

City of San José Youth Commission

Monday, September 22, 2025
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. ROLL CALL

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve August 25, 2025, Attendance

B. Approve August 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

III. PUBLIC RECORD

IV. OPEN FORUM

(2 MINUTE OF SPEAKING TIME IS AVAILABLE)

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V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ACTION:
CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSÉ 2025
UPDATED PLAN (A. BALIS)

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSÉ 2025 UPDATED PLAN

Presented to: Youth Commission
September 22, 2025

Anne Balis, Supervising Environmental Services Specialist— Energy Department



OVERVIEW

1. Background
2. Pathway to 2030: Trends in Emissions
3. 2025 Update
 - Key Changes
 - Engagement
4. Looking Forward
5. Recommendation and Next Steps



BACKGROUND

- **2018:** Climate Smart San José adopted
- **2019:** Climate emergency declared
- **2021:** Carbon neutrality by 2030 goal adopted
- **2022:** Pathway to Carbon Neutrality approved
(4 pillars: Zero Emission Vehicles, Vehicle Miles Traveled, Electrification, Clean Power)

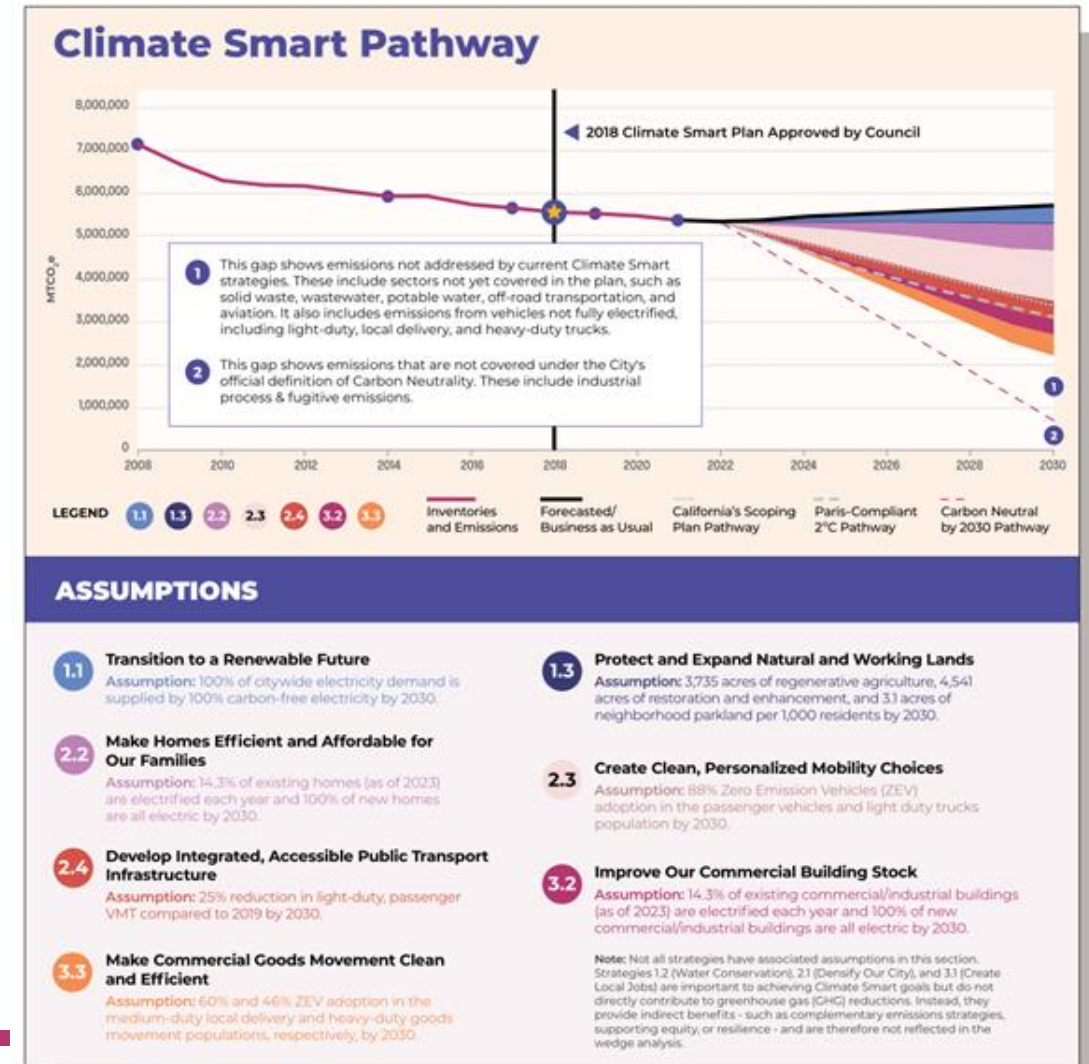
CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

