



## San Antonio/ Rengstorff/Del Medio Neighborhood Meeting June 18, 2020

### CNC NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

#### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

##### Homeless, Unstably Housed and Living in Vehicles Update

The City continues to take proactive actions to address the challenging rise in homelessness and unstably housed individuals over the past four years. The City is implementing a “three-pronged strategy,” with most of the services becoming operational in the last three years. Elements of the three-pronged approach include funding basic hygiene services, outreach to assess needs and link people to comprehensive health and social services, and assistance to find housing. The City has also partnered with community-based organizations to develop short-term housing solutions including establishing a safe parking program.

The City is a committed and recognized leader in addressing the regional problem of insufficient housing supply, looking at all options, and taking meaningful actions by leading in areas such as:

- Adopting a shelter crisis declaration
- Supporting the startup of a local non-profit to provide safe parking services
- Working to secure five active safe parking lots for Mountain View participants
- Funding and completing the significant site preparations for three of these lots
- Creating our own innovative safe parking ordinance to ensure the public's safety
- Establishing a streamlined safe parking lot permit/approval process during a shelter crisis
- Expanding land use options for sheltering
- Pursuing longer-term state legislative solutions to promote safe parking for all cities

These actions have helped the City respond quickly to the COVID-19 crisis with immediate expansion of our safe parking programs. As planned and implemented by the City the last three-years, five Safe Parking Lots are now online to serve Mountain

View participants – resulting in Mountain View having the largest safe parking capacity in the County. (The current capacity for safe parking is 67 Oversized Vehicles (OVs) and up to 18 spaces for cars/passenger vehicles). The two largest lots are operated on City-owned/controlled lots at Shoreline Amphitheatre and on Evelyn Avenue at the former VTA lot. A third is set to be operated on Terra Bella Avenue, which is provided in partnership with the Palo Alto Housing Corporation. Two smaller lots are operated on private faith-based organizations’ property.

### **COVID-19 Crisis Response**

The City has worked with community nonprofits and other government stakeholders to provide assistance to homeless and unstably housed individuals during the COVID-19 crisis. These efforts include:

- Over 9,000 masks, 20 hand washing stations, 17 portable toilets, 425 hygiene kits, 1950 packs of food and produce, and 2,500 printed information packets hand delivered to the homeless/unstably housed
- 320 grocery gift cards to the homeless and created the Emergency Grocery Gift Card Program
- Redeployed 8 staff to deliver food to seniors in need and offer multilingual assistance
- Modified four overnight 24/7 Safe Parking lots to offer 24/7 services, as a collaborative pilot with County and a third coming soon
- Funded increased mobile showers at CSA
- Facilitated the County Mobile Medical Unit access in the Downtown
- Provided portable restrooms and hand washing stations around the City
- 23 signal intersections updated to be automated to “pedestrian recall” (no touch)

For more information and ongoing updates on homeless initiatives, visit [www.MountainView.gov/homeless](http://www.MountainView.gov/homeless).

### **COVID-19 Rent Relief Program**

The Mountain View City Council has approved over \$2.6 million for the Mountain View Rent Relief Program. To date, the program has provided rental assistance to over 600 households. The program provides up to \$3,000 of rental assistance to qualifying Mountain View tenants impacted by COVID-19. The Community Services Agency (CSA) administers the program. For more information, please go to [https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/preservation/homelessness/covid\\_19\\_relief\\_resources.asp](https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/preservation/homelessness/covid_19_relief_resources.asp) or contact CSA directly at <https://www.csacares.org/covid-19-relief/#rent-assistance>.

## **Temporary Eviction Moratorium**

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Mountain View City Council enacted a temporary eviction moratorium suspending residential evictions for non-payment or rent due to related financial impacts. The ordinance is effective **March 27, 2020 through August 31, 2020** and is subject to extension as approved by the City Council. The eviction moratorium is applicable to all residential rental units in Mountain View including single-family homes, condos/townhomes, duplexes, apartments, mobile homes and mobile home spaces and other types of residential rental units. More information can be found at [MountainView.gov/EvictionRelief](http://MountainView.gov/EvictionRelief).

## **COVID-19 Testing**

The City hosted a pop up testing site at the Rengstorff Park aquatic center on May 25 (almost 500 people tested) and May 27 (450 people tested). The City worked in partnership with the County to bring the mobile testing unit to Mountain View.

Ongoing COVID-19 drive-thru testing began June 15 at the Shoreline Athletic Fields parking lot (2450 Garcia Avenue).

