# HAYWARD BOULEVARD FEASIBILITY STUDY



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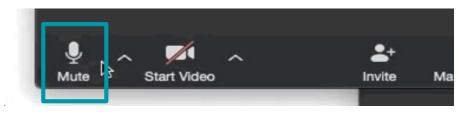
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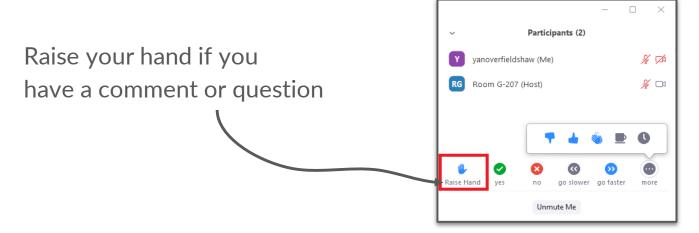


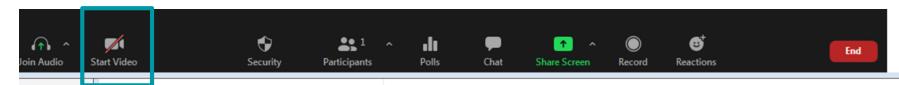


# **ZOOM PROTOCOLS**



Mute yourself when not talking





We encourage you to turn on your video!



# **AGENDA**



#### Purpose of Meeting:

Share concepts and solicit community input



- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Summary of Project Need
- Concepts
- Next Steps
- Questions & Answers





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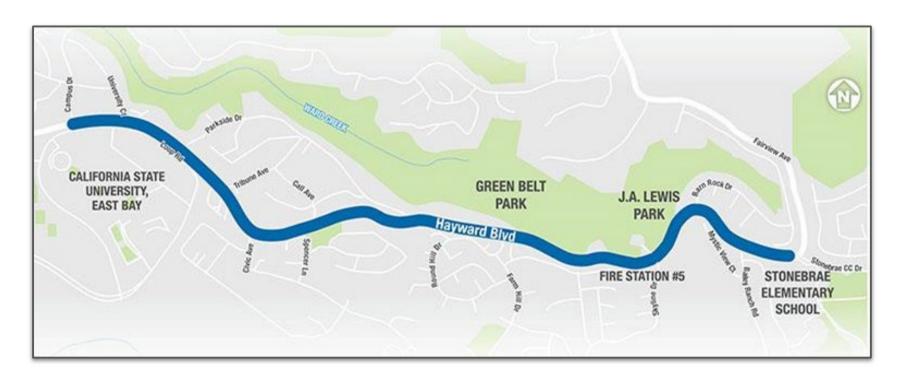
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# PROJECT OVERVIEW



Study Area: Hayward Boulevard from Campus Drive to Fairview Avenue

<u>Objective:</u> Create a safe and comfortable corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and motorists



