North Fair Oaks Bicycle & Pedestrian Railroad Crossing & Community Connections Study

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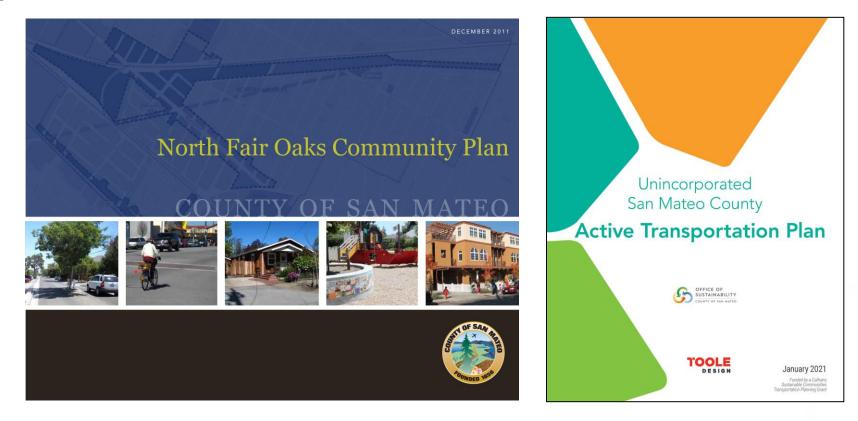




COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Project Overview

Goal: Overcome barriers to improve bicycle/pedestrian safety & access



Desired Study Outcomes

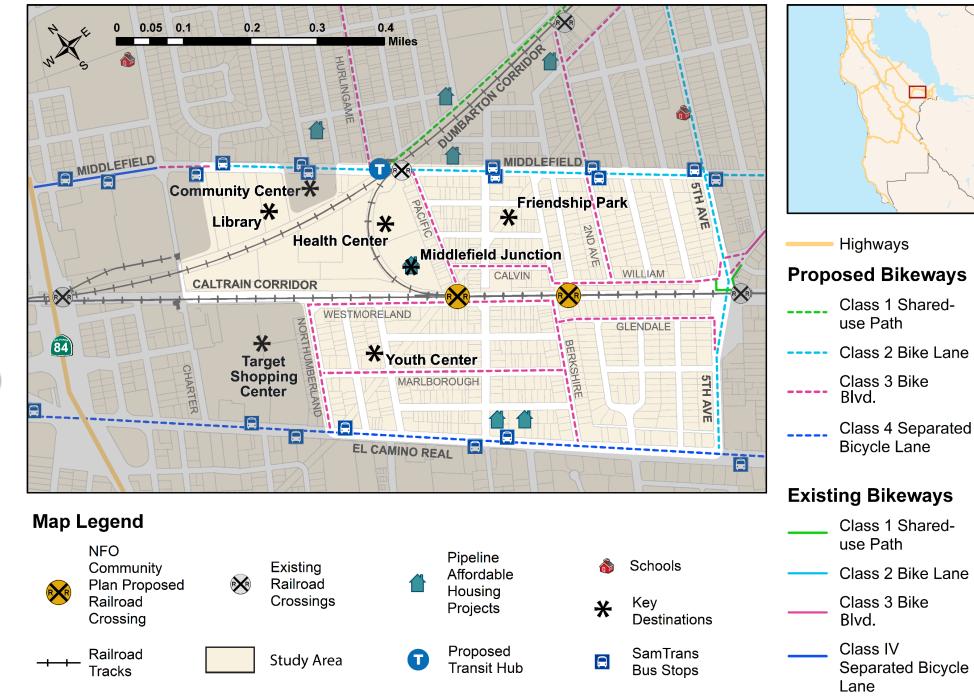


Identify preferred location & configuration for a new bicycle/pedestrian crossing of the Caltrain tracks

