



Sunnyvale

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.*

Date Submitted to Staff

8/15/2019

Liaison:

Board/ Commission: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Workplan Year: 2020

Submitted by: John Cordes

Study Issue Working Create safer street by narrowing travel lanes

Title:

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

Study if Sunnyvale should create a policy to reduce minimum lane width to 10' on city streets when it improves safety and improves multi-modal use. Narrowing travel lanes enable more "Right of Way" for possible Bicycle or Pedestrian infrastructure improvements including buffered and protected bikeways, slows drivers, and reduces fatality and injury rates.

There are two principle reasons for this study. One is improve safety, per Sunnyvale's Vision Zero plan. The other is enable more and safer bicycle/scooter infrastructure by re-allocating road width from some travel lanes to the ones supporting bicycles, per Sunnyvale Complete streets and other policies.

The City of Fremont has been a leader in our region in implementing 10' travel lanes on multiple roads to enable more protected and buffered bike ways.

Contact Hans Larsen, Fremont Public Works Director, about implementation in Fremont.

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

The City is currently developing an Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and as part of the ATP, the plan will establish visions, goals, policies and actions for the Bicycle Plan, Pedestrian Plan and Safe Routes to School Plan. One of the proposed actions for the Bicycle Plan is to evaluate opportunities to narrow lanes wider than 11 feet to the City's current standard of 11-foot lanes, or to narrow lanes to 10 feet under unique circumstances to create or expand bicycle facilities. Given this action will be proposed in the ATP, a study issue to evaluate whether a new policy should be established is not warranted.