Virtual Community Meeting 2
Central Bikeway Study
Tuesday, March 16 | 12-1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 17 | 6-7:30 p.m.
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**Question and Answer** Open panel to ask question. Hosts will answer verbally or in the panel at scheduled times throughout the meeting.
Meet the Project Team

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Solutions that move you

City of San Jose
Capital of Silicon Valley

Caltrans

City of Santa Clara
The Center of What’s Possible

The County of Santa Clara
Today’s Agenda

• Recap on the project vision, goals, and timeline
• Recap on Round 01 of engagement
• What we’ve been up to
  • Developing alternatives
• Hearing from you
  • Your feedback on the project alternatives
• Q & A
Engagement Principles

• Actively Reach Underrepresented Communities
• Build Trust and Respect with the Community
• Make it Relevant
• You Speak, We Listen
• Don’t Lose Sight of Joy
Poll #1:
Who’s here today?
How did we get here?

• Currently 800 miles of bikeway in County, 200 miles of bike paths

• VTA is proposing a cross-County network for Bicycle Superhighways

• Allow people to connect on low-stress bikeways across the County
VISION

Bicycle Superhighways

• Routes separated mainly from automobiles – 12 candidate corridors

• High-quality, joyful, connections throughout County

• Builds on existing trail networks

• Includes on-street bikeways currently being planned by local agencies
Central Bikeway Project Vision

Create a bicycle superhighway that will provide a joyful, continuous, connected, and comfortable bikeway between Santa Clara and North San José.
Central Bikeway Project Goals

- Equity
- Safety
- Sustainable Mobility
- Community-Desired Project
- Access
- Joy
- Project Compatibility
Project Schedule

**Existing Conditions Analysis:** We assess what’s been planned and what’s there now
August 2020 – October 2020

**Alternatives Analysis:** We review multiple alignments
November 2020 – March 2021

**Preferred Design Analysis:** We select the preferred alignment
April 2021 – July 2021

**Draft Study:** We present a draft report for public input
August 2021 – November 2021

**Final Study:** The final report is complete
December 2021 - February 2022
Q&A Break

Any questions so far?
What Did We Learn During the First Round of Community Engagement?
What Did We Learn During the First Round of Community Engagement?
Who did we hear from?

- 2 virtual community meetings
- 66 attendees
- 933 visits to online open house
- 358 completed surveys
- 1745 comments on the map
- 4 languages
Who did we hear from?

With which racial group do you identify?

- 46% in study area
- 36% in study area
- 24% in study area
- 1% in study area

- 41% White
- 20% Asian or Asian American
- 17% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- 13% prefer not to say
- 5% other
- 1% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders
- 1% American Indian or Alaska Native
- 1% Black or African American
Feedback on goals

25% Safety

- 17% Community-desired project
- 14% Sustainable mobility
- 14% Access
- 13% Joy
- 5% Project compatibility
- 4% Equity
- 8% Other
Barriers to bicycling

What prevents you from bicycling more often?

*Top 5 answers:*

1. I’m concerned about **personal safety from traffic**
2. There **aren’t comfortable bikeways or roads** that connect with where I need to go
3. There isn’t **secure bike parking at my destinations**
4. Roads or bikeways are **not pleasant or comfortable**
5. I’m concerned about **personal safety from other sources**
Challenges

- 42% insufficient infrastructure
- 34% intersection
- 7% accessibility
- 6% physical barriers
- 6% personal safety
- 3% unspecified
- 2% lack of amenities

Percentages only reflect challenges responses with comments.
Destinations

42% grocery, shopping, restaurant, or other destination
22% recreation, exercise
15% work or school
12% other
5% transit
4% friends or family

Percentages only reflect community destination responses with comments.
Community Preferred Routes
Developing Alternatives
How did we develop alternatives?

