



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan Topic Request Form

Requestor Name:

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Date:

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Proposed Topic Title:

Slower streets - AB 43

Background and Discussion: Please provide justification regarding how this topic pertains to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities:

AB 43 was passed in 2021 to give local authorities greater discretion to set lower speed limits in a variety of circumstances. These include declaring lower prima facie speed limits; additional exceptions to prima facie limits; amending the requirements of a traffic and engineering survey to include consideration of residential density; and "safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, with increased consideration for vulnerable pedestrian groups including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, users of personal assistive mobility devices, and the unhoused"; and extending the time duration when a traffic and engineering survey remains valid for enforcement purposes.

Reducing the speed of motor vehicle traffic even a little can have a big effect on whether a bicyclist or pedestrian survives a collision with a motor vehicle.

What are Santa Clara's plans to implement lower speeds under the new law?