

# CALIFORNIA STREET BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

## PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

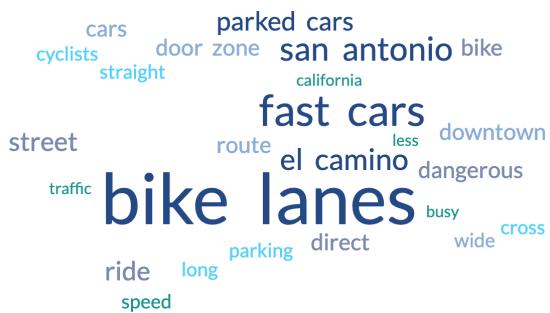


The City of Mountain View has plans for bikeway improvements along California St. Community feedback was accepted via an online form; twenty-one respondents provided feedback between March 25th, 2022, and April 18th, 2022. Additional feedback was solicited by a bike ride open to the community and advertised in Mountain View; 17 community members attended.

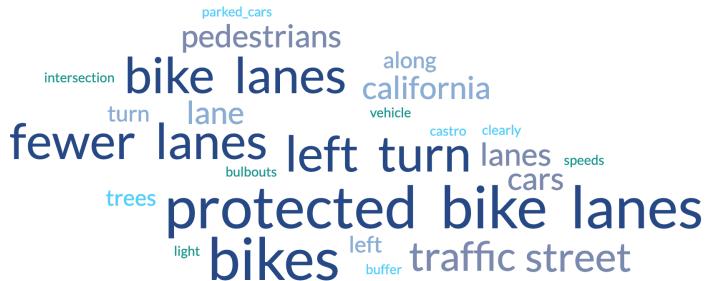
## CURRENT STATUS & FUTURE VISION

Participants were asked what they liked and did not like about California St. Residents reported it **having bike lanes** and being an **alternative to El Camino** with a **direct route to San Antonio and downtown Mountain View**. However, they disliked the **quality of the bike lanes** and were worried about the presence of both **fast and parked cars**. Residents were also asked for their vision for an ideal California St.; they requested **protected bike lanes, fewer lanes for cars, and safer left turns**.

Word Cloud of the Community's Current View of California Street



Word Cloud of The Community's Future Vision for the Project Area



## SELECTED PARTICIPANT QUOTES

Participants shared their thoughts on California St. during the community bike ride. Selected quotes are grouped below.

### Continuous turn lanes are not viewed favorably.

- "I don't like continuous turn lanes but rather those on El Camino Real that have a planted center median."

### Bicyclists want to be safe.

- "I like parking-protected bikeways."
- "Use physical bumps in the protected areas [of a bike lane]."
- "Every day I worry about being doored."
- "Consider using bollards for the protected part of the bikeway, but leave enough space for car doors to open."
- "Use painted green reflectors more."



A person getting doored by a car.  
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### Bicyclists would like special signals.

- "Please consider bike-only signal heads."
- "Provide bikes a metered head start."



A bike-only signal head.  
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### People have conflicting thoughts on vegetation.

- "The tree canopy matters." v.s. "Plants block the view."

### People have opinions on the size and shape of curbs.

- "I love bulb-outs."
- "The curbs' radi[i] on California [Street] are too big."

## People would like to re-envision the street.

- “[There are] too many driveways.”
- “The street is too wide and straight; make it look narrower.”
- “California Street looks like a drag strip”



A portion of California St. between Showers and Ortega containing significant driveway space.

## People want a pedestrian-friendly California Street.

- “Make California Street pedestrian friendly.”
- “I want lots of walking on California Street.”
- “Do not put signposts in the sidewalk.”

## People would like California Street to be vibrant.

- “You should create community with this project—make it appealing”
- “Please incorporate art into the project.”



Street art in Manhattan, NY.  
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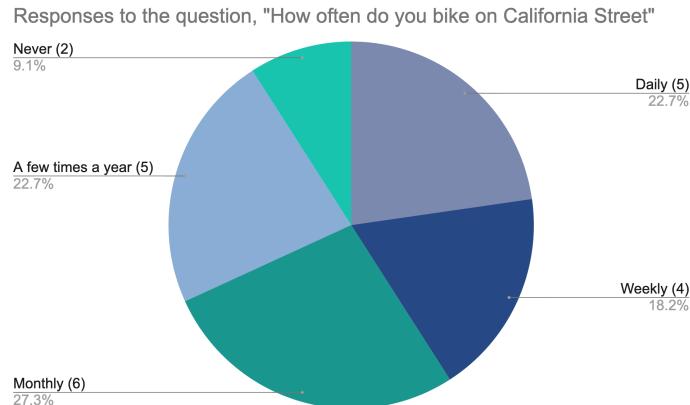
## Miscellaneous:

- “I’m okay with more traffic on El Camino.”

## ADDENDUM

The feedback form collected information about participants' usage of California Street. Five (22.7%) of participants bike it daily, four (18.2%) weekly, six (27.3%) monthly, five (22.7%) a few times a year, and two (9.1%) never. Eighteen (85.7%) participants use California Street to reach destinations on or near it, twelve (57.1%) use it for through travel; five (23.8%) for a work commute; eight (38.1%) for recreation or exercise, and one (4.8%) for a school commute. One participant lived on the street.

Pie Chart of How Often the Community Bikes on California Street



Bar Chart of How the Community Uses California Street

