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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
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**RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –  
Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing**

Dear Senator Padilla:

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Murali Srinivasan  
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros  
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Richard Mehlinger  
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Linda Sell  
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$3,000,000 to provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway to connect north and south Bernardo Avenue. Bernardo Avenue is a major north-south commute route on the border of Sunnyvale and Mountain View. This crossing will go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. The project will expand and connect the active transportation networks of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, support equity in transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive, reduce vehicle emissions, and help meet our climate action plan by encouraging active transportation.

The enclosed Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this pathway project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works, at [ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein".

Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Project Sheet  
Community Support Letters (2)



cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works

# Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing

**Bernardo Avenue is a major north-south commute route** on the border of Sunnyvale and Mountain View. It should get people where they need to go safely and efficiently. But today, **Bernardo is bisected** by the Caltrain commuter rail and Central Expressway. This is a significant **barrier for bicyclists and pedestrians**. Multiple agencies are collaborating to **install an undercrossing** beneath the tracks and expressway. There is strong support for this project as it will **better connect residential areas, job centers and recreation**.

## Quick Facts



**MEETS GOALS**  City  County  Bay Area  
 State  Federal

## PROJECT NEED

The VTA Countywide Bike Plan identifies the Caltrain tracks as an Access Barrier Crossing

## LOCATION

Bernardo Avenue at the Caltrain and Central Expressway crossings

\*Will supplement \$25M from VTA 2016 Measure B, Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, and One Bay Area Grant 2

## The Undercrossing Will:

- ➔ Connect Sunnyvale and Mountain View residents (225,000+ total) to the job centers in these cities (200,000+ jobs)
- ➔ Provide access to recreation, including Baylands Park, Twin Creeks Sports Complex and the Bay Trail
- ➔ Expand and connect the active transportation networks of Sunnyvale and Mountain View
- ➔ Make biking and walking more accessible and comfortable with an off-road segment
- ➔ Significantly reduce the distances commuters currently travel to get to a crossing
- ➔ Encourage biking and walking which eases traffic and reduces vehicle emissions
- ➔ Support equity in transportation for those who cannot or choose not to drive



## Safe, Convenient, Connected Networks

The Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project will provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway. This pathway will connect north and south Bernardo Avenue. The crossing will go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. VTA and the cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View are leading the environmental clearance phase of project. Caltrain is leading the final design and construction phases. The undercrossing will connect into existing bicycle lanes on Bernardo and Evelyn avenues. These connections will link Sunnyvale and Mountain View networks and the countywide commuter bicycle lanes on Central Expressway. The undercrossing will also connect new high-density housing to the south with job center developments to the north.

## Aligns with Multiple Policies & Initiatives

- ➔ Active Transportation Plans
- ➔ Vision Zero Plans
- ➔ Climate Action Plans
- ➔ Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan
- ➔ Complete Streets Policies
- ➔ VTA & MTC Regional Transportation Plans

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March 5, 2024

Senator Alex Padilla  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
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RE: Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Undercrossing for Bernardo Avenue

Dear Senator Padilla,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale's Community Project Funding request to build a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing to connect North and South Bernardo Avenue.

While California continues to lead the nation in investing in reducing emissions through vehicular transportation, Sunnyvale has shown its commitment to supporting these sustainability and environmental goals through projects to encourage people to walk or bike safely through its ambitious Climate Action Plan. Not only would the proposed undercrossing connect North and South Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale, but the active transportation networks between Sunnyvale and Mountain View would also become integrated for those who walk and bike.

Wider roadways such as Expressways can be challenging for pedestrians and cyclists, considering the distance to a crossing and safety. As the undercrossing would go beneath the Caltrain railroad tracks and the highly-trafficked Central Expressway, this project involves collaboration between the Cities of Sunnyvale, Mountain View, the California Department of Transportation, and the County of Santa Clara. Not only would this project benefit residents of Sunnyvale, but it reflects the regional collaboration required on the local, state, and federal levels to invest in equitable connectivity of our transportation systems and an investment in an environmentally-friendly future.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support for the undercrossing on Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Evan Low  
Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

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March 1, 2024

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**RE: FY 2025 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing and Safe Routes to Schools and Parks**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for two very important active transportation improvement projects:

- Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

The Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project will provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway that will go beneath major crossing barriers including the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. This separated pathway will provide a safe and connected link to Sunnyvale and Mountain View pedestrian and bicycle networks and the countywide commuter bicycle lanes on Central Expressway, serving as an important link between residential neighborhoods to over 200,000 jobs nearby. The Safe Routes to Schools & Parks project will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations. Providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will encourage parents and students to choose to walk or bike to their destination.

