

# COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

# Central Neighborhoods Area - Neighborhood Meeting September 2, 2021

### **CNC NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE**

#### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

# **City Hall Connection**

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# Race, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan

This past year the nation was faced with a critical examination of social justice matters, police reform, and racial inequities in light of the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. An Ad Hoc Council Subcommittee on Race, Equity, and Inclusion (REI Subcommittee) was created in June 2020 to guide the City's efforts on these issues, to engage the community in meaningful dialogue, and take action toward a vision of racial justice, equity, and enhanced public trust in law enforcement in Mountain View.

The City has implemented a Race, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan focused on three areas including:

- 1. Policing Practices and Policies and Accountability
- 2. Celebration and Recognition of Community Diversity
- 3. Review of City Operations and Policies

The City will continue to build on these efforts over the next fiscal year, along with other measures included in the Race, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan. Further information about the Action Plan is available at <a href="MountainView.Gov/REIActionPlan">MountainView.Gov/REIActionPlan</a>.

# Strategic Planning and Visioning

The City developed a Strategic Roadmap that includes a vision of where the City strives to be in the next three to five years, the City's top Strategic Priorities, and an achievable multi-year work plan of the critical projects to accomplish the priorities and vision referred to as the Fiscal Years 2021-22 an 2022-23 Strategic Roadmap Action Plan. Through community engagement and careful Council deliberation, the following vision statement and Strategic Priorities were developed for adoption by the City Council on June 8, 2021.

# City of Mountain View Vision

"A welcoming, vibrant city that plans intentionally and leads regionally to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods, access to nature and open spaces, and a strong innovation-driven local economy."

# City of Mountain View Strategic Priorities

- 1. Community for All
- 2. Livability and Quality of Life
- Intentional Development and Housing Options
- 4. Mobility and Connectivity
- 5. Sustainability and Climate Resilience
- 6. Economic Vitality
- Organizational Strength and Good Governance



Links to the Council's meetings and more information about the Strategic Roadmap are available at <a href="MountainView.gov/StrategicRoadmap">MountainView.gov/StrategicRoadmap</a>.

# Housing and Services for Homeless and Unstably Housed

For the past five years, the City has been studying and addressing the challenging rise in homelessness and unstably housed individuals. The City is recognized as a leader in addressing this regional problem and forging strong partnerships with the County of Santa Clara and many community-based organizations. Sixteen (16) associated Council reports, available at <a href="www.mountainview/homeless.gov">www.mountainview/homeless.gov</a>, have led to the development and execution of an extensive work plan, including well over 100 action items. Two highlights of key City actions related to increasing housing options – Safe Parking and

LifeMoves Mountain View. To learn more, visit MountainView.gov/Homekey and livemoves.org/homekey.

# **COVID-19 Crisis Response**

The City has worked proactively to address the needs of residents in need during the COVID-19 crisis. More information can be found on the City's website at MountainView.gov/COVID, and through the City's social media channels. In addition, a digital map of services, including restrooms, wash stations, Wi-Fi, food services, and medical care, MountainView.gov/COVIDHomelessServicesMap, is available on the City website.

# **COVID-19 Rent Relief Programs**

The **Mountain View** City Council approved nearly \$4 million for the Mountain View COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. To date, the program has provided rental assistance to over 1,100 households. The program provides up to \$3,000 of rental assistance per month for up to three months to qualifying Mountain View tenants impacted by COVID-19. The Community Services Agency (CSA) administers the program. Contact CSA via email at RentHelp@CSACares.org or call (650) 968-0836 to leave a voicemail. Email inquiries are preferred. CSA staff will respond as quickly as possible but please be patient.

**Santa Clara County** also provides rent relief to extremely low-income Santa Clara County residents financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can receive help paying rent through the Santa Clara County Homelessness Prevention System. Go to <u>preventhomelessness.org</u> or call 408-926-8885 to apply.

