

MTC Complete Streets Checklist - DRAFT

Section 1: Contact and Project Information

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Project Sponsor:

Sunnyvale Public Works Department

County:

Santa Clara

Is your project seeking regional discretionary funds or an endorsement?

Endorsement

Project Name/Title:

Sunnyvale Avenue Caltrain Grade Separation

Project Location:

Sunnyvale

Project Description:

The project will eliminate the existing at-grade crossing between Sunnyvale Avenue and the Caltrain railroad tracks. Located on the south side of the intersection of Sunnyvale Avenue and Hendy Avenue (parallel to the tracks), Sunnyvale Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic and converted to a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing while Hendy Avenue and Caltrain stay at the existing elevation. The bicycle and pedestrian facilities would match as identified in the Active Transportation Plan (e.g., A separated pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing at Sunnyvale Avenue through the train tracks connecting Evelyn Avenue and Hendy Avenue, Class 2 bike lanes on Evelyn Avenue, and new pedestrian and bicycle facilities on west leg of Hendy Avenue). On-roadway public transit service, Route 55 provided by Valley Transportation Authority, will be impacted.

Project Phase(s):

Environmental (ENV), Preliminary Engineering (PE)

Project Mode(s):

Bicycle, Pedestrian, Driver/Automobile

Do you think your project qualifies for a Statement of Exception from the Complete Streets Policy?

No

Do you think your project qualifies for a Statement of Exception from the Transit Priority Policy for Roadways?

No

Section 2: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Planning

Relevant plans this project helps to implement:

City/County General + Specific Area Plans, Bicycle, Pedestrian and/or Active Transportation Plan(s), ADA Transition Plan, Vision Zero/Local Roadway Safety Plan/Systemic Safety Analysis Report/Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Other, Bicycle, Pedestrian and/or Active Transportation Plan(s)

Other relevant plan (specify):

Caltrain Business Plan

Details on plan recommendations affecting the project area (with adoption date):

General Plan - Land Use and Transportation Chapter: updated March 2024

Active Transportation Plan: August 2020

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan: June 2022

Vision Zero Plan: July 2019

Roadway Safety Plan: September 2020

Caltrain Business Plan: updated October 2025

Does the project area contain segments of the regional Active Transportation (AT) Network?

Yes

If yes, describe how the project adheres to NACTO and/or PROWAG guidelines:

Sunnyvale Avenue interacts with corridors that are on the AT network, including Evelyn Avenue. It is on the City's Low Stress Spine Network, aiming to serve all ages and abilities. The project has completed its Planning Phase and is advancing towards the Environmental / Preliminary Engineering Phase. During preliminary and final design phases, the project will seek to improve the existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructures by consulting the latest local and regional guidelines and best practices such as VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines, NATCO and will achieve at or above the minimum design standards outlined in the latest PROWAG.

Is there a MTC Mobility Hub within the project area?

No

Is the project on a known High Injury Network (HIN) or has a local traffic safety analysis found a high incidence of bicyclist/pedestrian-involved crashes?

Yes

Summary of traffic safety conditions and traffic safety countermeasures:

The MTC Vision Zero Insight Dashboard indicates that the Evelyn Avenue/Caltrain corridor is on the regional high injury network. Per Maps 5 and 7 of the ATP, there have been multiple bicycle and pedestrian related minor injuries reported near the intersection of Sunnyvale Avenue and Evelyn Avenue. The intersection is complex due to the interaction with the railroad track and its preemption operation with gate arms and indications as well as the close proximity of both Evelyn and Hendy avenues to the rail crossing. The project will close vehicular access and grade separate the pedestrian and bike facilities from the railroad tracks, thereby removing a major complexity and improving safety for all users.

Infrastructure elements included in this phase of the project:

Class I Multi-Use Trail or Path, Other: Grade Separation

Will the project help to improve active transportation or transit in an Equity Priority Community (EPC)?

Yes

Census tract(s) designated as EPCs affected by this project:

509000

Will the project integrate green infrastructure?

N/A

Section 3: Compliance and Exception Review

Is this project in compliance with MTC Complete Streets Policy (Resolution 4493)?

Yes

Is this project in compliance with the MTC Transit Priority Policy for Roadways (Resolution 4739)?

Yes

Transit agency (or agencies) serving the project community:

VTA (Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority)

Did the transit agency notify you that they do NOT have service in your project area?

