

Minutes of 08 OCT 2025 VTA BPAC Meeting

Last week was the “week without driving event” from Sept 29th - Oct 5th 2025 - needs some promotion in our city for next year so we don’t miss it. URL:

<https://weekwithoutdriving.org/>

Maybe Sunnyvale can sponsor a challenge or event in 2026?

VTA better Bus Stops program update:

Seating where there was none

Shelters

ADA access improvements

Lighting improvement

Bus pads, etc. etc.

Ways to provide your feedback year ‘round -

VTA Bus Stop hotline 408-321-5800 or email bus.stop@vta.org

Program page www.vta.org/projects/better-bus-stops

Visit the program page and click “Read More” to take our Rider Survey and the Rate

Your Stop survey to give feedback on stops you use regularly.

Or call **VTA Customer Service 408-321-2300**, or email customer.service@vta.org

Committee Staff Report from BOD meeting -

The Board authorized the GM/CEO to enter into an Exclusive Negotiations Agreement with Eden Housing for the Transit Oriented Development project here at the **VTA River Oaks Administrative Campus**. VTA staff and Eden Housing will negotiate proposed terms and conditions of a lease option agreement and a long-term ground lease for phase 1 of the project.

United Against Hate Week, runs from October 19-25, and it is a national call for local civic action to stop the hate and biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities. In addition to a specially wrapped bus, we’ll have 50 bus shelter posters throughout the County directing people to the **UnitedAgainstHateWeek.org** where they can find local community events

On October 6, Caltrans held a ribbon cutting for the El Camino Real Rehab Project. The project installed 7 miles of protected bike lanes along El Camino Real, upgraded curb ramps and sidewalks, and installed three new pedestrian beacons in Mountain View.

Santa Clara County Staff Report:

The County acknowledges the missed opportunity to close a gap in one of its projects, the San Tomas Expressway Project. This project is nearing completion, and it will take a long time to prepare an engineered design for the new sidewalk under the Central Expressway. For this reason, we are unable to include sidewalk construction in the San Tomas Expressway project. However, we will include the construction of the new

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sidewalk under the Central Expressway as part of the Central Expressway Pavement Rehabilitation Project, which we anticipate commencing construction in the Summer of 2026. So the missed opportunity will be addressed by this project.

STIP Program Allocation change:

Update from recommendations made last month - instead of Dirdiron project updates, the following will be allocated instead - Approving this item will allocate approximately \$69 million in STIP funding to the BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 (BSV2) extension.

Reason for this change: Reprogramming of Lapsed BSV2 RTIP funds to BSV2: \$29.702 million
The \$29.702 million returned to the Santa Clara County share must be reprogrammed to a 2000

Measure A project to *fulfill the terms of the timely use of funds requirement. (See allocation mods attachment)*

Diridon got MTC funding for environmental review - so there is time to seek additional funding for the design phase of the project.

County Roads and Airports staff presented an overview of the Planning and Early Design Review of Development Projects,

(See ppt attachment) Encroachment permits are a big thing....

Once permits are issued, the project is then monitored by County Roads and Airports inspectors (not a lot of them). If you see a problem (ex: signage in bike lane/pedestrian ROW, etc), and know it is a County road, please report it to County Roads and Airports:

• <https://roads.santaclaracounty.gov/home> • **Services** > Service requests

How to find out if it is a county road: Enter into your browser “Santa Clara County Roads and Airports”

Researching roads information (i.e., County road or not?) or when researching a parcel for development: • **Services** > Apply or Plan for Permits > Encroachment Permits > Projects and Studies > Development Guidelines

Received an update on STATION ACCESS STUDIES Great Mall Transit Center, Hostetter LRT, and River Oaks LRT Station Access Studies.

