



## Board and Commission Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

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**Date Submitted to Staff**

**Liaison:**

8/1/22

**Board/ Commission:**

**Submitted by:** Richard Mehlinger

**Study Issue Working Title:**

Develop a "Safe Routes to Parks" Master Plan

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

In 2020, the City of Sunnyvale adopted the Active Transportation Plan, including three key components: a Bicycle Master Plan, a Pedestrian Master Plan, and a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Master Plan. Concurrently, the City has conducted substantial investments in our parks, including opening the new Wiser, Swegles, and Muwekma Parks, as well as completing the renovation of Fair Oaks Park.

However, many of our parks have issues with bicycle and pedestrian access. I propose that the City develop a Safe Routes to Parks (SRTP) Master Plan, modeled on the SRTS Plan, with each city park receiving its own plan. The goal of this plan would be to ensure that each of our parks is safely, comfortably, and conveniently accessible via our bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

[Use attachments if needed.]

## **Develop a Safe Routes to Parks Master Plan**

### **Summary of Scope:**

The Study will include a review of all public parks within the City to identify the existing bicycle and pedestrian access and infrastructure to and from each of the public parks. The Study will gather and evaluate traffic data including bicycles and pedestrians near each of the public parks. Collision data near each of the public parks will also be assembled and analyzed to identify problem areas and possible short and long-term improvements. To develop a comprehensive plan, input from residents will be sought. The Study will also develop bicycle and pedestrian improvement recommendations near each of the public parks. The final plan will include specific action items and conceptual cost to implement the recommended improvements.

### **Staff Comment:**

The City of Sunnyvale adopted the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) in 2020, which includes three chapters: Bicycle Plan, Pedestrian Plan, and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Plan. The ATP includes bicycle and pedestrian network improvements that consider the origins and destinations of users throughout the city, such as retail, housing, schools, parks, job centers, and transit stations. In the Pedestrian Plan chapter, it also provides recommended improvements for various types of intersections.