

Parks and Recreation, Planning,
and Bicycle Pedestrian
Commissions

Special Joint Meeting

June 13, 2022

Presentations

Item 1

Consider an update to the Joint Commission on the status of the Environmental Summary Report, public outreach process, and next steps for the Lawrence-Mitty Master Plan project.

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PARK AND TRAIL MASTER PLAN

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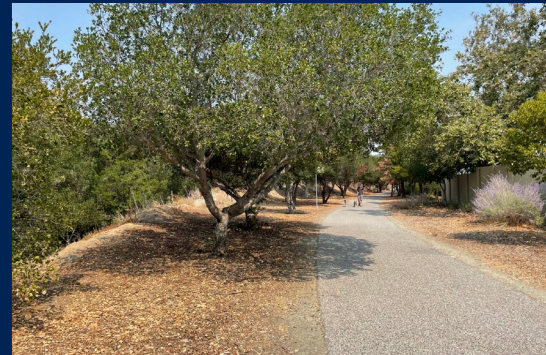
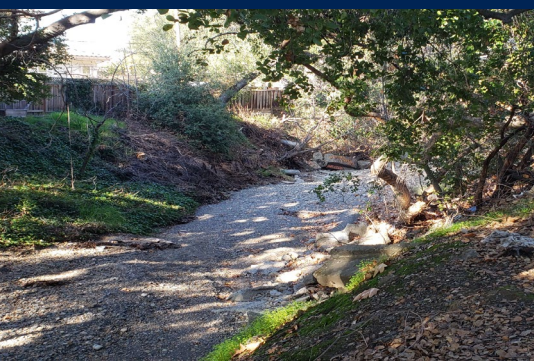
Lawrence-Mitty Project Team

City of Cupertino

Capital Improvement Project Team

Parks and Recreation Department

MIG (Design Consultant)



Today's Agenda

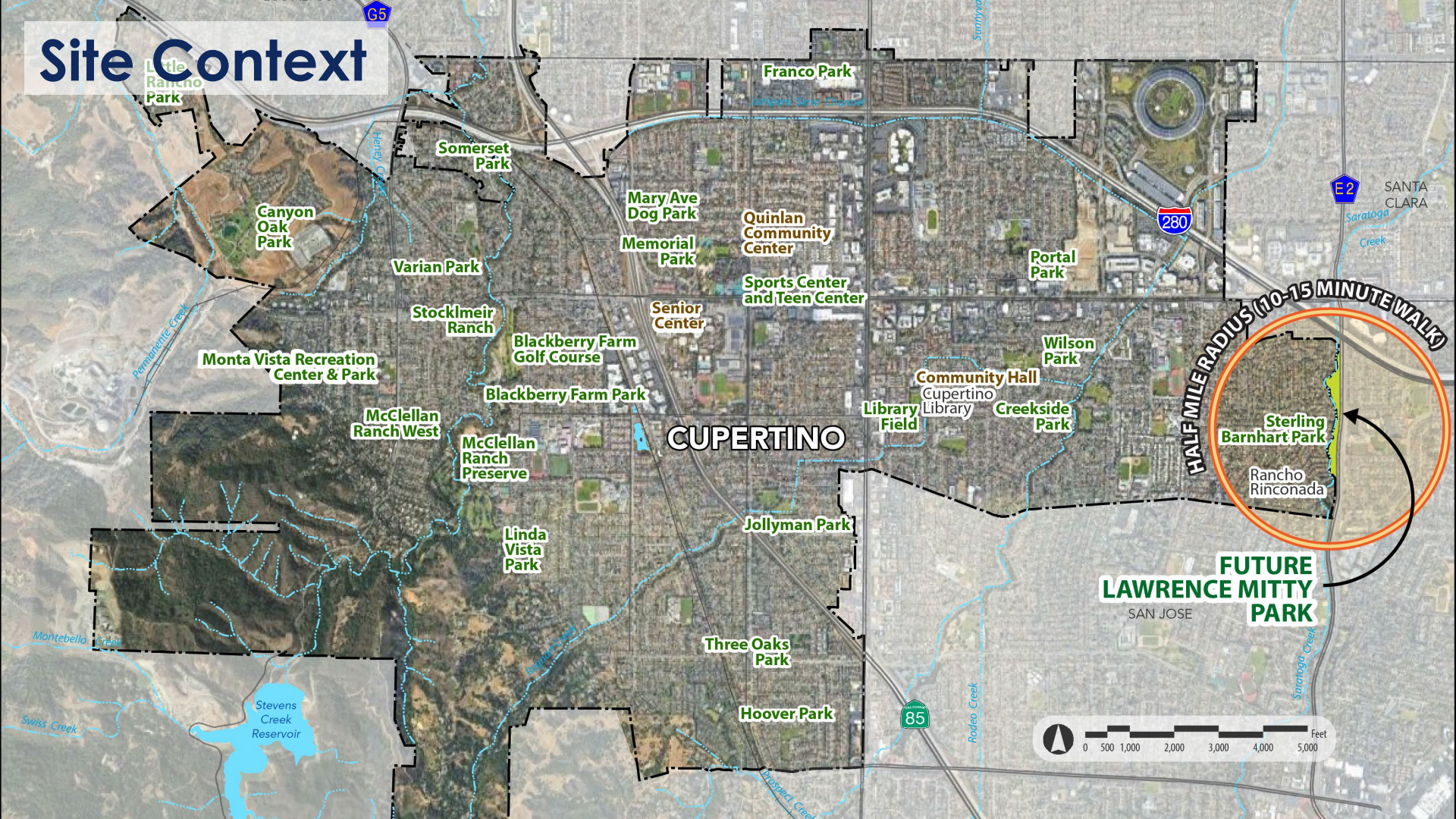
- **Project Overview**
- **Environmental Summary**
- **Community Outreach Summary**
- **What's Next?**
- **Discussion**