**The California State**, through its CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program, will help incomeeligible households financially impacted by COVID-19 pay rent and utilities for past due and future payments. Both tenants and landlords can apply for assistance through this program. Landlords and tenants can check eligibility and apply at <u>HousingIsKey.com</u> or call 833-430-2122 to learn more.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 Housing Relief, visit the <u>mountainview.gov/COVID19HousingRelief</u> or call the Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline at (650) 282-2514 or email <u>mvrent@mountainview.gov</u>.

#### **Statewide Eviction Moratorium**

On June 28, 2021, the State of California adopted legislation (AB 832) that extends the Tenant, Homeowner, and Small Landlord Relief Act (SB 91 and AB 3088). AB 832's COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act extends eviction protections for tenants experiencing COVID-19 financial hardship. Tenants are protected by, and tenants and landlords must

follow, the State's eviction moratorium requirements. For more information regarding the COVID-19 Housing Relief, visit the <a href="mailto:mountainview.gov/COVID19HousingRelief">mountainview.gov/COVID19HousingRelief</a> or call the Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline at (650) 282-2514 or email <a href="mailto:movement@mountainview.gov">movement@mountainview.gov</a>.

# Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

As with most local governments, the City has experienced a loss in revenue the past fiscal year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most notably Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and sales tax revenue. However, despite the loss of revenue in Fiscal Year 2020-21, the General Operating Fund (GOF) has been able to remain balanced this year primarily due to lower expenditures in salaries and benefits (primarily from staffing vacancies), supplies, services, and capital outlay. In addition, with the City's strong property tax base, higher property tax revenue has offset some of the revenue loss. In contrast, steady lease revenue from City-owned property continues to keep the GOF revenue more stable. For more information about the City's budget, visit the City Budget webpage.

# **Multicultural Engagement Program**

Previously known as the Multilingual Community Outreach Program, the Multicultural Engagement Program (MEP) was recently renamed to reflect the broad range of services provided to the City's diverse community. Among their services, the MEP team provides translations for City outreach materials in Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Russian and interpretations at various community and City Council meetings. In addition, plans are underway for a Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy this fall, along with the development of a new civic leadership academy for Chinese community members in late Spring 2022. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.MountainView.gov/MEP">www.MountainView.gov/MEP</a>.

# SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

# Collaborate Mountain View

In December 2019, the City launched Collaborate Mountain View, an online engagement platform for the City's sustainability initiatives. The website gives community members an opportunity for quick, easy engagement with the City. Participants can receive updates on sustainability projects (e.g., buildings, energy, zero waste, transportation), provide input, share stories, answer surveys, and more. Join the conversation by registering at Collaborate.MountainView.gov.

#### Cool Block

In January 2020, the City launched Cool Block, a program for residents focused on community building, disaster preparation, and sustainability. The Cool Block program typically takes place over about five months. It consists of eight meetings in which

residents get to know their immediate neighbors, discuss various topics, and work on actions with support from each other. Although Cool Block *officially* paused in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, two groups persevered virtually and completed the curriculum in Fall 2020. City staff plans to have a second launch once in-person meetings are possible, with training held for the re-launch likely in fall 2021. Updates are shared here.

# Sustainability Action Plan 4 Update

Over the past 12 years, the City has developed four 3-year Sustainability Action Plans (SAPs) that specify policies, programs, and projects across all sustainability areas within the community and municipal operations. Each SAP is developed through an extensive stakeholder engagement process with the City Council, city staff, and the public. SAP-4, the current Sustainability Action Plan, contains 81 new actions and 79 already-approved actions organized around 27 high-level goals in the transportation, energy, land use, zero waste, water, parks and ecosystems, and core sustainability sectors. At the City Council meeting on May 11, staff provided an update on the status of SAP-4 implementation, which can be accessed here.