**Corridors**
A bunch of segments

**Alignments**
Cohesive and continuous 8-mile bike superhighway routes

**Alternatives**
3 Alignments that respond to the project goals, stakeholder input, and public feedback
We studied major corridors identified in local plans
We explored additional corridors that were feasible
We identified additional corridors that closed critical gaps
…to create a network for developing a bicycle superhighway!
We compared this network to community identified destinations
and community identified routes...
To select 1-2-3 alternatives that best respond to the project goals and community input.
Bikeway Types

1-Way Protected Bikeway

2-Way Protected Bikeway

Trail
The Walsh Wizard

Travel time
- 3rd Quickest Alternative

Key Destinations
- Lawrence Caltrain Station
- Airport
- Japantown
- Berryessa BART station
Trail
Trackway

6% PROTECTED BIKEWAY
94% TRAIL

BIKEWAY TYPE

Travel time
• 2nd Quickest Alternative

Key Destinations
• Lawrence Caltrain Station
• Santa Clara Caltrain Station
• Santa Clara University
• Berryessa BART station
The Shortliner

Travel time
- Quickest Alternative

Key Destinations
- Santa Clara Caltrain Station
- Santa Clara University
- Japantown
- Berryessa BART station
What would help you choose riding on the Central Bikeway over using another mode?

1. A route with a short travel time
2. A route that connects to more destinations
3. A different reason
4. A protected on-street bikeway
5. An off-street trail
6. A different option
Some alternatives may take more time to build. Do you prefer…

1. A bikeway that can be built more quickly using the street network

2. A bikeway that may require more time to build and provide off-street trail corridors

3. I prefer a different option
We want to hear how to knit together the best alternative to meet your needs.
Areas

Santa Clara | The Airport | San José
Which area or areas would you ride most often?

Select all that are relevant

Santa Clara
Around the Airport
San José
None of these
Q&A Break
Any questions so far?
Let’s Explore the Three Alternatives
3 Alternatives
+
3 Areas
Santa Clara

Central Expressway
• Trail in Center Roadway Median

Kifer/Walsh
• 1-way or 2-way Protected Bikeway

El Camino Real
• 1-way Protected Bikeway
Santa Clara

Central Expressway

• Trail in Center Roadway Median
Santa Clara

Caltrain/Railroad Corridor

- Rail with Trail
Santa Clara

Kifer/Walsh

- 1-way or 2-way Protected Bikeway
Santa Clara

El Camino Real

- 1-way or 2-way Protected Bikeway
POLL

Which route do you prefer for Santa Clara?

1. Central Expressway and Caltrain (Railroad) Corridor
2. Kifer/Walsh
3. El Camino Real
Around the Airport

Guadalupe River Trail
- Trail

Freeway Corridor
- Trail

Hedding
- 1-way Protected Bikeway
Around the Airport

Guadalupe River Trail

• Trail
Around the Airport

Freeway Corridor
• Trail
Around the Airport

Hedding

- 1-way Protected Bikeway
POLL

Which route do you prefer around the airport?

1. Guadalupe River Trail
2. Freeway Corridor
3. Hedding & The Alameda
San José

Berryessa
• 1-way Protected Bikeway with improved buffer

Penitencia Creek Trail
• Trail

Mabury
• 1-way Protected Bikeway
• with improved buffer
San José

Berryessa

• 1-way Protected Bikeway with improved buffer
San José

Penitencia Creek Trail

- Trail
San José

Mabury

- 1-way Protected Bikeway
- with improved buffer
POLL

Which route do you prefer in San José?

1. Berryessa

2. Penitencia Creek Trail

3. Mabury
Online Survey

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Central Bikeway Study Survey

Welcome to the Central Bikeway Study Survey

Take the survey in Español, Tiếng Việt, or 中文

We’re introducing three alternative corridors to connect Santa Clara and North San José via a joyful, continuous, and connected low-stress bicycle superhighway. See how your input is shaping the Central Bikeway and let us know what you think so far.

The Central Bikeway would be built using three bikeway types shown below. The alternatives presented use these bikeway types in different areas. The survey will explain how your feedback from the first round of engagement helped develop the alternatives and ask about your preferences and where you want to ride.
Engagement Schedule

- **October-November 2020**
  - **ROUND 1 OUTREACH EVENTS**
  - **Listen** to your vision and needs

- **March 2021**
  - **ROUND 2 OUTREACH EVENTS**
  - **Collaborate** on bikeway design concept

- **Summer 2021**
  - **ROUND 3 OUTREACH EVENTS**
  - **Refine** a preferred bikeway alternative

- **Summer 2021**
  - **DRAFT STUDY**
  - Did we get it **Right?**

**We are here!**

- **Virtual Community Meeting**
- **Online Engagement**
- **Partner Presentations**
- **Comment of Draft Plan**
Q&A
What questions do you have?
Do you have any suggestions for promoting future workshops and Study updates?
Thank you for attending!

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