Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Item #2 04-17-2024

Rodrigues Avenue Update Report

Staff Report

PW - Transportation



Site Plan



Background / Timeline

June 15, 2022 – BPC Motion

"Recommend...a pedestrian crosswalk according to concept A [Rodrigues gate]" Motion passed 3-0

"Determine the need for additional crosswalks based on studies within the first year of opening; [...]" Motion passed 3-0

September 20 / October 18, 2022 – City Council Action

"Directed staff to return to City Council one year after the opening of Regnart Creek Trail ...with recommendations on the necessity for, and location of, potential crosswalks across Rodrigues Avenue in the vicinity of the public pathway easement through Tract 9405 [...] – City Council (Unanimous)

March 18, 2023 – Regnart Creek Trail Officially Opens to the Public

Feb 28, 2024 - BPC

 Received report from Commissioner on Rodrigues Avenue Bicycle / Pedestrian Safety (Chair Marcy)

Staff Input / Next Steps

Data Collection:

- Data collection postponed to date due to:
 - Time allowance for trail usage to stabilize
 - Pattern of inclement weather
 - Intermittent trail closures
- Staff has contracted with consulting firm to collect traffic and usage data:
 - Trail Usage (Pedestrian / Bicyclists)
 - Trail ingress/egress at access points along Rodrigues Ave
 - Prevalence of jaywalking at Rodrigues Ave access points
 - Vehicle speeds along Rodrigues Ave
 - Collision history
 - Other suggestions/areas of concern?
- Counts anticipated to be collected by end of May 2024

Staff Input / Next Steps

Next steps:

- Following data collection, staff will evaluate need for improvements, considering:
 - Documented safety concerns
 - Trail usage patterns
 - Public input
 - Site constraints
 - County Sheriff experience
 - MUTCD and CVC guidance and requirements relating to pedestrian safety improvements and setting of speed limits
- Staff will return to BPC with final recommendation, followed by presentation to Council per direction given at September 20/October 18, 2022 meeting

Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Agenda Item #2 April 17, 2024

Safety on Rodrigues Avenue – More Crosswalks are High Priority Town Center Village Residents (across the City Hall)

Mia Vu*, Caroline Bangham, Nancy Granzella, Ramola Gokhale, Pane Stojanovski

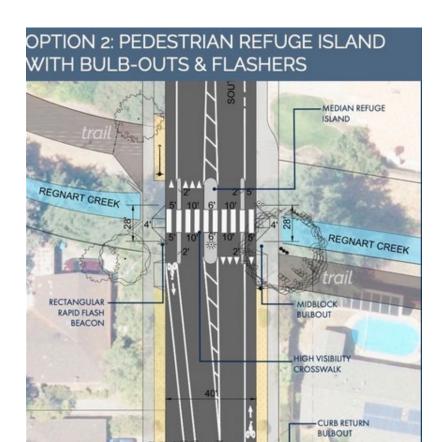
- We are also Board members of the Homeowners Association of the Town Center Village.
 Significant number of our residents have reduced or severely reduced mobility (older residents, young families with small children) and are at risk when crossing Rodrigues for access to the trail and / or library and city hall area.
- 2. Our concern for safety on Rodrigues avenue is unanimous:
 - Regnart Creek Trail is a success. However, now traffic has significantly increased pedestrians, bikes, and cars in a very busy traffic area.
 - Many pedestrians are crossing Rodrigues Ave to access the trail and / or library and city all area having no access to a nearby crosswalk.
 - High car speed, > 35 MPH, and
 - Accidents are prone to happen.
- 3. We have THREE requests:
 - Lower car speed to 25 MPH
 - Add 2 crosswalks on Rodrigues Ave near trail entrances, one of them very close to the entrance to our Pinntage Parkway complex.
 - The crosswalks should be a raised crosswalk with bright flashers and large visible bulb-outs





EXISTING REGNART CREEK & BLANEY
CROSSWALK:

Crossing with inadequate safety – cars do not stop



FOR THE RODRIGUES & PINNTAGE CROSSWALK:

Use the approved by the City Trail Feasibility Study Option 2:

A raised crosswalk wit bright flashers and large visible bulb-outs.



Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Project

Cupertino BPAC Meeting April 17, 2024



Introduction

- ► Hassan Basma, VTA Project Manager
- ► Lauren Ledbetter, VTA Senior Planner
- **Zila Shafie**, DEENSCORP Project Manager
- Nabilah Hazara, DEENSCORP Project Engineer



Agenda

- Purpose of the Presentation
- Project Background & Overview
- Project Goals & Design Considerations
- Project Cost & Schedule
- Upcoming Outreach Meetings
- ► Q&A



Purpose of the Presentation

Update this committee on the Homestead Road Safe Routes to School Project



Project Background

- November 2016 Voters of Santa Clara County approved Measure B, a 30 year, ½ cent sales tax measure to support transportation projects and services
- Local streets, roads, bicycles and pedestrian programs were included in the Measure B list of programs
- **2018** County Board of Supervisor <u>Joe Simitian</u> championed this project
- 2019 County of Santa Clara Roads & Airports completed the <u>Homestead SRTS</u> <u>Study Report</u>

2023 - <u>2016 Measure B funds</u> were secured. Project went to bid for design and was awarded.



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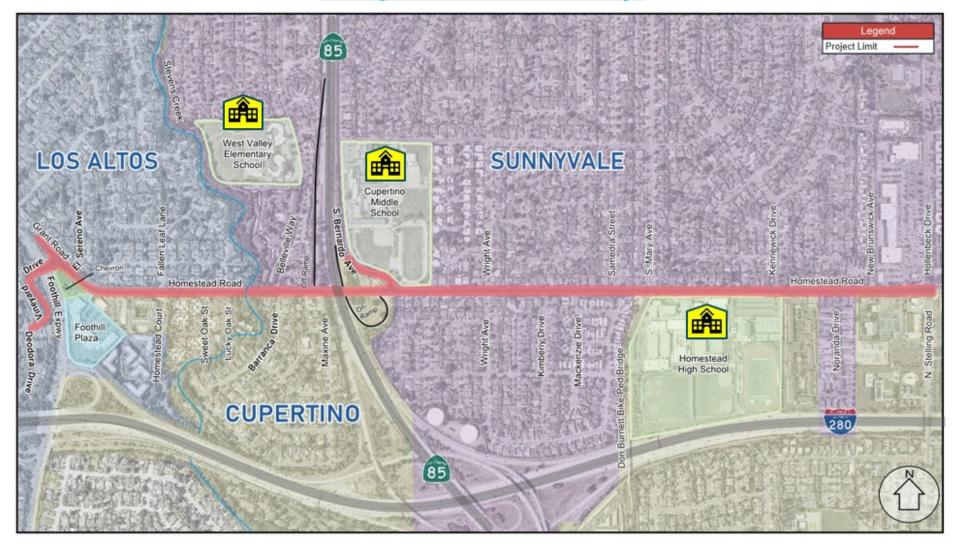
Past Project Activities

- Previous Public Outreach:
 - ► Two Community Meetings were held with extensive public outreach
- Collaboration between Stakeholders:
 - ► Cities of Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and Cupertino
 - Caltrans and County of Santa Clara
 - School districts, parents, students, and staff





Project Area Map





Project Goals

- Implement bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements for Safe Routes to Schools
- Support safe and efficient modes of transportation: Biking, walking, driving, and riding public transit
- Connect students from three schools along project corridor:
 - West Valley Elementary School
 - Cupertino Middle School
 - ► Homestead High School

