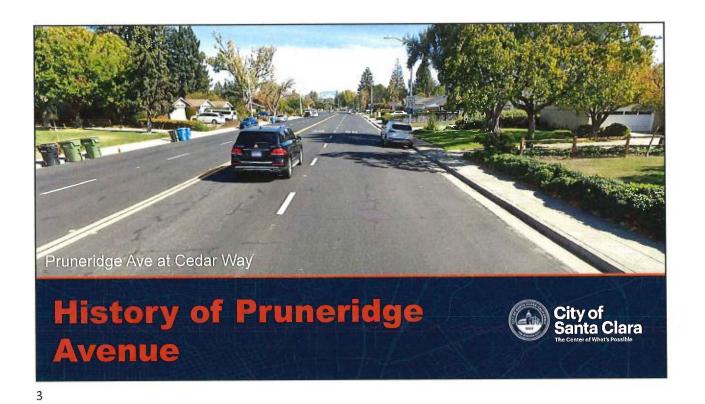






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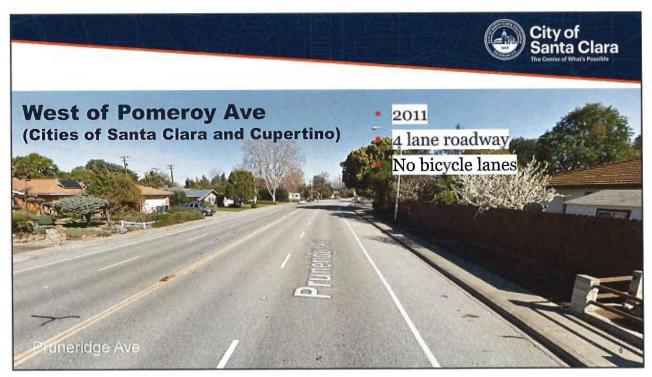
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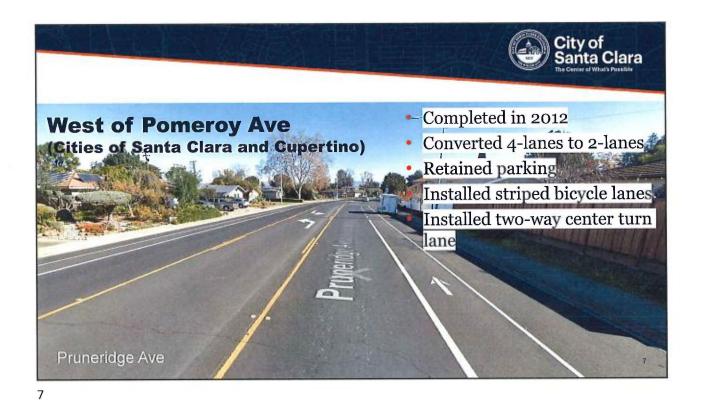
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### **Project Scope and Funding**

- Study 2.2 miles of Pruneridge Avenue (Pomeroy to Winchester) for Complete Streets improvements
- Caltrans planning grant funding of \$351,077
- Council approval of agreement with Alta Planning + Design in November 2020



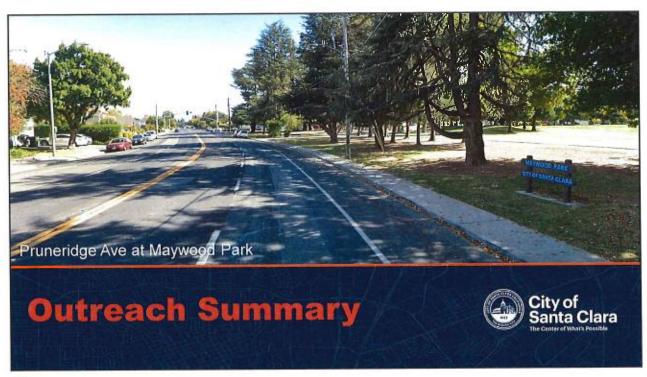
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### **Project Goals**

