Proposed Items for FY 2021-2022 Work Plan

Walk Bike Cupertino

- Start the community-led process to develop a new combined Bike Ped Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Other cities and orgs that combined Bike Ped planning into "Active Transportation" or "Micro-mobility" plans include <u>MTC</u>, <u>San Mateo County</u>, <u>Alameda County</u>, <u>Caltrans</u>, <u>Sunnyvale</u>, and <u>Palo Alto</u>.
- Reduce car traffic speed to 15mph around schools. Several cities in the Bay Area have already implemented a 15mph speed limit within 500ft of schools like <u>Los Altos</u>, <u>Mountain View</u>, <u>Sunnyvale</u>, <u>SF</u>, <u>Sacramento</u>, and more.
- 3. Review the building code to encourage businesses and organizations to add more bike friendly amenities such as bike racks close to main entrances and showers in office buildings.
- 4. Improve connections between neighborhoods so as to create a more robust network and safer connection points for residents as they bike from one neighborhood into another. Open streets up for bike ped traffic that are currently blocked to through car traffic and turn fenced, chained and gated access points into pass-throughs that can accommodate bikes and pedestrians. This will help reduce the number of pedestrians and cyclists on the major through-ways and allow easier bike ped traffic between neighborhoods.
- 5. Identify and limit through-traffic on certain residential streets and allow them to be used as a shared space for people traveling by foot and by bicycle (like the corner of Randy Lane and Forest Ave).

- See for example the <u>Slow Streets initiative in SF</u> which has 78% approval rating from local residents.
- 6. Create an outreach program to encourage residents to walk and bike for improved health and recreation monthly commissioner-led walks and bike rides around town, maps of routes to common destinations, and adult biking classes. Specific focus on:
- 1. families with young kids
- 2. Teens
- 3. seniors
- Work with the Planning Commission and Parks & Rec Commission to identify locations around town in which the city could add amenities to encourage walking and biking such as <u>pocket parks</u>, <u>parklets</u>, <u>coffee kiosks</u>, <u>median islands</u>, shade structures, water dispensers, and <u>benches</u>.

Feedback on Ideas Currently Proposed by BPC

- Define and propose a Vision Zero program While this feels like a
 valuable initiative, the actual positive impact may be minimal.
 There is significant data available showing that most accidents and
 near-accidents are never reported so using accident reports as
 the primary criteria for bike improvements is flawed and
 insufficient.
- 2. Review building code as it pertains to bicycles We support this item's inclusion on the Work Plan.