



El Camino Real Campaign 2030

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About Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition



Support healthier and more just communities by making bicycling safe and accessible for everyone in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Agenda

- About El Camino Real
- Why El Camino for bikes and why now?
- El Camino Real Campaign – 2030
- South San Francisco Pilot
- What is happening in Palo Alto
- What can you do?



South San Francisco ECR Pilot Sep 2023

Is there anything within this agenda or outside that you would like me to learn about? Am more than happy to pivot as needed.

El Camino Real – The Grand Boulevard

- **41 mile** corridor cutting San Francisco to San Jose
- Passes through **19 jurisdictions** – mostly downtowns
- **State highway**, owned and operated by Caltrans
- Economic opportunity - Existing destination of shops, services, jobs, schools and residences

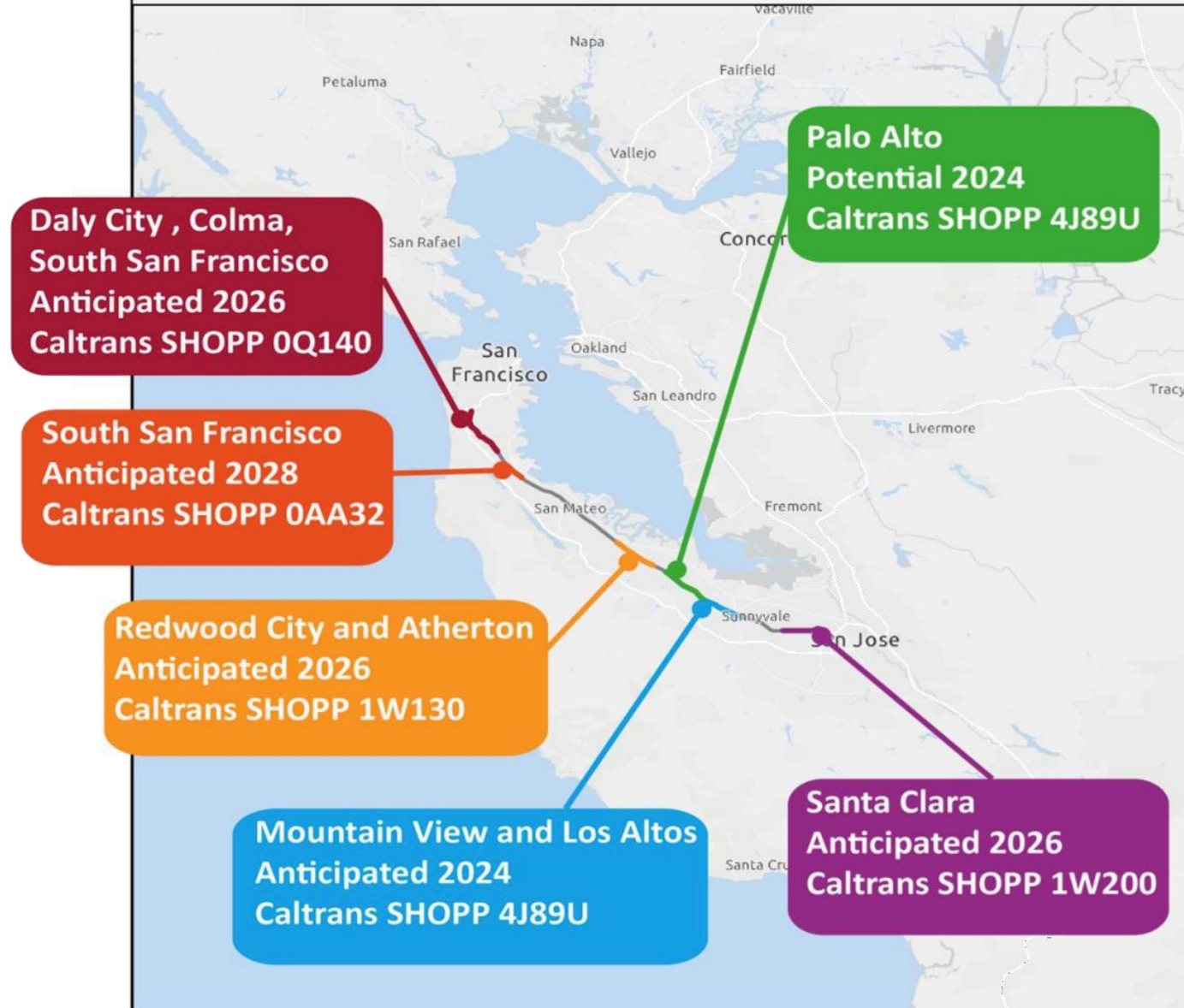


Why ECR for bikes? Why now?