No

Description of transit routes/stations and measures to mitigate impacts:

The preferred project alternative will impact the operation of VTA Route 55. VTA was a major stakeholder during the feasibility study phase and general project coordination. City will work with VTA during the PE phase to identify solution.

Have all potentially affected transit agencies had the opportunity to review this project?

Yes

Has a local BPAC reviewed this Checklist?

No

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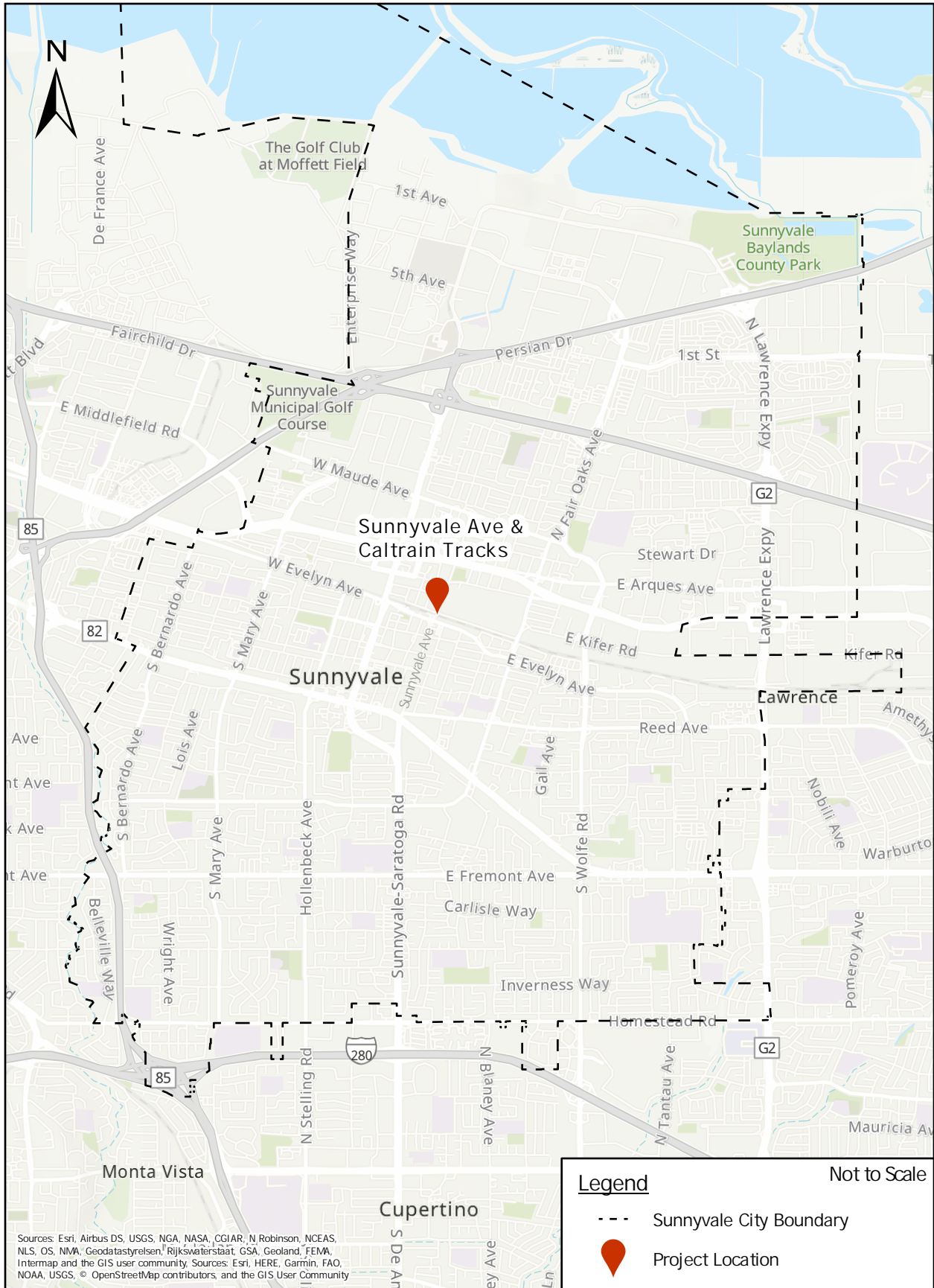


Figure 1: Project Location