Report due in January 2026. For more information about Transit Oriented Community (TOC) projects, and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects and studies

<https://www.vta.org/programs/toc>

Planning Reviews - Overview

- **Planning Department sends plans to various agencies for comments, to “set conditions”**
 - Fire and Environmental Services
 - Roads and Airports (Land Development and Permits Unit)
 - Land Development Engineering (Planning Dept)
 - Other Agencies (cities, Valley Water, Caltrans for projects on/near state routes)
- **Types of developments being reviewed**
 - Single family residences
 - Large residential developments
 - Businesses
 - Grading approval
 - Change in use
- **Review process**
 - Obtain and consolidate comments from Roads department subject matter experts: Roads Maintenance, Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning
 - Set conditions

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Planning Reviews – Roads and Airports Comments

- **Confirm existing ROW and future ROW**
 - Future Width Line (FWL) Maps, County survey information, parcel maps
 - Determine if dedication to ROW is required
- **Confirm frontage improvements required**
 - Driveway, roadway frontage (wider section of road, add shoulder), drainage
 - Larger residential developments have more significant frontage improvements required.
- **Consider site conditions**
 - Rural, urban, or hillside
 - Existing utilities and proposed utilities
 - Line of site – trees, shrubs, fences
 - Retaining walls, drainage
 - Adjacent City developments
 - Transportation plans
- **Coordinate comments with**
 - Planning's Land Development Engineering unit
 - County Fire

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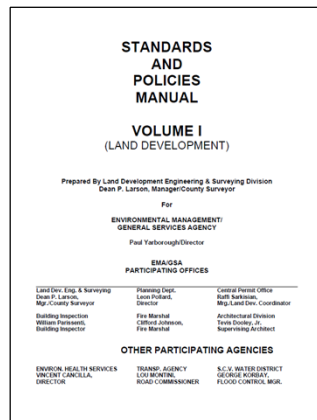
Policy and Standards

- Guided by Board approved policy and standards:

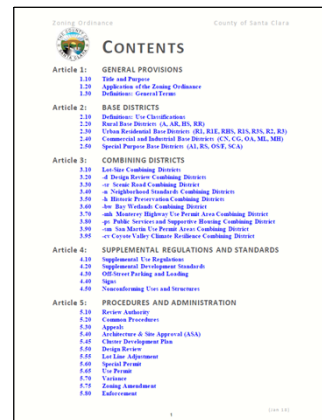
Ruth and Going Study (1971)



Standards and Policies Manual (1981)



Zoning Ordinance (fencing and obstructions)



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1971 Ruth and Going Study

- Applies to roads with policies adopted by the Board for:**
 - Street width
 - Street dedication requirements
 - Street improvements
- Overdue for an update**
 - Acknowledge time lag between document's creation (reliance on car, assume low-density single-family residences) and current realities or needs
 - Process initiated for updated plan: Circulation and Mobility Element**
- Key Study Impact: created maps of Future Width Lines (FWL) for entire County**
 - Defines the future ROW that will be dedicated to the County
 - Impact to developments – no improvements within FWL; setback from roadway
 - Copies of these original maps available at County Roads and Airports webpage – Development Guidelines
- Established improvement standards**
 - Now reflected in County Roads and Airports Standards
 - Improvements: wider travelled lane, shoulders, driveways
 - Larger improvements: sidewalks, curb/gutter

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1981 Standards and Policies Manual

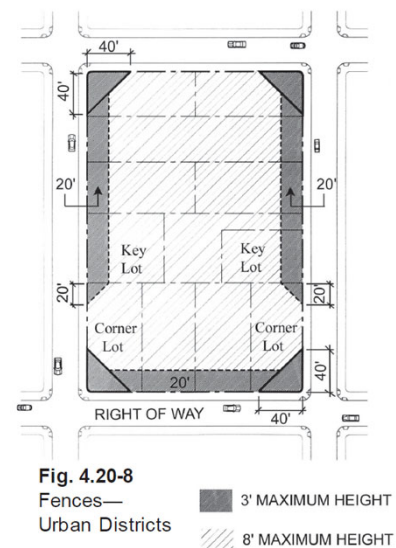
- **Compilation of policy, standards and guidelines**
 - Refers to Ruth and Going Study as policy
 - Supports County ordinance
- **Applies to:**
 - Parcel development
 - Roadway/frontage improvements and dedications.
- **Addresses**
 - Grading and drainage
 - Improvements on County roads within City Urban Service Area
 - Private roads and transition to County maintained roads
 - Numerous specific requirements
- **And...**
 - Overdue for an update
 - Roads and Airports developing updated Guidelines as it pertains to ROW frontage.