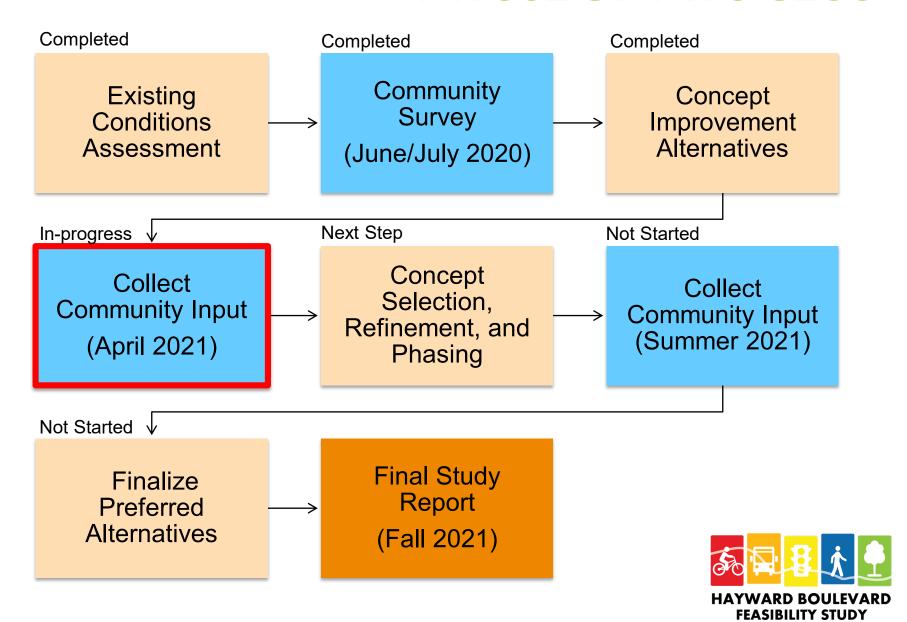
# POLLING

## How did you learn about this meeting?

- Project website
- Friend or family
- Postcard mailer
- Social media
- Email from City
- Signage along Corridor
- Other



# PROJECT PROCESS







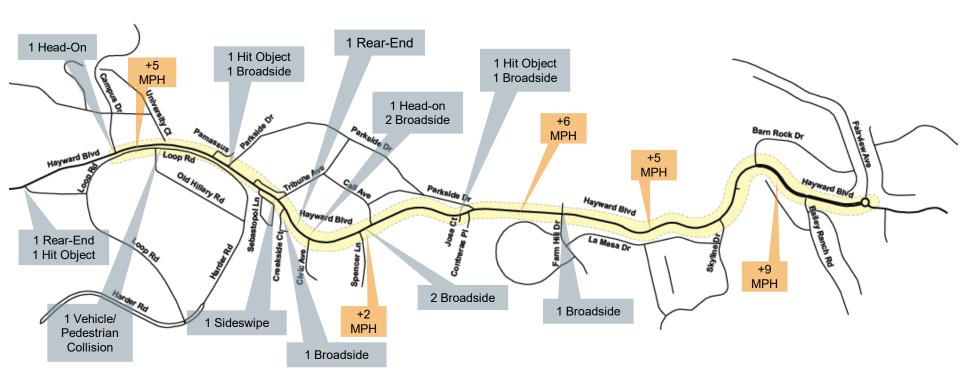


## **Topics**

- Speeds and Collisions
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- School Access



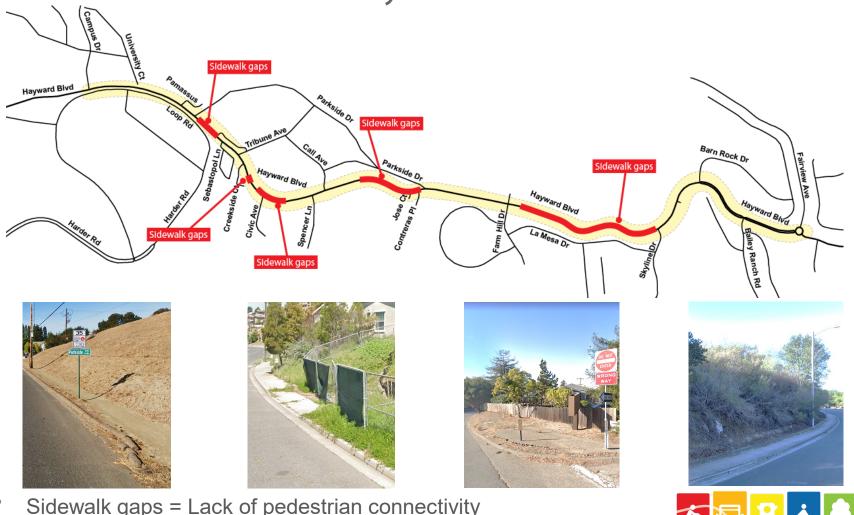
## Safety



- 17 collisions over recent 5-year period
- 8 of the 17 were broadside, indicating challenges turning onto or off of Hayward Blvd
- Speeds reflect amount average auto speed is above speed limit during mid-day



## Pedestrian Connectivity



- Sidewalk gaps = Lack of pedestrian connectivity
- Already narrow sidewalk width is reduced by overgrown vegetation



