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CHANGES COMING SOON TO SAN ANTONIO

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 here: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/86047/637886499999430000>. DOT and the Department of Public Works have been working to design and construct the changes recommended in the San Antonio Evaluation.

STOP SIGN AND CROSSWALK INSTALLATION

Stop signs and high-visibility crosswalks will be installed at San Antonio and 20th and San Antonio and 22nd. The poles for the stop signs have already been installed. However, over the past year, DOT crews have identified an issue with the thermoplastic used to mark high-visibility crosswalks. This issue has caused a slight delay as the DOT sources a primer to improve the durability of the crosswalks. Despite this delay, we still expect installation of the crosswalks and stop signs by early summer.

TRAFFIC CIRCLE HARDENING

Previously, we shared that DOT would be using a phased approach to harden the traffic circles along E San Antonio Street. The plan was to start with the circle at 21st St and then move on to the circles at 19th and 23rd Streets. We will now harden all circles at once. DOT is currently ironing out design details and working with VTA to ensure that buses will be able to traverse all intersections and access the curb at stop locations. DOT is targeting a design that will include drought-resistant plants and look similar to the traffic circle at [Via del Oro and Emergent Wy](#). We expect construction of the circles to begin in late summer/early fall 2023.



1 - The Traffic Circle at Via del Oro and Emergent Wy

TRAFFIC CALMING BETWEEN 24TH ST AND KING RD

The San Antonio Evaluation Report recommended traffic calming between 24th St and King Rd. DOT engineers developed an initial set of recommended treatments for this segment. These recommendations included: (1) replacing the plastic posts that line the bike lanes over 101 with more robust materials, and (2) installing median islands at 34th St and San Antonio. While these recommendations are a good start, we felt more is needed to make this segment of San Antonio feel safe and inviting for all. Therefore, DOT traffic engineers are currently working on an additional set of traffic calming recommendations for this segment. Implementation of this portion is currently TBD.

CONVERTING PROTECTED BIKE LANES TO BUFFERED BIKE LANES

Reversion of the protected bike lanes on San Antonio between Sunset Ave and Scharff Ave remains scheduled for summer of 2023.

EN MOVIMIENTO QUICK-STRIKE MOVES FORWARD

On March 22nd and 23rd DOT hosted the final set of outreach meetings for the En Movimiento Quick-Strike Project. At these meetings city staff emphasized the benefits of the treatments included in the final designs and led a discussion on the trade-offs associated with the treatments. City staff and residents discussed issues such as oversized vehicles, garbage collection, and parking loss.

If you are interested in reviewing the final En Movimiento Quick-Strike Designs, you may do so by visiting the [Quick-Strike webpage](#). There you can also view recordings of community meetings and presentations, as well as provide feedback via a comment box at the bottom of the page.

DATA COLLECTION ON MCLAUGHLIN WILL INFORM CROSSWALK ASSESSMENTS

In late summer/early fall of 2022, the City of San José installed the initial improvements of the [McLaughlin Avenue Complete Streets Project](#). These treatments included protected and buffered bike lanes as well as curb extensions. More recently, crews installed curb extensions on the side streets connected to McLaughlin. This month (April 2023), DOT collected speed and volume data to assess the impact of these treatments and determine whether roadway conditions support the installation of new crossings at Sunny Ct and/or Appian Ln. We will share the results of that assessment within the coming weeks.

Phase 2 of the McLaughlin Avenue Complete Streets Project will include the installation of transit boarding islands for the northbound bus stop near William Ct and the southbound bus stop, which will be moved from Appian Ln to Melbourne Blvd. Transit boarding islands provide a dedicated space for transit riders to wait, allow for in-lane stopping which improves bus operations, and provide protection for bicyclists. Installation of the transit boarding islands is scheduled for late Summer/early Fall 2023.

JACKSON AVENUE MAY GET A \$3 MILLION BOOST THANKS TO CONGRESSMEMBER RO KHANNA

As we shared last time, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission awarded the City of San José approximately \$4 million in grant funding from the One Bay Area Grant Program for the Jackson Avenue Complete Streets Project. The initial \$4 million will go towards full design and environmental clearance of the portion of the project between Alum Rock Ave and Story Rd.

The cost estimate for the total project is \$60 million and city staff has been looking for additional funding. We are happy to announce that Congressman Ro Khanna will be requesting \$3 million in federal

earmark funding for the Jackson Avenue Complete Streets project. If approved, this \$3 million will likely be spent on improvements to targeted areas with safety concerns.