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Zoning Ordinance

- **Applies to**
 - Parcel development
 - Roadway/frontage improvements
- **Defines line-of-sight restrictions**
 - Fence height limits
 - Shrub and tree trimming requirements



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Recent Planning Reviews

■ SB-330 Housing Development - Overview

- Intended to reduce the time it takes to approve housing development.
- Takes away significant authority from cities and counties
- Pre-empts local zoning. For example, can build houses in middle of farmland reserved for agricultural uses.

■ Roads and Airports reviews SB-330 applications to Planning Department

- Evaluate the future right-of-way and roads to be built to County standards.
- Defining access from housing area to County roads (not multiple driveways)
- Drainage challenges
- SB330 does not take away making smart and safe engineering decisions to ensure the planned roads are safe for all.

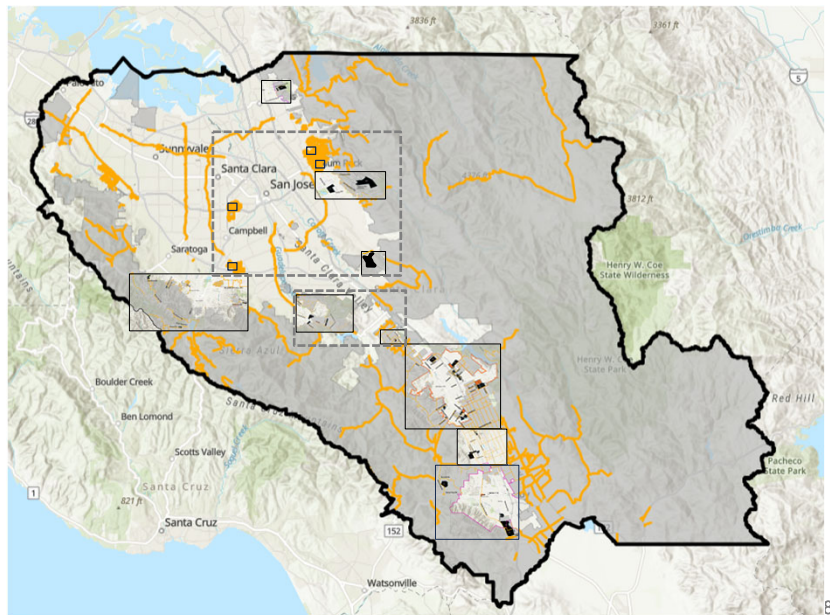
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SB330 Developments Impacting County ROW

38 Developments
9532 Units of Housing

- North County Area →
2 Developments, 30 units
- San Jose Area →
7 Developments, 2321 units
- West County Area →
5 Developments, 50 units
- South San Jose Area →
5 Developments, 320 units
- Morgan Hill Area →
11 Developments, 2421 units
- San Martin Area →
4 Developments, 692 units
- Gilroy Area →
4 Developments, 2698 units



