

**BPAC 2025 Sponsored Study Issues\***

No.	Submitted Date	Study Issue Working Title	Summary of Scope	Staff Comments
1	5/31/2024	Sweeping Protected Bike Lanes	<p>The Study will include a review of the maintenance options for the various designs of Class IV Separated Bikeway and protected intersection crossing, including street cleaning equipment/limitations, replacement requirements, equipment needs, staffing needs, etc. Furthermore, the Study will review the best practices from published guidelines and other neighboring jurisdictions. The Study will include a cost estimate for staff time and equipment needs to maintain the protected facilities. The Study will also evaluate the maintenance impacts to other City operations, such as the City's storm drain system maintenance by the Environmental Service Department, the repaving and maintenance of bicycle facility by the Department of Public Works, etc.</p>	<p>The City recently implemented curb extension improvements using a quick-build methodology by installing flexible poles and curbing system at various locations within the City per the recommendations in the Active Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Plan. The quick-build implementation is a pilot program for staff to evaluate the maintenance process, and equipment and staffing needs at these improvement locations.</p>
2	8/16/2024	Expansion of Downtown Sunnyvale Pedestrian Mall	<p>The Study will evaluate the closure of Downtown street segments to vehicles and bicycles to create a Pedestrian Mall , as a continuation of the existing Pedestrian Mall on S. Murphy Avenue. The proposed study issue includes roadway closures in two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Phase 1               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.South Murphy Between W. Washington and W. McKinley avenues</li> <li>2.W. McKinley Avenue between Sunnyvale and S. Murphy avenues</li> <li>3.W. McKinley Avenue between S. Murphy Avenue and Aries Way</li> <li>4.Olson Way between S. Taaffe and S. Frances streets</li> </ol> </li> <li>•Phase 2               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.W. Washington Avenue between S. Taaffe Street and S Murphy Avenue</li> <li>2.S. Frances Street between W. Washington and W Evelyn avenues</li> <li>3.Surface parking lot in the southeast corner of S. Frances Street and W. Evelyn Avenue</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>As part of Phase 2 Roadway Closure, the parking lot located in the southeast corner of S. Francis Street and W. Evelyn Avenue is proposed to be converted into a Pedestrian Mall to allow restaurants on the 100 Block of S. Murphy Avenue additional outdoor dining area or into a Pedestrian Plaza which would allow for food trucks to station.</p> <p>The Study will include a Local Transportation Analysis to evaluate the effects on vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian circulation in Downtown Area with the proposed street closures as well as the additional trips generated by the outdoor dining that would be allowed in the Pedestrian Mall.</p>	<p>On May 16, 2023 , City Council adopted Resolution 1187-23 to establish the 100 Block of S. Murphy Avenue between W. Evelyn and E. Washington avenues as a Pedestrian Mall and adopted Ordinance No. 3214-23 to amend Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 10.56 (Bicycles) and to add Chapter 10.66 (Pedestrian Mall on South Murphy Avenue). To establish additional Pedestrian Malls, similar adoption and approval process by City Council would be required. Some of the proposed street closures may be challenging due to existing access to parking lots/garages and land uses. Closure of multiple parallel streets may also be challenging to accommodate vehicular circulation, including garbage and recycling pick-ups and deliveries to local retail businesses and restaurants.</p>

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2	8/16/2024	Expansion of Downtown Sunnyvale Pedestrian Mall (Continued...)	<p>In addition, the study will include a parking analysis to evaluate the proposed parking lot closure at the southeast corner of S. Francis Street and W. Evelyn Avenue as well as the parking demand generated from the outdoor dining in the new Pedestrian Mall. It will include an evaluation of garbage truck circulation with the proposed street closures as well as parking lot closure. The Study will also include an extensive public outreach effort to Sunnyvale residents, Downtown property owners, tenants, Sunnyvale Downtown Association (SDA), and employees in Downtown. Additionally, the study will include coordination with the City of Sunnyvale Community Development Department, Department of Public Works, Office of the City Attorney, and Cityline, the property owner who is responsible for maintaining some of the downtown streets, to coordinate on the allowable usage within the Pedestrian Mall, the closure logistic, as well as the maintenance of the road closures. The Study will also include an evaluation of state and federal regulations the City will need to comply with to convert public streets into a Pedestrian Mall, including but not limited to the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960. In addition, the study will evaluate whether an addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164(a) is required, and if so, develop a cost estimate for the preparation of the addendum. The Study will include a cost estimate for staff time and equipment needs to implement the road closures as well as to maintain the road closures for the proposed Pedestrian Mall. In addition, the study will include a cost estimate of any improvements required (including design and construction) to comply with state and federal regulations to convert public streets into Pedestrian Mall.</p>	

\*The study issues have been proposed for future sponsorship  
Toward the end of the calendar year, no later than October, Boards and Commissions will review the list of proposed study issues and officially vote on sponsorship for each individually listed study issue. Official sponsorship means that the study issue is approved for ranking with a majority vote of the Board or Commission. Staff will then prepare the sponsored study issue papers, including fiscal impact but not the staff recommendation.

The Study Issue Sponsorship Process can be found on the City website at [www.sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov) by searching "**Study Issues and Budget Proposals**".  
Submit Study Issue Form by 8/13/2024 for sponsorship to take place in September 2024 (Scenario 1)  
Submit Study Issue Form by 9/10/2024 for sponsorship to take place in October 2024 (Scenario 2)