#### School Access





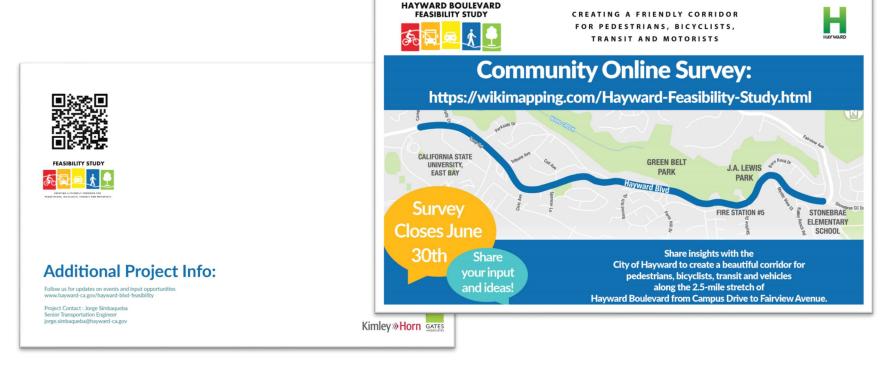




- Frequent jaywalking observed between Campus Drive and Parkside Drive. Lack of pedestrian crossings for 0.5 mile stretch and missing sidewalks
- Poor pedestrian connectivity between neighborhoods and CSU EB
- Congestion during pick-up/drop-off period around Stonebrae
   Elementary School (not a part of this study)



# **OUTREACH METHODOLOGY**



#### **PRINT**

- Mailed postcards to residents
   & businesses along corridor
- Posted flyers at key locations

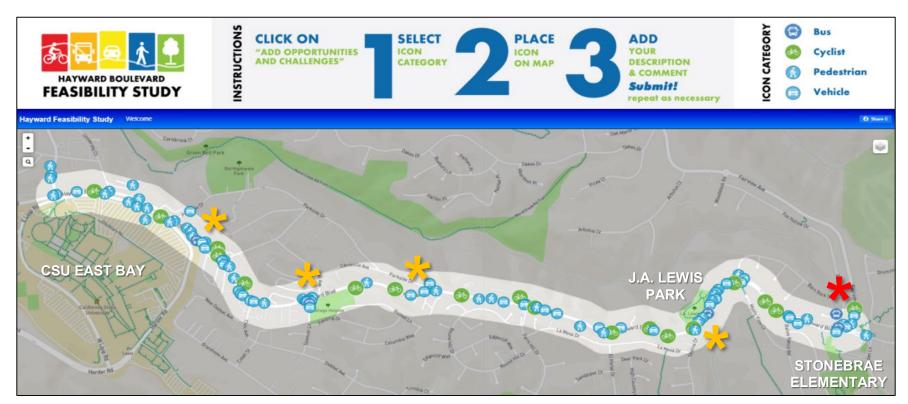
#### **DIGITAL**

- Link of City website
- E-newsletters (The Stack & Leaflet)
- HOA newsletters
- City social media channels



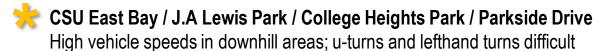
# ROUND 1 COMMUNITY SURVEY

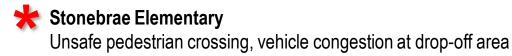
**Issues & Opportunities** 



### 550 PARTICIPANTS | Mainly resident drivers & pedestrians

Survey and Interactive Map available from June 12, 2020 to July 30, 2020.