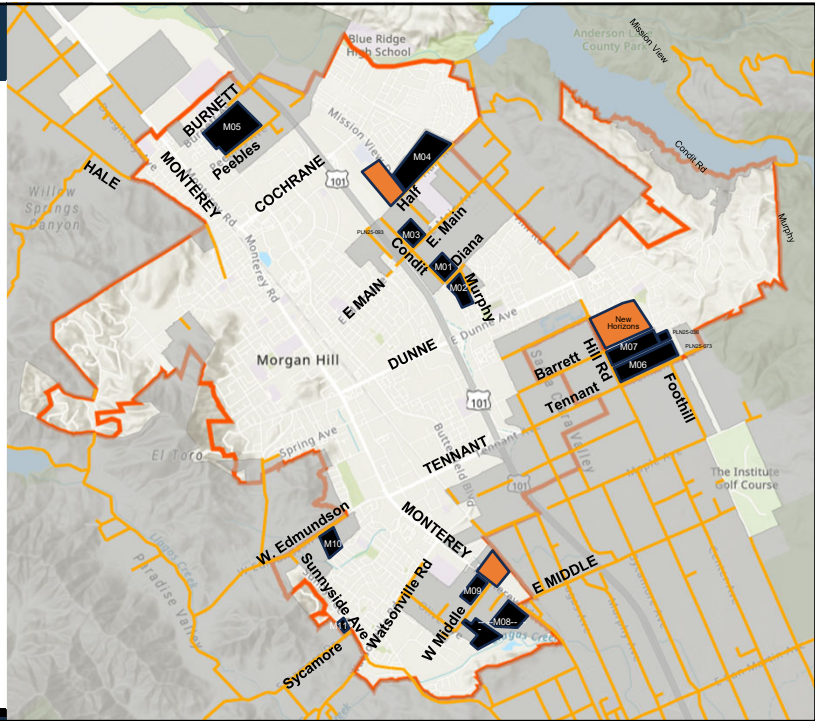
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SB330 Developments

Morgan Hill Area

- Urban Growth Boundary
- County - Unincorporated
- County maintained roads
- Development – County
- Other Development

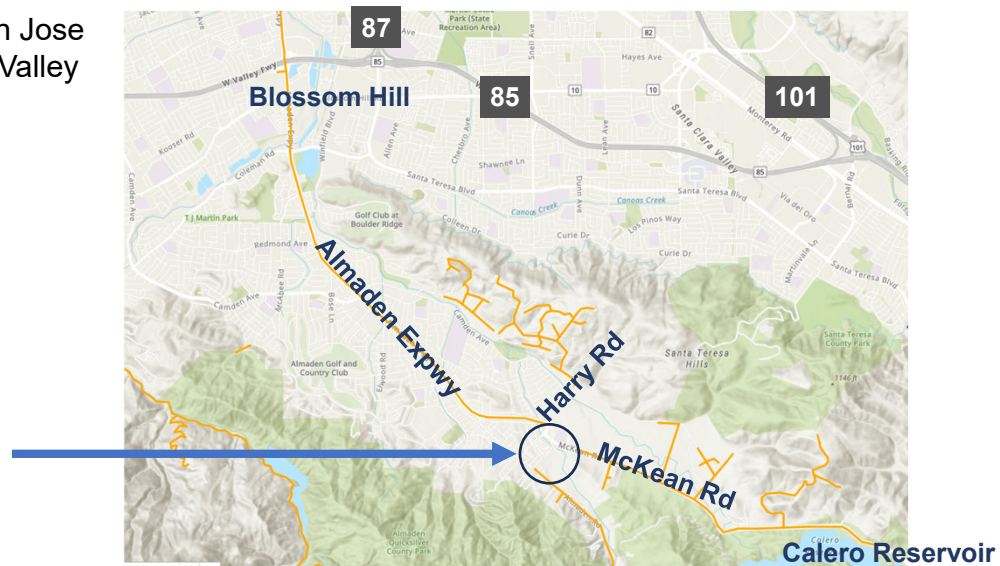


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Example 1: Large Development – 173 Units

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South San Jose
Almaden Valley



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Example 1: Large Development – 173 Units

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- Large residential development
 - 173 Homes



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Example 1 : Large Development – 173 Units

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What we observe:

Future Width Line

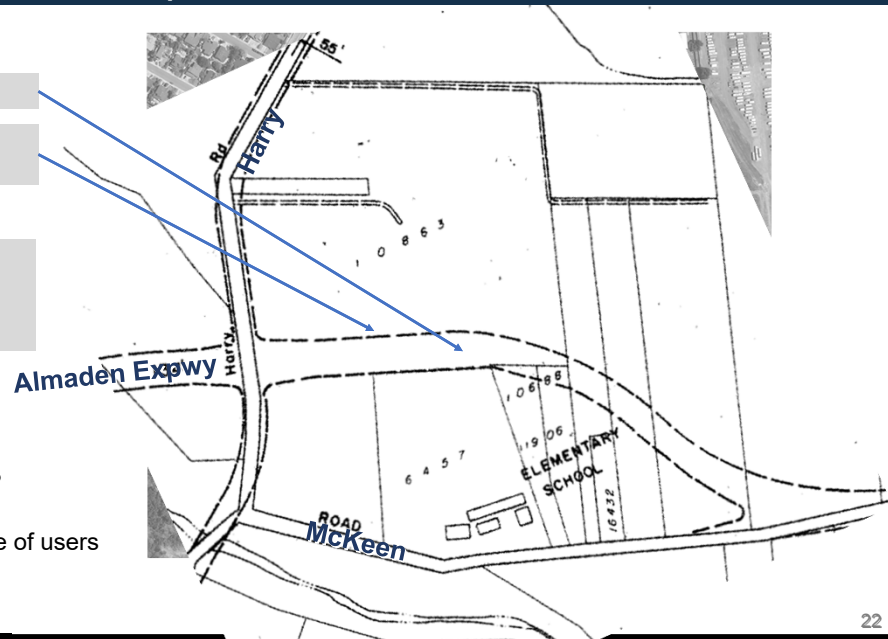
Homes encroach into future McKean Rd extension.

What we also know

Expressway Agreement – no homes or private roads may directly access the expressway.
(no driveways onto main roads)

Why preserve the future ROW?

- Road width requirements
- Intersection designed for volume of users
- Drainage and bioretention facilities



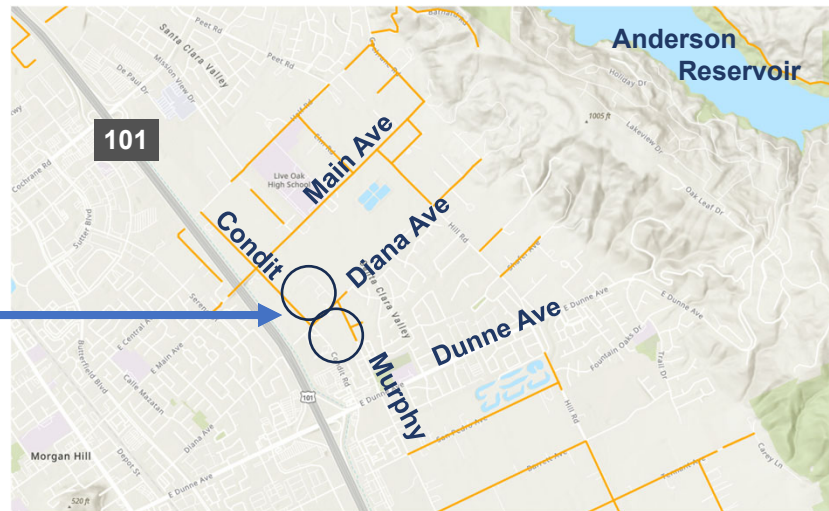
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Example 2: Two Adjacent Applications – total 187 units

Morgan Hill Area

Located on opposite sides of Diana Ave



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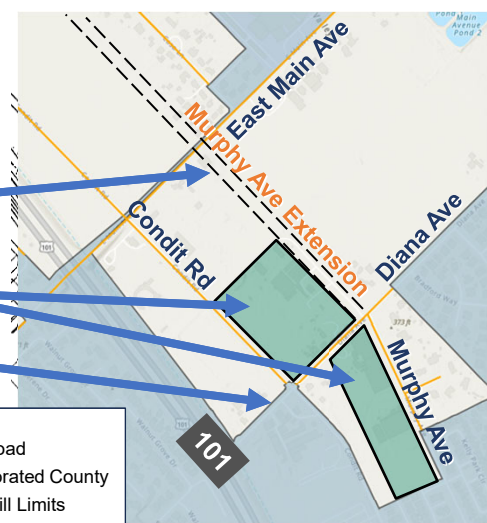
FWL Maps show Murphy Ave Extension northward from Diana Ave.

