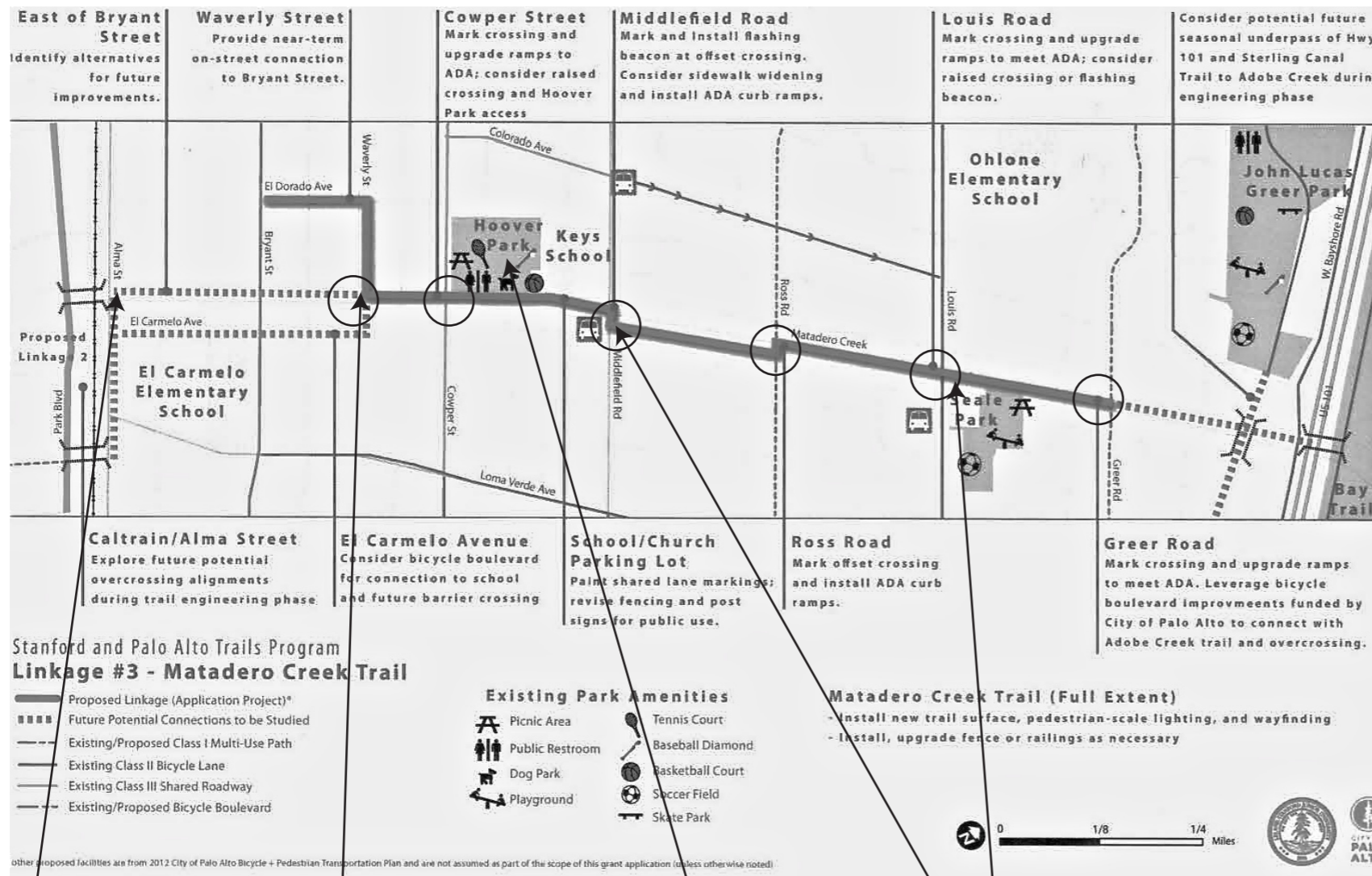


Matadero Creek Trail: a planned Class 1 multi-use path extending from west of Alma Street to east of Bayshore

Full planned extent of trail utilizes Santa Clara Valley Water District access road that SCVWD uses for maintenance of the flood control channel of Matadero Canal. A Class 1 Multi-use path as defined in the 2012 BPTP requires 8-ft paved width and total 12-ft width.

(map from 2012 City of Palo Alto Bicycle + Pedestrian Transportation Plan [BPTP])



ramp into creek blocks route

house blocks route (Zillow estimate: \$3.16 million on June 18, 2014)

trail already exists through Hoover Park

ramps into creek block route

circles indicate mid-block street crossings

Concerns and issues include:

1. safety of users and neighborhood pedestrians-- multiple mid-block crossings of roads and sidewalks, planned path too narrow for much of its length
2. SCVWD has indicated that the trail must be closed at night; impacts to adjacent neighbors and property must be considered
3. Cost. Is it worth it?

(Annotations and handout prepared by J. Nolan, 2935 Waverley St., who is a concerned creek neighbor)

See Midtown Residents Association website (<http://www.midtownresidents.org/>) for the BPTP plan and more information related to the planned trail including minutes of a meeting with Santa Clara Valley Water District personnel. Note that Midtown Residents Association has not taken a position regarding the trail.

For a video showing the route and the flood control clean-out procedure, search YouTube for "Matadero Creek Bike/Pedestrian Trail" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9VluO3JFfU>)