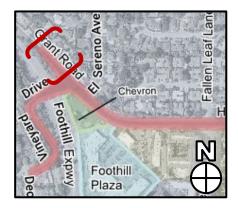


Design Considerations

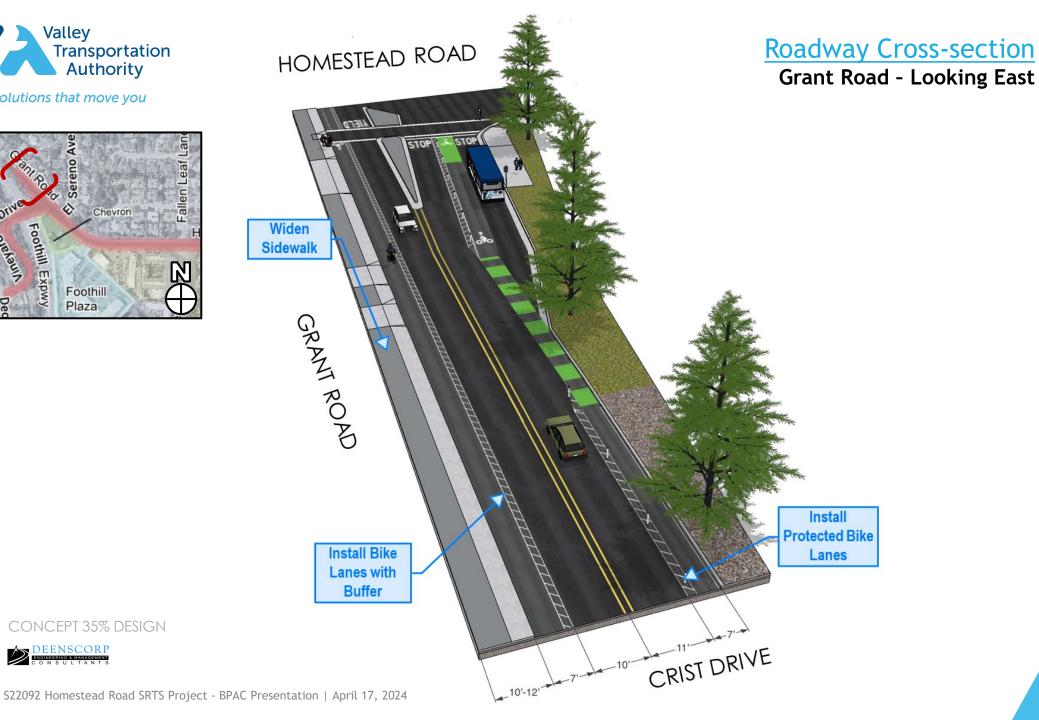
- Installation of new sidewalks to close gaps in connectivity
- Widen sidewalks and shared use path where feasible
- Convert bike lanes to Buffered or Protected where feasible
- Tighten corner curb radii and shorten crossing distance

- Install new ADA curb ramp for improved accessibility
- Traffic Signal Improvements
- Upgrade to high visibility
 crosswalks to enhance crosswalk
 visibility for pedestrian safety
- Eliminate free-right lanes (Foothill Expwy, SR-85 On Ramp)





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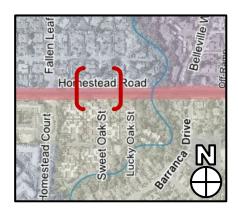


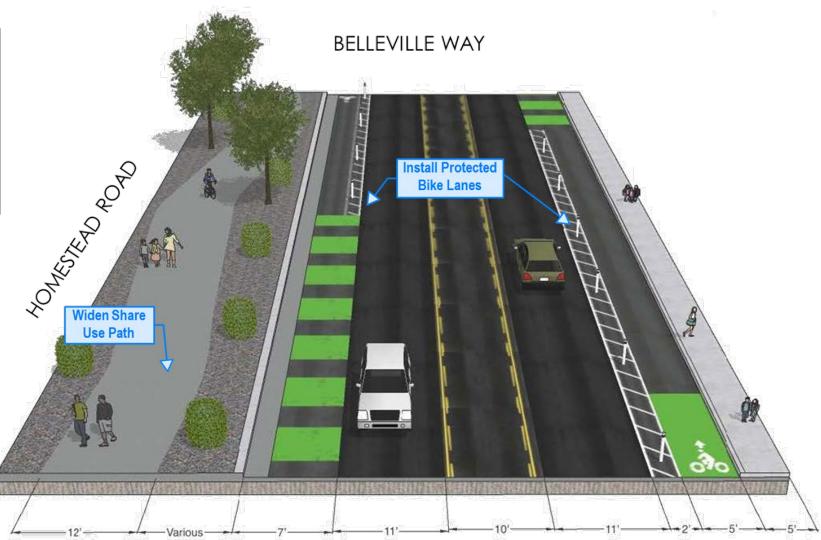


Roadway Cross-section

Fallen Leaf Lane - Looking East

Solutions that move you





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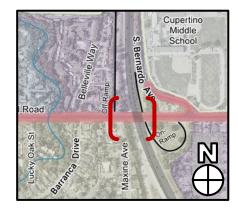