Finally, DOT engineers are also studying the feasibility of quick-build treatments along the corridor to bridge the gap until more funding is secured.

MAY IS “OUTREACH MONTH” FOR KING ROAD

The King Road Complete Street Plan will make King Road from Berryessa Road to East Capitol Expressway a safer and more inviting place to walk, bike, and take public transportation. This 6-mile stretch is a Vision Zero Priority Safety Corridor, meaning it is one of the most dangerous streets in the city for traffic-related injuries and deaths. This project will also focus on making public transportation more accessible and reliable in East San José neighborhoods. King Road is one of San José’s highest bus ridership corridors and connections to key regional transportation hubs, businesses, schools, community gathering places, and parks will be improved.

Complete Street elements can include but are not limited to:

1. Wider, unobstructed, and continuous sidewalks
2. Connected and ADA-compliant crosswalks
3. Bike lanes that are protected and separated from vehicles
4. Sheltered and ADA compliant public transportation stops
5. Improvements that enhance shade, comfort, and community identity

Outreach for this project is set to commence the month of May, 2023. Keep a lookout for more information. If you would like to learn more this project, please email the project manager, Natasha Opfell and natasha.opfell@sanjoseca.gov.

GET INVOLVED IN THE FIVE WOUNDS URBAN VILLAGE

[The Five Wounds Urban Village Plan Update](#) is a consolidation of four existing urban villages, updated to reflect the future "28th Street/Little Portugal" BART station locating in their vicinity. This is a collaborative effort of the City of San José, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and community members.

This past January, San José and VTA hosted a walk audit from Mexican Heritage Plaza to 24th Street as part of the Five Wounds effort. This purpose of this walk audit was for planners to meet with community members to see first-hand the challenges and opportunities along the Alum Rock/E. Santa Clara St corridor. A second walk audit will take place soon, likely in June. Details are still being finalized, but all En Movimiento Stakeholders will receive an email with information on how to get involved.

On April 20, 2023, The City of San José and VTA hosted the second of five community workshops as part of the ongoing Five Wounds Urban Village update. This was a virtual workshop hosted on Zoom. The focus of this workshop was anti-displacement strategies. Workshop #3 will take place this summer and will focus on conceptual plans and the urban design framework. Workshop #4 will happen this fall and

focus on transportation, parking, and open space. For more information on these workshops see the [FWUV Update Outreach and Workshops webpage](#).

Finally, the Five Wounds Planning team currently has a survey out seeking input on various matters related to the this planning effort. This survey is one way to make your voice heard on the future of this area. To take the survey click on one of the following links:

- English: bit.ly/5WoundsSurvey
- Portuguese: bit.ly/5WoundsInquerito
- Spanish: bit.ly/5WoundsEncuesta
- Tagalog: bit.ly/5WoundsSurveyTagalog
- Chinese (Traditional): bit.ly/5WoundsMinyiDiaocha
- Vietnamese: bit.ly/5WoundsVietSurvey

SANTA CLARA ST RE-ENVISIONING PROJECT IN EARLY STAGES

DOT, along with community leaders, stakeholders, local agencies, and other departments, is starting a comprehensive re-envisioning project for San José's 'main street,' Santa Clara Street. This project will build on current expansions and re-investment in local transit services, support local street life, and build a welcoming space inspired by our community. The City is currently in the process of developing a request for proposals (RFP) to develop a community-based planning effort to re-envision our 'main street.'

COME TO THE NEXT EN MOVIMIENTO CAG MEETING

The En Movimiento Community Advisory Group (CAG) maintains community involvement during the design and construction of the projects included in the En Movimiento plan. At En Movimiento CAG Meeting #8 we will welcome three new CAG members as well as a former member who has decided to rejoin after a brief hiatus. To see the full roster and learn about past meetings, visit the [CAG website](#).

En Movimiento CAG Meeting #8 will take place this Thursday at 5:30 PM on Zoom. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the topics presented in this newsletter. Registration is required.

Meeting details and the link to register are below:

[En Movimiento CAG Meeting #8 Details:](#)

When: Apr 27, 2023 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjUucuGrrzgsHNfQ9IbBgy2YvngTUIhXSQgV>

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

That's all for this issue of the newsletter. Thanks for reading!