Both of the proposed projects align with the City's goals of having low-stress routes, crossing major barriers, safe routes to school and connecting the community. The projects will promote active transportation, mode shift, safety, equity, and connectivity. By enhancing the safety and improving the comfortability in the pedestrian and bicycle networks, these projects will expand mode choice and reduce automobile trips. In addition, these projects support our shared goal of reducing vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Sunnyvale was designed for a vastly different transportation landscape. Not only will the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing and Safe Routes to Schools & Parks projects contribute to an improved transportation network and related environmental benefits, they also serve an important role in safely connecting people and communities. Most importantly, these projects will serve an area with a combined enrollment of 1,200 students, many of whom come from socio-economically disadvantaged families. My office has been in communication with numerous families, school officials, school board members, and advocates who have expressed concern about pedestrian and biker health and safety in Sunnyvale. With these projects, a little will go a long way in protecting the community's health and safety.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at [wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org).

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**RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –  
Build the Cleanwater Center**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$10,000,000 to build the Cleanwater Center located at 1444 Borregas Ave.

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Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant is one of the oldest on the West Coast. It works around the clock to provide essential wastewater treatment for residents and businesses. The Cleanwater Center is one of the necessary upgrades planned for this aging facility. Designed to LEED Gold standards, it will be an operational hub for the 67-person team who operates, maintains, and manages the Plant. Consolidating critical functions into a modern facility will achieve numerous operational, sustainability and regulatory goals.

The enclosed Build the Cleanwater Center Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this upgrade project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services, at [rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Build the Cleanwater Center Project Sheet  
Community Support Letters (4)

cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services

# Build the Cleanwater Center

Our wastewater **treatment plant is one of the oldest on the West Coast.** It works around the clock to provide essential wastewater treatment for residents and businesses. The **Cleanwater Center** is one of the **necessary upgrades planned for this aging facility.** Designed to LEED Gold standards, it will be an **operational hub for the 67-person team** who operates, maintains and manages the Plant. **Consolidating critical functions into a modern facility** will achieve numerous operational, sustainability and regulatory goals.

## Quick Facts



**MEETS GOALS**  City  County  Bay Area  
 State  Federal

**PROJECT NEED** Sunnyvale’s Master Plan to rebuild its aging wastewater facility identified this project as a replacement priority ([SunnyvaleCleanwater.com](http://SunnyvaleCleanwater.com)).

**LOCATION** 1444 Borregas Ave.

**PROPOSED SIZE** 26,574 square feet

## This Essential Project Will:

- ➔ Improve operations by consolidating functions currently fragmented across multiple locations
- ➔ Replace multiple buildings that no longer meet current building and accessibility codes
- ➔ Update the laboratory to follow best practice standards
- ➔ Add an educational meeting space to engage with our community about protecting water quality and the Bay
- ➔ Create a modern facility that will help attract and retain staff
- ➔ Help achieve environmental and regulatory goals



## Cleanwater Center: A Vital Hub for Plant Operations

Sunnyvale’s Water Pollution Control Plant has provided reliable 24/7 wastewater treatment since its construction in 1956. However, the Plant’s existing facilities are reaching the end of their useful life. Upgrades are necessary to reliably meet increasingly stringent environmental and regulatory requirements. The Cleanwater Program is the City’s long-term plan to upgrade and replace key facilities. The renovated Plant will be more operationally resilient, use more cost-effective technologies, be more energy efficient, and promote resource recovery. The Cleanwater Center will serve as a vital hub of operations for the team that runs and maintains the Plant. It will include a modern environmental laboratory for testing waste streams, a control room to monitor the thousands of daily measurements, a maintenance shop and warehouse, staff office and training facilities, and public education space.

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# California State Senate

## SENATOR AISHA WAHAB, MBA

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March 11, 2024

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### **SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Build the Cleanwater Center**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding to Build the Cleanwater Center.

Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant has provided reliable 24/7 wastewater treatment since its construction in 1956, making it one of the oldest on the West Coast. However, the Plant's existing facilities are reaching the end of their useful life. Upgrades are necessary to reliably meet increasingly stringent environmental and regulatory requirements.