- ONLY N-S *non-freeway* route accessible for people walking and biking
- **3663 crashes and 54 killed in 10 years**
- Crash data shows significant use by bicyclists and pedestrians
- Access to transit
- Change is coming along its length ~50% will get repaved in the next 5-years

El Camino Real Bikeways

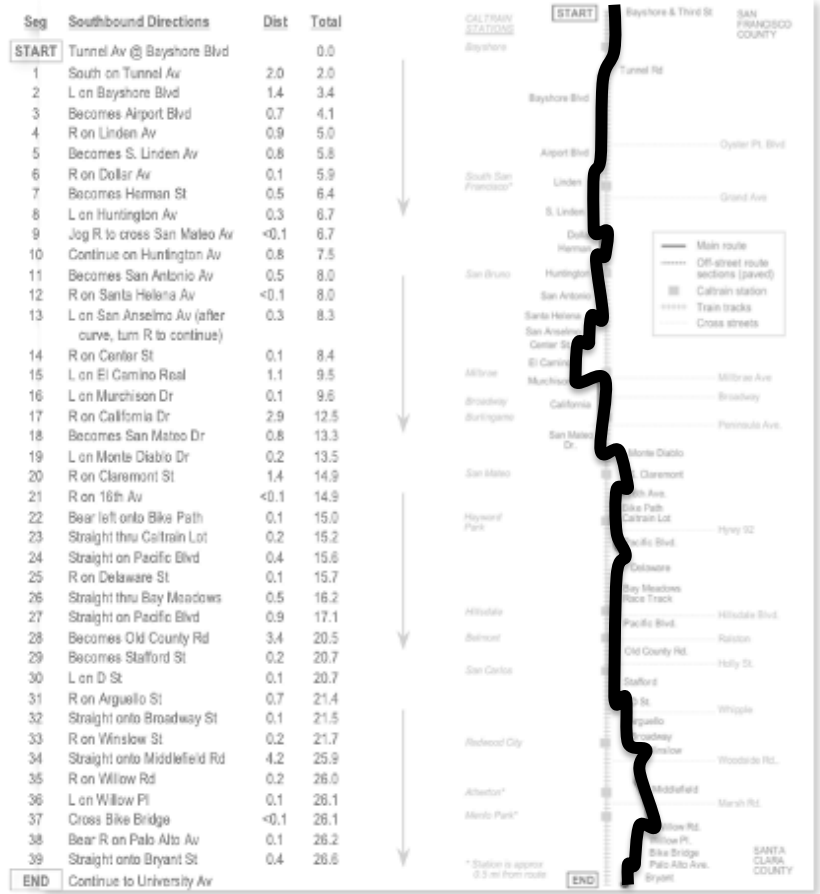
Proposed Bikeways projected to be installed as part of Caltrans SHOPP projects, with construction start anticipated between 2024- 2028 on SR-82



But....Why not parallel routes?