A People-Centered Plan for a
Low-Carbon City



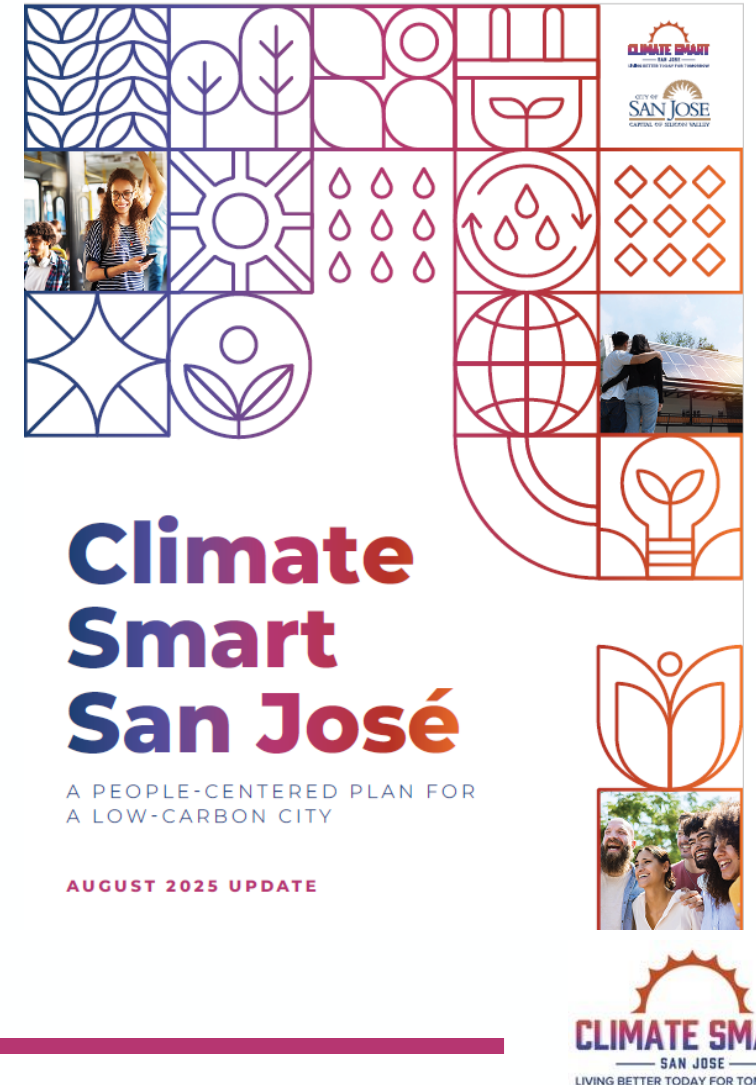
PATHWAY TO 2030: TRENDS IN EMISSIONS

- Down 16% since 2017 baseline
- Up 0.2% since 2021
- Transportation: 51% (largest sector)
- Natural Gas: 21% (2nd largest sector)
- Clean electricity on track: SJCE = 95.6% carbon free



2025 PLAN UPDATE - KEY CHANGES

- Incorporates carbon neutral goal, Natural & Working Lands Element
- Alignment with state and regional policies
- Changes to metrics
 - Focus on key decarbonization strategies
 - Align with available data
 - Milestones interpolated for 2027/2030; 2040 & 2050 unchanged
- New: Annual departmental workplans
- Acknowledgement: San José is currently not on track for 2030 goal



2025 PLAN UPDATE - ENGAGEMENT

Community & Staff Engagement

- Outreach at events, libraries, and community centers
- Multilingual engagement (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin)
- Digital outreach: ads + newsletters
- Engagement channels: webinars, Konveio comment platform, letters
- **200+ comments received** on the plan update
- Input from **40+ staff across eight City departments**

LOOKING AHEAD

September 2025 – February 2026

- Clean Transportation
 - EV Rebates (up to \$4,000 for income-qualified SJCE customers)
 - New bikeways (pavement program & Downtown Better Bikeways)
 - Engagement for San José Mobility Hubs
 - East San José Mobility Project (Bike Escuela, bikeshare, Mobility Wallet, Promotoras Academy)
- Building Electrification & Energy
 - Go Electric Advisor (EVs, home electrification, solar, batteries)
 - Expand Peak Rewards for Smart Homes
- Climate Planning
 - Climate Adaptation & Resilience Plan Public Review Draft
 - Connect North San José Multimodal Plan



RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

Living Better Today
for Tomorrow

The Youth Commission accepts staff's presentation on the Climate Smart San José 2025 Updated Plan and recommends adoption of the Climate Smart San José 2025 Update by City Council.