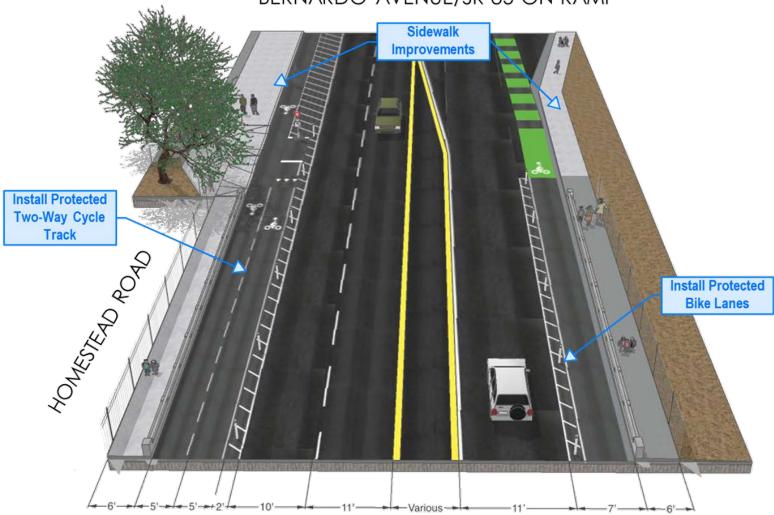
FALLEN LEAF LANE



Roadway Cross-section SR-85 Bridge - Looking East







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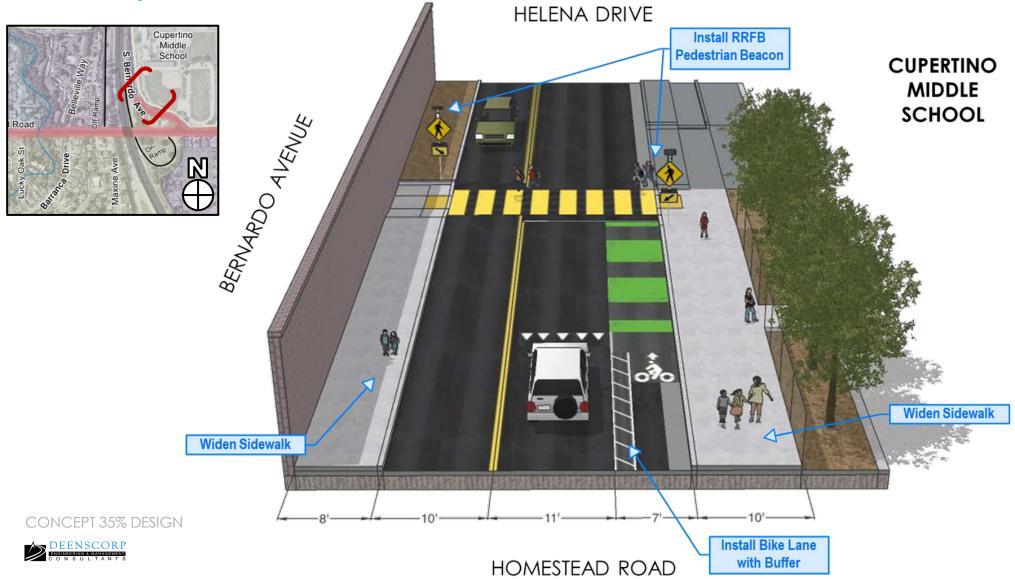




Roadway Cross-section

Bernardo Avenue - Looking North

Solutions that move you





Funding

Funding Source	Amount
VTA Measure B	\$1,167,600
Santa Clara County Roads & Airports	\$350,400
Total	\$1,518,000



Construction Cost Estimate

Estimate	Amount
35% Design Level Estimate	\$12,000,000
Construction Management	\$2,400,000
Contingency Amount	\$2,400,000
Total	\$16,800,000