San Mateo County North-South Commuter Bike Route

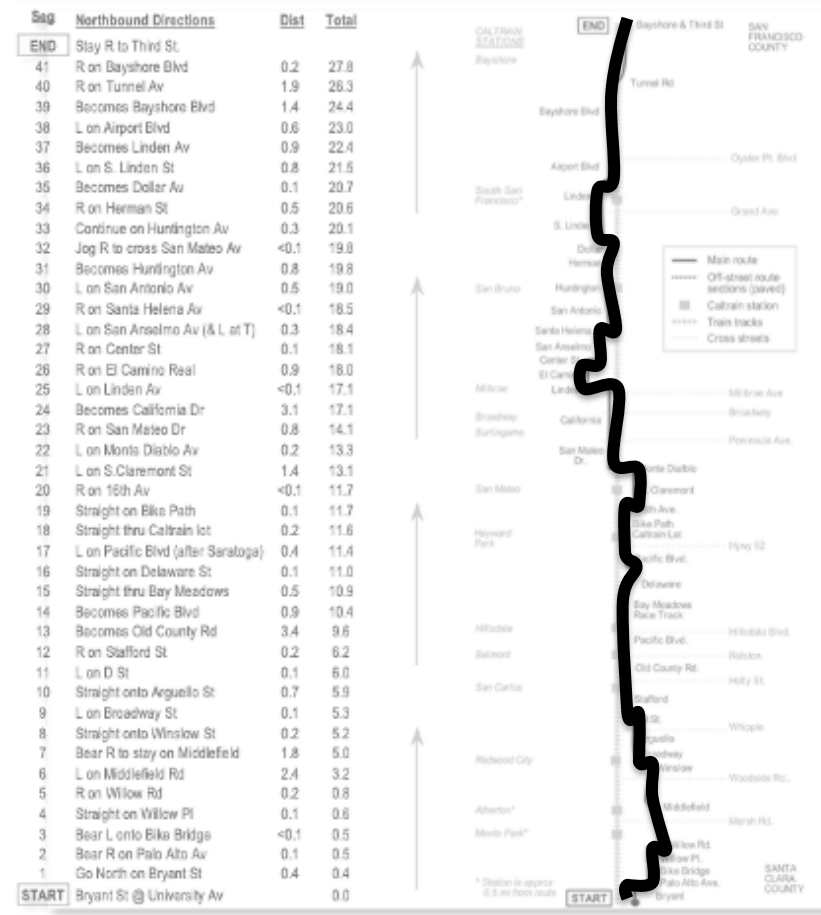
- This route uses city streets. Some sections have high traffic volumes and speeds and may not be suitable for young or inexperienced riders. Use your discretion to determine if suitable.
- The map is intended only to define the route and is not drawn to scale. If not familiar with this area, use it with a local street map.
- This is only a suggested route and does not prevent using other routes. See www.svbcbikes.org for alternative routes.
- If you have questions, suggestions, comments, or want to help, you can email us at nsroute@svbcbikes.org.



Revised Dec 2007 by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. See www.svbcbikes.org for updates and additional route information.

San Mateo County North-South Commuter Bike Route NORTHBOUND

- This route is to serve as a primary bikeway, providing easy access to most peninsula Caltrain stations and downtown districts.
- The route is a work in progress. To make it more "bike friendly", SVBC is working toward safer intersections, bicycle-sensitive traffic lights, better road maintenance, and bike lanes where feasible, as well as way-finding signs to make the route easier to follow.



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What it looks like today...



What we want to see

**Physically
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Bike lanes**

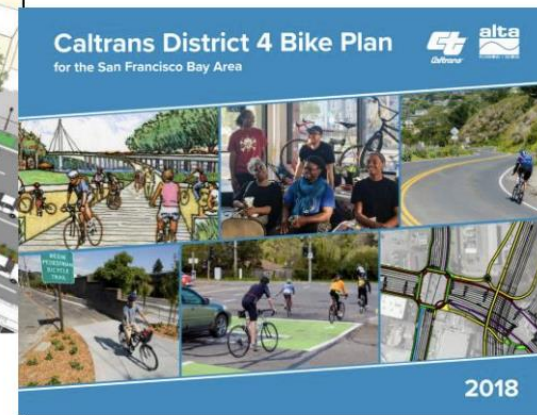
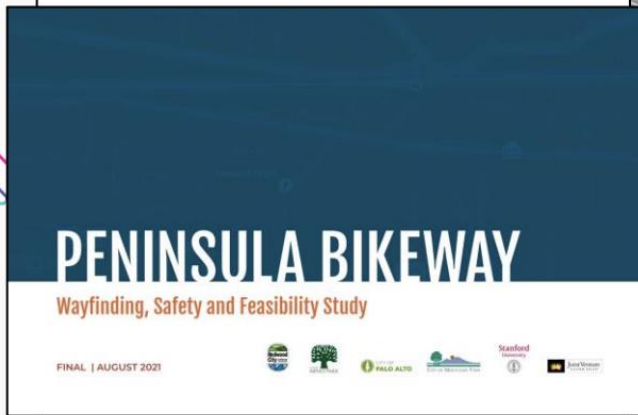
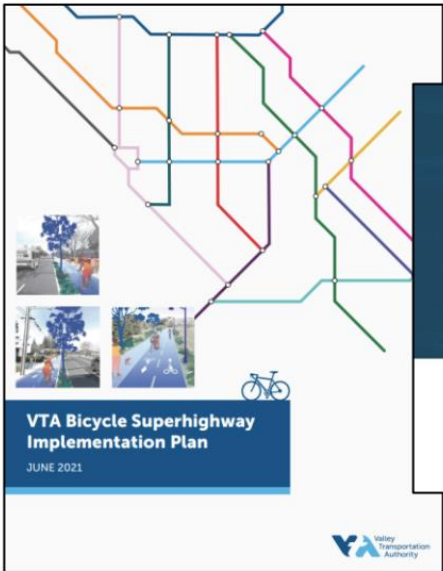