# **Electric Vehicle Chargers**

A total of (27) EV charging ports are currently available in City-owned parking garages and lots. An additional (72) charging ports are planned for installation, including two locations within the Central Neighborhoods Area:

- **850 California Street Parking Structure**: (28) Level 2 chargers will be installed at this structure by the end of summer 2021.
- **Downtown Parking Lots 2 and 9:** the City has applied for approximately \$650,000 in grant funding to install (23) Level 2 chargers and (11) Level 3 "fast" chargers in these two downtown lots. The project timeline is still being determined, based on funding and the ability to install new PG&E electric panels.

# **Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Targets**

On April 21, 2020, the City Council adopted a goal of becoming a "Carbon Neutral" city by 2045, in alignment with state goals. In addition to achieving the adopted 2045 GHG reduction target of 75% below 2005 levels, Mountain View has committed to balancing any remaining GHG emissions with carbon sequestration projects (such as planting trees or restoring wetlands) and/or carbon offsets. More information about the City's GHG reduction targets, inventories, and carbon neutrality plans (including links to user-friendly infographics and the City Council reports) can be found on the City's sustainability website <a href="MountainView.gov/Sustainability">MountainView.gov/Sustainability</a>.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

# **Economic Vitality Strategy**

Economic Development staff are in the process of developing an Economic Vitality Strategy to help solidify a Mountain View Economic Development vision, focusing on strategic priorities with a clear message and that supports the community. The strategy envisions short and long-term goals that include strengthening the business community's economic recovery and resiliency. It is anticipated City Council will consider the strategy in Spring 2022. You can stay engaged with us along the way at: <a href="https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/economicdev/economicdevelopmentvitality/">https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/economicdevelopmentvitality/</a>

# **Downtown Parking Strategy**

The Parking Strategy seeks to identify and address the parking challenges in downtown and within the Downtown Precise Plan and Parking District. The strategy also recognizes that parking dynamics do not conform to lines on a map. Thus, addressing downtown parking challenges requires a comprehensive approach for the entire study area. On May 11, 2021, City Council discussed and provided feedback on the strategic framework and options to address future parking demand in the downtown. Staff will be returning to City Council in November to adopt the strategy. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/economicdev/downtowndev/dtparking.asp">https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/economicdev/downtowndev/dtparking.asp</a>

#### **Castro Street**

The 100, 200, and 300 blocks of Castro Street remain closed to vehicular traffic through January 3, 2022. Staff continues to monitor business and community feedback on the current Castro StrEATs program. We are engaged in discussions with the downtown businesses and the community regarding the long-term future of Castro Street this fall. Staff will bring to City Council for discussion and further direction options/considerations for Castro Street.

#### LIBRARY

Library Website: <a href="https://www.mountainview.gov/library">https://www.mountainview.gov/library</a>

### Library Newsletter

If you would like to receive regular newsletters about what's new at the library, you can subscribe here: <a href="http://mountainview.gov/librarynews-subscribe">http://mountainview.gov/librarynews-subscribe</a>

#### **Library Calendar**

For information about upcoming Library programs and events: <a href="https://mountainview.libcal.com/libraryevents">https://mountainview.libcal.com/libraryevents</a>

# **Digital Library**

Free resources such as Consumer Reports, New York Times, learn a language, stream movies, eBooks and eAudiobooks:

https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/digitallibrary

# PARKS AND RECREATION

# **COVID-19 Testing**

The City continues to host pop-up testing sites at City facilities such as the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Mountain View Community Center, and Parking Lot 12 downtown. In addition, the County of Santa Clara will be hosting a testing site once a month at a City facility. To make appointments for upcoming testing, please visit <a href="https://www.sccfreetest.org">www.sccfreetest.org</a>. As of August 6, 2021, 16,408 tests have been completed at city facilities since late May 2020.

