



DATE: March 14, 2018
MEMO TO: MROSD Board of Directors
THROUGH: Ana Ruiz, Acting General Manager *AR*
FROM: Tina Hugg, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Cooley Landing – Project Update

On March 22, 2017, the Board of Directors (Board) authorized \$1.25M in Measure AA funds to support design, permitting, and construction of the following six park elements at Cooley Landing Park, consistent with the Cooley Landing Vision Plan (Attachments 1 and 2):

1. Motion-activated roadway lighting
2. Freestanding restroom
3. Outdoor classroom area
4. Path around the Education Center to complete a trail loop through the site
5. Secondary unpaved trails
6. New entry sign

On August 9, 2017, the Board of Directors approved Amendment Three (3) to the Partnership Agreement with the City of East Palo Alto (City) to formalize the funding partnership.

The City's Public Works Department hired Callander Associates (Callander) to complete the design, prepare drawings, coordinate permitting, and participate in bidding and construction. To date, Callander has completed 90% design drawings, submitted permits, and coordinated with regulatory agencies. Throughout, District staff has reviewed the design, submitted comments, and provided cost estimate peer review support. The current cost estimate for District-funded improvements is within the \$1.25M authorized by the Board.

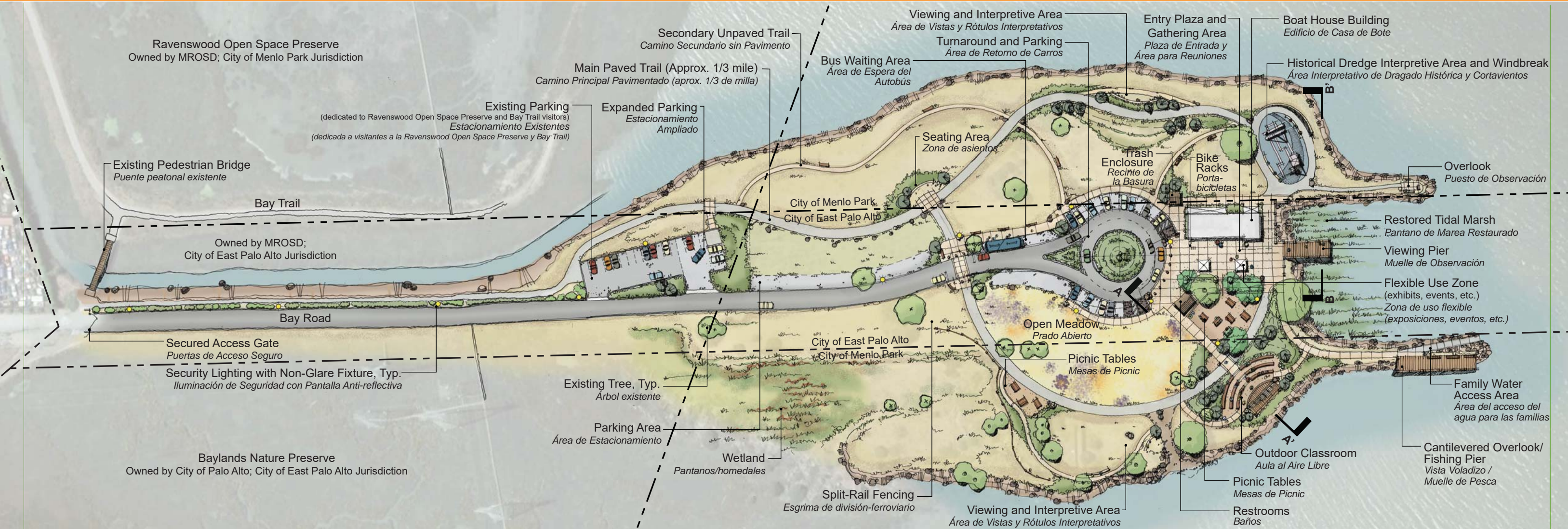
The initial project schedule divided construction over two years (2017 and 2018) given the limited window of construction between September 1 and January 1 to avoid the nesting season of the federally endangered Ridgway's Rail. The City's original approach was to fast track the roadway lights and prefabricated restroom. However, due to the project's tight construction window, lead time for US Fish and Wildlife's review of the lights, and lead time for the prefabricated restroom, it was not feasible to design, permit, bid, and construct this discreet scope of work before the 2017 construction window closed. The focus has pivoted to constructing all of the proposed site work improvements in one season (2018). Callander is finalizing discussions with regulatory agencies for permission to begin construction earlier in July rather than September. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2019.

The new schedule will still allow the City to complete the project ahead of the State Parks' Prop 84 grant deadline of June 2019. As discussed in previous FYIs and Board Reports, the City must complete several elements to fulfill the Prop 84 grant requirements and receive final reimbursements from State Parks. Measure AA is funding several of those elements, including the freestanding restroom, outdoor classroom, and roadway lighting.

COOLEY LANDING

CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

July 15, 2010



Concept Plan *Plan Conceptual*

