





## **Chapter Two**

### INTRODUCTION

The Stevens Creek Urban Village Plan is the result of extensive community engagement and participation, yielding several guiding principles shaping the future of the Plan area. These principles emerged from numerous public advisory group meetings, three community workshops, two online surveys, and a community intercept survey. The Plan's goals, policies, guidelines, and implementation actions are informed by the "Vision Statement" and "Guiding Principles," which embody the long-term vision of the Stevens Creek Urban Design.

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#### VISION STATEMENT

Establish the Stevens Creek Urban Village as an innovation corridor utilizing new technology for transportation movement, providing an interconnected network of open spaces enriched with placemaking elements designed for people, respecting the existing residential neighborhoods and small commercial businesses, and improving bicycle and pedestrian connections within and through the Village.

Develop Stevens Creek Boulevard into a more walkable, bikeable, and transit-accessible street while maintaining vehicle mobility, and transform Albany Drive and Kiely Boulevard into multimodal streets which prioritize pedestrians and bicyclists over vehicles.

Reestablish a connection between the Stevens Creek Urban Village neighborhoods and the neighborhoods to the south that were severed by the construction of Interstate 280 through support of a cap over Interstate 280. Allow new mixed-use and open space development on top of the cap.



Illustration of what a vibrant Stevens Creek Urban Village could look like (Stevens Creek Boulevard at Harold Ave)

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The Stevens Creek Urban Village guiding principles consist of four defining elements that embody the foundation of this Plan's goals, policies, guidelines, and action items. Together, these elements represent the community's preferred future development and transformation of the Stevens Creek Urban Village.

# Principle 1: New Parks and Gathering Spaces

The Stevens Creek Urban Village will spur development of new parks and public gathering spaces that integrate a variety of new connected outdoor spaces where the community can meet, linger, and socialize.

### Principle 2: Foster Connections

The Stevens Creek Urban Village Plan fosters connections between San José, Santa Clara, and Cupertino, and links neighborhoods south of Interstate 280 and north of Stevens Creek Boulevard through pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements.



New Parks and Gathering Spaces



Foster Connections

### Principle 3: A Great Street

Transform Stevens Creek Boulevard into a truly great street that is safe, accessible, and convenient, while also remaining a key segment of the regional roadway system that is prominent, memorable, and functions well for all users. Provide a safe, accessible, and well-connected community for all people and ideals, with continuous, wider sidewalks and protected bicycle lanes.

## Principle 4: Economic and Residential Vibrancy

Develop the Stevens Creek Urban Village into a vibrant mixed-use corridor supporting a variety of businesses and housing types focused on intelligent growth meeting the needs of future generations. Support a small-business friendly environment and the development of affordable housing.







Economic and Residential Vibrancy