QUESTIONS?

**LIVING
BETTER
TODAY FOR
TOMORROW**

Contact us:

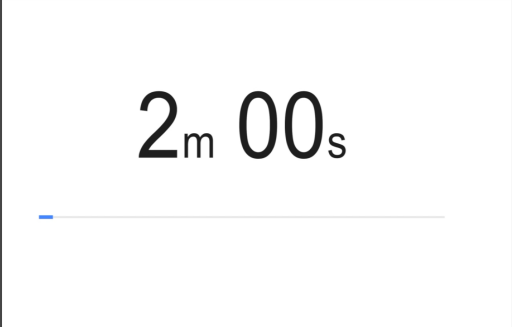
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B. INFORMATIONAL:
28TH STREET/LITTLE PORTUGAL
TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT UPDATE (A. LOPEZ AND
C. PHILIP)

28th Street / Little Portugal

Future Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

September 2025

Christina Philip, VTA Multimodal Planning & Real Estate
Anthony Lopez, VTA Community Outreach & Public Engagement

VTA Transit-Oriented Developments (TOD)

Desarrollos Orientados al Transporte Público de VTA (TOD)

Phát triển theo định hướng phương tiện công cộng (TOD) của VTA



Berryessa



Blossom Hill



Branham



Capitol



Great Mall



Hostetter



River Oaks



Tamien



Winchester

Easy Access to Everyday Needs

Fácil acceso a los lugares para
cubrir las necesidades diarias
Dễ dàng tiếp cận các nhu cầu
hàng ngày



Local Businesses and Services

Negocios y Servicios locales
Các doanh nghiệp và dịch vụ
địa phương



Active Street Life

Calles con vida activa
Cuộc sống đường phố năng động



Station Area

Larger context

Área de la estación

Contexto más amplio

Khu vực nhà ga

Bối cảnh lớn hơn

BART: to Berryessa

Design Development
Framework for VTA TOD

Approximately
12 acres

Highway 101

E Julian St

E Santa Clara St

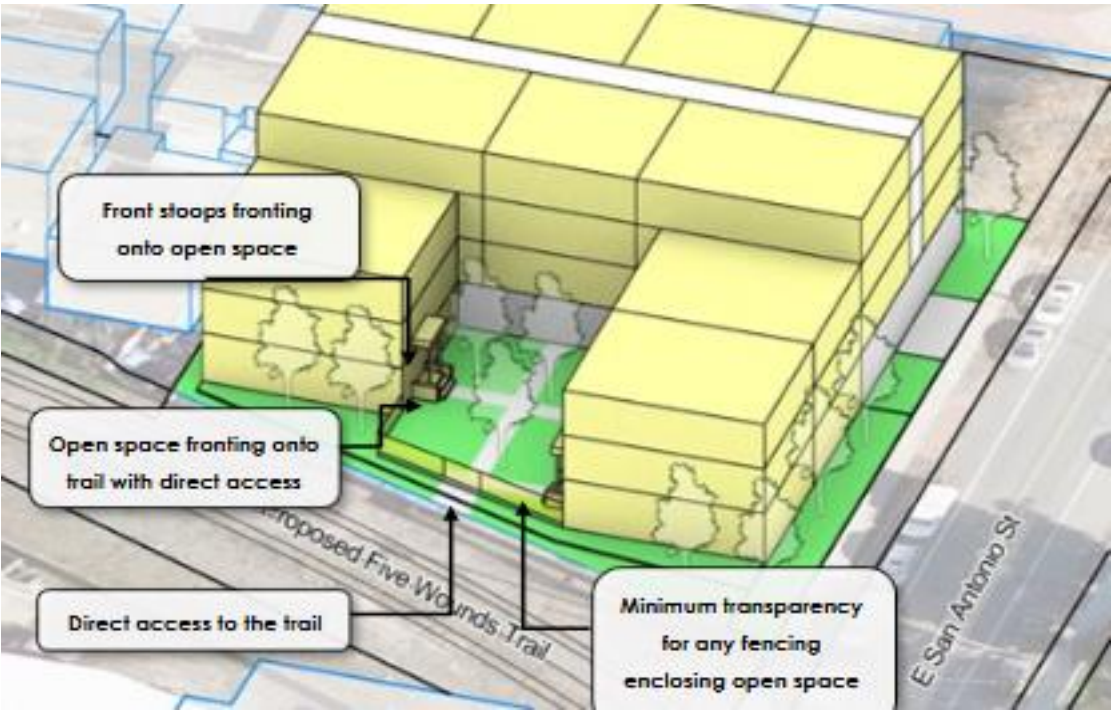
BART: to Downtown
(underground)