What we want to see

Protected Intersections



The Campaign - El Camino Real Vision 2030



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Vision: El Camino Real thrives as a vibrant, inclusive corridor that fosters a dynamic community where people can seamlessly live, work, shop, play and connect, prioritizing efficient transit and active transportation to enhance the overall well-being and quality of life for all.



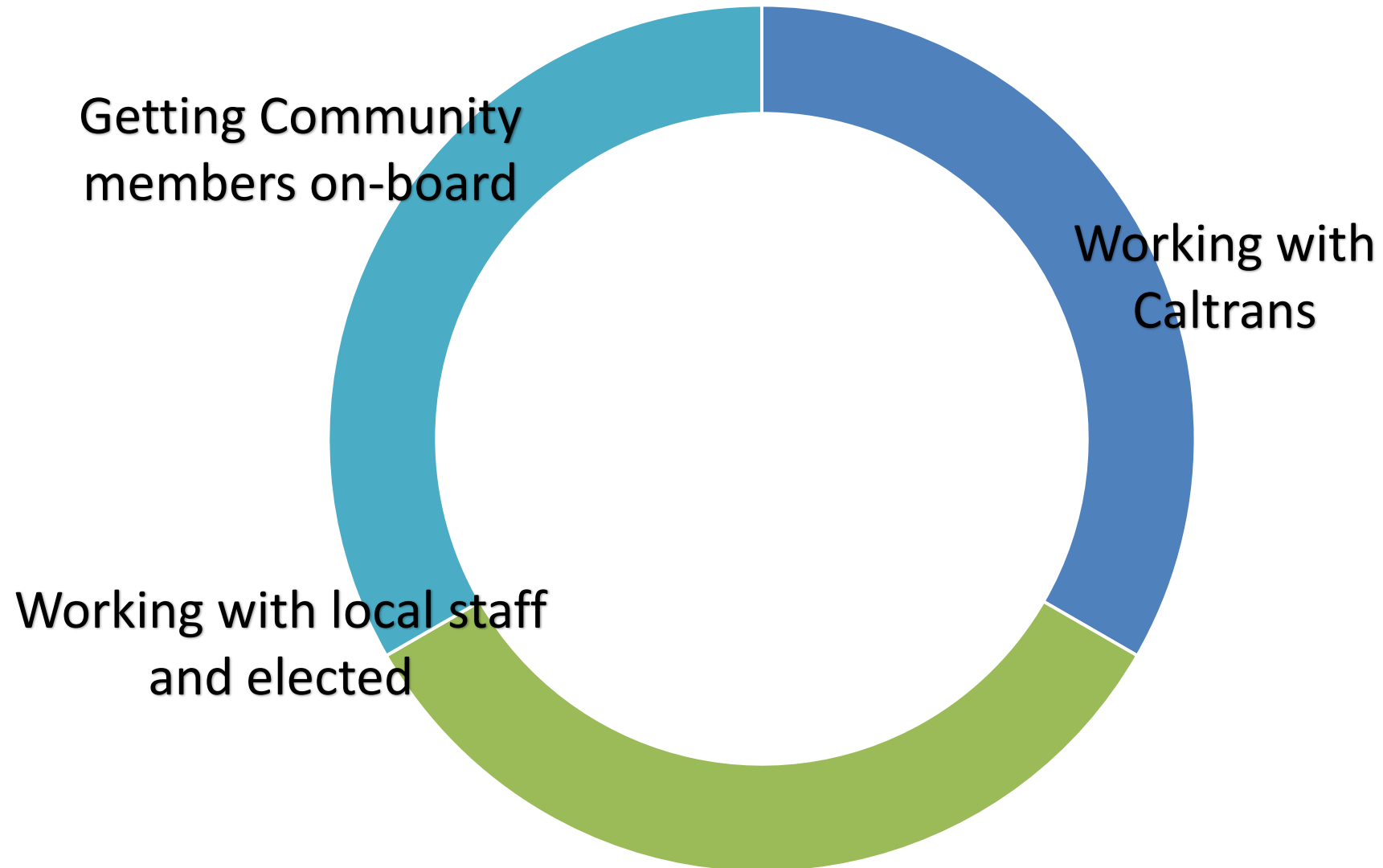
Driven by the ECR Local team: A group of 15+ active community members who meet every other week to drive this campaign