While the first week was reserved for first responders, medical employees, frontline workers, and essential workers, public testing begins June 22, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Closed Friday)

Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis, and no appointment is necessary. For additional information visit: [mountainview.gov/covidtesting](http://mountainview.gov/covidtesting)

## **Census 2020- Have you been counted?**

The City of Mountain View is at 69.5% Help us get to 70%!

Help our community: Stay home and complete the #2020census in the safety of your home at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or toll free at (844) 330-2020. Just 10 minutes has the power to shape the future of our community. Phone assistance and the online survey are available in 13 languages. Who counts on #2020Census? #EveryoneCounts! This includes children, roommates, friends & family members, even if they are only living with you temporarily. If they live at your address, they belong on your Census – even if you're not related! The Census is for everyone living in the U.S. It won't ask if you're a citizen, and your information will not be shared with ICE or any other government agencies. Learn more at [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

## **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. Please join the conversation by registering at [Collaborate.MountainView.gov](https://Collaborate.MountainView.gov).

### **Cool Block Neighborhood Engagement Program**

In January 2020, the City launched "Cool Block," a program for residents focused on community building, disaster preparation, and sustainability. Over about five months, Cool Block consists of eight meetings in which residents get to know their immediate neighbors, discuss a variety of topics, and work on actions with support from each other.

Cool Block was paused due to COVID-19, but the City intends to resume it when deemed safe. Updates are being shared via [Collaborate.MountainView.gov/Cool-Block](https://Collaborate.MountainView.gov/Cool-Block).

### **Earth Day 2020**

The in-person Earth Day festival the City had been planning was cancelled due to COVID-19. As an alternative, the Sustainability team worked with 29 other Bay Area organizations and four City of Mountain View divisions to create an "Earth Day 2020 Resource Guide." It contains actions to take at home, activities to do with kids, resources to save money on utility bills, and more. The guide is available at [MountainView.gov/EarthDay2020](https://MountainView.gov/EarthDay2020).

### **Electric Vehicle Chargers**

To meet the growing demand, Mountain View has been working to expand the number of public electric vehicle (EV) chargers at city facilities. In addition to the eight chargers at the Civic Center and ten in the parking structure at 850 California Street, the City is in the process of installing nine new chargers at the Community Center (which will be active in June) and 34 new chargers between the two downtown parking garages (which we hope to have installed by fall 2020).

On February 25, 2020, the City Council approved changes to the fees in effect at City-owned EV chargers. The new fees are \$0.20/kWh until charging is complete, and then an overstay fee of \$3.00/hour after a 20 minute grace period.

## **Green Building Standards**

On November 12, 2019, the City Council approved updates to the Mountain View Building Standards Code that included requirements for EV charger installation in new development and “Reach Codes” that exceed the State’s energy code. These Reach Codes require all new buildings in Mountain View to be all-electric and include rooftop solar photovoltaic panels.

On June 9, 2020, the City Council <approved> adopting a Municipal Green Building Policy. This policy requires all new City-owned facilities to achieve LEED® Gold certification or higher, and assess the feasibility of achieving LEED® Platinum certification. In addition, staff must evaluate electrification opportunities for existing facilities any time major building systems are upgraded or replaced.

## **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

The City first adopted short- and long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets in 2009, and conducts regular GHG inventories to measure progress towards these goals. As of 2018, the City had reduced its community-wide emissions 13%, and its municipal operations emissions 51%, below its 2005 baseline levels. A large percentage of the reduction in community-wide emissions was attributable to Mountain View’s transition to GHG-free electricity through Silicon Valley Clean Energy, but we could not have achieved this reduction without significant support from the community. And, the City anticipates seeing another drop in GHG emissions in 2020 due to the reduced economic activity and behavior changes associated with the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order.

On April 21, 2020, the City Council adopted a goal of becoming a “Carbon Neutral” city by 2045, in alignment with state goals. This means that 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 [MountainView.gov/Sustainability](http://MountainView.gov/Sustainability).

## **LIBRARY**

### **Library Newsletter:**

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

### **Library Calendar:**

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

### **Digital Library:**

Free resources such as Consumer Reports, New York Times, learn a language, streaming movies, eBooks and eAudiobooks:  
<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/digitallibrary>

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Rengstorff Park Projects**

Since the last meeting of the San Antonio/Rengstorff/Del Medio neighborhood, the Mountain View Community Center renovation has been completed and is now available for rentals and offering classes and programs. For a list of what is currently available during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the Community Services Department website. With the Community Center being complete, the City is currently in the design processes for two additional projects within the park. The Rengstorff Park Pool Aquatic Complex is currently in design and will include a new pool layout in addition to a new building to support the aquatics programming. The second project is the design of an all-inclusive playground in partnership with the Magical Bridge Foundation. This new all-inclusive playground will be located near the tennis courts. More information on both of these projects can be found on the City's website.