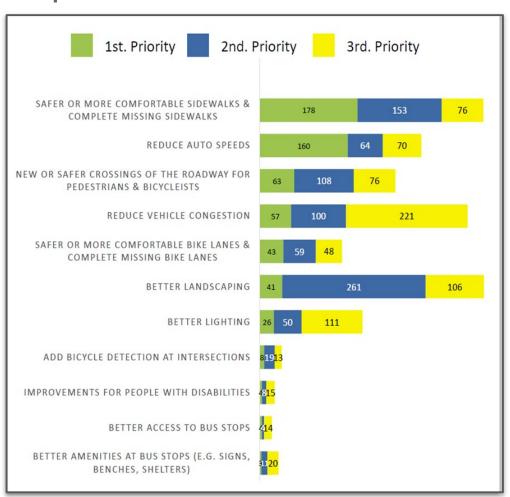




# ROUND 1 COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Issues & Opportunities** 

### Top Corridor Needs













# ROUND 1 COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Issues & Opportunities** 





**SAFETY** – Need crossing facilities, better sidewalks & drop-off options @ Stonebrae Elementary



**SAFETY** – Speeding traffic, congestion; need better drop-off options @ Stonebrae Elementary



ACCESS – Need dedicated bike lane SAFETY – Close proximity to speeding vehicles



# IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES

Key Priorities & Improvements Identified

Reducing auto speeds

- Reduced perceived roadway width (raised medians, additional sidewalk)
- Install speed feedback sign
- Narrow lane widths and lane conversion

Better connect pedestrian facilities

- Widen sidewalk and close sidewalk gaps
- Provide new and improved pedestrian crossings

Safer and more comfortable bike lanes

New bike facilities

Additional streetscape opportunities

Add raised median islands with landscaping



# IMPROVEMENT SUMMARY





- Two options for Segment 1 (west of Civic Drive)
  - Option A: Lane <u>conversion</u> with protected bike lanes
  - Option B: Lane <u>narrowing</u> with unprotected bike lanes
- Options are consistent for Segment 2 and 3 (east of Civic Drive)
- Option for traffic circle at Farm Hill Drive and Bailey Ranch Road
- An additional option that included limited improvements was removed from consideration by Council Infrastructure Committee





Add raised median islands

New opportunities for landscaping



Narrow vehicle lanes to reduce speeding





Provide continuous sidewalks



New RRFBs and pedestrian crossings (Spencer Lane in both options)





Provide Protected Bike Lanes
Between Civic Ave and Farm Hill Dr



Provide shared used path (Class I)
Between Farm Hill Dr and Fairview Ave





Provide new accessible curb ramps

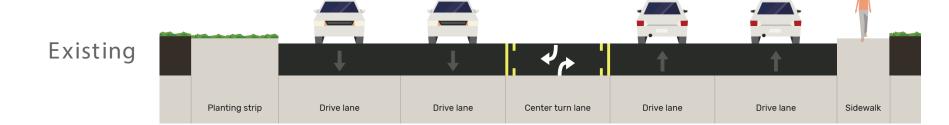


Provide new bicycle and pedestrian connections to CSU East Bay











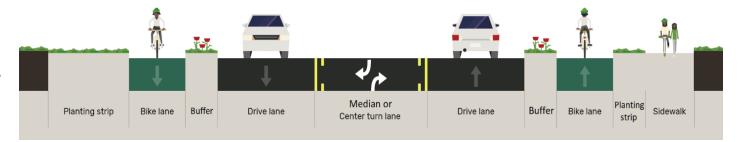




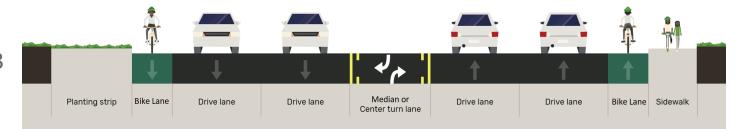




Option A



Option B



# **OPTION A**

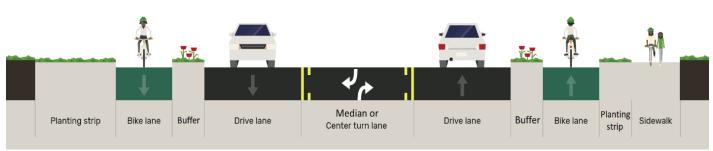
### Lane conversion with protected bike lanes

#### **Benefits:**

- Reducing the number of lanes will reduce vehicle speeds
- Protected bike lanes separate bikes from vehicle traffic
- Providing a safer and more comfortable environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities
- Allows for a new pedestrian crossing of Hayward Blvd to access CSU East Bay at Parkside Dr

