San Antonio & Santa Clara Community Meeting Public Comments
Mexican Heritage Plaza – 5/30/2019 6:30pm

San Antonio Bridge Project

- Multiple cyclist preferred to increase buffer on incline sections, and reduce buffer on decline (over 101).
- Please do not extend green treatment beyond conflict zones (they are slippery when wet).
- Multiple cyclists preferred removing stop sign at San Antonio/Bonita and moving it to San Antonio/28th (don't like stopping on the downhill descent).
- Consider stop bar location for bicyclist to increase visibility and decrease likelihood of right turn hook, at ESA/ESA (west side of 101, NBRT).
- Multiple residents (cyclist and non-cyclist) supported closing off all access (ingress/egress) to E San Antonio, from E. San Antonio (on east side of 101).
  1. It was also suggested to build the project as shown, and block off this leg of the intersection with planters/posts to try the closure before committing concrete.
  2. Also consider inbound lane only.
- Consider adding landscape beautification in at E. San Antonio/E. San Antonio (park, dog park, other landscaping).
- Add rumble strips at corners with concrete islands and right turns.
- Cars today will cut through from ESA to 30th Street and then to Santa Clara.
- Suggested sharing project proposal to the Roosevelt Neighborhood Assoc.
- No comments received regarding parking removal.

Santa Clara Bridge Project

- Bikeway connection to 28th/Little Portugal BART.
- There are illegal U-turns going westbound to eastbound on the block west of 101 and before 28th Street. Prevent them.
- People drive on the sidewalk on 30th Street to reach 101. Install bollards to prevent.
- Add BMUFL sign on Alum Rock and Santa Clara beyond the bridge limits.
- Signal timing on Alum Rock east of 101 – needs signal timing to improve for cars.

San Antonio Street Area Map

- Affluent areas get more attention and higher quality projects than East San Jose - examples cited by community members that could benefit San Antonio include:
  1. The channelizers/diversion in Naglee Park,
  2. The landscaped traffic circles in Shasta-Hanchett Park,
  3. The street trees found in many neighborhoods, including Willow Glen.
- Add landscaping, trees, and "beautification" to the street/project.
• If San Antonio is truly a "primary bikeway" and/or the focus area for bikes, then all future transportation and land use decisions along the corridor should align with this.
• Do not remove parking.
• Sharrows don't help.
• Don't focus on a specific intervention (such as traffic circles); be open to other traffic calming measures/devices (including channelizers).
  1. Don't put traffic circles in places because they "fit" (like 34th Street), but where they're needed.
  2. The highest needs for traffic circles (or something similar) are at 17th, 22nd, and 23rd, agreed upon by everyone at the table.
  3. No one saw a need for a traffic circle at 34th Street (staff note – this doesn't mean that it's not a good idea).
  4. Community members expressed an overwhelming desire for the type of traffic calming in Naglee Park - channelizers, landscaping, diverters.
• Diversion was suggested at 24th Street and at the bridge over Coyote Creek (between 17th and 18th).
  1. Participants thought diversion on 24th would have more of a positive impact but would need additional diversion/calming on some side streets to prevent cut through.
  2. San Antonio at 17th is problematic for bikes due to high speed cars connecting from San Carlos to San Antonio via 17th, and requires traffic calming or diversion.
• Add trees, beautification elements to the project as traffic calming devices and to make the area more appealing and therefore safer.
• Add artwork or striping on San Antonio at the abandoned railway/future Five Wounds Trail to make tracks more visible to bikes and to give attention to the future trail.
• Move the 72 bus route onto William Street.
  1. Get buses off of San Antonio.
  2. Allow for more significant traffic calming/diversion.
  3. Cars should also be diverted to William Street.
• Close San Antonio to cars at the Coyote Creek bridge.
• Construct the Five Wounds Trail.
• Many map specific comments (see scan of map).

San Antonio and King Traffic Signal

• Add a separate signal phase or lead phase for eastbound bikes at King to prevent right hook in protected bike lane.

Miscellaneous

• “Median Buddies” is a Naglee Park self-organized group that takes care of the channelizers and medians.