The Cleanwater Center is one of the necessary upgrades planned for this aging facility. Designed to LEED Gold standards, it will be an operational hub for the 67-person team who operates, maintains and manages the Plant. Consolidating critical functions into a modern facility will achieve numerous operational, sustainability and regulatory goals.

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Sincerely,

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Senator Aisha Wahab  
California State Senate, District 10

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**SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Build the Cleanwater Center**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the City of Sunnyvale's request for Congressional project funding to construct the Cleanwater Center. This project is a vital component of the city's broader effort to upgrade its aging wastewater treatment facilities, which have been a cornerstone of public health and environmental protection since their inception in 1956.

The Cleanwater Center, designed to meet LEED Gold standards, represents a significant advancement in the city's ability to manage its wastewater treatment operations efficiently and sustainably. The new facility will consolidate operations currently spread across multiple outdated buildings, enhancing operational effectiveness, and ensuring compliance with modern building and accessibility codes. Moreover, this project will modernize the laboratory facilities, follow best practice standards, and create a vital educational space for community engagement on water quality and environmental stewardship.

The City of Sunnyvale has outlined the necessity of this project within its Master Plan, identifying the Cleanwater Center as a replacement priority essential for the community's wellbeing. The proposed 26,574 square foot facility will serve as an operational hub for the dedicated 67-person team responsible for the plant's round-the-clock operation.

With a total project cost of \$72 million, the city is seeking \$10 million in federal funding to help make this project a reality. The investment in the Cleanwater Center will yield significant benefits for the City of Sunnyvale, including improved operations, enhanced staff recruitment and retention, and the achievement of environmental and regulatory goals. The project aligns with the objectives of city, state, county, and federal environmental initiatives, demonstrating its broad relevance and impact. As the former "Green Mayor of Sunnyvale", I wholeheartedly support this request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and public health. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at [wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org).

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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**SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Build the Cleanwater Center**

Dear Senator Padilla:

As a former Council Member in Sunnyvale and the current Executive Director of Silicon Valley Leadership dba Leadership Sunnyvale, I enthusiastically support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding to Build the Cleanwater Center. This will provide an educational opportunity and location benefiting residents, schools, businesses and nonprofit organizations to learn about our water, sanitation, and sustainability issues locally and regionally.

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Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through email at [Tara.Martin@LeadershipSunnyvale.org](mailto:Tara.Martin@LeadershipSunnyvale.org).

Sincerely,



Tara Martin-Milius

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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Washington, DC 20510

SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Build the Cleanwater Center

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Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to me.

Sincerely,



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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**RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –  
Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla:

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On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$5,000,000 to rebuild the old and out-of-date Fire Station 2 located at 795 E. Arques Ave. In addition to serving our community, Fire Station 2 is a countywide training workhorse. It serves as a regional fire academy training facility for Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and fire departments throughout Santa Clara County.

This replacement and expansion project will:

- Improve emergency response services to East Central Sunnyvale
- Meet higher training demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the state
- Improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training
- Increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers
- Achieve sustainability goals with green building design

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief Phan Ngo, Director of Public Safety, at [pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:pngo@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Rebuild Fire Station 2 Project Sheet  
Community Support Letters (5)

cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Phan Ngo, Director of Public Safety

# Rebuild Fire Station 2

**California faces a growing threat from fires.** In 2020, five of the largest fires in our state’s history burned at the same time. They destroyed thousands of buildings and forced hundreds of thousands of evacuations. **Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide.** They need modern facilities and robust training to be effective first responders. For them to better prepare for and respond to emergencies, we need to **rebuild the old and out-of-date Fire Station 2.**

## Quick Facts



**MEETS GOALS**  City  County  State

**PROJECT NEED** The 2021 Fire Station Masterplan identified Station 2 as being past its useful service life

**LOCATION** 795 E. Arques Ave.

**PROPOSED SQUARE FOOTAGE**  
Approx. 20,500 s.f.

## Fire Station 2 is a Countywide Training Workhorse

Fire Station 2 is one of only two facilities to offer numerous required training courses for firefighters countywide. This includes the 17-week Joint Fire Academy. The Station also hosts emergency preparedness training for community volunteers and annual in-service training for Sunnyvale’s public safety officers. Rebuilding the Station would allow us to meet the high local and regional training demand in a modern sustainable facility.