#### **Drawbacks:**

 Reducing the number of lanes is not forecast to cause significant congestion, but may increase travel times in the corridor by a few seconds





# OPTION B

## Lane narrowing with unprotected bike lanes

#### **Benefits:**

- Provides a dedicated space for bikes
- Does not reduce the auto capacity of the road

#### **Drawbacks:**

- Will achieve less of a reduction in vehicle speeds than Option B; high vehicle speeds were a common complaint raised in the initial public survey
- No separation between bikes and cars, which is more uncomfortable for cyclists compared to a protected lane
- Doesn't allow for any new pedestrian crossings of Hayward Boulevard in this segment due to safety concerns

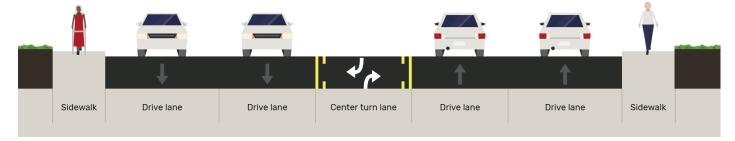




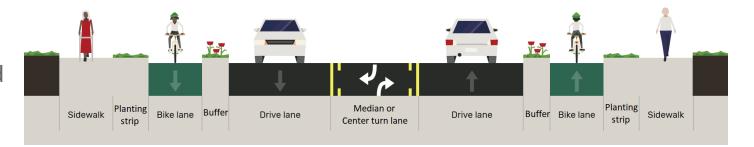




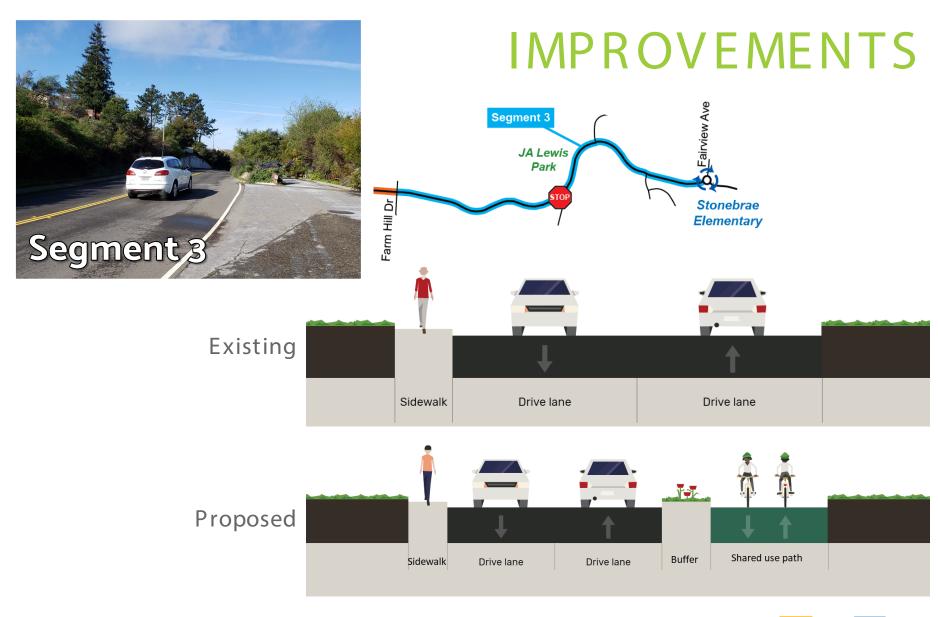
Existing



Proposed









## Proposed Traffic Circle Improvements



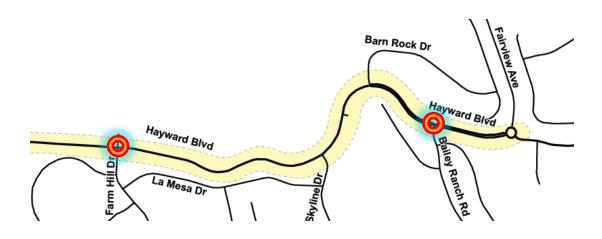
#### **Current condition:**

 Free flow traffic on Hayward Boulevard, while the side-streets have a stop sign and queue up.