### **Neighborhood Park Projects**

There are three new parks expected to be completed in this neighborhood in the next 18 months. Fayette Park (1.2 acres) is beginning the construction phase and is located off Fayette Drive between San Antonio Road and Del Medio Ave on land owned by the San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC). Mora Park (0.45 acre) will begin the construction phase soon and is located by the intersection of Mora Place and Ortega Ave. on land that has been dedicated to the City. The last park will be located next to the new development, The Dean, at 400 San Antonio, across the street from Fayette Park. The design process for this park is expected to begin in the fall of 2020.

### **Summer Camp Changes due to COVID-19**

The Recreation Division opened facilities for summer camps on June 8. The camps offered are modified to meet County of Santa Clara Public Health Orders. Programming will continue to be modified as the County continues to make changes to the Public

Health Orders. Updated summer camp programming is available on the Recreation Division's website.

## **PLANS, POLICIES and DEVELOPMENT**

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The Planning Division is working on and/or recently completed several long-range/citywide planning projects. 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>

Some projects also have more detailed project information webpages, which can also be found at the link above.

### **LASD School Site**

In December 2019, the Los Altos School District completed the purchase of an 11.7-acre parcel in San Antonio Center for development of a new neighborhood-serving school and shared/joint-use open space with recreational facilities. The City of Mountain View has also purchased two-acres of the parcel from LASD for additional public park area. The site is bounded by Showers Drive, California Street, the Pacchetti Way entrance to San Antonio Center and the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way, and currently contains Kohl's, 24Hr Fitness, Joann Fabrics and other small retail/restaurant spaces.

### **PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT**

#### **2580 & 2590 California Street/201 San Antonio Circle - Greystar**

On June 26, 2018, the City Council approved an application to construct a mixed-use development with 642 residential units and approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial space in four above-grade buildings with below-grade parking to replace an existing office building and retail strip center. This project is located on the north side of California Street between San Antonio Road and Pacchetti Way in the San Antonio Precise Plan. The project is currently under construction.

#### **400 San Antonio Road - Prometheus**

On September 27, 2016, the City Council approved an application to construct 583 apartment units and approximately 11,000 square feet of commercial space with underground parking, replacing seven existing retail, office and industrial buildings on a 5.7-acre site. This project is located on the west side of San Antonio Road between Fayette Drive and Miller Avenue. The project is currently under construction.



### **394 Ortega Avenue**

On September 20, 2016, the City Council approved an application to construct a 4-story, 144-unit apartment building with underground parking to replace a single-family home on a 1.62-acre project site. The project is located on the southwest corner of Ortega Avenue and California Street in the San Antonio Precise Plan. The project is currently under construction.

### **2296 Mora Drive**

On February 2, 2016, the City Council approved an application to construct a 75-unit rowhouse development replacing 15 existing industrial buildings and a 0.45-acre public park on a 5-acre site. The project is located on the east side of Ortega Avenue between California Street and the terminus of Ortega Avenue. The project is currently under construction.

### **2700 West El Camino Real**

On June 27, 2017, the City Council approved an application to construct a 211-unit apartment development with 2,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial space and underground parking, including a State Density Bonus request of 20% on a 2.2-acre site. This project is located on the northwest corner of West El Camino Real and Del Medio Avenue. The project is currently under construction.

### **1958 Latham Street**

On December 10, 2019, the City Council approved the construction of a six-unit rowhouse development on a vacant 0.39-acre site. This project is located on the north side of Latham Street, between Escuela and Rengstorff Avenues. Building permits are currently under review for the project.

### **250 San Antonio Circle - Community School of Music and Art**

On February 12, 2020, the Zoning Administrator approved a one-year Permit Extension to allow the demolition of two auto repair buildings and the construction of a new 3,350 square foot building for the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) on the parcel immediately south of the existing CSMA site. Building permits are currently under review for the project.

### **1919 - 1933 Gamel Way and 574 Escuela**

An application has been submitted for a four-story, 121-unit condominium development with underground parking and including a State Density Bonus request of up to 35% to replace 29 rental units on a 2.3-acre site. This project is located on the



southwest and northwest corners of Gamel Way and Escuela Avenue. The project is currently under review.

**2645 - 2655 Fayette Drive**

An application has been submitted to construct a new, six-story, 44-unit condominium project to replace an existing house, apartment building, and commercial space on the site. This project is located on the south side of Fayette Drive between Del Medio Avenue and San Antonio Road. The project is currently under review.

