

Williams Street San Leandro Executive Summary

Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training

The Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) is a statewide project of California Walks (Cal Walks) and the University of California at Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC). The CPBST engages residents and safety advocates to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety in their communities.

The Williams Street, San Leandro CPBST was collaboratively planned and facilitated by City of San Leandro Planning Department, the Planning Committee, Cal Walks, and SafeTREC (Project Team) to:

1. Improve the walking and biking conditions on Williams Street; and
2. Garner community input on plans for a Class IV bike lane on Williams Street.

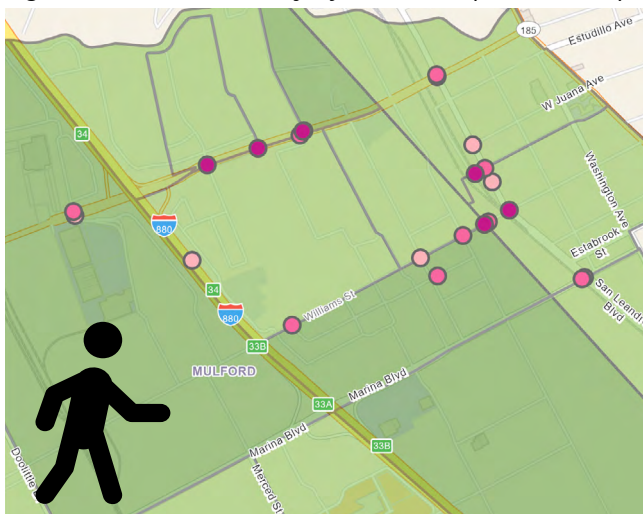
The August 15, 2020 training consisted of:

- Walking and biking assessments along three (3) key routes;
- An overview of the 3 E's strategies to improve walking and biking safety using the intersectional 3 E's framework including: Equity, Engineering, Education,
- Action planning sessions to prioritize and plan for community programs, and infrastructure projects.

Data

The Project Team and Planning Committee reviewed data which demonstrated a safety concern in the area. Over the 10-year period, 2009 to 2018, both pedestrian crashes and bicycle crashes appeared to be mostly stable within the boundaries of Davis Street to the north, San Leandro Boulevard to the east, Marina Boulevard to the south, and the San Francisco Bay to the west in San Leandro. From 2014 to 2018, there were 28 pedestrian victims and 6 bicycle victims. A full discussion of pedestrian and bicycle crashes can be found in the CPBST report.

Figure 1: Pedestrian Injury Crashes (2014-2018)



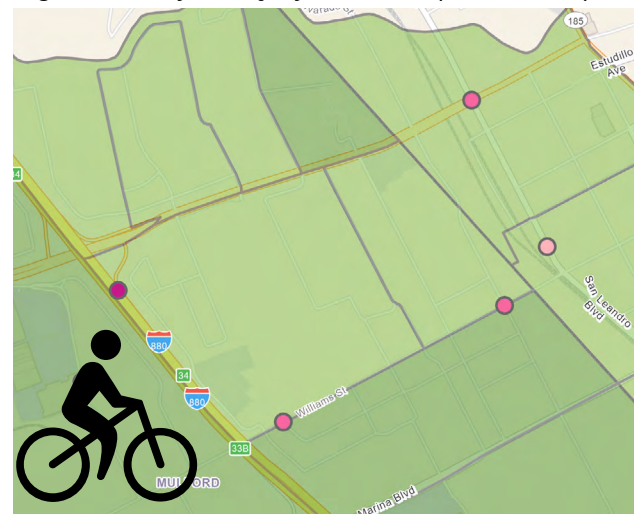
Collision Severity (2014-2018)

- Injury (Severe) 6
- Injury (Other Visible) 11
- Injury (Complaint of Pain) 10

Median Household Income

- 50K - 75K
- >75K

Figure 2: Bicycle Injury Crashes (2014-2018)



Collision Severity (2014-2018)

- Injury (Severe) 1
- Injury (Other Visible) 3
- Injury (Complaint of Pain) 2

Median Household Income

- 50K - 75K
- >75K

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The planning committee consisted of representatives from John Muir Middle School, City of San Leandro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Bike Walk San Leandro, San Leandro Youth Advisory Committee, City of San Leandro Engineering & Transportation Department, and Bike East Bay.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Workshop participants were community members and/or representatives from the Planning Committee, Vice Mayor Pete Ballew, City Councilmember Victor Aguilar.

For a more detailed discussion of the workshop, please download the full report on SafeTREC or Cal Walks' websites.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Walking & Biking Assessment

Workshop participants conducted walking and biking assessments along three (3) key routes used by pedestrians and bicyclists to access John Muir Middle School, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, San Leandro Bart Station and Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline Park. Participants were asked to:

- Identify community assets;
- Assess infrastructure conditions; and
- Observe how road users are engaging with the built-environment.

Participants expressed concerns around:

- Road User Behavior
- Downtown Connectivity
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Lighting
- Pedestrian Crossing Challenges
- Sidewalks
- Unused Railroad Tracks

Community Recommendations

During the action planning sessions, participants prioritized and outlined preliminary plans for the following community programs and infrastructure projects aimed at increasing the health and safety of the community:

- Pop-up Demonstration of a Class IV Bike Lane on Williams Street
- Pedestrian Crossing Improvements and Unused Railroad Pathway Advocacy
- BART to Bay creative crosswalks art design contests

Cal Walks & SafeTREC Recommendations

The following are recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements:

- Explore funding opportunities to develop Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs focused on youth bicycle safety.
- Collaborate with the San Leandro Planning Department and San Leandro School District to develop a student bike lane art design contest to incorporate into Williams Street bike lane enhancements.
- Develop a student-led bike to school contest when students are allowed to physically be at school to encourage students to take advantage of the newly installed bike parking.
- Collaborate with John Muir Middle School to request a rail safety presentation from the Alameda County SRTS programs for school parents and children.