Project Phases

2022



Site Context



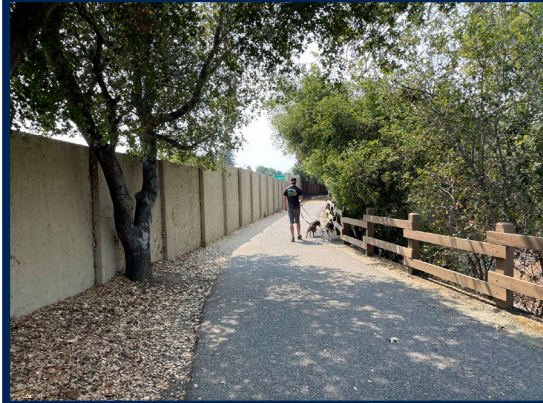
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Existing Conditions



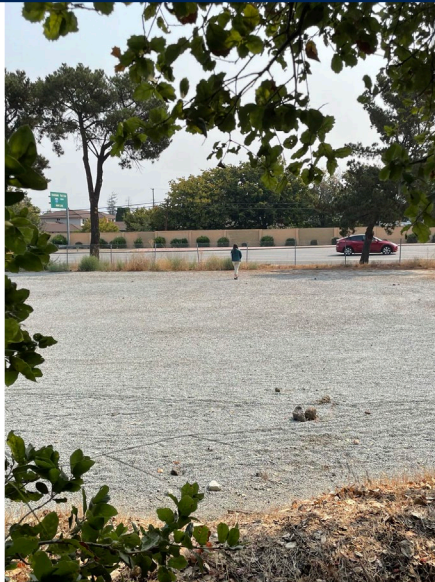
Existing Conditions

South Trail



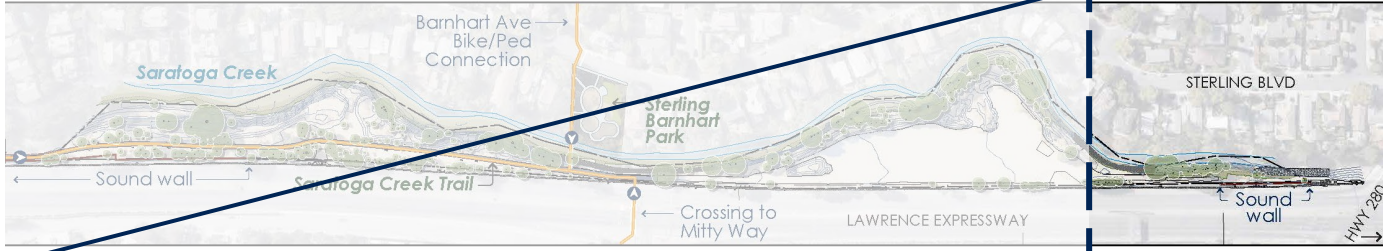
Existing Conditions

North Open Space



Existing Conditions

North End Terminus



ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Understanding the Site

Technical Site Analysis

- Citywide Goals and Regulations
- Topographic Survey
- Circulation and Access
- Noise Reduction
- Existing Utilities, Easements, and Setbacks
- Soil Assessment
- Stormwater and Hydrology
- Biological Resources
- Trees and Planting

Opportunities and Constraints

Site Constraints

ACCESS AND RECREATION

- Limited parking (on-street only)
- No current bike/pedestrian connection north

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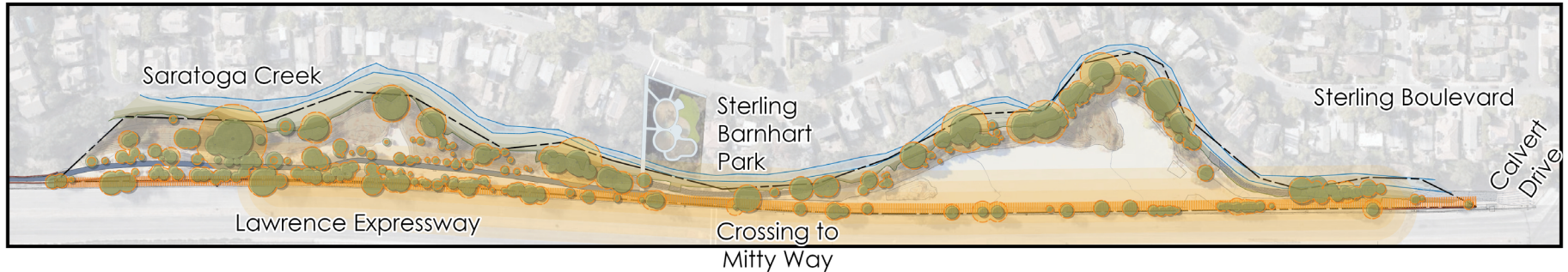
- Saratoga Creek constraints: environmental agency regulations, no development below top of bank, limited tree removal
- Utility coordination required with San Jose (water, sewer, stormwater)
- Remnant impervious surface negatively impacts creek health
- Steep creek edge with stepped gabions

NOISE

- Limited visibility at sound walls
- Maintenance/emergency access points from expressway impact potential noise mitigation
- Road noise and visibility of Expressway
- Highway noise from I-280

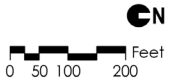
SOIL

- Remnant soil piles (construction debris)
- Elevated levels of lead in soil adjacent to expressway
- Remnant berms with mature tree roots limit removal



MAP LEGEND

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|  Saratoga Creek |  Tree Root Protection Zone |
|  Lawrence-Mitty Park Boundary |  Soil Adjacent to Expressway |
|  Existing Trees |  Gap in Existing Sound Wall |
|  Existing Saratoga Creek Trail |  Soil Berms and Piles (approximate) |



Site Opportunities

RECREATION

- (South) Small open spaces for passive recreation or creek overlooks
- Existing trail and park amenities
- Existing small neighborhood park with play area and pedestrian bridge
- (North) Large open space for a range of recreation opportunities
- Connections to existing trail, Sterling Barnhart Park, Rancho Rinconada Pool, nearby schools

