

# EN MOVIMIENTO NEWSLETTER

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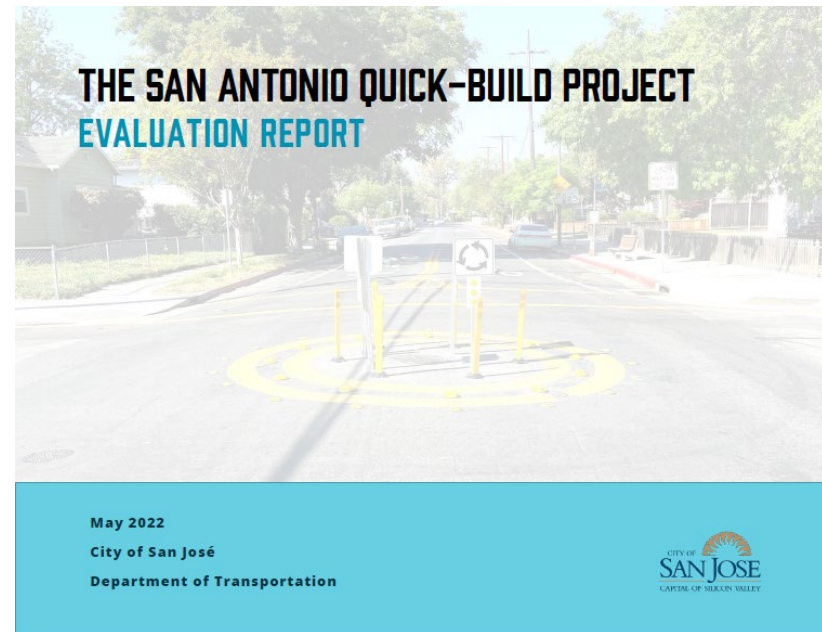
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## SAN ANTONIO EVALUATION

In May 2022, the San José Department of Transportation (DOT) completed the initial evaluation of the San Antonio Quick-Build Project. To access the full report, visit the [En Movimiento webpage](#) or click this [link](#).

With the San Antonio Quick-Build Project, the City of San José aimed to provide near-immediate transportation improvements to make the corridor safer and more inviting for people who walk and bike between East San José and Downtown. To inform the evaluation, DOT staff collected and analyzed collision, speed, and volume data. Staff also included community feedback and relied on their own observations of the corridor. Based on this data, the evaluation found the following issues to be addressed:

- The quick-build traffic circles between 17th St and 24th St did not slow vehicles to the design speed of 12 mph.



- Vehicle speeds between 24th St and Bonita Ave and 33rd St and King Rd remain higher than the target speeds for a shared route.
- Drivers had difficulty seeing approaching vehicles upon entering San Antonio St from side streets and driveways.

To address these issues in the near-term, the evaluation report recommends the following:

- Using a phased approach and converting the traffic circles to hardscape while exploring

installing stop signs between 17th St and 24th St. Converting the circles to hardscape should increase their traffic calming impact by replacing painted lines and small ceramic domes with concrete curbs.

- Implementing traffic calming between 24th St and Bonita Ave and 33rd St and King Rd.
- Converting the parking protected bike lane between Sunset Ave and Scharff Ave to buffered class II lanes with the parking lane immediately adjacent to the curb.

Since the publication of the evaluation report, DOT staff has been working on delivering the recommended changes.

- **Traffic Circles** - Staff has secured funding and is completing the designs to construct the traffic circles. The City will complete the traffic circle at 21st St first. Crews are expected to complete construction of that circle in summer/fall 2023.
- **Stop Signs** - DOT's neighborhood traffic management team analyzed different options

for stop signs between 17th St and 24th St. DOT has determined that the best locations to add stop signs are the intersections of 20th St and 22nd St. The stop signs will be installed within the next few weeks.

- **Traffic Calming** - DOT planners and engineers are currently working on what traffic calming treatments are appropriate between 24th St and Bonita Ave and 33rd St and King Rd. Construction of potential treatments is TBD.
- **Bike Lane Conversion** - This requires paving work that cannot be scheduled until next summer at the earliest. We expect the bike lane conversion to be completed summer/fall 2023.

## SAN ANTONIO CROSSWALK UPDATE

Speaking of San Antonio...

This month, city crews completed installation of a new crossing near Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Lower Silver Creek. This crosswalk was originally envisioned in the En Movimiento plan. The city prioritized construction of this crossing due to community input. An extended permitting process delayed the construction of this project initially, but we are happy to see it finished.