## Why Rebuild?

- ➔ Living conditions lack modern health and safety features for fire personnel
- ➔ Aging, energy inefficient facility is costly to maintain
- ➔ Cramped and dated trailers used for classrooms
- ➔ Not enough restrooms; must rent portable toilets for training classes
- ➔ Inadequate equipment storage



**400+** people trained annually



**60** age of Station 2

## This Project Will:

- ➔ Improve emergency response services to East-Central Sunnyvale
- ➔ Meet higher training demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the state
- ➔ Improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training
- ➔ Increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers
- ➔ Ensure living and working conditions meet modern health and safety standards
- ➔ Achieve sustainability goals with all-electric green building design

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### **SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for rebuild of Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 is nearly 60 years old and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage. The facilities also lack features that are standard in most modern stations, leading to higher utility costs and inadequate living conditions.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, which is home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires remaining a constant risk, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel and enhance regional training capacity. It will also help the City achieve its sustainability goals for green building design and construction.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 916-651-4410 or [senator.wahab@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.wahab@sen.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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Senator Aisha Wahab  
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RE: Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Sunnyvale Fire Station 2

Dear Senator Padilla,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the City of Sunnyvale’s Community Project Funding request to rebuild Fire Station 2, located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

With California facing a growing threat of fires annually, firefighters are on the frontlines. As such, they require modern facilities and robust training. Nearly 60 years old, Fire Station 2 is old and out-of-date, negatively impacting the effectiveness of our first responders. Fire Station 2 specifically trains over 400 people annually; they are one of only two facilities to offer numerous training courses for firefighters not only for the City of Sunnyvale but countywide as well. The current living conditions of the fire station lack modern health and safety features for fire personnel, is costly to maintain due to the energy inefficiency of the facility, has a limited number of classrooms available, and currently has inadequate equipment storage.

By rebuilding Fire Station 2, the City of Sunnyvale would be able to meet higher demand in response to intensifying fire seasons throughout the State, improve interoperability among jurisdictions by expanding capacity for regional training, increase emergency preparedness by training more community volunteers, ensure living and working conditions meet modern health and safety standards, and achieve sustainability goals with green building design.

As a committed advocate for the safety of Sunnyvale residents and the County as a whole, as well as the sustainability of the community, I respectfully ask for your support to rebuild Fire Station 2 in Sunnyvale. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (408) 446-2810 if you have any questions.

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Assemblymember, 26th District – San José/Silicon Valley

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February 13, 2024

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**RE: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for rebuild of Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 is nearly 60 years old and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage. The facilities also lack features that are standard in most modern stations, leading to higher utility costs and inadequate living conditions.

The station serves as a vital training center, serving more than 400 people annually. It is one of only two facilities that offers required training for firefighters in Santa Clara County, a county home to more than 4 million people. With wildfires becoming more and more prevalent, it is critical that we continue to invest in facilities that support training our first responders. In addition, Fire Station 2 hosts emergency preparedness training for volunteers and city public safety officers.

Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. It will also help the City achieve its sustainability goals for green building design and construction.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at [wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org).

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee



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March 1, 2024

Senator Alex Padilla, United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

**RE: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the  
City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2**

Dear Senator Padilla,

The Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request to rebuild Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 was built in 1964 and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage.

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Rebuilding the station will improve emergency response in east-central Sunnyvale, accommodate greater utilization by public safety personnel, and enhance regional training capacity. Our firefighters are on the frontlines, called to emergencies locally and statewide. Modern facilities will allow them to better prepare and respond to the needs our community and our state.

Thank you for your consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

*Marie Bernard*

Marie Bernard, Board Member/Treasurer  
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce



February 28, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Rebuild Fire Station 2

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the Sunnyvale Downtown Association (SDA) and our Board of Directors, we are in support of the city of Sunnyvale's request for rebuild of Fire Station 2 located at 795 East Arques Avenue.

Fire Station 2 is nearly 60 years old and has quickly outgrown its original footprint and is well past due to its expected useful service life. The station currently does not have enough restrooms or equipment storage. The facilities also lack features that are standard in most modern stations, leading to higher utility costs and inadequate living conditions.

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Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Operations, Kristina Kawczynski at 408-516-7217 or [Kristina@sunnyvaledowntown.com](mailto:Kristina@sunnyvaledowntown.com).