#### **Proposed traffic circles:**

 Facilitate easier access onto Hayward Boulevard from side streets.





# Traffic Circles at Farm Hill Drive and Bailey Ranch Road

#### **Benefits:**

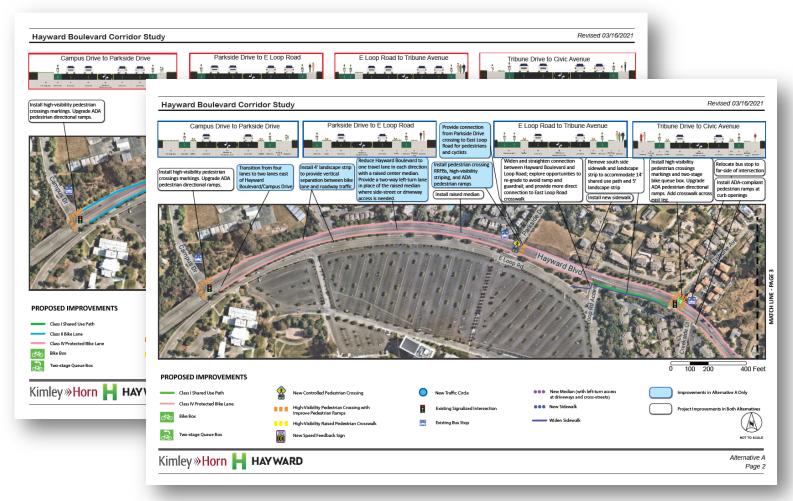
- Easier access turning onto and off of Hayward Boulevard
- Slow vehicle speeds on Hayward Boulevard, making it safer to cross as a pedestrian and improving auto safety
- Provide an opportunity for additional landscaping

#### **Drawbacks:**

- Traffic on Hayward Boulevard would be slightly delayed by these new roundabouts
- More expensive and time consuming to construct than crosswalk improvements alone







See more details on the specific improvements proposed at:

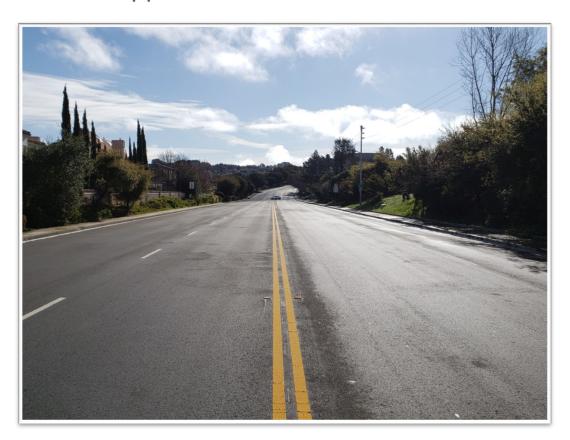
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# SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

- Improve safety for all users
- Provide connected and comfortable pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Provide opportunities for aesthetic enhancements





# ♦ ♦ ♦ NEXT STEPS

Activity	Timeline
Review Community Input	May 2021
Selection Option, Refine Improvements, Refine Cost Estimates, and Determine Phasing	June 2021
Council Infrastructure Committee Presentation	July 2021
Community Engagement Round #3	August 2021
Final Study Report and City Council Presentation	Fall 2021

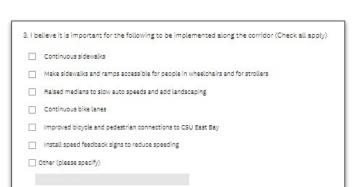
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# ROUND 2 COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Concept Refinement** 



Please use the following image samples to assist you in answering Question 4



On-street bike lane

None of the above



New pedestrian crossings



Protected bike lane



Raised center medians with landscape



Open now through April 30, 2021



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# Questions?

#### Project Website

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#### Round 2 Survey

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