

# Complete Streets Commission



## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** 1/8/2025  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 845 2506 8381 and  
City Council Chambers  
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

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### Regular Session

#### A. Call To Order

#### B. Roll Call

#### C. Reports and Announcements

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**E. Regular Business**

- E1. Accept the Complete Streets Commission minutes for December 11, 2024 ([Attachment](#))
- E2. Provide feedback on Atherton El Camino Real conceptual designs ([Attachment](#))

**F. Informational Items**

- F1. Update on major project status
- F2. Tentative Complete Streets Commission agenda ([Attachment](#))

**G. Committee/Subcommittee Reports**

**H. Adjournment**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT



**Date:** 12/11/2024  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Teleconference and  
City Council Chambers  
751 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Regular Session**

**A. Call To Order**

Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Present:** Altman, Bailey, Ierokomos, Cole, King, Rascoff  
**Absent:** Cebrian  
**Staff:** Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Chen, Senior Transportation Planner Catrine Machi

**C. Reports and Announcements**

The Commission received reports on City Council actions since the Nov. 13 Complete Streets Commission meeting.

**D. Public Comment**

- Bill Kirsch spoke in support of implementing traffic calming measures and signage on Partridge Avenue and in the Allied Arts neighborhood.

**E. Regular Business**

- E1. Accept the Complete Streets Commission minutes for November 13, 2024 (Attachment).

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Cole/ Ierokomos), to accept the Complete Streets Commission minutes for November 13, 2024, with revisions to item E3, passed 5-0 (Cebrian absent and Rascoff abstaining).

- E2. Provide feedback on Middle Avenue and El Camino Real intersection signal and conceptual geometric improvements (Staff Report #24-012-CC)

Staff Chen presented options for the Middle Avenue and El Camino Real intersection signal and conceptual geometric improvements.

The Commission discussed the different intersection signal options, resulting traffic queues and potential cut through traffic.

The Commission requested an additional variation to be considered for the signal operations and acknowledged the significant crash history of the intersection and future importance of this

intersection when the Caltrain undercrossing at Middle project is implemented.

The Commission discussed the geometric improvement benefits and constrains.

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Rascoff / Ierokomos), to move forward with further study and evaluation of Alt. 3, the dedicated bike signal phase with no right turn on red and to move forward with geometric improvements, including consideration of a new intersection signal alternative 2B as follows:

- A protected left turn phase operation, with dynamic no right turn on red phases when pedestrians or bicyclists have activated the signal.

passed 6-0 (Cebrian absent).

## **F. Informational Items**

### **F1. Update on major project status**

The Commission received updates on ongoing El Camino Real and Ravenswood Avenue Crossing improvements, the completion of the Willow Road and Newbridge Street signal construction and the Haven Avenue streetscape improvements.

### **F2. Tentative Complete Streets Commission agenda**

## **G. Committee/Subcommittee Reports**

Commissioners Bailey and Ierokomos provided an update on a resident survey regarding bicycle rack needs.

## **H. Adjournment**

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Catrine Machi, Senior Transportation Planner