Schedule

Scope Item	Completion Date
Project Study Report	2019
35% Plans Draft	February 2024
35% Final	June 2024
Public Meetings (BPAC and City Council Meetings)	April - June 2024
Environmental Clearance	May 2024 - February 2025
Final plans*	October 2025
Bidding*	January 2026 - June 2026
Construction*	June 2026 - December 2027

*Pending future funds



Upcoming Outreach Meetings

- Sunnyvale BPAC
- Los Altos Complete Streets Commission
- VTA BPAC
- Sunnyvale City Council
- Los Altos City Council



Questions & Answers

Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Agenda Item #3 April 17, 2024

Homestead High School

Bike Route from Kennewick to Bike Racks

Presented by HHS community to Bicycle Pedestrian Commission

April 2024

Routes and Hazards

Sidewalk and bike lane

Student parking lot exit



Kennewick/ Homestead Rd intersection

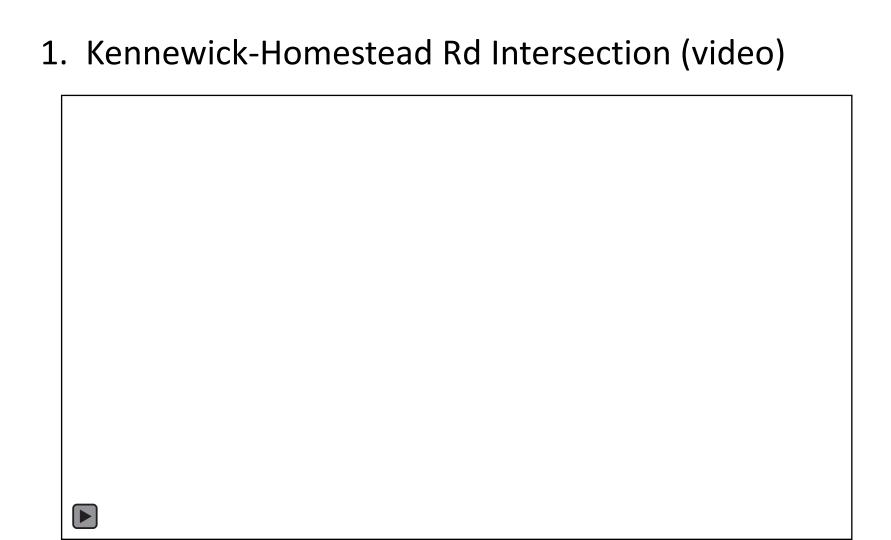
Student parking lot

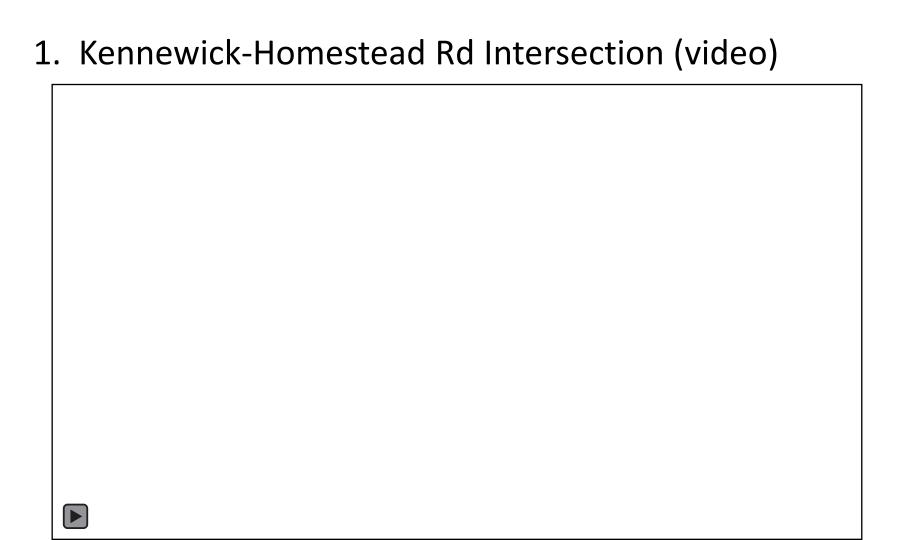


Legend

bike route bike route







1. Kennewick-Homestead Rd Intersection



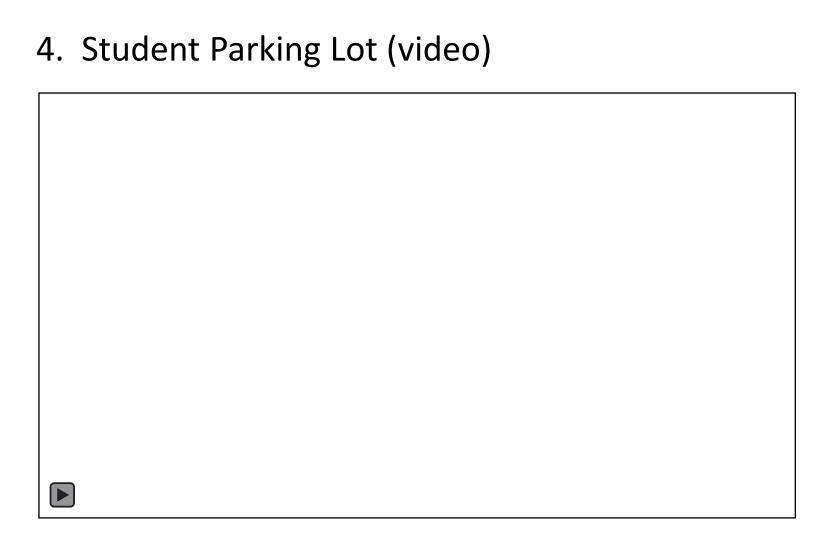
2. Sidewalk and Bike Lane (video)

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3. Student Parking Lot Exit (video)





Bicycle Pedestrian Commission Agenda Item #5 April 17, 2024

Bike to Wherever Day

Commissioner Coordination





Energizer Station

Help Fuel Local Cyclists' Trips

Dates:

Thursday, May 16 Friday, May 17 Saturday, May 18

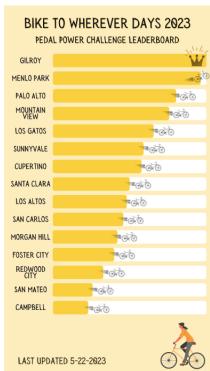