The Campaign – IMPACT so far

- **3.5 miles of ECR** will get green paint on the ground by end of this year
- And maybe **2.4 miles more** (depending on City of Palo Alto)
- Cities applying for grants to make necessary improvements
 - South San Francisco just received the Reconnecting Communities Grant
 - VTA received a grant for the Central Bikeway (Santa Clara ECR)
 - Millbrae, Colma have applied through various opportunities
- Some cities are red-curbing
- Campaign is championed by several local and state officials
- 2 successful pilots showcasing protected bike lanes
- Education and awareness



Challenges



South San Francisco Pilot Project

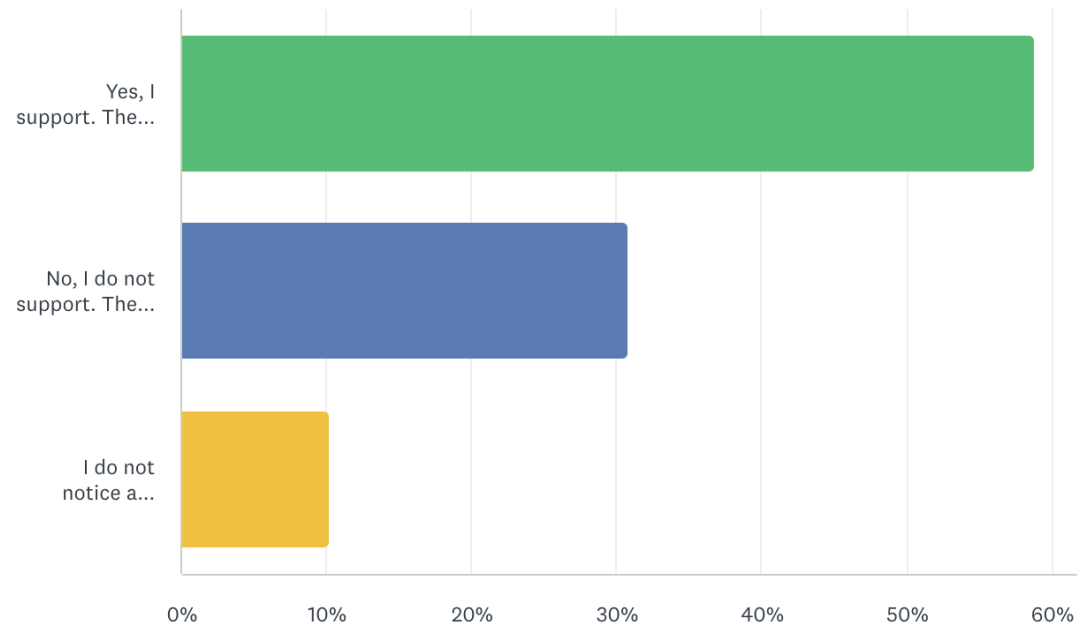
- Project led by Smart Growth America
- SSF awarded \$15k to implement temporary complete streets on ECR
- 8-month process that involved stakeholders from SSF, SMCTA, Caltrans, Samtrans and SMCOE
- Elements included
 - 3-month pilot
 - Protected bike lanes with delineators
 - High visibility crosswalks at 2 intersections
 - 2 Bus-boarding islands using Zicla platforms



South San Francisco Pilot Project – Survey Results

Do you support making the temporary demonstration project permanent?