- Create a "Complete Street" plan for everyone, no matter who they are or how they choose to travel.
  - Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections
  - Improve the comfort and safety of all users of the roadway
- Analyze and summarize traffic, parking, and collisions along the corridor
- Seek and record community input on options at multiple points in the process

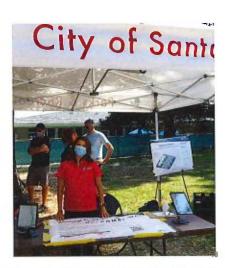






### **Outreach Completed**

- 23,238 postcards mailed
  - 115 emails received
  - 40 messages received
  - 1,026 responses to 3 surveys
- 5 stakeholder interviews
- 6 Committee & Commission Meetings
- Celebrate Santa Clara & Christmas
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- 6 online workshops (259 attendees)

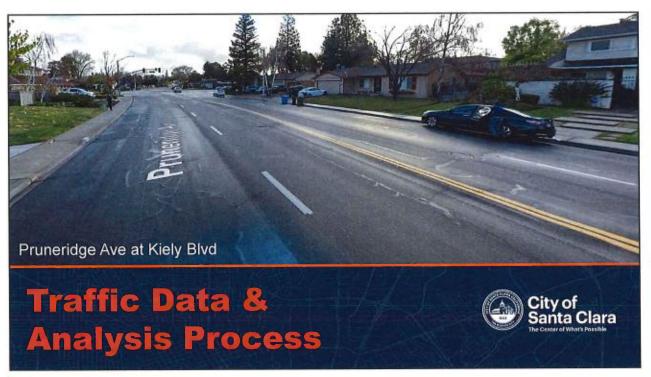


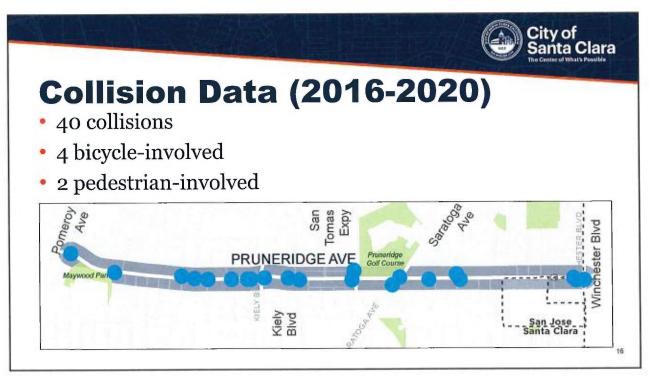
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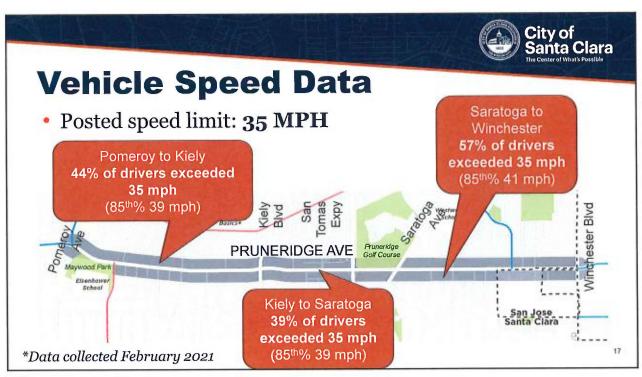


### **Community Feedback Themes**

- Reduce traffic congestion (50%)
- Improve bicycle conditions (18%)
- Calm traffic speeds (15%)
- Improve walking conditions (13%)
- Preserve on-street parking (4%)