*1 - Rapid flashing beacon at the new crossing on San Antonio*



*2 - New crossing with rapid flashing beacons at San Antonio St and Lower Silver Creek*

## MCLAUGHLIN QUICK-BUILD CONSTRUCTION

Earlier this week, City crews completed the first part of the [McLaughlin Avenue Complete Streets Project](#). This project aims to make McLaughlin safer and more inviting for all travelers. The first part of this project was implemented through the City's annual pavement maintenance program. The recent installation included new protected bike lanes with plastics posts to separate the bike lanes from automobiles.



3 - Buffered and protected bike lanes on McLaughlin Ave



4 - Protected bike lanes on McLaughlin Ave

Phase 1 of the project will also include transit boarding islands. Transit boarding islands provide a dedicated space for transit riders to wait for the bus while not blocking the sidewalk. They also reduce conflicts between buses and bikes and improve transit reliability. Construction of the transit boarding islands will begin fall of 2023. Until then, we have relocated the northbound bus stop from Sunny Ct to the north side of the William Ct intersection.

Upon completion, the City will observe and evaluate the project. One of the goals of the project is to slow motor vehicles to improve roadway safety. If the project succeeds in slowing vehicles, the City will explore installing new crossings at Appian Ln and Sunny Ct. During the outreach process, community members consistently requested these new crossings. However, city engineers determined that new crossings would not meet safety standards given speeds on the corridor today.

## **QUICK-STRIKE DESIGNS AND SCHEDULING**

The 95% draft designs for the En Movimiento Quick-Strike Project are now available for review. We've created a video presentation to explain the treatments and to give an idea of what they may look like. A link to the video, as well as the designs for each corridor, are available on the [Quick-Strike project webpage](#). We recommend watching the video before reviewing the designs for each corridor.

If you have been following this project for a while, you may recall that we were hoping to use permanent materials rather than quick-build. Due to the high cost

of materials and construction, we will be using “quick build” materials to achieve our safety goals and remain within our budget. The quick-build materials will provide near-term benefits while we pursue funding for long-term treatments. DOT staff has already begun exploring funding opportunities for these future treatments.

## **ONE BAY AREA GRANT PROGRAM**

Speaking of funding opportunities...

This summer, DOT Staff submitted eight applications to the One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG). Two of these applications sought funds to design and build projects originally envisioned in En Movimiento, the King Road Transit Priority Project and the Jackson Avenue Major Streets Project. We are happy to say that six of the eight applications are being recommended for funding by VTA, including Jackson Ave. MTC is expected to make the final decision about OBAG funding later this Fall. As recommended by VTA, OBAG funding would provide \$10 million for Jackson Avenue, which will cover about 25% of the original project cost. SJ DOT will be applying for further

matching funds to complete construction, and/or looking at lower-cost options that could move ahead with the funding available. Construction on this project will begin no later than 2026.

## FIVE WOUNDS URBAN VILLAGE UPDATE

This month VTA and the City of San José are officially kicking off a joint planning effort called the Five Wounds Urban Village Update. This effort centers on the future 28th St/Little Portugal BART station. It is a wide-ranging effort that will focus on many topics including:

- Small Business Displacement Risks
- Affordable Housing Displacement Risks
- Land Use and Urban Design
- Transit Oriented Development Station Access
- Multimodal Transportation Circulation
- District Parking Analysis

DOT staff will take the lead on transportation circulation and parking analysis. This planning effort

will include community engagement, so stay tuned for opportunities to get involved.

## EN MOVIMIENTO COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP FOR 2022 – 2023

This summer marked one year of service for our [2021-2022 En Movimiento Community Advisory Group \(CAG\)](#). We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all members for their participation over the last year. We really appreciate your dedication to your community and the invaluable input you've provided to improve our transportation projects. All participating CAG members are invited to stay on for an additional year if you so desire. If you are not a current CAG member and you are interested in becoming one, send an email to: [peter.rice@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:peter.rice@sanjoseca.gov).

The final CAG meeting for the 2021-2022 group is on September 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be on Zoom and it is open to the public. Registration info is on the following page. This meeting will cover the same topics as this newsletter. We hope to see many of you there.



## EN MOVIMIENTO CAG MEETING #7 DETAILS

When: Sep 29, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwkc-uprjMth90G7-sP1JMOCCP3verJ3luv>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EN MOVIMIENTO

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