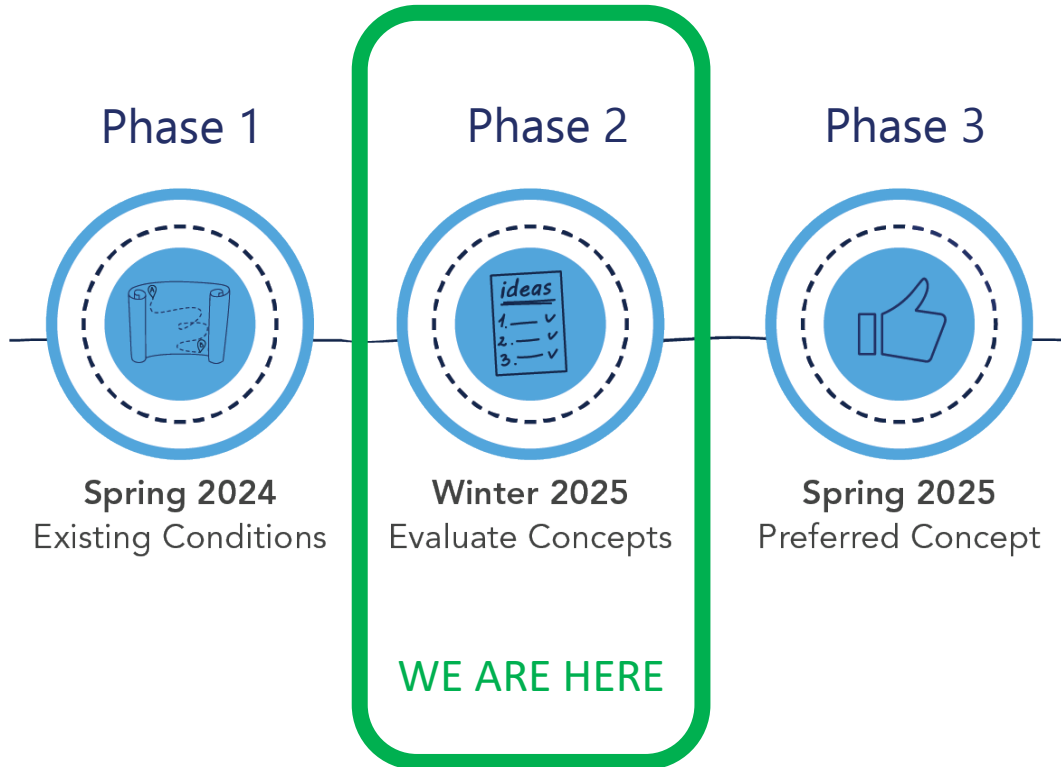
# El Camino Real Complete Streets Study

City of Menlo Park - Complete Streets Commission

January 8, 2025

# Project Overview

## Timeline:



## Funding Sources:

- Measure A funding through 2022 SMCTA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program
- Town of Atherton
- City of Menlo Park
- SamTrans

## In partnership with:

- San Mateo County
- Caltrans
- Redwood City



# Phase 2 Objectives



Develop preliminary design options



Evaluate based on criteria and identify "tradeoffs" of each option



Gather feedback from the community, stakeholders, and partners



Identify a preferred conceptual design to advance through the Caltrans process and more detailed design/engineering



# Relevant Plans

## 2014 Town of Atherton Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

- Convert outer southbound lane on ECR to a Class 1 trail.
- Install Class II bike lanes on Selby Lane.
- A traffic study to determine the feasibility of removing one or both outside travel lanes for dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facility.
- Identify locations for traffic signals, pedestrian hybrid signals, other crossing improvements.

## Local

- Menlo Park El Camino Real Corridor Study
- San Mateo County C/CAG Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Countywide Transportation Plan
- Reimagine SamTrans initiative
- Grand Boulevard Initiative

