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Memorandum

Date: October 21, 2025

To: Matthew Nelson, Associate Traffic Engineer, Pleasanton, CA

From: Shikha Jain

Subject: Pleasanton Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update – Walk Audits

The Pleasanton Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update (BPMP) is shaping the future of walking, biking, and rolling in Pleasanton. This update builds on the plan adopted in 2018 and will guide Pleasanton's pedestrian and bicycle improvements over the next five years. It aims to make walking and biking safer, more comfortable, and more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

As part of the public outreach for this project, two walk audits were conducted. The feedback from the walk audits was intended to inform the project team of the community's challenges, opportunities, and priorities to assist in and guide the development of the BPMP going forward.

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC) members, Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) representatives, Pleasanton Police Department, Public Works, Senior representatives, Pleasanton Downtown Association, and the Parent-Teacher Association were invited. The walk audits were attended by BPTC members, school district representatives, city staff, and the consultant team.

During the two days of walk audits, participants saw several of the City's newly constructed multimodal facilities. These improvements were generally well received and reflect the type of high-quality infrastructure that can serve as a model for the City's future bicycle and pedestrian network. Strong interest and enthusiasm for biking and walking were also observed, particularly around schools, which is encouraging as the City continues to expand its active transportation network.

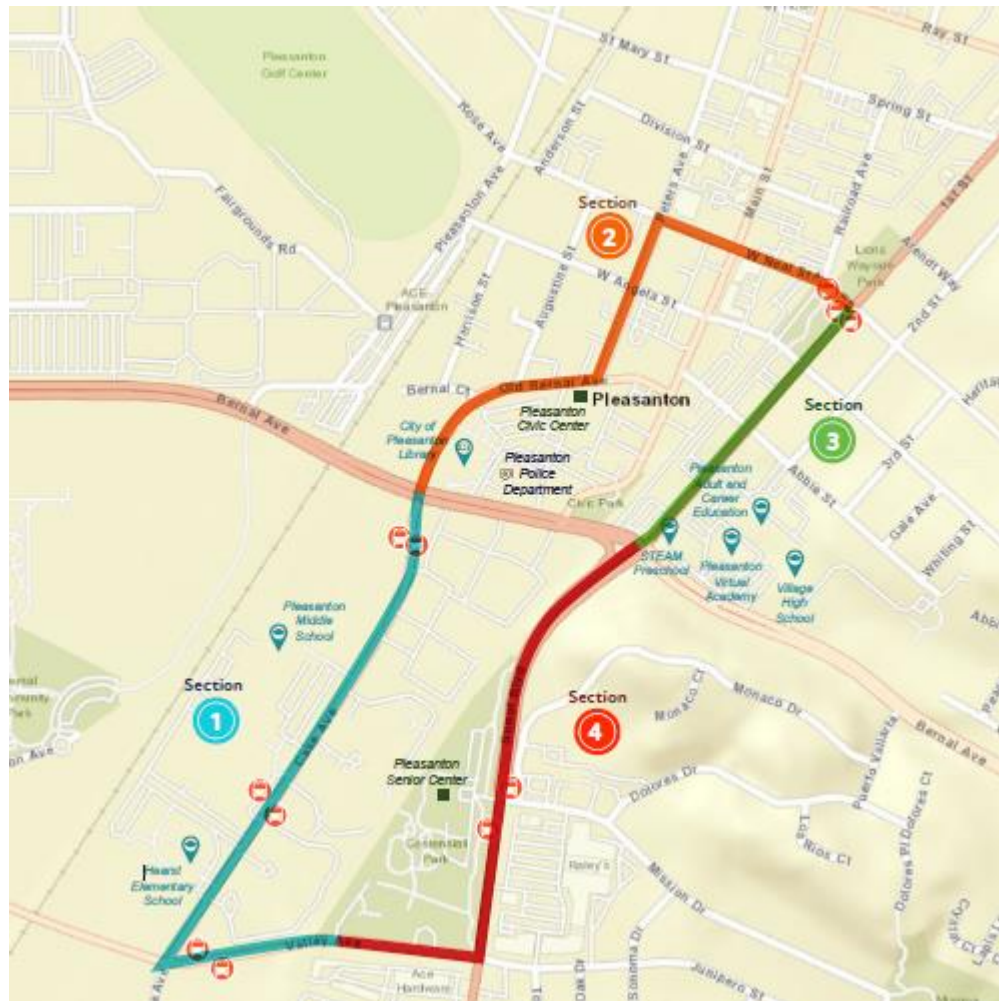
At the same time, participants observed that many of the City's existing trail systems and bicycle routes remain disconnected, creating missed opportunities for seamless travel across neighborhoods. Improved wayfinding and better connections between existing facilities would help residents more easily access and navigate the network, further encouraging active transportation.

Each walk audit route and summary of observations is provided below.

Walk Audit 1

Location: Case Avenue, Downtown, First Street Corridor, Sunol Boulevard Corridor

Figure 1: Walk Audit Route 1



Date and Time: September 29th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Attendees: Christine Campbell (BPTC), Donna Dubose (BPTC), Sharon Piekarski (BPTC), Susane Frey (Pleasanton Unified School District), Mike Tassano (City), Matt Nelson (City), Andrew Kotalik (Toole Design), Lindsay Mulcahy (Toole Design), Ollie Zhou (Hexagon), Shikha Jain (Hexagon)

Summary of Observations:

- The City has recently installed new trails and protected bike lanes around schools, and sidewalks are generally in good condition.
- Many existing bike trails lack signage or wayfinding, resulting in limited public awareness of these facilities.