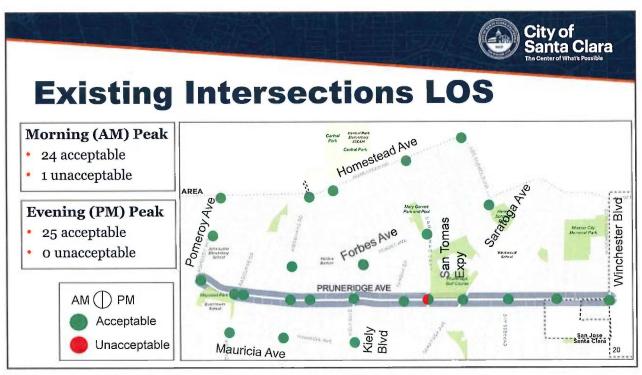


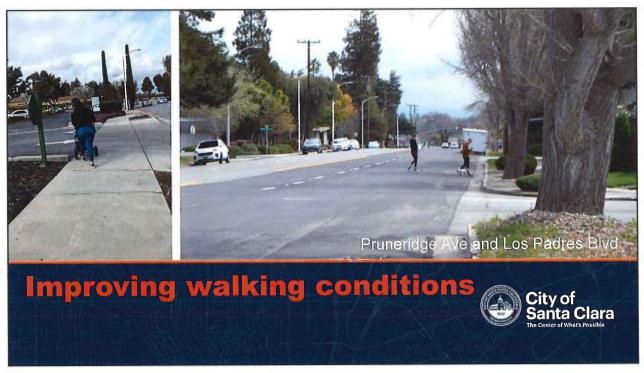
### **Traffic Analysis Process**

- Traffic modeling completed in the project area
- Intersections evaluated using the City's Level of Service (LOS) scores A through F
  - LOS D acceptable operations for City
  - LOS E acceptable operations for County
- Traffic counts collected Feb. 2021 and adjusted to represent pre-COVID traffic volumes

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### **Sample Pedestrian Improvements**

ADA Improvements (Curb Ramps and Accessible Pedestrian Signals)



Pedestrian Signage

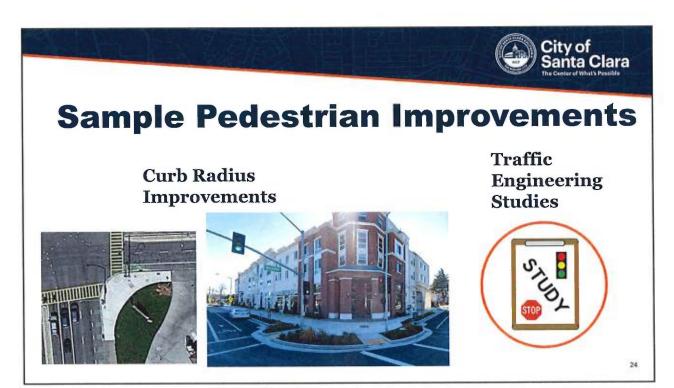


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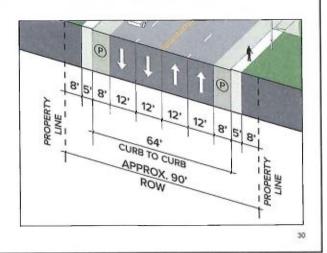
- Four Roadway Concepts
  - Current Conditions / No Build
  - Concept 1 Four Lanes w/ parking removal on one-side
  - Concept 2 **Two Lanes** w/ parking and bike lanes
  - Concept 3 Two Lanes w/ parking protected bicycle lanes
- Concepts analyzed against parking and traffic



## Current Conditions / No Build

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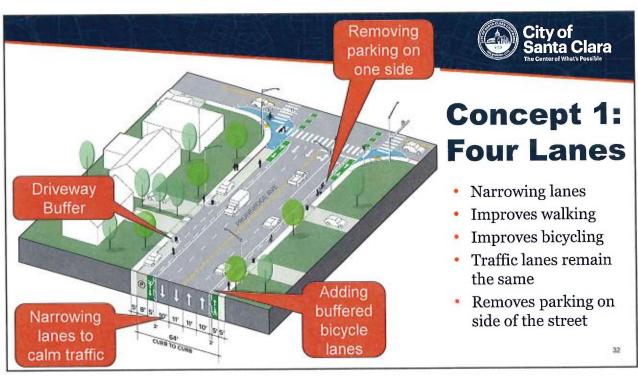
- Parking remains the same
- Traffic lanes remain the same
- LOS remains the same
- Travel time remains the same
- Speeds remain the same
- Collison frequency remains the same
- No bicycle improvements