# **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

In collaboration with the County of Santa Clara, the City opened the Mountain View Community Center as a Vaccination clinic on January 22, 2021. This site was one of the first mass vaccination sites opened in the County and the only site located in North County. The County of Santa Clara operated this clinic for over six months, with final vaccinations on July 21, 2021. Over 80,000 vaccines have been administered at this location. As the Community Center location is now closed, residents are encouraged to visit <a href="www.sccfreevax.org">www.sccfreevax.org</a> to schedule an appointment at a County of Santa Clara site to receive the vaccine.

# **Recreation Activity Guide**

The Recreation Division has released the Fall Activity Guide. Registration has now begun for programs taking place from September through December. To view the Activity Guide and for more information on registration, please visit the Recreation Division's website.

# PLANS, POLICIES, and DEVELOPMENT

#### **HOUSING INITIATIVES**

The Planning and Housing & Neighborhoods Division are working on a few long-range policy initiatives to address the community's housing needs. They include the Housing Element Update, the R3 Zoning District Update and the Displacement Response Strategy. Please visit the Housing Initiatives website to learn more about each project and to participate in upcoming events at <a href="https://www.mountainview.gov/HousingInitiatives.">www.mountainview.gov/HousingInitiatives.</a>

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Planning Division is working on several long-range planning projects, some of which impact citywide regulations. Summary information on these projects and private development projects elsewhere in the community can be found in the "Current Project List" on the City's website here:

https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/planning/activeprojects/default.asp

# **Housing Element Update**

The Planning Division is working on the state-mandated Housing Element Update, which is required to be updated every eight years and establishes goals for the City to accommodate its housing needs. The Update will identify sites to accommodate required housing units – known as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and outline strategies to encourage new housing for households of all income levels and combat barriers to housing for communities of color, among other policies. Please visit the Housing Initiatives website at <a href="https://www.mountainview.gov/HousingInitiatives">www.mountainview.gov/HousingInitiatives</a> and select "Housing Element Update" to learn more about the process, see upcoming public input opportunities, and sign up for e-notifications. Join us online on September 23rd at 6:30 pm for the Housing Element Community Workshop to participate in shaping the future of housing in the community.

### **Downtown Precise Plan**

The Planning Division is working on Phase 1 of the Downtown Precise Plan Update. City Council held a study session in June 2021 to provide early guidance for the first phase of the updates. Phase 1 is limited to potential revisions to Precise Plan Subareas A, H, and G; focusing on strengthening the preservation of the existing historic character of Downtown Mountain View; and promoting active ground-floor uses, such as retail and personal services. The project website provides access to information on prior public meetings and information on upcoming public meetings, including how to sign up for enotifications:

https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/planning/activeprojects/downtownupdate.asp

#### PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

The following list describes active projects in the Central Neighborhoods area. For a complete list of active projects in the City, visit the link above.

# **Bryant Street City Lot 12**

On May 19, 2020, the City Council selected Related/Alta Housing (formerly Palo Alto Housing) as the developer for a 120-unit 100% affordable residential development with community-serving ground-floor commercial uses and public plaza area(s). This project is located on the west side of Bryant Street between California Street and Mercy Street in the P-19 (Downtown) Precise Plan. An informal application is currently under review, including consideration of a funding subsidy through the City's Notice of Funding

Availability (NOFA) program for affordable housing developments. Additional project information may be found on this website:

https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/housing/current\_initiatives/lot12/default.asp

# Hope Street City Lots 4 & 8 (150 and 151 Hope Street)

On November 27, 2018, the City Council approved an application by The Robert Green Company to construct a five-story hotel building with three levels of underground parking, ground-floor lobby, and commercial service amenities (e.g., restaurant, bar, etc.), and replacement public parking on Lot 4, and a four-story commercial building with three levels of underground parking, ground-floor retail-commercial and office uses, and replacement public parking on Lot 8. Building permit plans are under review.

