

# 835210 - Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Access at Sunnyvale Caltrain Station

<b>Originating Year:</b>	2021	<b>Project Type:</b>	Traffic and Transportation	<b>Department:</b>	250 - Public Works
<b>Planned Completion Year:</b>	2025/26	<b>Category:</b>	Capital	<b>Project Manager:</b>	Lillian Tsang

## Project Description/Scope/Purpose

This study will evaluate the existing pedestrian and bicycle access to the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station north and south of the station. The study will make recommendations for improvements to signage, access paths, roadways, traffic control and bicyclist/pedestrian amenities. The study will also determine areas for the inclusion of public art displays. In addition, the study will include a public outreach component to obtain information about station users and data collection at the Caltrain parking lots as well as the City owned public parking lots in the area. The study will also provide a plan for stakeholder coordination on the proposed improvements and construction. The stakeholders include the City, Caltrain, VTA, the Sunnyvale Business Park, Downtown Business Association, and nearby residents. Finally, the study will evaluate the right-of-way restrictions, feasibility of improvements and possible sources of funding.

## Project Evaluation and Analysis

The Sunnyvale Caltrain Station is a major transportation hub for the City. Currently the station serves over ten northbound trains during the morning commute and over ten southbound trains during the evening commute as well as five VTA bus transit lines. The station is bicycle-friendly with 74 bicycle lockers and bicycle accommodations on most transit lines. The station is adjacent to Evelyn Avenue which provides direct access for the area south of the railroad. Access to the station north of the railroad can be made through a pedestrian opening to the station at the intersection of North Frances Street and West Hendy Avenue. In addition, there is an unpaved pedestrian pathway leading to the station from the City-operated parking lot north of the railroad under the Mathilda Avenue overpass.

The Study will perform a full evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian accessibility of the Caltrain Station and provide feasible recommendations for Sunnyvale Caltrain access improvements. All recommendations will include conceptual drawings of the proposed modifications with a cost estimate and any identifiable constraints. The project, when implemented, will improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and provide increased opportunities for bicycle activity in the City. It will benefit Sunnyvale's community as a whole by creating a safer and more comfortable walking and biking environment to and from the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station.

## Fiscal Impact

Caltrans has awarded \$383,423 to conduct a study to improve bike and pedestrian access at the Sunnyvale Caltrain Station. The total cost of this study, including the City's local match, is \$433,100. The local match in the amount of \$49,677 is funded from the Community Benefits sub-fund in the Capital Projects Fund. As part of the study, a Funding and Implementation Plan will be developed to identify the cost estimates for the final design and construction of the recommended improvements.

## Funding Sources

Caltrans Grant to the General Fund and Capital Projects - Community Benefits Sub-fund

## Plans and Goals

LT - Land Use and Transportation - LT-3: An Effective Multimodal Transportation System

## Project Financial Summary

	Project Costs	Revenues	Operating Costs
Prior Actual	-	-	-
2022-23	433,100	383,423	-
2023-24	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-
2030-31	-	-	-
2031-32	-	-	-
2032-33	-	-	-
2033-34	-	-	-
2034-35	-	-	-
2035-36	-	-	-
2036-37	-	-	-
2037-38	-	-	-
2038-39	-	-	-
2039-40	-	-	-
2040-41	-	-	-
2041-42	-	-	-
2042-43	-	-	-
<b>20 Year Total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>433,100</b>	<b>383,423</b>	-