**2300 West El Camino Real**

An application has been submitted to construct a four-story, 153-room hotel with underground parking replacing an existing 71-room hotel on a 0.97-acre site. This project is located on the north side of El Camino Real between Ortega Avenue and South Rengstorff Avenue. The project's previous application approval expired; the current application is under review.

**570 South Rengstorff Avenue**

An application has been submitted to construct an 85-unit rowhouse development to replace 70 existing apartment units on a 4.07-acre site. This project is located on the northwest corner of Latham Street and South Rengstorff Avenue. The project is currently under review.

**365 - 405 San Antonio Road & 2585 - 2595 California Street - MGP Phase III**

An application has been submitted to construct a new, seven-story, approximately 192,000 square foot office building with 150,000 square feet of transferrable development rights from the LASD Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program, ground floor retail and underground parking to replace two, single-story commercial buildings and a surface parking lot on a 0.99-acre site. This project is located on the southeast corner of San Antonio Road and California Street. The project is currently under review.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

**Vision Zero Policy**

On December 10, 2019, the City Council unanimously adopted a Vision Zero Policy to eliminate fatal traffic collisions in Mountain View by 2030. Vision Zero is an integrated set of policies, plans and programs based on the philosophy that fatal collisions are unacceptable and often preventable.

Mountain View's Vision Zero approach is based on collision analysis, industry best practices, as well as input from a community meeting, online survey, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The City's Vision Zero Action Plan will include the 7E's: engineering/infrastructure, education, enforcement/emergency response, encouragement, engagement, equity, and evaluation. We are focused on eliminating fatal traffic collisions that affect all transportation user including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

### **Mountain View Community Shuttle**

Thanks to Google's offer to continue funding the Mountain View Community Shuttle for another five years, the shuttle service will remain in place through 2024. The Community Shuttle has transported over 600,000 riders around town since its inaugural launch in January 2015. The shuttle provides connections throughout Mountain View to residents whose mobility needs have not been met through other services available in the City.

Although ridership has dropped since the Santa Clara County Shelter-in-Place Order was issued in March 2020, over 90 percent of the current daily riders have been using the shuttle to travel to essential services, such as medical facilities and grocery stores. In compliance with the Shelter-in-Place Order, the Community Shuttle has increased daily sanitization and disinfection schedules of high-touch surfaces and seats in all vehicles and all passengers are requested to adhere to social distancing practices and sit at least 6 feet from other passengers as well as the drivers. Masks are now required to use the shuttle. For more information visit [MVCommunityShuttle.com](http://MVCommunityShuttle.com) or call (855) 730-RIDE (7433).

### **Castro Street Closure**

On June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution allowing for the closure of Castro Street from Evelyn Avenue to Mercy Street for the summer through September 30, 2020. The goal for temporarily closing Castro is to provide outdoor dining space for downtown restaurants to support their economic recovery and re-enliven downtown. The outdoor dining will be implemented in compliance with the most current County Public Health Shelter-in-Place Order and tentatively planned to open during the week of June 22, 2020.

### **El Camino Real Streetscape**

The City Council adopted the Final El Camino Real Streetscape Plan in November 2019. The Streetscape Plan provides design concepts and recommendations to achieve the

mobility guidelines set forth in the 2014 El Camino Real Precise Plan (ECRPP) and the 2018 Caltrans District 4 Bike Plan. These design concepts maintain the overall system capacity for vehicular traffic, widen the existing sidewalk, construct curb extensions and/or other pedestrian crossing enhancements, implement three new signalized pedestrian/bike crossings (Pettis Avenue, Bonita Avenue, and Crestview Drive), replace existing on-street parking with Class IV protected bikeways, and enhance transit stops. The Council also authorized City staff to work with Caltrans to implement a segment of protected bikeways and pedestrian improvements through integration with Caltrans' repaving and ADA upgrade projects, which are slated for construction in 2022. The City's El Camino Real Streetscape Plan is available at [https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/transportation\\_planning/default.asp](https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/transport/transportation_planning/default.asp).

### **VTA Transit Services**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) new transit service network was launched on December 28, 2019 and is designed to better connect VTA transit with the Milpitas and Berryessa BART stations, increase overall system ridership, and improve VTA's farebox recovery rate. VTA's redesigned transit network includes both service eliminations and service/frequency increases. The bus Rapid 522 route along El Camino Real through Mountain View is one of the 20 routes that will be operating every 15 minute or better. Another service improvement for Mountain View is the addition of a new light rail orange line connecting downtown Mountain View with BART and Alum Rock Transit Center. The new network will not impact VTA's Access paratransit service.