## Regional

- MTC Active Transportation Network

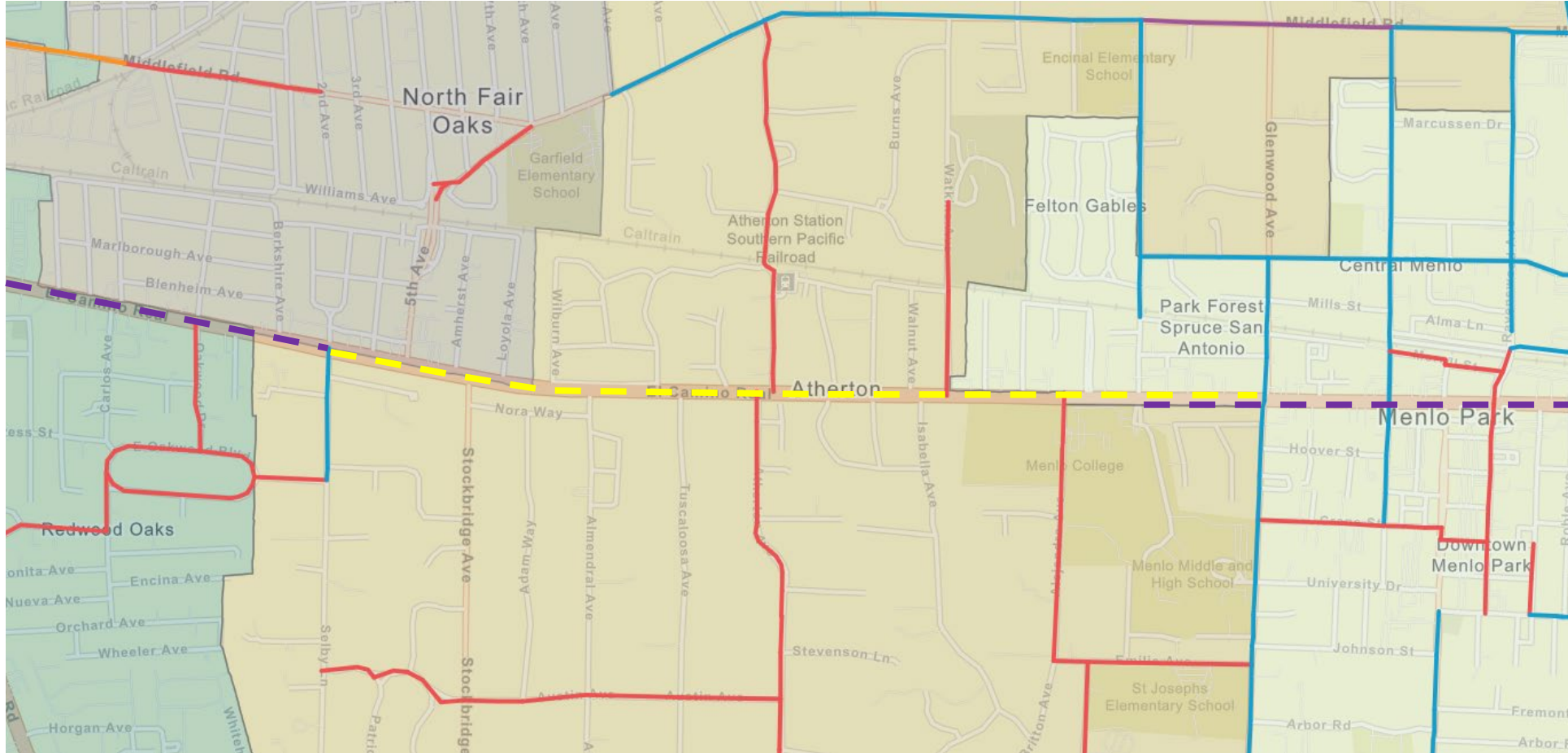
## State

- Caltrans SHOPP Project #1W130
- Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan (Top Tier Class I and IV)





# Existing/Proposed Bikeway Network



- Class 2 Bike Lane
- Class 3 Bike Route
- - - Atherton Study Limits
- - - Buffered Bike Lanes