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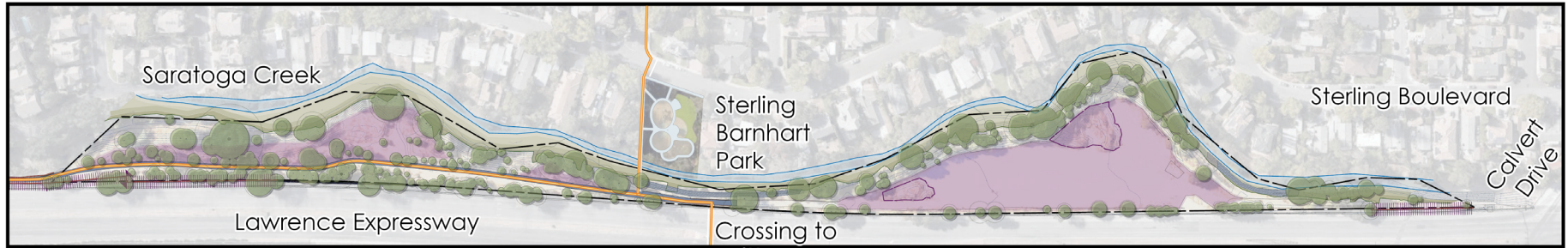
- Views to the creek possible with berm and soil pile removals
- Potential collaboration with schools for environmental education opportunities

NOISE

- Reduced noise level at sound walls
- Lower noise levels far from expressway

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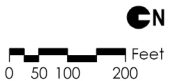
- Removal of soil piles (construction debris)
- Reduction of impervious surface, improving creek health



MAP LEGEND

- Saratoga Creek
- Lawrence-Mitty Park Boundary
- Existing Trees
- Existing Saratoga Creek Trail
- Existing Bike/Pedestrian Route

- Tree Root Protection Zone
- Existing Sound Wall
- Open Space for Recreation
- Soil Piles for Removal





Technical Site Analysis: Key Considerations

- **Sound mitigation** – options, visibility and safety
- **Soils at Expressway Edge**– remain as is, cap, remove
- **North connection** to Stevens Creek Blvd – interim design solution, long term connection
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

~60 participants

Input Themes

- Play & Climbing features
- Separated Nature Trails
- Picnic areas
- Basketball, sports courts
- Flex lawn space
- Small performance space
- Shade trees and native plants
- Dog park

Pop-Up Events

Bunny Run 5K

Saturday Soccer
at Creekside Park



15 participants


Q&A Themes


- Connection to Stevens Creek Blvd
- Safety/Visibility
- Habitat restoration, creek health, wildlife protection
- Access
- Housing option, encampment concerns

Virtual Community Meeting

What is one thing you would like to see in the new park?

Sound barrier	picknick area	tables and benches
Skateboard park	Opportunity to see, hear, smell animals and plants and rippling water (when it's there)	Habitat restoration
Covered picnic table	play structure and dog unleashed area	Year round Saratoga creek water


CUPERTINO



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Input Themes

- Creek access/overlook
- Dog park
- Sound wall
- Trees
- Safety, visibility
- Trails
- Picnic tables, benches
- Play for all ages
- Sports courts
- Environmental education

Site Tour at Lawrence-Mitty



563 responses

50% live within ½ mile
of the trail

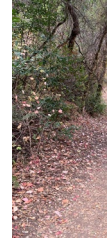
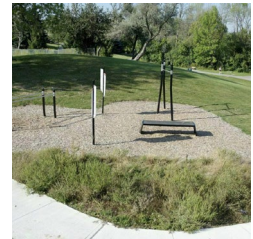
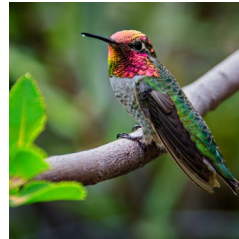
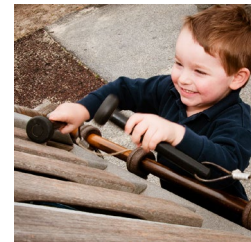
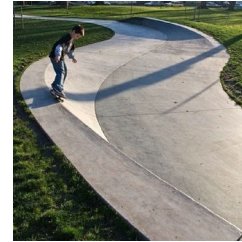
84% are Cupertino residents