## Concept 1: Four Lanes w/ parking removal on one-side

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### **Concept 1: Four Lanes**

- Maintains four lanes so changes to vehicular travel are minimal
  - No changes to LOS
  - No change in travel time
  - Speed reduction of 1 mph 6 mph
- Removes parking on one side

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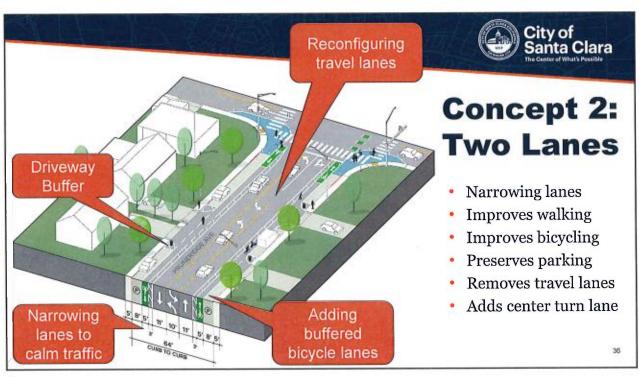
### **Concept 1: Four Lanes**

- Parking analysis information
- Resident concerns about crossing the street

Concept	Parking Utilization	Typical available parking	
Current Conditions / No Build	16 - 18% per side	8 of 10 spaces available	
Concept 1: Four Lanes (parking removal on one-side)	35 - 38% on one side (w/ remaining parking)	6 of 10 spaces available	



## Concept 2: Two Lanes w/ Parking and Bicycle Lanes

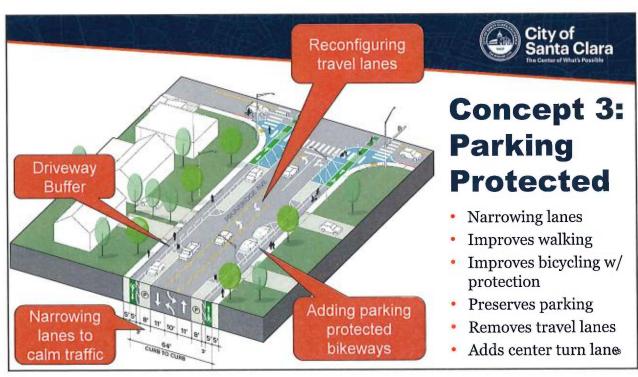




## Concept 3: Two Lanes w/Parking Protected Bicycle Lanes

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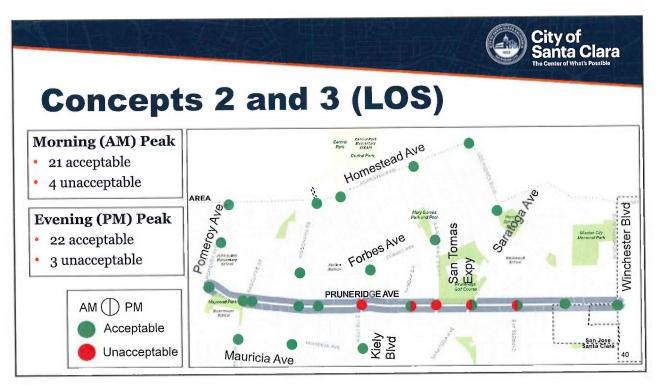
### Concepts 2 and 3

- Collision, Speed, LOS, and Travel Time for both concepts the same due to two travel lanes for each concept
- Difference Buffered or Parking protected bike lane

Features	Potential Collision Reduction	Potential Speed Reduction	
Lane Narrowing &  Lane Reduction	19 - 47% reduction	3 - 6 mph slower	

