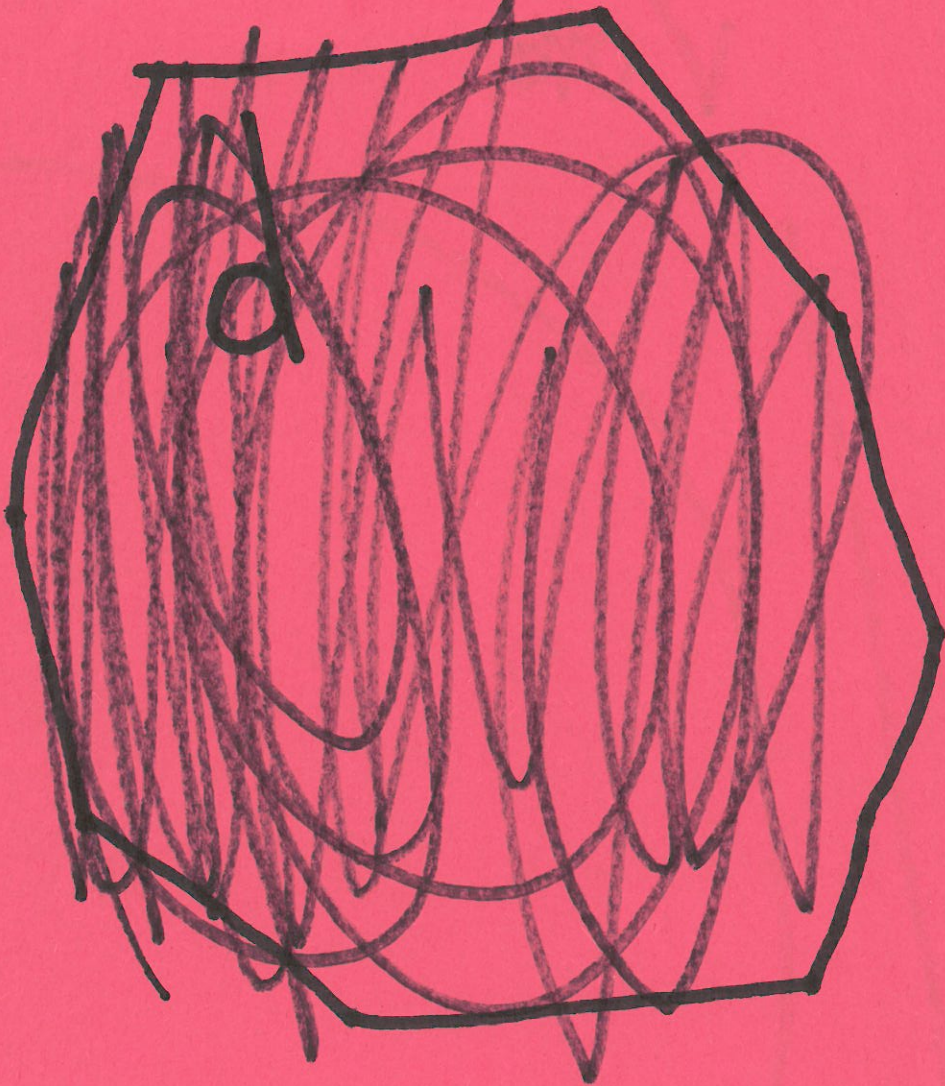


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