30% live within the Rancho
Rinconada neighborhood

16% live within the Monta
Vista neighborhood

12% live within the West San
Jose neighborhood

Online Survey



Online Survey Summary

Overall Desired Recreation and Park Features in East Cupertino



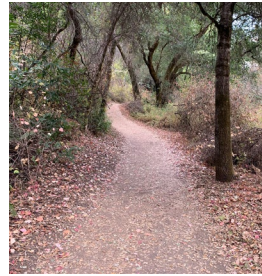
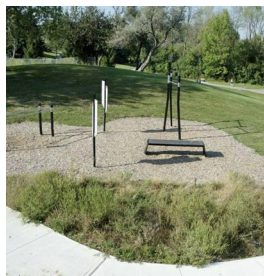
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Top 3 Recreation Features

- **Nature Play**
- **Things to Climb**
- **Fitness Equipment**

Top 3 Wildlife, Nature, and Education Features

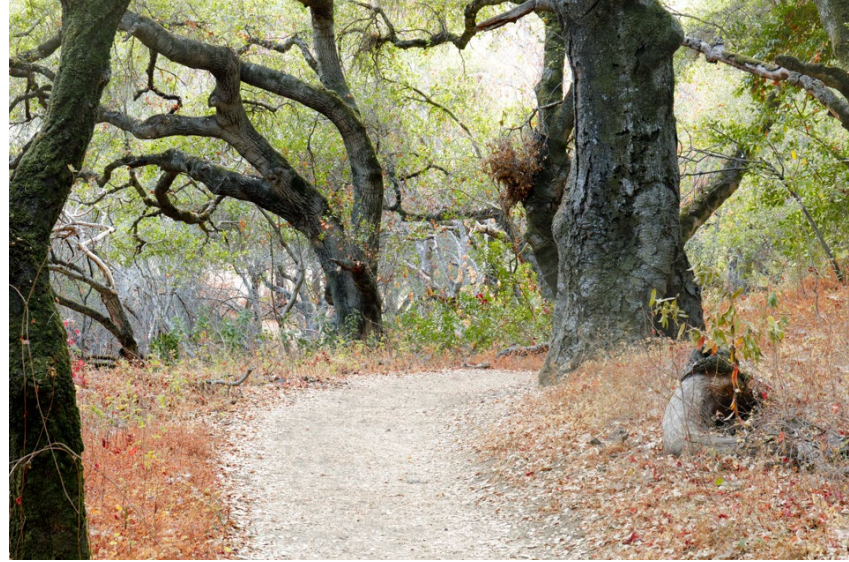
- **Nature Trails**
- **Native Plants to Enhance Wildlife**
- **Creek Overlook**



Online Survey Summary

Top Community and Comfort Features

- **Shaded Areas**
- **Walking Paths**
- **Restroom**
- **Seating**



Online Survey Summary

Current trail use:

- **70%** walking
 - **35%** biking (adults)
 - **20%** biking with kids
 - **17%** dog walking
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- **31%** once/few times year
 - **12%** most days

Would use the trail more if...

- Destination, park experience
- Attractive natural area
- Quieter, buffered from road
- Shaded

Would add features to the trail...