Other Related Projects



2018-2035 (Design & Construction)



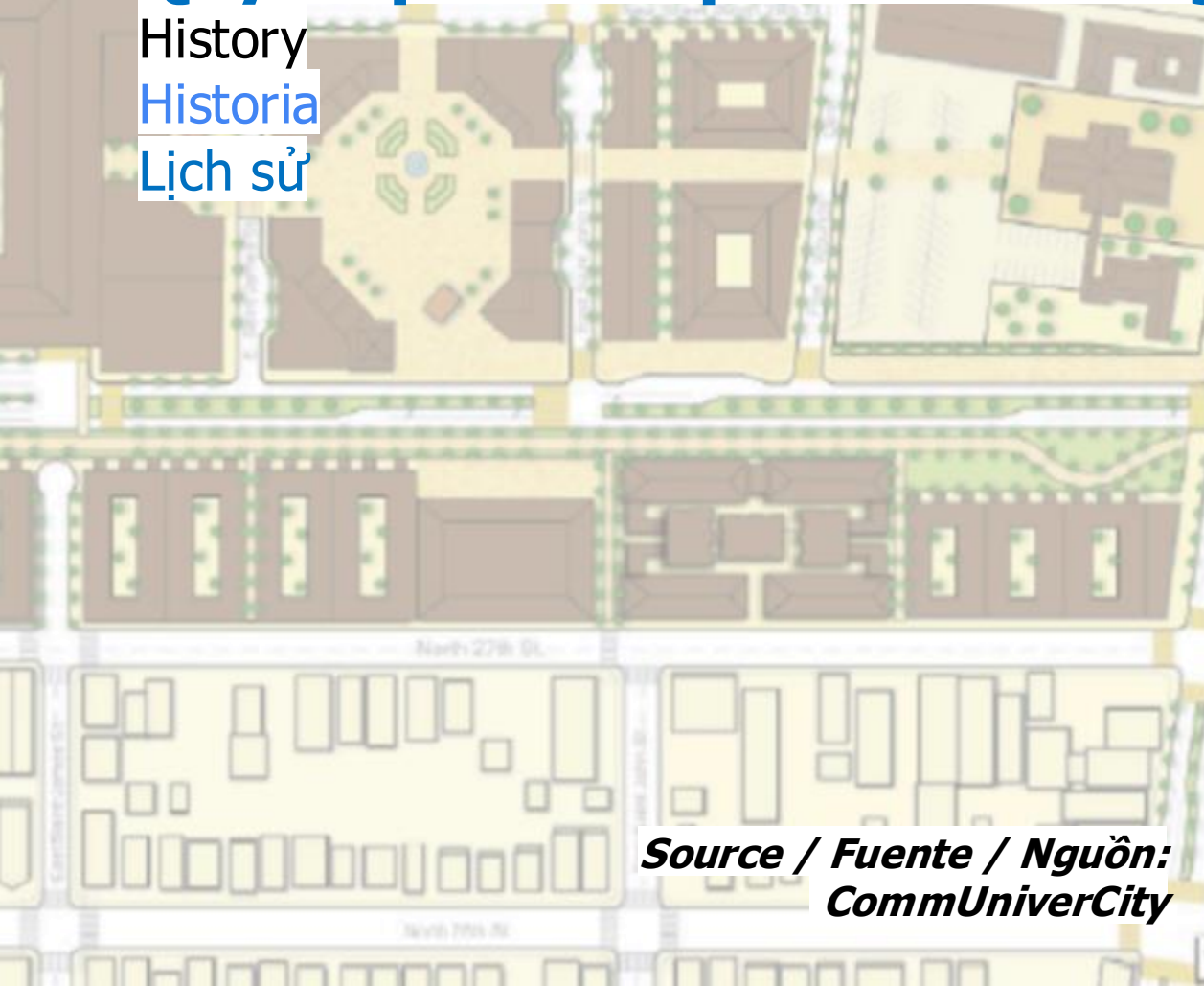
2022-2025

Urban Planning in Little Portugal

Urbanismo en Little Portugal

Quy hoạch đô thị ở Little Portugal

History
Historia
Lịch sử



*Source / Fuente / Nguồn:
CommUniverCity*



*Source / Fuente / Nguồn:
TOC Playbook*

What is the DDF?