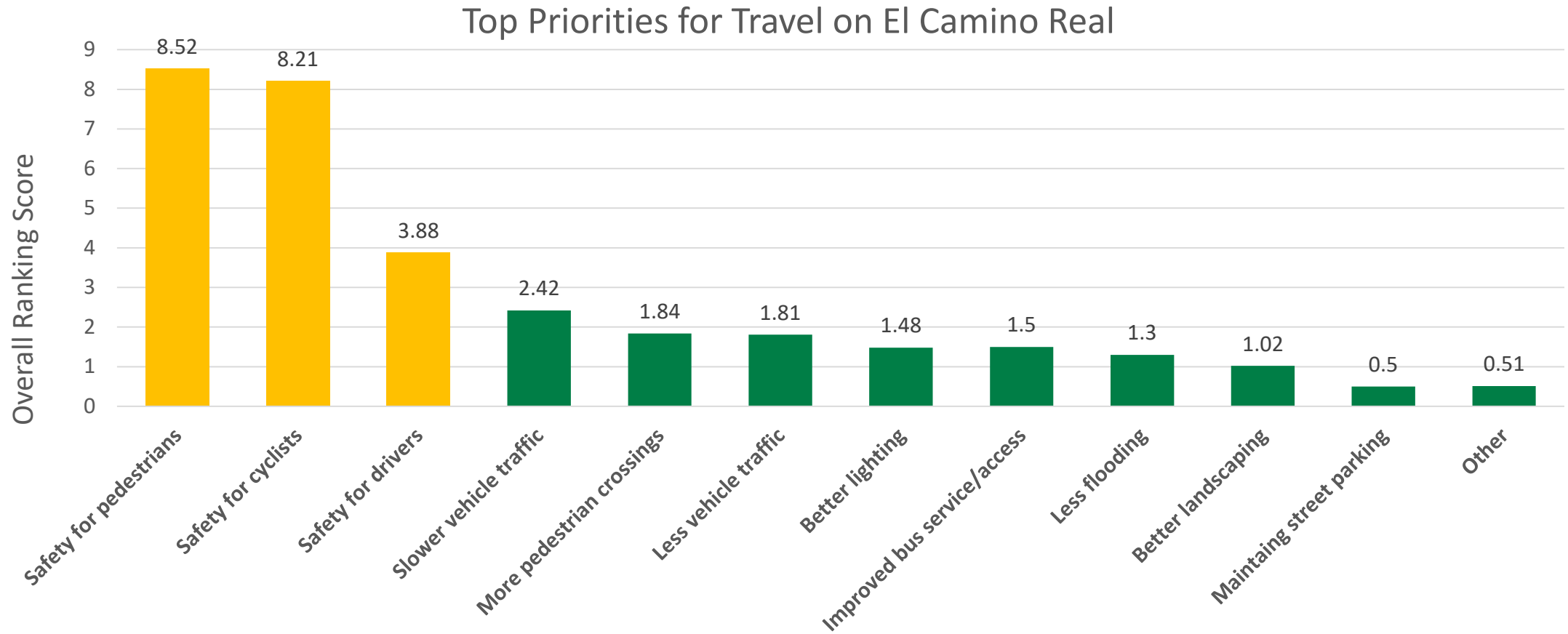
# Existing Conditions Summary

- Corridor Users
  - School-aged and senior population served
  - 5-9% persons with disabilities
- Travel Modes
  - 8.5% transit+walk+bike mode share
  - Over 50% of vehicle trips < 5 miles
  - Designated High Injury Network
- Traffic
  - 36,000 Average Daily Vehicle Trips
  - Higher delay at: Atherton/Fair Oaks, Valparaiso Ave (signalized) & Selby, Tuscaloosa, Watkins (unsignalized)