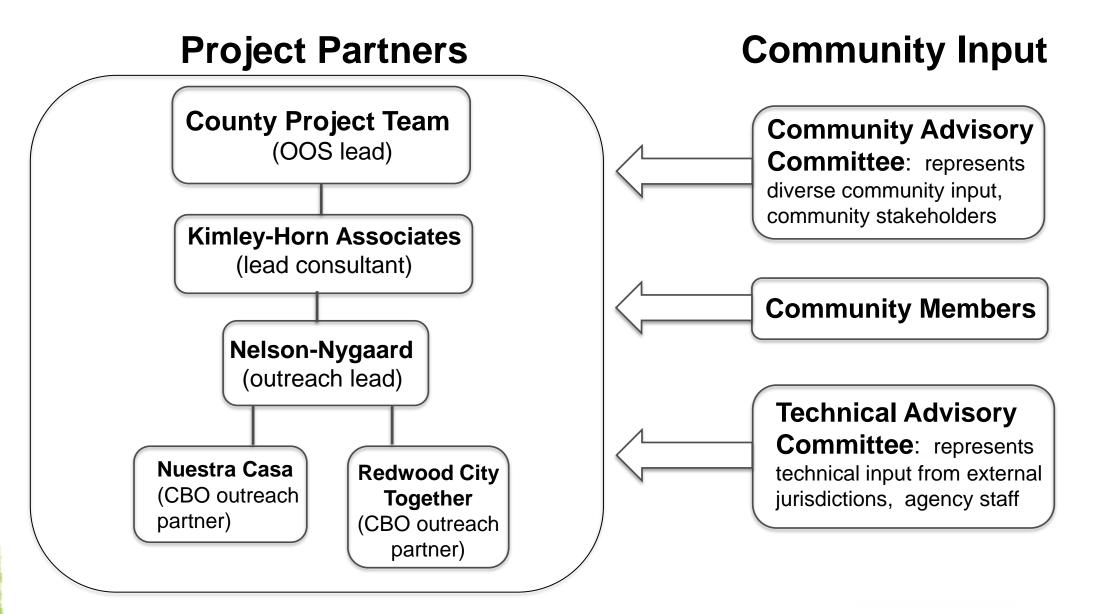
Identify bicycle and pedestrian enhancements on local streets linking the preferred rail crossing to key destinations

Position the County to be competitive for future grant funding opportunities to support implementation

Study Area Map



Project Structure







Coordination with Community Partners

Pop-up events/workshops

Planned Engagement Activities



Surveys (paper and on-line)

Small group discussions



Distribution of materials/notification of events



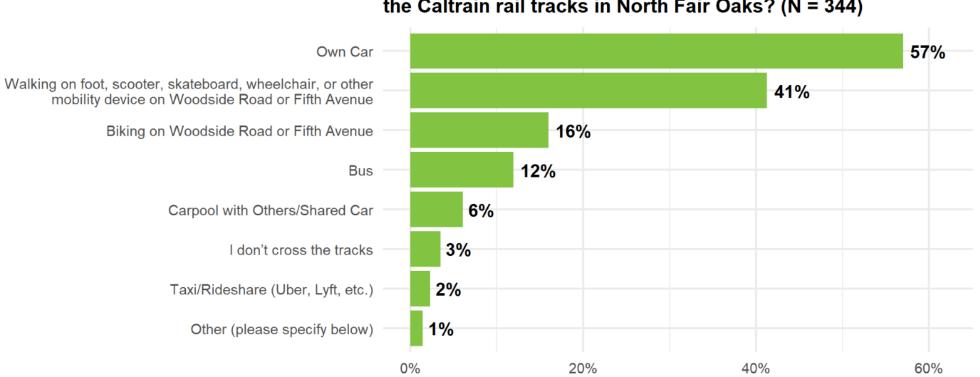
Dedicated Webpage: www.NFOwalkbike.org

Community Engagement



Hoover Park, in adjacent Redwood City

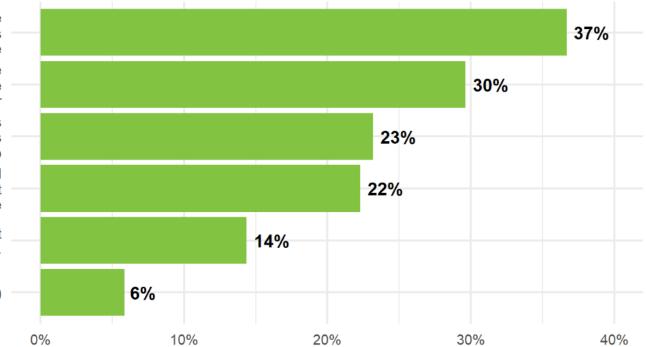
At Casa Circulo Cultural on Middlefield Road



On most days, how do you get around when crossing the Caltrain rail tracks in North Fair Oaks? (N = 344)