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### Concepts 2 and 3

• Level of Service Results (assumes traffic diversion)

Concept	Intersection Operations					
	AM Pe	eak Hour	PM Peak Hour			
	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable		
Current Conditions / No Build	24	1	25	0		
Concept 2 & 3: Two Lanes w/ parking and bicycle lanes	21	4	22	3		

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### Concepts 2 and 3

Corridor Travel Time Results (simulation)

	Travel Time (min)			
Concept	Morning Westbound (peak direction)	Evening Eastbound (peak direction)		
Current Conditions/No Build Option	8.2	10.8		
Concept 2 & 3: Two Lanes w/ parking and bicycle lanes	16.8	14.7		

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### Concepts 2 and 3

- Lane reduction results in estimated traffic diversion along adjacent streets
- Major Roads: San Tomas Expressway, Stevens Creek Blvd
- Collectors Roads: Homestead Rd, Kiely Blvd, Scott Blvd, Benton St, Winchester Blvd
- Minor Roads: Forbes Ave, Los Padres Blvd

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## **Summary of Analyses**

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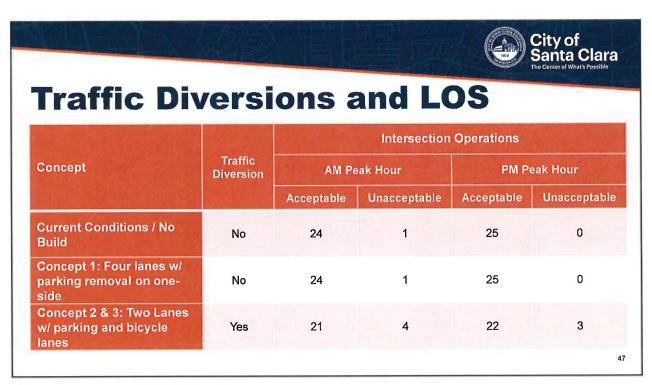


### **Collisions and Speed Summary**

Concept	Lane Narrowing	Lane Reduction	Potential Collision Reduction	Potential Speed Reduction
Current Conditions/No Build	No	No	None	None
Concept 1: Four Lanes w/ parking removal on one-side	Yes	No	None	1 - 6 mph slower
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Concept	Reduces Speeding	Improves Safety	Preserves On-Street Parking	Minimizes Additional Congestion	Improve Walking and Bicycling Conditions
Current Conditions / No Build			16	16	
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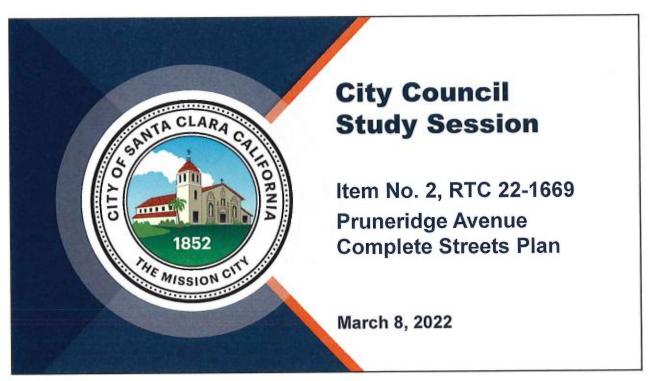
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- Release Public Draft Plan for public review /community input
- Present Public Draft Plan to BPAC
- Update Public Draft Plan based on public review/BPAC
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## **QUESTIONS?**





Date: March 8, 2022

To: City Manager's Office

From: Executive Assistant, Mayor & City Council Office

Subject: Correspondence received regarding Item 2 on the March 8, 2022, City Council Meeting

Agenda

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Martha Martinez
Executive Assistant

Documents Related to this Report:

1) Communications received

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I do agree that consistency is a basis for safety. And it is true that the San Jose connection that would link to this path looks more like Concept 2. But let's be clear, San Jose didn't select the best option, they picked one that they could afford (and they ar kinda broke) and that wouldn't disrupt the many driveways. I asked multiple times of the planned why there were not protected bike lanes, and I don't feel there was an acceptable response.