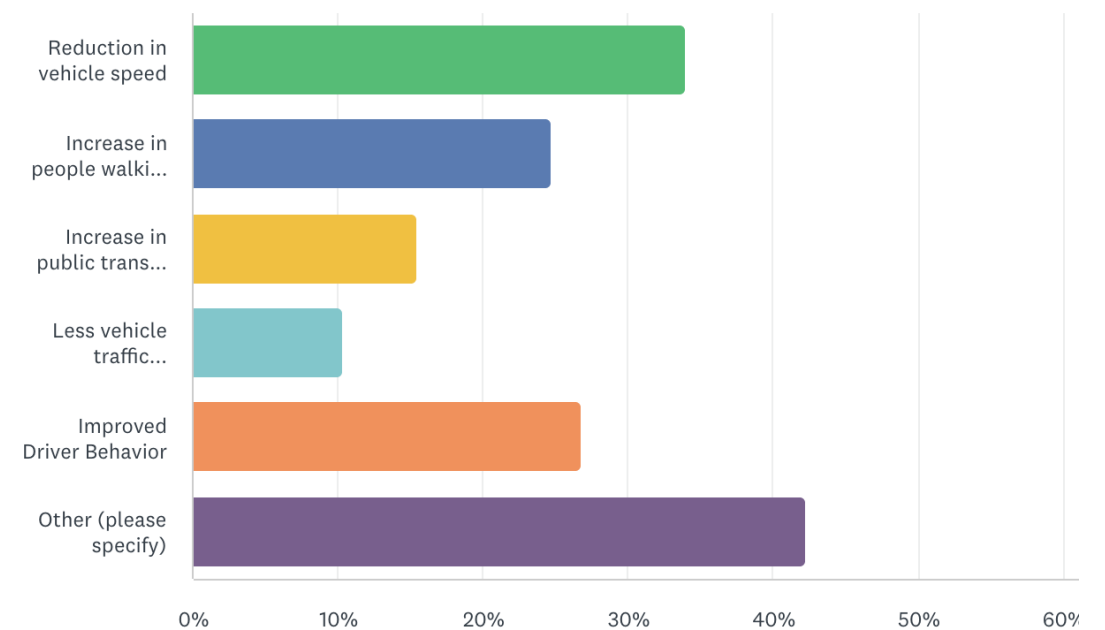
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ECR Quick-Build Project Questionnaire

