



**North Fair Oaks Community Council**

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

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**January 22, 2026**

**7:00pm**

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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/96739018786> 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**

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**Present:**

Council members: Chair Prado, Vice-Chair Saman, Parisi, Whitney, Daly, Esser, Orozco, and Aponte

**Absent:**

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**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**In-Person Comments:**

Deputy Nicholas Calderon

**Comments via Zoom:**

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**3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

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**Motion to approve the agenda.**

**Motion: Council member Esser / Second: Vice-Chair Saman**

**Yes: 8 – Chair Prado, Vice Chair Saman, Esser, Whitney, Daly, Parisi, Orozco, and Aponte**

No: 0

Absent: 0

Agenda is approved.

#### 4. Presentation: North Fair Oaks Traffic Enforcements and Traffic Incidents Update

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**Speaker:**

Captain Frank Dal Porto, Sheriff's Office and Captain/Commander Patrick Etchebarne, California Highway Patrol

- **Parking shortages and experience:**
  - Teachers risk \$60 parking tickets if they park on nearby street
  - Residents report daily arguments about parking
  - Recognition that many households have multiple cars and varying workhouse, solutions must not unfairly punish residents.
- **Parking Enforcement & abatement tools:**
  - Parking abatement phone line:
  - It used to report vehicles parked longer than 72 hours in the same spot.
  - Community Service Officers (CSO's) can mark/tow.
  - Admin sergeant (Nick Baragno) is the main contact for parking abatement issues.
- **CHP Area Commander Edgeburn:**
  - **Collision data:** Crashes have increased from **15 (2023)** to **19 (2024)** to **35 (2025)**, mainly **weekend hit and runs involving parked cars**, but **not fatalities**.
  - **Enforcement trends:** Citation rose from **214 (2023)** and **224 (2024)** to **471 (2025)**, reflecting more active enforcement.
  - Emphasis that visible patrol plus education (especially social media) are key to reducing severe crashes.
- **Looking ahead, CHP plan to:**
  - Use additional officers allocated for major regional event (Super Bowl, World Cup) to boost local patrols.
  - Establish a community-oriented officer dedicated to North Fair Oaks by mid-year and add another dedicated officer by summer 2026.
  - **Prioritize E-bike classes and when a bike becomes mopped /motorcycle under law.**

**Council member questions/comments:**

- What's the difference between E-bikes and minibikes?
- What's the legality and how are E-bikes treated under the law?
- How can commercial vs. residential parking restrictions be created?
- How would those restrictions be enforced on public streets?
- Council members still witness kids speeding with their E-bikes.

**In-person Public Comments:**

None

**Public Comments via zoom:**

Maria M and Jose

**5. Presentation: San Mateo Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) update**

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**Speaker:**

Patrick Gilster, San Mateo County Transportation Authority & (C/CAG) City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

- **Agencies involved:**
  - **San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) – Manages local transportation sales tax funds (Measures A/W).**
  - **CCAG – Coordinates countywide transportation policy and federal/state funding.**
- **Purpose of the Countywide Transportation Plan update (horizon year 2050):**
  - Set a long-term vision and goals for transportation in San Mateo County.
  - Guide funding priorities and criteria for evaluating grant applications.
  - Identify major regional projects (Dumbarton corridor, highway and rail projects) to advance with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
  - The plan acts as an *umbrella* that ties together:
    - Local and county bike/ped plans, safety plans, and corridor plans.
    - Transit agency (SamTrans, BART, Caltrain).
    - Past efforts like the Active 101 and South County Multimodal Corridor plans.
- **Planning focus areas:**
  - Travel patterns: Most people still drive alone; commute trips are long, about 20 mins, and many workers cross county lines.
  - Highway and roadway network: US-101 and Highway-1 as backbones; differences between bayside (grid) and coastside.
  - Transit network: SamTrans bus as backbone, plus Caltrain, BART, ferry, and a substantial shuttle system.
- **Key issues:**
  - Traffic congestion remains the top concern on the bayside; weekend congestion and emergency access are primary issues on the coastside.
  - Need for frequent, reliable transit along major corridors and better first/last mile connections to transit.
  - Strong interest in low stress bike facilities, safer crossings, and programs like E bike incentives—balanced with concerns about E bike safety.
  - Importance of equity: consistently identifying and prioritizing underserved communities in funding and project selection.
  - Future oriented questions the plan will address (looking to 2050):
    - How housing growth and costs, climate risks, and an aging population will shape transportation needs.
    - How to respond to the rise of E devices (E bikes, scooters), potential new regulations, and infrastructure needs.
    - How to handle transit funding gaps and adapt to changing commute patterns.
    - The impact of autonomous vehicles and other emerging technologies.

**Council member questions/comments:**

- Some council members rely heavily on public transportation daily. One council member often sees three ECR buses back-to-back – the first one crowded, the next one nearly empty.
- Suggested better scheduling/coordination to avoid bunching and improve reliability.
- Observed very low bus apparent bus presence.
- The benefits and tradeoffs from Middle Road improvements: More pedestrian friendly design, bike lanes, and improved crossings. Drawback: Increased traffic congestion in the Middlefield, which: Pushes diverted traffic onto parallel residential streets, including streets near schools, raising safety concerns –

**In-Public Comments:**

None

**Public Comment via zoom:**

Maria M.

**6. Report Out:**

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**District 4:** Connie Franco

**County Executive's Office:** Deputy Nicholas Calderon

**County Attorney:** Brian Petit

**Council Members:** Aponte and Chair Prado

**7. Adjournment**

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**Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**