Sincerely,

*Mike Johnson*

Executive Director  
Sunnyvale Downtown Association



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

**RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –  
Safe Routes to Schools and Parks**

Dear Senator Padilla:

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Murali Srinivasan  
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

Omar Din  
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember

Linda Sell  
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$3,625,000 to make walking and biking safer near schools and parks at three locations. These infrastructure improvements align with numerous local, state and federal policies and initiatives, and have significant health, safety and environmental benefits. Additionally, we would be investing in neighborhoods that have a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The enclosed Safe Routes to Schools and Parks Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding these improvements.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works, at [ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ctaylor@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Larry Klein  
Mayor

enc. Safe Routes to Schools and Parks Project Sheet  
Community Support Letters (3)

cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Chip Taylor, Director of Public Works

# Safe Routes to Schools & Parks

Sunnyvale’s neighborhoods were not designed for the car volumes we see today. The resulting **congestion around schools and parks causes concerns** in our community about safety, air quality and access. **Safer routes will encourage walking and biking** which are healthier for people and better for the environment. The schools proposed for these **Safe Routes projects** have a combined enrollment of 1,200 students with a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged families. **Investing in these neighborhoods will improve overall health, safety, and connectivity.**

## Quick Facts

Requested Funds



Total Project Cost



**MEETS GOALS**  City  County  Bay Area  
 State  Federal

**PROJECT NEED** The 2020 Active Transportation Plan identified and prioritized these locations for safety improvements.

## LOCATION

- ➔ **Braly Elementary School & Ponderosa Park:**  
Iris Avenue/Gail Avenue
- ➔ **Lakewood Elementary School, John W. Christian Greenbelt, and Meadowlake Drive/John W. Christian Greenbelt**
- ➔ **Vargas Elementary School:**  
Leota Avenue/Carson Drive and Leota Avenue/Washington Avenue

## Improvements for Safer Travel

- ➔ Corner curb and sidewalk extensions
- ➔ Pedestrian safety signs and striping
- ➔ ADA curb ramps

## This Project Will:

- ➔ Encourage walking and biking for all ages and abilities
- ➔ Reduce vehicle speeds
- ➔ Improve visibility for travelers
- ➔ Reduce crossing distances at busy intersections
- ➔ Expand and connect walking and biking networks
- ➔ Reduce negative environmental impacts
- ➔ Expand green stormwater infrastructure

## Aligns with Multiple Policies & Initiatives

- ➔ Active Transportation Plan
- ➔ Vision Zero Plan
- ➔ Climate Action Plan
- ➔ Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan
- ➔ Complete Streets Policies
- ➔ MTC Plan Bay Area 2050

**Otto Lee**

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March 1, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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**RE: FY 2025 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing and Safe Routes to Schools and Parks**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for two very important active transportation improvement projects:

- Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing
- Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

The Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project will provide a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway that will go beneath major crossing barriers including the Caltrain railroad tracks and Central Expressway. This separated pathway will provide a safe and connected link to Sunnyvale and Mountain View pedestrian and bicycle networks and the countywide commuter bicycle lanes on Central Expressway, serving as an important link between residential neighborhoods to over 200,000 jobs nearby. The Safe Routes to Schools & Parks project will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations. Providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will encourage parents and students to choose to walk or bike to their destination.

Both of the proposed projects align with the City's goals of having low-stress routes, crossing major barriers, safe routes to school and connecting the community. The projects will promote active transportation, mode shift, safety, equity, and connectivity. By enhancing the safety and improving the comfortability in the pedestrian and bicycle networks, these projects will expand mode choice and reduce automobile trips. In addition, these projects support our shared goal of reducing vehicle miles travelled and greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Sunnyvale was designed for a vastly different transportation landscape. Not only will the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing and Safe Routes to Schools & Parks projects contribute to an improved transportation network and related environmental benefits, they also serve an important role in safely connecting people and communities. Most importantly, these projects will serve an area with a combined enrollment of 1,200 students, many of whom come from socio-economically disadvantaged families. My office has been in communication with numerous families, school officials, school board members, and advocates who have expressed concern about pedestrian and biker health and safety in Sunnyvale. With these projects, a little will go a long way in protecting the community's health and safety.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at [wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org).

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY 2025 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Safe Routes to Schools and Parks

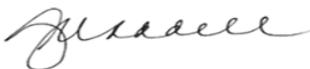
Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for funding for the Safe Routes to Schools & Parks project, which will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations. This project is important because it supports a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that our community desperately needs. We know that supporting our students to get to and from school safely is critical; providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will help encourage residents to choose to walk or bike to their destination. This can reduce the number of vehicles on our roadways and therefore increase health benefits for all Sunnyvale community members.