As a consequence of the temporary traffic safety improvements: Class IV p

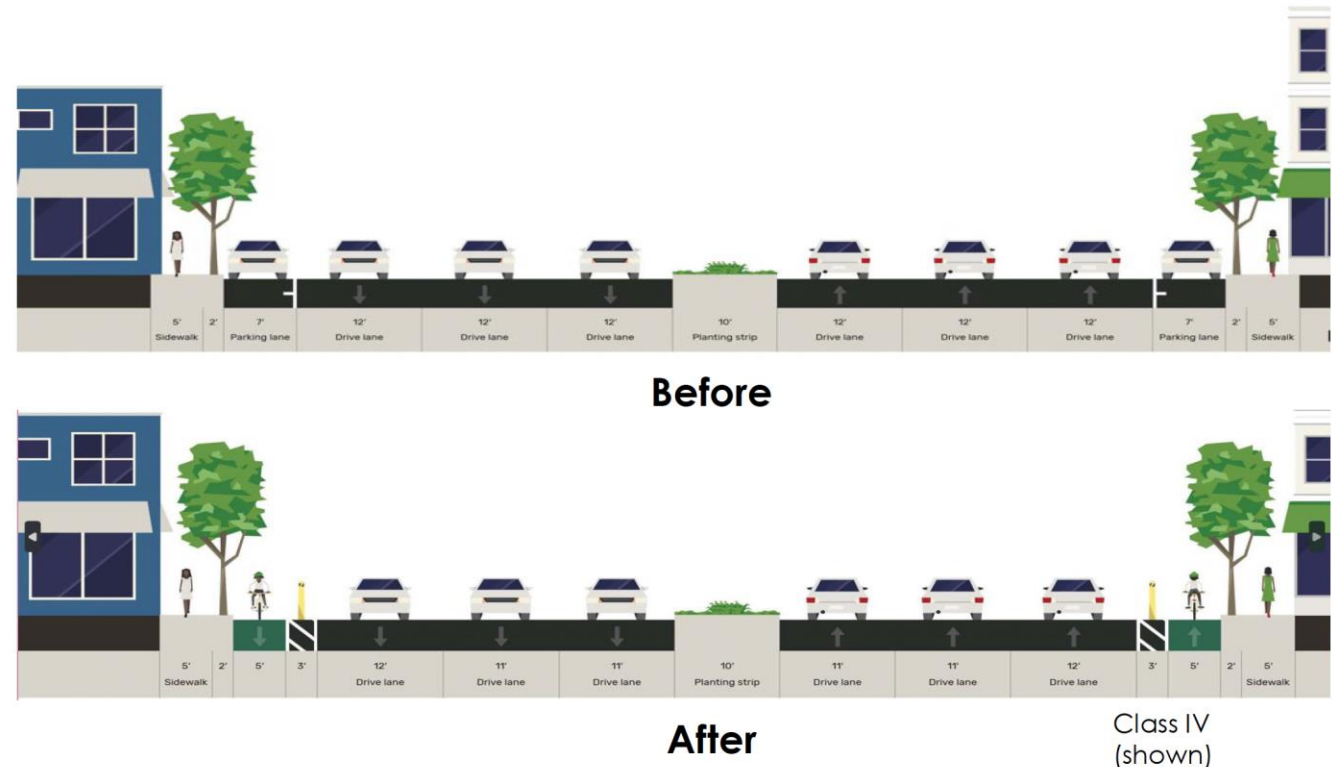
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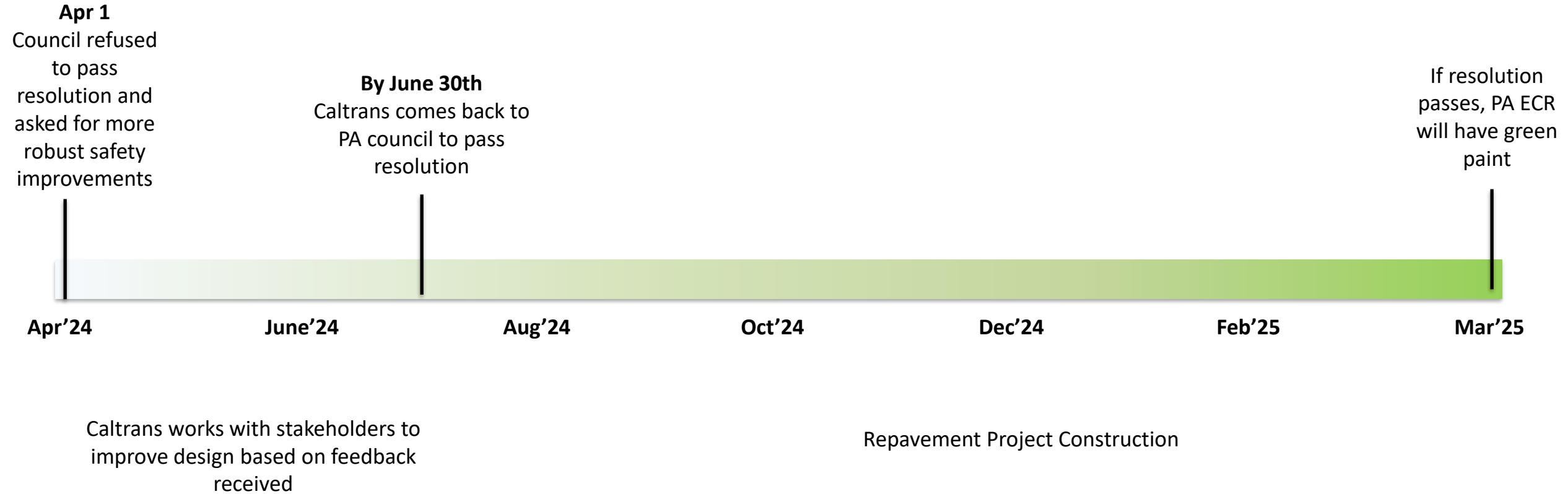
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What's happening in Palo Alto

- Caltrans asked the Palo Alto to pass a resolution to remove parking
- Palo Alto refused and asked for more robust safety enhancements.
- Caltrans is revisiting the design with following considerations
 - Design Flexibility - DIB 94
 - Intersection treatment: bike box, signs,.....
 - Continuous bikeway
 - No turn on red signs
 - Incorporate best practices
 - Speed management/enforcement
 - Continue collaboration with the stakeholders
 - Continue collaboration on future roadway Diet feasibility study.



Timeline



What can you do?

JOIN!

- The ECR local team as an active volunteer
- Google-groups/Slack channels to stay updated
- The 4th Annual ECR ride!

Take action

- Talk to your local reps
- Talk to local businesses and business associations
- Sign the petition

Educate

- Spread the word
- Share via social media and other channels



Thank you

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