# Community Survey Results

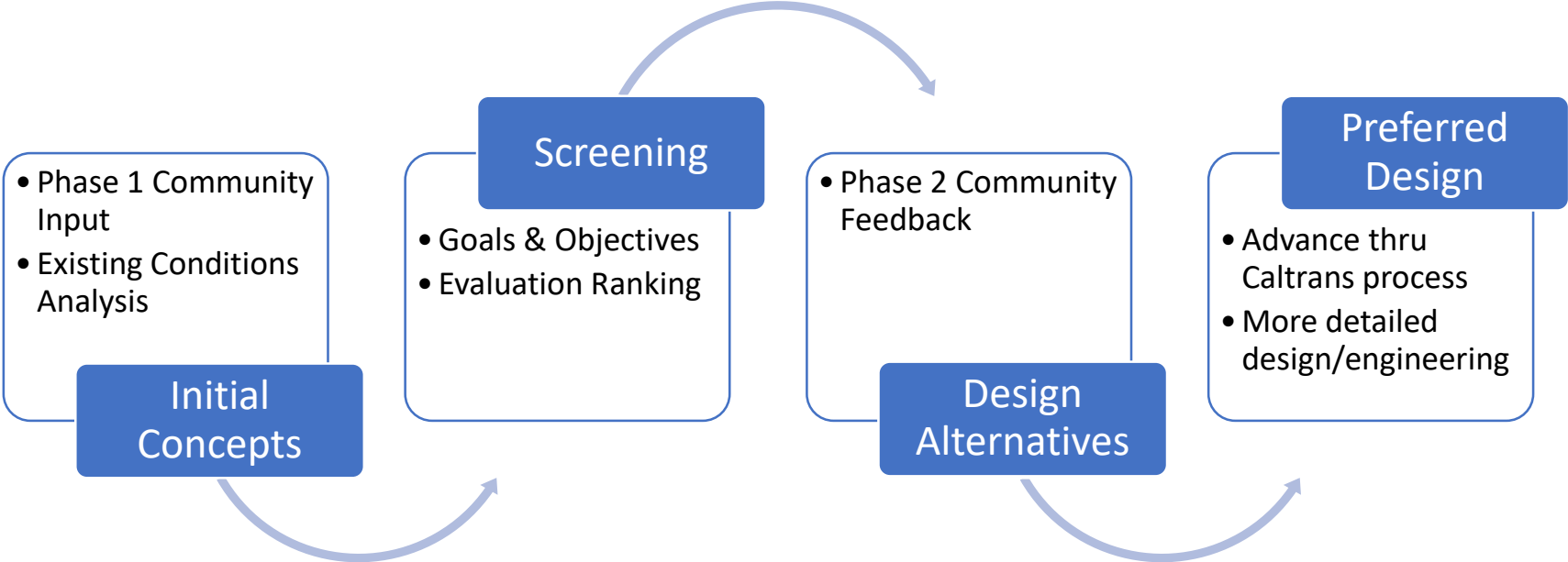
Total : 320 surveys completed



# Proposed Design Concepts



# Conceptual Design Process



# Design Tradeoffs

Cyclist Safety

Pedestrian Safety

Addresses Flood Impacts

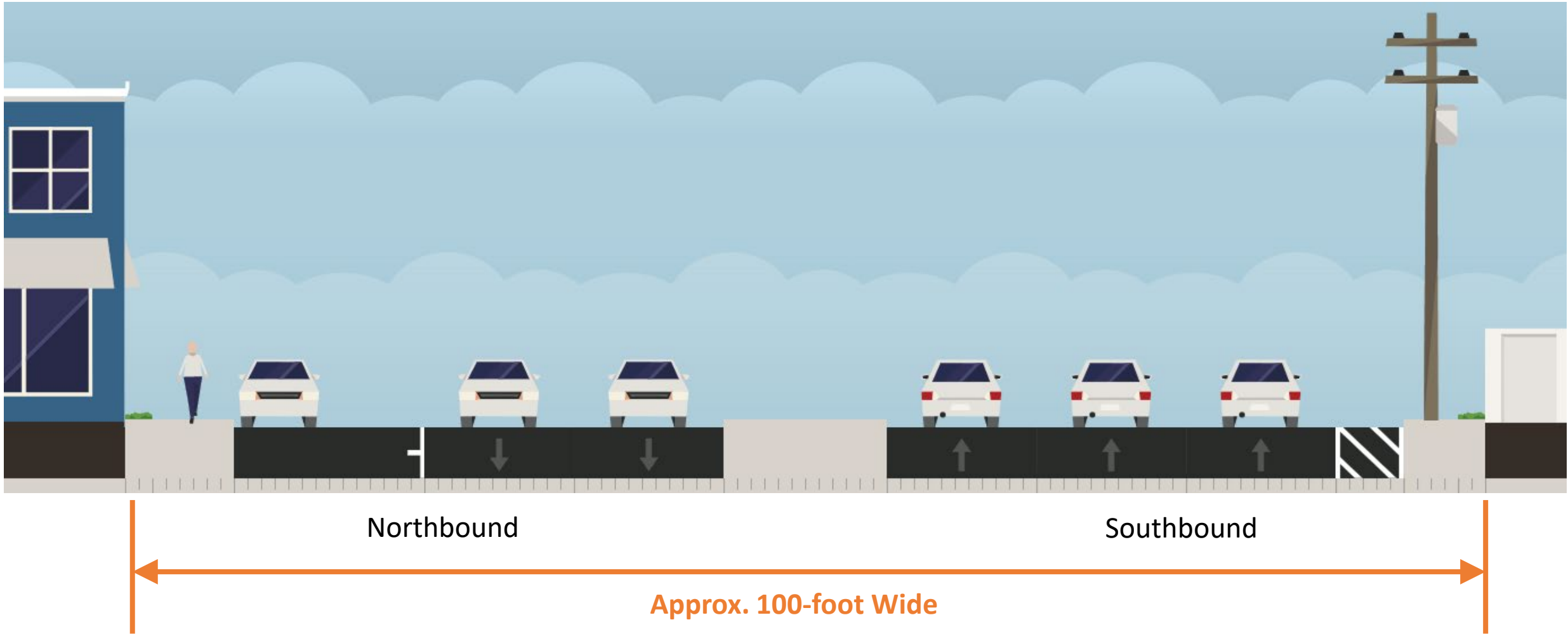
Retains Travel Speed

Minimizes Traffic Diversion to  
Local Streets

Maintains Street Parking



# El Camino Today (Menlo Park Adjacent)



# Common Elements

All proposed design concepts will incorporate the following common elements and features to address safety and quality of life:

- Enhanced pedestrian/bicycle crossings at key intersections (high visibility crosswalks, hybrid beacons, etc.)
- Better lighting
- Improved bus stops access





# Design Concept #1: Added Sidewalks and Striped Bike Lanes

- Add narrow sidewalks and unprotected bike lanes in each direction
- Retain number of vehicle lanes
- Configuration of sidewalks, bike lanes, medians, and vehicular lanes may be adjusted to fit when constrained by existing utilities poles or other obstructions



# Design Concept #2: Wider Sidewalks & Buffered/Protected Bike Lanes

- Add wider, continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Add one-way bike lanes on both sides - separated from traffic by a 3-foot buffer strip or curb
  - Bike lanes may be at street level or elevated to sidewalk level
- Convert a vehicle lane in each direction to accommodate these improvements



# Design Concept #3: Wider Sidewalks & Partial Buffered/Protected Bike Lanes

- Add wider, continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Add one-way bike lanes on both sides - separated from traffic by a 3-foot buffer strip or curb
  - Bike lane widths and buffers vary along the corridor
  - Convert 1 vehicle lane on parts of north- and southbound ECR to accommodate these improvements
- Higher construction cost to shift vehicle lanes and existing median.



# Next Steps

- Seek community/stakeholder feedback to finalize conceptual designs
  - Phase 2 public outreach through February 2025
- Refine selected concepts, including layouts for each alternative
- Continue coordination with neighbors/Grand Boulevard Initiative
- Considering technical constraints, public feedback, and overall performance, recommend preferred preliminary design in March 2025





# Thank You!

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Tentative Complete Streets Commission Agenda			
#	Title	Item type	Commission action
1	Vision Zero Action Plan Strategies/Program Implementation	Regular	Recommendation
2	AB 413 Daylighting Implementation Plan	Regular	Recommendation
3	Middlefield Road – Safe Streets Project	Regular	Recommendation
4	Vision Zero Implementation Plan – Slow Street Program	Regular	Recommendation
5	Grand Boulevard Initiative Presentation from SamTrans	Regular	No Action

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