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### **Under Review**

# 756 California Street - Huy Do

An application has been submitted to construct a new three-story, 7,664 square foot commercial building with retail, office, and medical office uses, including a Provisional Use Permit to allow a medical office use on an upper floor to replace a one-story dental office building on a 0.7-acre project site. This project is located on the north side of California Street between Castro Street and Hope Street in the P-19 (Downtown) Precise Plan. The project is currently under review.

# 590 Castro Street - The Sobrato Organization

An application has been submitted to construct a new four-story, 106,000 square foot office building with ground-floor retail and office uses and a public plaza, and including a Provisional Use Permit to allow office uses in a portion of the ground floor, to replace a one-story, 9,332 square foot bank building on a 0.95-acre site. This project is located on the northeast corner of Castro Street and Church Street in the P-19 (Downtown) Precise Plan. The project is currently under review.

# 747 West Dana Street - Kenneth Rodrigues and Partners

An application has been submitted to construct a new three-story, 7,919 square foot commercial building with 1,474-square feet of ground-floor retail and upper floor office space and no onsite parking, replacing a 2,300 square foot retail building on a 0.07-acre project site. This project is located on the south side of West Dana Street between Castro Street and Hope Street in the P-19 (Downtown) Precise Plan. The project is currently under review.

### 705 West Dana Street - Lund Smith

An application has been submitted to construct a new four-story, 31,256 square foot commercial building with ground-floor retail and upper floor office and two levels of underground parking to replace an existing auto repair shop and remove two Heritage trees on a 0.23-acre project site. This project is located on the southwest corner of West Dana Street and Hope Street in the P-19 (Downtown) Precise Plan. The project is currently under review.

#### 601 Escuela Avenue and 1873 Latham Street - Anderson Architects

An application has been submitted to construct a three-story, mixed-use project with approximately 2,700 square feet of ground-floor commercial uses and 25 residential apartment units with one level of underground parking, including a General Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment, to replace a 6,075 square foot commercial building and a single-family residence on 0.45-acre project site. This project is located on the southeast corner of Escuela Avenue and Latham Street in the P-38 (El Camino Real) Precise Plan and the R3-2.5 (Multiple-Family Residential) district. The project is currently under review.

# <u>1919 - 1933 Gamel Way and 574 Escuela Avenue</u> - The Denardi Group

An application has been submitted to construct a four-story, 121-unit residential condominium building and one level of underground parking, including an up to 50% State Density Bonus and a Heritage Tree Removal Permit to remove 10 Heritage trees to replace 29 apartment units on a 2.3-acre project site. This project is located on the southwest corner of Gamel Way and Escuela Avenue in the R3-1 (Multiple-Family Residential) district. The project is under review.

# 730 Central Avenue - Zachary Trailer

An application has been submitted to construct a four-story, 19-unit residential apartment building, including a 35% State Density Bonus, to replace a vacant auto repair shop on a 0.24-acre project site. This project is located on the north side of Central Avenue between Moffett Boulevard and Santa Rosa Avenue in the CRA (Commercial/Residential-Arterial) district. The project is under review.

# Approved/Building Permit Review

#### 325-339 Franklin Street - DaRosa Associates

On December 8, 2020, the City Council approved a 15-unit residential condominium development with one level of underground parking to replace 13 rental units and remove four Heritage trees on a 0.52-acre project site. This project is located on the east side of Franklin Street between California Street and West Dana Street. Building permit plans have not been submitted.

# 701 West Evelyn Avenue - Marwood

On November 18, 2019, the City Council approved a four-story commercial building with 6,500 square feet of ground-floor retail and 28,090 square feet of office with three levels of underground parking accessed through the future parking garage at City Lot 4 to replace three commercial buildings on a 0.25-acre project site. This project is located on the south side of West Evelyn Avenue between Castro and Hope Streets. Building permit plans have not been submitted.