A primary obstacle preventing more Sunnyvale residents and visitors from walking and bicycling is the lack of adequate infrastructure in the community, including the absence of comfortable crossings at arterial roadways, enhanced crosswalks and ADA curb ramps, especially around Braly Elementary School in the Santa Clara Unified School District. I believe the proposed improvements will address these and other challenges and will lead to an increase in bicycling and walking around the city and to Braly Elementary School.

I look forward to the positive impact this project will have to the Sunnyvale community and on children and youth, and welcome the opportunity to show my support for this request for funding.

Sincerely,



Gary Waddell, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



**Board of Education**  
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March 22, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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Washington, DC 20510

**RE: FY 2025 Federal Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale – Safe Routes to Schools and Parks**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale’s request for funding for the Safe Routes to Schools & Parks project which will improve safety for students walking and biking near schools and parks at four locations. I believe this project is important because it supports a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that our community desperately needs. Providing better walking and bicycling routes to and from schools and parks will help encourage residents to choose to walk or bike to their destination. This can reduce the number of vehicles on our roadways and therefore increase health benefits for all Sunnyvale community members, especially our students.

One of the main obstacles preventing more Sunnyvale residents and visitors from walking and bicycling is the lack of adequate infrastructure in the community, including the absence of comfortable crossings at arterial roadways. I believe the proposed improvements will address these and other challenges and will lead to an increase in bicycling and walking around the city.

I look forward to the positive impact this project will have to the Sunnyvale community and welcome the opportunity to show my support for this request for funding.

Sincerely,

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Michael Gallagher, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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**RE: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Request from the City of Sunnyvale –  
SMaRT Station NextGen Project**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we respectfully submit a Community Project Funding request for \$10,000,000 to replace the old equipment at the Sunnyvale SMaRT Station located at 301 Carl Road.

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Murali Srinivasan  
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

Omar Din  
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember

Linda Sell  
Councilmember

The SMaRT Station processes nearly 700 tons of solid waste a day from Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Replacing the equipment with modern versions will recover more recyclable and organic material from the waste system and will reduce the City's carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons annually.

The enclosed SMaRT Station NextGen Project Sheet outlines the benefits to Californians by funding this replacement project.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services, at [rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Larry Klein  
Mayor

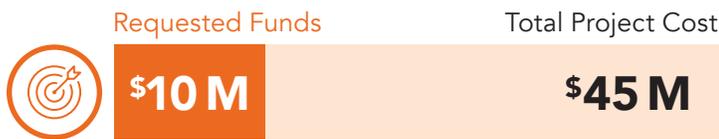
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Community Support Letters (3)

cc: City Council  
Kent Steffens, City Manager  
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager  
Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services

# SMaRT Station NextGen Project

The SMaRT Station® has been a **reliable workhorse** for 30 years. The facility **processes nearly 700 tons of solid waste a day** from Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Its main job is to **separate recyclables and organics from garbage** and prepare them for sale. But it's **time to replace the old equipment with modern technology**. This will keep more of these valuable materials out of the landfill and available for reuse. Operations will also be **faster and safer** and **lead to greater greenhouse gas emissions reduction**.

## Quick Facts



**MEETS GOALS**  City  County  Bay Area  
 State  Federal

**PROJECT NEED** Helps meet state and local climate action and zero waste goals

**LOCATION** 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

## Meeting Zero Waste & Climate Goals

The City of Sunnyvale operates the SMaRT Station. It is a 30-year-old materials recovery and transfer facility built to help meet state recycling mandates. It processes more than 200,000 tons of waste a year from a population of almost 250 thousand. The state now requires organic waste recovery (SB1383). The City also has Zero Waste and Climate Action plans to meet aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. These call for increased diversion of material from landfills. To do this, we must upgrade the outdated SMaRT Station equipment. This "NextGen" project will make operations more efficient, enhance employee safety, and recover more recyclable and organic material from our waste stream. This will result in reducing our carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons annually.



## Equipment Upgrades Will:

- ➔ Reduce the City's carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons annually
- ➔ Increase total waste diversion from the landfill by 50% to 62%
- ➔ Increase organic waste diversion to 75%
- ➔ Improve worker safety by using technology versus hand-sorting
- ➔ Reduce reliance on natural resources by diverting recyclable material
- ➔ Conserve landfill space with improved waste diversion
- ➔ Make the facility energy resilient with solar panels and battery backup systems

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# California State Senate

**SENATOR AISHA WAHAB, MBA**

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CHAIR, BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 5



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – SMaRT Station NextGen Project**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to support the City of Sunnyvale's request for upgrading City owned Sunnyvale's Material Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station located at 301 Carl Rd.