Development Areas

Adjacent to Morgan Hill Roads and jurisdiction

LEGEND

- County Road
- Unincorporated County
- Morgan Hill Limits
- Development



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Example 2: Two Adjacent Applications – total 187 units

Murphy Ave Extension

- FWL = 92' ft; developer building half of it (that which is within their parcel)

Existing Murphy Ave

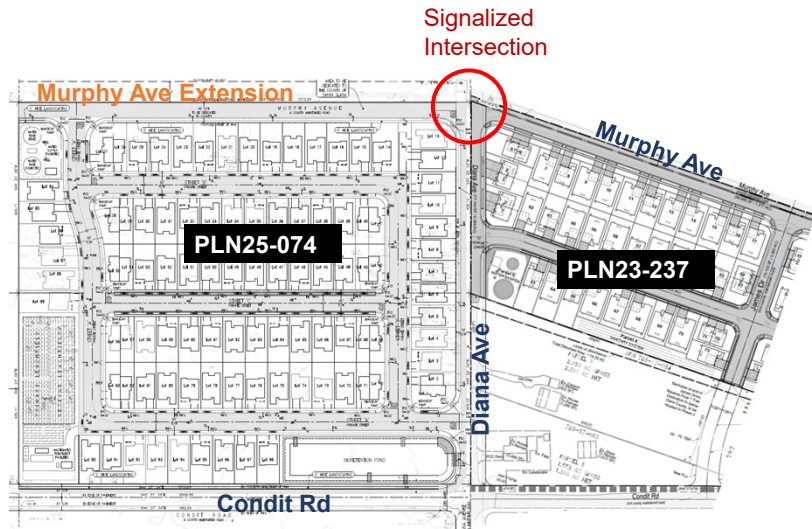
- FWL = 92' ft; developer building 46 ft wide section.
- Developer informed no driveways facing Murphy. Waiting for new design.

Diana Avenue

- Frontage/ drainage improvements

Murphy/Diana Intersection

- Traffic study = signalize intersection



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Conclusion

- Roads and Airports Land Development goal is to ensure the safety of the travelling public while developments or utility work proceeds within or alongside County right-of-way.
- Ensure Future Width Lines protected.
 - An updated Circulation and Mobility Element Plan is essential to define future width lines that accommodate planned bike/ped paths.
- More to do
 - Roadway cross sections updates to reflect location of bike/ped paths
 - Robust publicly available geographic information system to make roads information more readily available to the public.

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Agenda

- Overview 5 minutes
- Encroachment Permits 5 minutes
- Large Agency Project Reviews 5 minutes
- Role in Planning Reviews/ Standards 5 minutes
- Planning Review Examples 5 minutes
- ■ Questions

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County of Santa Clara
Roads and Airports Department
Infrastructure Division
Land Development and Permits Unit

Questions?

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ATTACHMENT B**SANTA CLARA COUNTY 2026 STIP PROGRAMMING SUMMARY**

Project	Description	STIP Programming
Planning, Programming & Monitoring	Planning, programming, and monitoring activities to fulfill VTA's duties as the County Transportation Agency.	\$ 1,345,000
BART Silicon Valley Phase 2	The project is a six-mile extension of the regional BART system from Berryessa/North through downtown San José to the City of Santa Clara. The project includes three underground stations, one ground-level station, and a new maintenance and storage facility.	\$ 30,702,000
Bascom Complete Streets	Multiagency project to improve pedestrian, bicycle, transit access, safety, and circulation on Bascom Ave between I-880 and Hamilton Ave, in Santa Clara, San Jose, Campbell, and Unincorporated Santa Clara County.	\$ 34,990,000
Homestead Safe Routes to Schools	Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure upgrades on 1.5 miles of Homestead Road from Foothill Expressway to Hollenbeck Avenue/Stelling Road) in Los Altos, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and Unincorporated Santa Clara County. The project improves safety for students who walk and bike to West Valley Elementary School, Cupertino Middle School, and Homestead High School.	\$ 1,983,000
Total		\$ 69,020,000