#### 676 West Dana Street - William Maston Architect & Associates

On December 8, 2020, the Zoning Administrator approved a four-story mixed-use project with three floors of residential condominium units above 4,791 square feet of ground-floor commercial space and two levels of underground parking to replace a one-story commercial building on a 0.25-acre project site. This project is located on the southwest corner of West Dana Street and Hope Street. Building permit plans have not been submitted.

# 855-1023 West El Camino Real - John D'Ambrosio

On August 12, 2020, the Zoning Administrator approved a mixed-use building with ground-floor retail and restaurant uses and an upper floor senior care facility to replace an existing restaurant and retail store and remove nine Heritage trees on a 0.85-acre project site. This project is located on the south side of West El Camino Real between Miramonte Avenue and Castro Street. Building permit plans are under review.

#### 1313-1347 West El Camino Real - Bill Maston Architect & Associates

On August 12, 2020, the Zoning Administrator approved a one-year permit extension to construct a four-story mixed-use project with 24 apartment units above ground-floor commercial space and two levels of underground parking, including a 35% State Density Bonus on a 0.45-acre project site. This project is located on the southwest corner of West El Camino Real and Mountain View Avenue. Building permit plans are under review.

# 1411-1495 West El Camino Real - Steve Saray

On May 7, 2019, the City Council approved a 53-unit residential condominium building to replace three commercial buildings totaling 13,200 square and remove six Heritage trees on a 1.25-acre project site. This project is located on the south side of West El Camino Real between Rich Avenue and Mountain View Avenue. Building permit plans have not been submitted

#### **Under Construction**

# 950 West El Camino Real - Alta Housing

On April 30, 2019, the City Council approved a 71-unit affordable studio apartment development, including a State Density Bonus, to replace a one-story commercial building and remove eight Heritage trees on a 0.61-acre project site. This project is located on the north side of West El Camino Real between Castro Street and Oak Street. The project is under construction.

# <u>1720 Villa Street</u> - Prometheus Real Estate Group

On June 4, 2019, the City Council approved a four-story, 226-unit apartment complex with two levels of underground parking and a public park dedication to replace 16 apartment units and three single-family homes and remove 26 Heritage trees on a 3.3-acre project site. This project is located on the north side of Villa Street at Chiquita Avenue. The project is under construction.

# <u>231-235 Hope Street</u> - Bill Maston Architect & Associates

On December 10, 2019, the City Council approved a four-story, nine-unit residential condominium building with one level of underground parking and removing two Heritage trees on a vacant 0.26-acre project site. This project is located on the east side of Hope Street between Villa Street and West Dana Street. The project is under construction.

# PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

# STUDIES, PLANS, AND SERVICES

# **Water Conservation**

California has experienced a dry year, and some areas have declared drought emergencies, including Santa Clara County. In response, Governor Newson has called on Californians to conserve 15 percent voluntarily. For tips on how to do your part in being water-wise this summer, visit: <a href="mailto:ConserveWater.MountainView.gov">ConserveWater.MountainView.gov</a>.

# Mountain View Community Shuttle

Thanks to Google's offer to continue funding the Mountain View Community Shuttle, this free shuttle service will remain in place through 2024. With a grant from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the shuttle service hours will soon be extended to start at 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. daily. For public safety, the Community Shuttle has increased daily sanitization and disinfection schedules of high-touch surfaces and seats in all vehicles, and masks are required to use the shuttle. For more information, visit MVCommunityShuttle.com or call (855) 730-RIDE (7433).

### Shoreline Boulevard/Villa Street Intersection Modifications

This project will provide several modifications to the traffic signal, including adding exclusive left-turn phases for eastbound and westbound vehicles on Villa Street to eliminate vehicle left-turning conflicts with pedestrians crossing Shoreline Boulevard, a new crosswalk on the north side of Villa Street across Shoreline Boulevard, and other improvements. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2021.