*Respondents were allowed to select more than one option

There is only one crossing of the railroad tracks in North Fair Oaks. How does this affect how you get around today? (N = 341)



I currently drive to destinations on the other side of the rail tracks, but I would prefer to walk or bicycle if it was possible

I walk, bicycle, or take the bus to destinations on the other side of the rail tracks, but it is challenging because distances are far

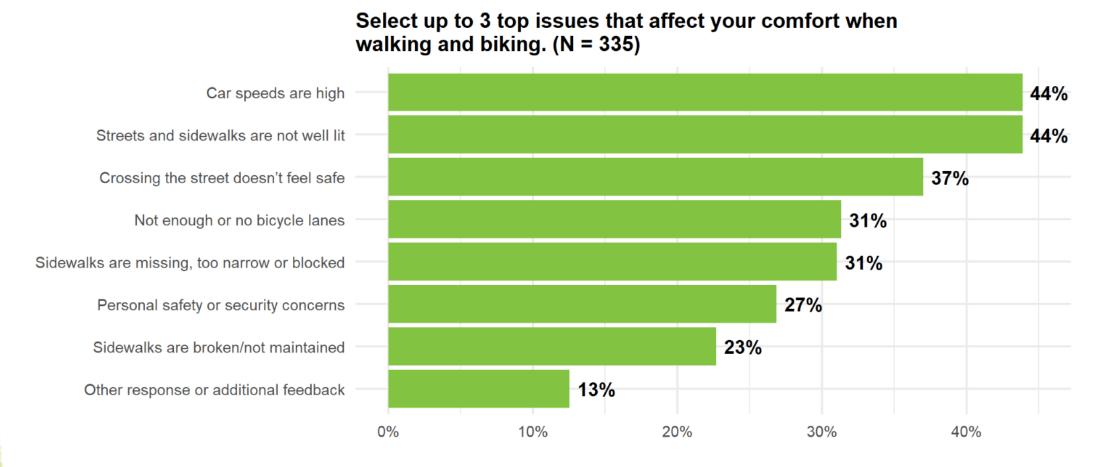
I walk, bicycle, take the bus or rideshare to destinations on the other side of the rail tracks, and have no problems doing so

I don't travel to places on the other side of the rail tracks or do so less often because it is difficult to get there

The lack of crossings of the rail corridor doesn't affect how I travel.

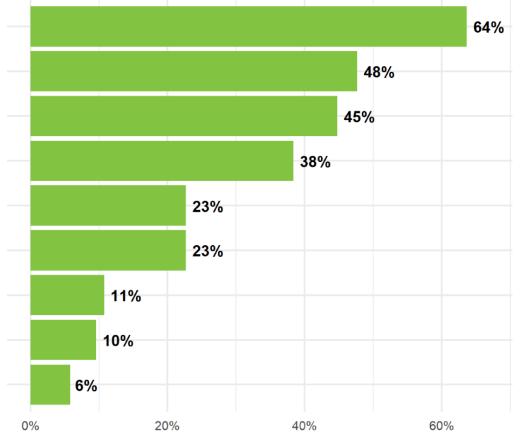
Other (please specify below)

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Select up to 3 top priorities that would make a new bicycle and pedestrian railroad crossing work best for you. (N = 344)



Personal security: I feel safe and visible

- Convenience: Crossing is provided in a location that results in the shortest walking and biking distance to my destination
- Accessibility: Everyone, especially people with disabilities and/or strollers, can easily access the crossing
- Connectivity: Nearby streets that connect the crossing are improved to become more safe and convenient to walk and bicycle on
- Greenery: The crossing design provides green and other public space for community use
- Visual appeal: Art and architecture are integrated into the crossing to make it look nice and fit in with the community
- Fast Construction: A design that allows for the shortest construction phase with minimal impact on the community
- Low impact: The crossing does not take up much space parking spaces, roads, and buildings are minimally affected

Other (please specify below)

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Next Steps

Key Activities	Timeline
Develop and concept alternatives for railroad crossing & local street improvements	Fall/Winter 2022/2023
Evaluate and select preferred alternatives for railroad crossing & bike/ped improvements on local streets	Spring/Summer 2023
Draft Study prepared and released	Summer/Fall 2023
Board of Supervisor approval for Final Study Report	Winter 2023/2024
Grant Deadline for Study Completion	March 30, 2024
Seek grant funding for capital implementation	2024 -

Thank you!

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