



North Fair Oaks Community Council

*A Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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October 23, 2025

7:00pm

The North Fair Oaks Community Council provides recommendations on the issues of community health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning for the North Fair Oaks geographic area. It holds regular monthly meetings to address the needs of the community, act as a forum, and serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

The North Fair Oaks Community Council was held in person at the Fair Oaks Community Center (2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City) and by teleconference using Zoom:

<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93656291344> It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety and shows each agenda item here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council members: Chair Prado, Esser, Parisi, Daly, Whitney, Rodriguez, Orozco, and Aponte

Absent:

Vice-Chair Saman

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

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Comments via Zoom:

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3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Council member Brooks Esser/ Second: Council member Rodriguez

Yes: 8 – Chair Prado, Esser, Parisi, Whitney, Daly, Aponte, Orozco, and Rodriguez

No: 0

Absent: Vice-Chair Saman

Agenda is approved.

4. Presentation: Redwood City Economic Mobility Action Plan – Draft Plan, Background, Research and Action Plan.

Speaker:

Briana Evans, City of Redwood City

- **What is it?**
 - Helping people improve their financial situation.
 - Economic mobility in Redwood City spans from meeting basic needs to stable employment and housing to wealth building.
 - Focus on helping individuals and families improve their economic circumstances over time.
 - Targeted areas are Redwood City and North Fair Oaks
 - Timeline: 7–10-year plan (ongoing adjustments, continuous community feedback)
- **Key Framework:**
 - Economic Success
 - Being valued in community
 - Power and authority
- **Main Goals:**
 - Reduce money stress, more job training, more affordable housing, and better financial education.
 - Use available resources, explain minimum wage rules, help people find jobs, connect people to support services.
 - Empower community, support small businesses owners, create leadership opportunities.
- **Key Findings:**
 - Many people struggle with basic needs.
 - Limited job opportunities
 - Challenges for immigrant communities
- **Who's Involved?**
 - Local organizations
 - Government agencies
 - Community members
 - Small businesses

Council member questions/comments:

- Is there a way to provide feedback with this specific request?
- Creating an internship program for high school students to provide pipeline opportunities to living wage jobs in the public sector.
- The importance of including diverse community voices in the feedback.
- How would this plan be benefited with different community groups, particularly working class and immigrant groups.

- How would the continuity be maintained between different jurisdictions along El Camino Real.

In-person Public Comments:

None

Public Comments via zoom:

None

5. Presentation: Grand Boulevard Initiative Action Plan – El Camino Real transportation infrastructure modernization project, Fall 2025 Progress Update.

Speakers:

Cassie Halls, Patrick Gilster, and Jake Buckenbarger from SamTrans, Caltrans, and San Mateo County Transportation Authority

- **Project Overview:**
 - Modernize El Camino Real transportation corridor.
 - Transform highway-designed road into multi-use street.
 - Connect 13-15 jurisdictions along the route.
- **GBI Action Plan:**
 - The action plan is the precursor to beginning a countywide Caltrans project development process:
 - Evaluate corridor-wide needs
 - Establish a cohesive vision
 - Build momentum toward implementation
- **Transformation Goals:**
 - Improve safety for all users
 - Create complete street design
 - Support multiple transportation modes
 - Enhance community connectivity
- **Mobility Ecosystem Goals:**
 - Reduce automobile dependency
 - Increase public transit attractiveness
 - Support active transportation modes
 - Create seamless multi-modal transportation experiences
- **Strategic Investment Parameters:**
 - Estimated 750 million to 1 billion comprehensive investments.
 - 8–10-year transformative implementation timeline
 - Potential for significant federal and state infrastructure funding
 - Longterm economic and social return on infrastructure investment

Council member questions/comments:

- Will communities with higher need for pedestrian and transit accommodation be given more consideration in the planning and implementation?
- How will the agency and partners ensure that funding also supports long-term maintenance and not just construction?

- Is there an overall plan to get people out of their cars, considering the regional dependency on cars?
- How will the plan ensure there aren't abrupt transitions in road design, like losing bike lanes or having variable lane numbers, at jurisdiction boundaries?
- What are your plans to ensure bus stops and other new infrastructure are not only built but properly maintained, given current issues with broken bus shelters and lighting?
- How much weight is going to be given to working class communities that rely on walking, biking, and public transit compared to more affluent areas that use cars?

In- person Public Comments:

None

Public Comment via zoom:

None

6. Motion: Finalize and Approve 2025-2026 NFOCC Workplan.

Speaker:

Chair Prado

- **Final 3 Priorities:**
 1. Economic Development
 2. Public Safety
 3. Parking

Council member questions/comments:

- We need to decide with these 3 priorities because they continually keep showing up.

In-person public comments:

None

Public comment via zoom:

None

Recommendation: That the North Fair Oaks Community Council 2025-2026 Top Priorities for the Workplan are 1. Economic Development, 2. Public Safety, and 3. Parking.

Motion: First: Council member Whitney / Second: Council member Esser

Yes: 8 - Esser, Whitney, Daly, Rodriguez, Parisi, Orozco, Aponte, Chair Prado

No: 0

Absent: Vice-Chair Saman

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Report Out:

District 4: Connie Franco

County Attorney: Brian Petit

Council Members: Daly, Esser, Whitney, Parisi, Orozco, Aponte, and Prado

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.