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I am copying two other avid cyclists very familiar with Santa Clara so they may weigh in. Here is the link to the plans:

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I hope you will recommend Concept C for future development. I know there is no funding for construction at this time and you are simply looking at concepts, but selecting Concept C is the most forward looking and robust solution there. There is a lot of development in the area, including the Agrihood, that encourages non-vehicle mobility. This concept embraces it the best.

Thanks for considering this.

Kirk Vartan

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#### POST MEETING MATERIAL

#### Martha Martinez

From:

Frank Lemmon <flemmon@comcast.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:23 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

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Frank Lemmon

Subject:

Public Comment for Mar 8 Council Meeting

City Staff:

I am submitting the following to be read at the Mar. 8th Council meeting during public comments.

Thank you.

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

As the Council looks forward to the annual budgeting process in May and June, I wish to suggest that funding for a study of the economic impact of locating City Hall in the Downtown district at Monroe & Benton be included in the budget plan. A great deal of planning for the downtown district redevelopment has been completed, but for due diligence it's essential to assess the impact of locating City Hall in the downtown district as an option. For example, the downtown district offers a unique opportunity for locating City Hall where it will be part of the plan, instead of a "drop in" to an existing development already in progress. Therefore, I hope the Council will utilize the opportunity to commission a study, as it's the wise and informed thing to do.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Lemmon
District 5 Resident

#### POST MEETING MATERIAL

#### Martha Martinez

From:

leroy rodriguez <leroy725@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 4:34 PM

Sent: To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

**Pruneridge Complete Streets** 

Hello, as a resident of Santa Clara I would like to have bicycle lanes on Pruneridge as they have now from Pomeroy to Cupertino. This section of Pruneridge has reduced traffic accidents by reducing the speed of vehicles in both directions and noise in the neighborhood. With the price of gasoline increasing and projected to increase even more in the future. More residents will be using alternative modes of transportation like bicycle riding. More people are using electric bicycles and scooters to travel around the city. I feel safer riding my bicycle on Pruneridge from Pomeroy to Cupertino.

LeRoy Rodriguez

### POST MEETING MATERIAL

#### Martha Martinez

From:

Sharlene Liu <sharleneclimbsamountain@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:56 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

I support Pruneridge bike infrastructure

Dear Santa Clara city council and mayor,

I am a bike commuter who lives in Sunnyvale and bikes occasionally to San Jose downtown. Having a robust bike lane on Pruneridge in the 2-mile segment that currently has no bike infrastructure is critical to get more people like me to bike. I have had to go on smaller neighborhood streets to skirt Pruneridge, and that makes my commute longer, making it less likely for me to bike. Please support bike commuters.

Thank you. Sharlene Liu

Sunnyvale resident and bike commuter

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### POST MEETING MATERIAL

#### Martha Martinez

From:

Ed Maurer <emaurer@scu.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:48 PM

To:

Mayor and Council

Subject:

please approve the Pruneridge Avenue Complete Streets Plan

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As you contemplate the different concept plans to improve Pruneridge Avenue I urge you to approve one of them (Concepts 2 and 3 are especially promising). The current striping breaks what would otherwise be an important E-W bicycle corridor through Santa Clara County. Concepts 2 and 3 also provide a desperately needed left turn lane, allowing much safer left turns for vehicles and bicycles into and out of driveways and side streets along Pruneridge. The detailed studies show so many benefits of adopting a complete streets approach, so the public right-of-way can better serve all residents, not just those choosing to pass through the City using vehicles.

As a licensed civil engineer for over 30 years, I know how infrastructure must change not just for current needs, but anticipating future demands. The current design of Pruneridge is based on what seemed important more than half a century ago, and it does not serve current needs well. I hope that the City can move forward with a plan that looks to shape a more inclusive and sustainable future, and improving Pruneridge Avenue plays an important role in that.

Thank you.

Ed Maurer

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