The new service network changes impacting Mountain View include minor service reductions to bus routes 21, 20, and 52; and service elimination of bus route 251. Specific streets/areas of Mountain View affected include eliminating VTA bus service on Middlefield Road between San Antonio Road and Moffett Boulevard and on Montecito Avenue between Rengstorff Avenue and Moffett Boulevard, and dropping an after school trip connecting St. Francis High School to the Mountain View Transit Center.

In response to the drop in transit ridership during the Santa Clara County Shelter-in-Place Order, VTA is running a reduced bus service for essential travel. Some routes have been suspended and some will come less often. For more information visit: <https://vta.org>

### **El Monte Corridor Study**

The El Monte Avenue Corridor Study proposes to identify and incorporate improvements along the El Monte Avenue corridor (from Springer Road to El Camino Real) and along El Camino Real (from El Monte Avenue to Escuela Avenue) to improve the overall safety for all modes of travel within the study area.

Based on feedback from the first public outreach meeting in January 2020 and the evaluation of existing conditions and collected data, the City has prepared conceptual plans for the project corridor. These conceptual plans are under review and inter-agency coordination with Caltrans and the City of Los Altos is in progress. A second public outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for late July or August 2020 to present the potential improvement alternatives and to provide an opportunity for community feedback.

### **Rengstorff/Latham Traffic Signal Modification**

The proposed improvements for the Rengstorff/Latham Traffic Signal Modification include upgrading all traffic signal poles and traffic signal equipment and providing protected left turn movements in all directions. This will require the addition of striped left turn pockets on Latham Street, removal of parking to accommodate the new left turn pockets, curb ramp replacement to conform to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and storm drain modifications. The 95% design plans and specifications are currently being prepared with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in October or November 2020.

### **Traffic Operations Center Feasibility Study**

A feasibility study for a City Traffic Operations Center (TOC) is currently underway. A TOC utilizes a computer-based traffic signal control system to monitor traffic conditions, improve the flow of traffic, and assist Public Safety in the event of an emergency. The study will plan and layout the proposed minimum size requirements of the TOC and the required communications equipment, which may include a video wall, workstations, video distribution systems, and interfaces with the Emergency Operations Center. The study will also outline the traffic signal and communications infrastructure needed to implement a functional TOC. The study will be used as a framework for seeking funding (including regional and federal) for future phases of the project. The feasibility study is expected to be completed in December 2020.

### **400 San Antonio Road Mini-Park Design**

In May 2020, the City hired Callander and Associates to design a new park at 400 San Antonio Road. Community outreach on the park design is scheduled to occur in Fall 2020.

### **Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center Design**

The City is in the design phase to replace the Aquatics Center located in Rengstorff Park. The existing building and pools will be replaced. A conceptual design plan was selected by the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 27, 2020 and will be brought to Council for approval on June 30, 2020.

### **All-Inclusive Magical Bridge Playground Design**

The City, in partnership with the Magical Bridge Foundation, is designing a new Magical Bridge Playground in Rengstorff Park. The park conceptual plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 10, 2020.

### **Mora Park Design**

Design is underway for a new neighborhood park located at the corner of Ortega Avenue and Mora Drive. The site was dedicated for park use by the owners of the Mora Drive rowhouse development. The design of the park is scheduled to complete by fall 2020 with construction starting by early 2021.

### **Fayette Park Design**

The City and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) have agreed upon terms for the City to construct a new passive park on a SFPUC parcel located between Fayette Drive and El Camino Real northwest of San Antonio Road (behind the CVS). Construction is scheduled to start in fall 2020.

### **Wyandotte Park Construction**

Wyandotte Park located at 2254 Wyandotte Street is under construction and is scheduled to be completed by August 2020.

### **California Street Undergrounding**

PG&E is working with the City to underground overhead utility lines on California Street between Escuela and Mariposa Avenues. Properties affected have been notified of the project. Once a construction schedule is available from PG&E, the City will share with the affected property owners.

### **Rengstorff/Caltrain Grade Separation Project**

In 2014, the City Council approved an enhanced design concept for depressing the Rengstorff Avenue/Central Expressway intersection under the Caltrain tracks. The project will relieve the traffic congestion created by the train crossing and includes enhanced bicycle and pedestrian travel ways on Rengstorff Avenue and across both Rengstorff and Central Expressway. Caltrain, in partnership with the City, has initiated preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for this project with the goal to start final design by early 2021. Community meetings about the preliminary engineering work will be held in late summer/early fall 2020.