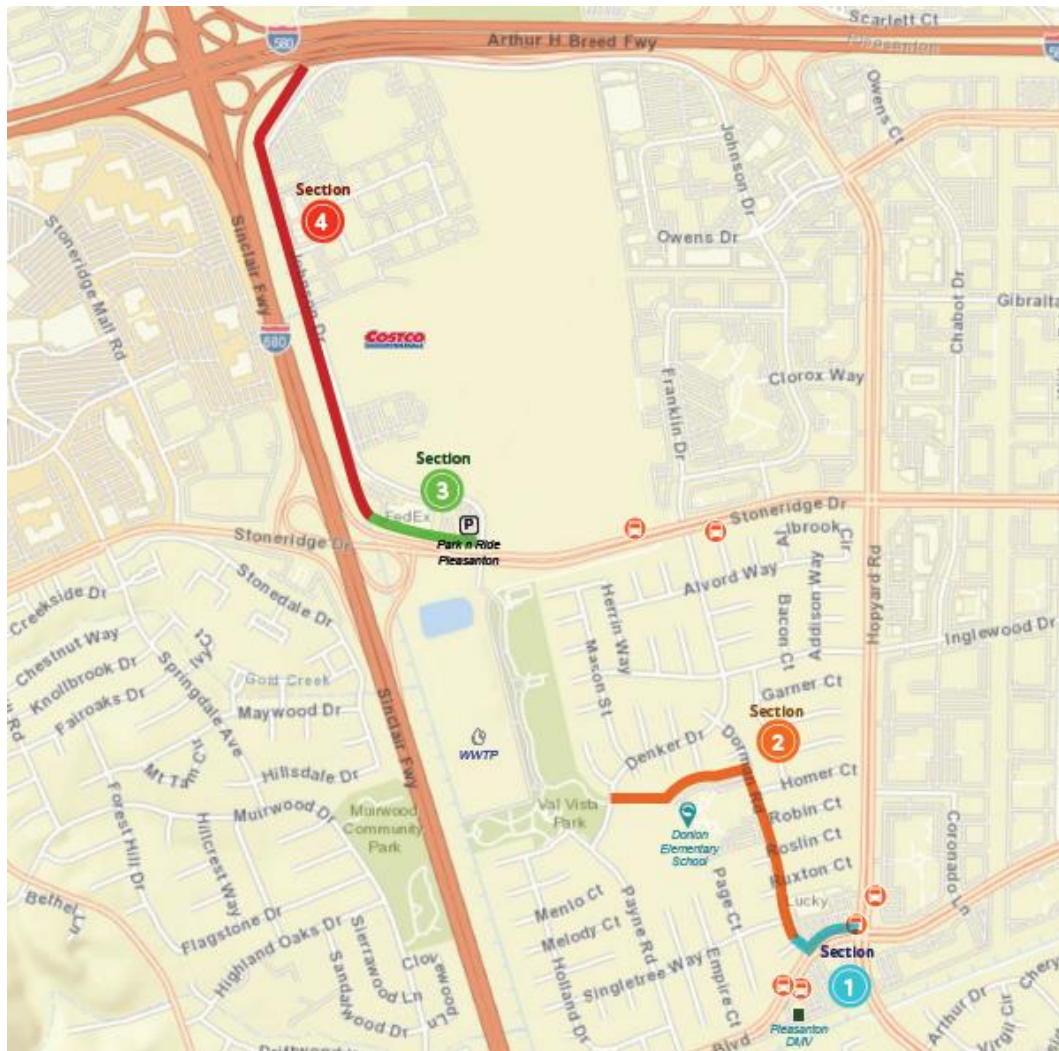
- Some corridors, such as Valley Avenue, have bike lanes in only one direction, reducing network connectivity.
- While downtown provides bicycle parking, there are no dedicated bike lanes due to right-of-way constraints.
- High levels of walking and biking activity were observed near schools on Case Avenue, though several instances of wrong-way bicycling and bicycling on the sidewalk were also noted.
- Several intersections in the City are large and challenging for pedestrians and bicyclists. For example, the Bernal Avenue/Sunol Boulevard intersection has faded striping; improvement plans were developed but could not be implemented due to lack of funding.



Walk Audit 2

Location: Los Positas Boulevard Corridor, Donlon Elementary/Dorman Road, Stoneridge Drive/I-680 ramps, Centennial Trail

Figure 1: Walk Audit Route 2



Date and Time: September 30th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Attendees: Sharon Piekarski (BPTC), Donna Dubose (BPTC), Matt Nelson (City), Cedric Novenario (City), Andrew Kotalik (Toole Design), Lindsay Mulcahy (Toole Design), Ollie Zhou (Hexagon), Shikha Jain (Hexagon)

Summary of Observations:

- Positive feedback on sidewalk-level bikeways and the crossing near the I-580 on ramp at Stoneridge Drive.
- Preference for protected bike lanes where feasible instead of buffered lanes; vehicles were observed encroaching into the bike lane on Johnson Drive.

- Ongoing maintenance concerns along Arroyo Trail.
- High number of children walking and biking to school, indicating strong community support for bicycle and pedestrian improvements—particularly around schools, where improvements should be prioritized.
- School intersections were generally well-marked and maintained.
- School parent mentioned unsafe driver behavior during school pick-up and drop-off periods.
- Frequent sidewalk riding and wrong-way bicycling observed along West Los Positas Boulevard. A previous lane reduction to add a bike lane resulted in vehicle queueing issues, leading the City to restore the travel lane.
- Large intersections along West Las Positas Boulevard lack adequate bicycle infrastructure, creating stress points within the bike network.