- Creek overlook, viewpoint
- Separated nature/soft trails
- Restroom



Community Input: Key Considerations

- Wildlife, nature, and education features
- Bike trail extension and separated walking paths
- Nature play features
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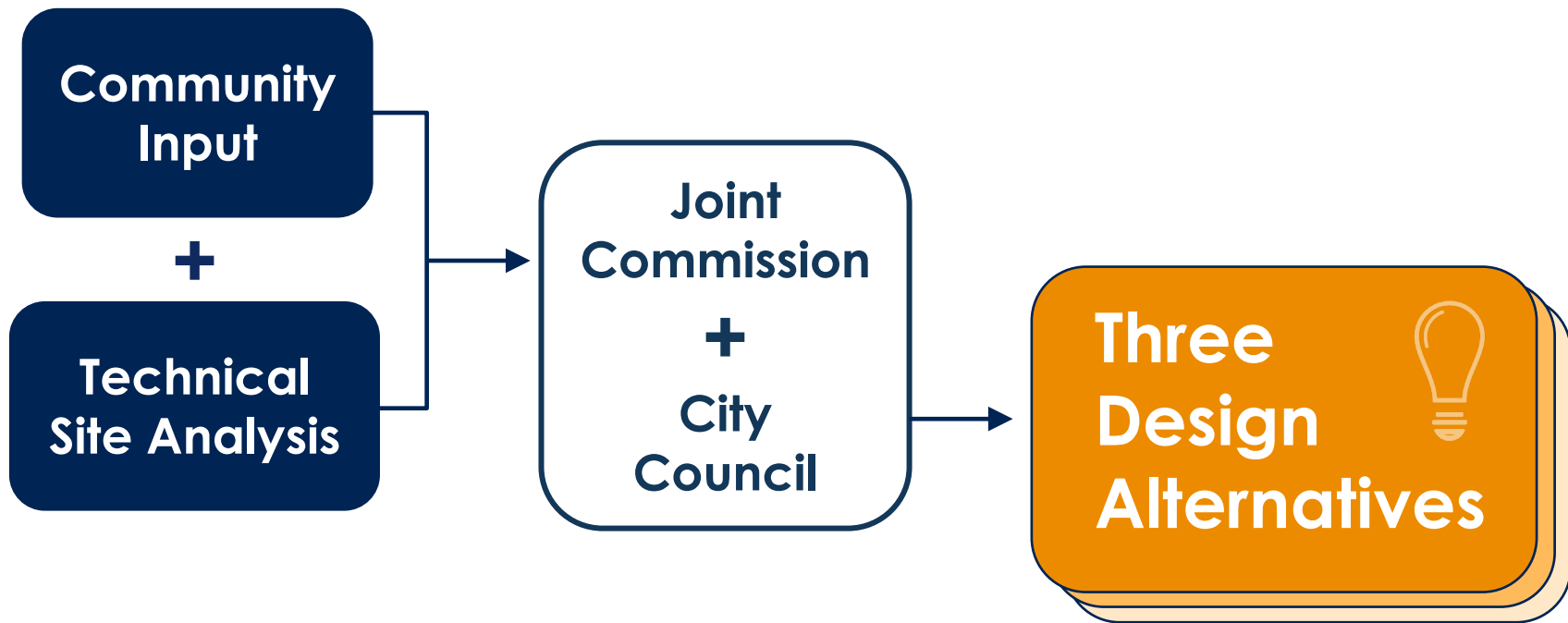
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Design Process



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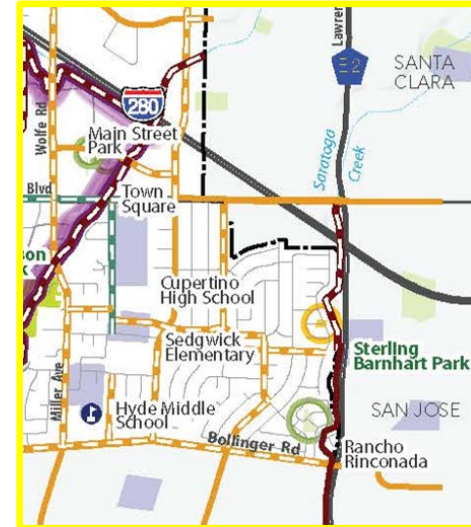


Parks & Recreation System Master Plan

Map D-2: Opportunity to Enhance Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Existing	Proposed	
		Class I Path and Trails
		Class II Bike Lanes and Class III Routes or Boulevards
		Class IV Protected Bikeway
		Park/Open Space Trails
		Key Opportunities



Northern
Terminus
of Park

Lawrence-
Mitty Park

Saratoga
Creek



Northern
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Lawrence Expressway

Calvert
Drive

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Understanding the Site