Energizer Station Hosted by BPC and Walk Bike Cupertino 2019

Cities Challenge



Pledge to Ride: bikesiliconvalley.org/p2r



- Sign Up to Host Energizer Station
- Pick Up Tote Bags
- Read Energizer Station Host Guide
- Attend one-hour Zoom orientation
- Recruit volunteers to help staff booth
- Coordinate table/chairs/canopy with City
- Provide refreshments

Sign up to Host Energizer Station

Sign Up by April 19:

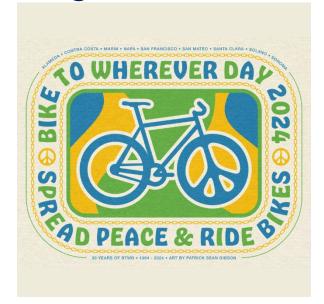
https://bikesiliconvalley.org/energize

Decisions needed to sign up:

- Date?
- Location?
- Time?

Pick Up Tote Bags

Monday, May 6
12 noon to 3 pm
Sports Basement
1177 Kern Ave
Sunnyvale, CA 94085



Read Energizer Station Host Guide

<u>Guide</u>

Attend one-hour Zoom orientation

Date Options:

Monday April 29, 7-8pm Tuesday April 30, 9-10am Thursday May 2, 12-1pm

 Register via links in Energizer Station Host Guide (link in previous slide)

Recruit volunteers to help staff booth

- Bring friends and family!
- Walk Bike Cupertino has historically been a wonderful partner to the BPC

Provide refreshments

- \$100 reimbursement from City
- Submit receipts to David Stillman

Coordination Questions

Station Details & Staff Recommendations

Date? May 16

Location? McClellan/Stelling or DB Bridge

• Time? 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Who will coordinate this year's station?
 - Fill out form by April 19
 - Pick up tote bags May 6

Who else can staff the table?

Thank You!