The SMaRT station serves as a vital environmental facility, serving more than 250,000 residents in the area. It provides valuable environmental benefits to the community by processing the garbage, recycling and organics from residents and businesses. The facility is an asset getting the city closer to City's zero waste goals.

SMaRT Station has been in operation for 30 years. The facility processes nearly 700 tons of solid waste a day from Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Its main job is to separate recyclables and organics from garbage and prepare them for sale. The facility also processes food scraps collected from residents and businesses to eventually convert into an energy resource.

The City has Zero Waste and Climate Action plans to meet aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. The state now requires organic waste recovery (SB1383). These call for increased diversion of material from landfills. To do this, City must upgrade the outdated SMaRT Station equipment. This "NextGen" project will make operations more efficient, enhance employee safety, and recover more recyclable and organic material from our waste stream. Operations will also be faster and safer and lead to greater reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This will result in reducing our carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons annually.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 916-651-4410 or [senator.wahab@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.wahab@sen.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

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Senator Aisha Wahab  
California State Senate, District 10

**Otto Lee**

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March 1, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla

U.S. Senate

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**SUBJECT: FY 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the City of Sunnyvale – SMaRT Station NextGen Project**

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am pleased to offer this letter support for the City of Sunnyvale’s request for upgrading the City-owned SMaRT (Sunnyvale Material Recovery and Transfer) station located at 301 Carl Road. The SMaRT station is a valuable environmental facility, serving more than 250,000 residents in the area by separating and processing the garbage, recycling and organics from residents and businesses to prepare them for sale.

Over the past 30 years, the SMaRT station has been processing nearly 700 tons of solid waste per day from Sunnyvale and Mountain View, positively impacting the environment and furthering our efforts to combat climate change. To continue to meet new state requirements goals outlined in the Zero Waste and Climate Action plans that now require organic waste recovery (SB1383), the City must upgrade SMaRT equipment to make operations more efficient, energy resilient with solar panels and battery backup systems, enhance employee safety, and recover more recyclable and organic materials from our waste stream. With upgraded equipment, the SMaRT Station NextGen Project can reduce the City’s carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons annually, increase waste diversion from landfill, and greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the City’s environmental goals.

These benefits will have a tremendous impact for generations to come, providing residents with a cleaner and healthier environment for all. I firmly believe that we need to be strong stewards for our planet and am a strong champion for promoting sustainability. As the former “Green Mayor of Sunnyvale”, I wholeheartedly support this request.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Wendy Ho at (408) 299-5030 or via email at [wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:wendy.ho@bos.sccgov.org).

Sincerely,

Otto O. Lee



## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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March 6, 2024

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
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### SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE SMART STATION NEXTGEN PROJECT

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Mountain View, I am writing in support of the City of Sunnyvale's request for \$10 million in Community Project Funding (CPF) for the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer Station (SMaRT Station®) NextGen project, which will upgrade and electrify equipment used to sort recyclables and solid waste at the SMaRT Station.

The SMaRT Station is a 30-year-old material recovery facility (MRF) owned by the City of Sunnyvale. The City of Mountain View has a partnership agreement to use the facility to process solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials. The facility separates recyclables into saleable commodities, ships organics to markets, and processes mixed solid waste to recover recyclable or organic materials.

Mountain View and Sunnyvale are committed to helping to achieve our climate action plans and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City of Sunnyvale's project to upgrade the SMaRT Station will increase processing efficiency, enhance employee safety, conserve landfill space, preserve natural resources, and recover more recyclable and organic materials from mixed solid waste.

The City of Sunnyvale estimates that this project will reduce the facility's carbon footprint by 2,200 metric tons a year and increase the facilitywide landfill diversion rate from 46.5% to 61.5%, which supports Mountain View's strategic priorities of sustainability, climate resiliency, and zero waste.

For these reasons, we support this project and the City of Sunnyvale's \$10 million request for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Community Project Funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Showalter".

Patricia Showalter  
Mayor

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cc: City Council

CM, ACM— Andrews, PWD (Acting), APWD—Skinner, SWPM, ACTM