# Shoreline Boulevard/Church Street-Latham Street Intersection Modifications

This project includes modifying the traffic signal to add exclusive left-turn lanes and left-turn phases for the eastbound and westbound vehicles on Latham Street-Church Street, eliminating vehicle left-turning conflicts with pedestrians crossing Shoreline Boulevard. The project is currently in design, and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2022.

# Calderon Avenue Bike Lane Project

The Calderon Avenue Bike Lane Project will improve bike safety by installing Class II bike lanes or buffered Class II bike lanes along Calderon Avenue between El Camino Real and Mercy Street, continuing the existing bike lane from Mercy Street to Evelyn Avenue. Construction is anticipated to begin by early fall 2021.

# Castro Pedestrian Plaza Feasibility Study

This project explores concepts and alternatives for creating a pedestrian public plaza along the 100 block of Castro Street between Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street and is also considering the future of the 200 and 300 blocks of Castro Street. In fall 2021, the City will solicit community input through a series of outreach opportunities. To receive notices on this project, sign up for MyMV (MountainView.gov/mymv) and select "Castro Street Pedestrian Mall Feasibility Study" under My Notifications (General).

# Castro/Moffett/Central Improvements

The City recently completed construction of the Central Expressway Near-Term Improvement project, which included various bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements, including eliminating the two left-turn lanes from Castro Street northbound onto westbound Central Expressway, installation of a bicycle left turn pocket from southbound Castro onto eastbound Evelyn Avenue, and various other signage and striping improvements.

# **Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project**

The Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project will improve safety, capacity, and multimodal access to the Transit Center and Downtown Mountain View. The project includes closure of the Castro street crossing of the train tracks, a new Evelyn Avenue ramp to Shoreline Boulevard, a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing of the train tracks and Central Expressway, and additional bicycle and shuttle access improvements. Caltrain manages the project's final design with the City as the project sponsor and in

partnership with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). For more information on the project, visit <u>MountainViewTransitCenter.com</u>

# **Downtown Street Light Replacement**

Street lights along the 100 to 400 blocks of Castro Street will be replaced in spring 2022.

# El Camino Real Repaving and Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

The State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun design for the repairs and repaving of El Camino Real in Mountain View. The City has partnered with Caltrans for them to incorporate the following bike and pedestrian improvements when the street is repaved in 2023: (1) replace on-street parking with Class IV protected bikeways and Class II bike lanes; (2) upgrade selected intersections with bulb-outs and high visibility crosswalks; and (3) upgrade existing bus stops for improved pedestrian access. Caltrans will also be adding new pedestrian crossings at Pettis Avenue, Bonita Avenue, and Crestview Drive as part of the project.

# **Annual Sewer Main Replacement**

The City plans to replace sewer mains in the Downtown area along Castro Street between El Camino Real to West Evelyn Avenue, Wild Cherry Lane, and sections of El Camino Real between Highway 85 and Shoreline Boulevard. The design is scheduled to complete in summer 2022, with construction to follow. The El Camino Real segment of the project will be completed before Caltrans begins its repaying project.

# Narrow Streets Sign Installation

To implement Measure C, the City has begun installing signs restricting oversized vehicle parking on Narrow Streets (streets 40 feet or less in width). The signs will be installed in each neighborhood area in the following order:

- 1. Monta Loma/Farley/Rock Street
- 2. Moffett/Whisman Road
- 3. Grant Road/Sylvan Park
- 4. Springer/Cuesta/Phyllis
- 5. <u>Central Neighborhoods</u>
- 6. San Antonio/Rengstorff/Del Medio

Notices will be mailed to property owners and residents 1 - 2 weeks before construction for those streets designated as narrow. For more information, visit the project website (MountainView.gov/NarrowStreets), updated as the project progresses.

# **Street Sweeping**

The City sweeps our streets twice per month. Please remember to move your vehicle and other obstructions on the street before 6 a.m. on the day of your scheduled sweep. The street sweeping schedule is provided on a map at MountainView.gov/depts/pw/transport/schedule.asp.