

Minutes of 09 APR 2025 VTA BPAC Meeting

New SVBC Rep - Matt Jones

Santa Clara County Staff Report -

Kickoff of Foothill Feasibility Study

Chairperson's Report - Pedestrian fatality in Mountain View today

Boulder CO has bike/ped pathways along freeways halfway to Denver

County APT was approved for forwarding to review by ULET and other agencies with several amendments -

Such as Bike and Pedestrian facilities on both sides of expressways and municipal roads

Bike Accommodation Guidelines are to be updated by Q1 2026 at the latest

APT to be reviewed and updated every 5 years

No existing bicycle or pedestrian facilities are to be removed even if updates are added.

In coordination with SJ State Metropolitan Studies group, Caltrans has awarded a grant of \$695 thousand to Study bike and pedestrian improvements across freeway system in the county. Only 5 interchanges will be selected to be reviewed - looking at such criteria as land use prior to construction of the interchange, community use/input prior to the interchange. These are freeway redesign projects for the interchanges, but no commitment from Caltrans to actually perform them - this is only a kickoff at this point.

Grant expires in June 2027.

I requested that Foothill/280 interchange be put on the priority list, since several cyclist fatalities have occurred and Caltrans has not addressed the issue. And that slip lanes are deadly, regardless of the interchange improvements (Trimble undercrossing is an example - excellent design of ped/bike undercrossing, but riders/walkers still must negotiate slip lanes for vehicles to get to the ramps for undercrossing.