Design Development Framework (DDF)

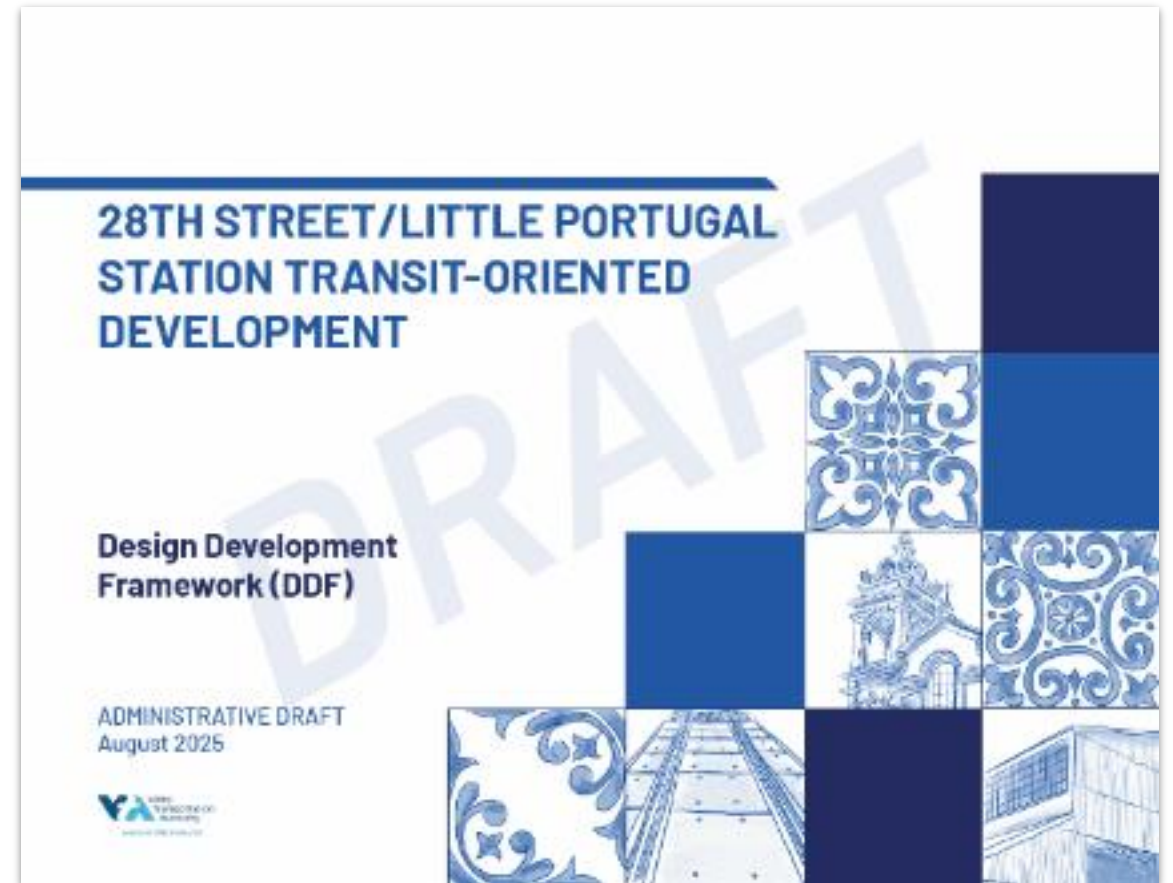
- Concept vision + design principles
- Will guide real estate development (aka TOD) proposals on VTA land near the future BART station

TOD Webpage:

vta.org/28LPdevelopment

Versions:

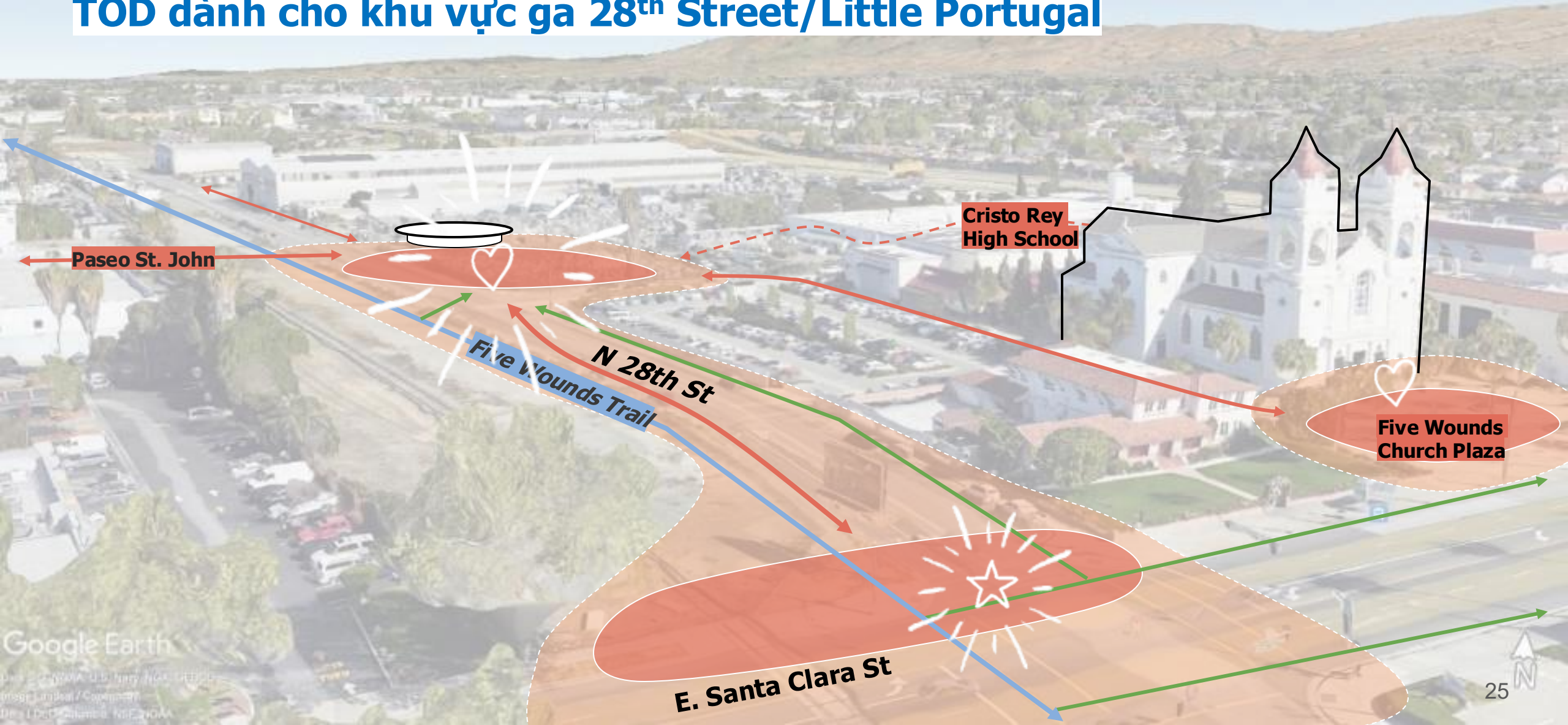
English, Spanish, Vietnamese + Portuguese



28th Street/Little Portugal Station Area TOD

Área del TOD en 28th Street/Little Portugal Station

TOD dành cho khu vực ga 28th Street/Little Portugal



The Row

Opportunities for constrained land uses



Townhomes/Stacked Flats
~40' width



Hotel Single Loaded
35'-40' width



Residential Double-loaded
~52'+ width



Food Hall/Community Spaces
~60' width



Residential Single-loaded
30'-40' width



Flex Lofts
~40' width



Arts Studios/Residence
~60' width



Educational/Makerspaces
~60' width

Little Portugal TOD: Guide to Development

TOD en Little Portugal: Guía para el desarrollo del lugar
TOD dành cho Little Portugal: Hướng dẫn về sự phát triển



Highlight cultural identity
and address disparities

Destacar la identidad cultural y
abordar las disparidades

Làm nổi bật bản sắc văn hóa và
giải quyết sự chênh lệch



Encourage new development
that is both economically
successful *and* grounded in place

Fomentar nuevas construcciones que sean
económicamente exitosas y arraigadas en el
lugar

Khuyến khích sự phát triển mới vừa thành
công về kinh tế vừa có sẵn
nền tảng



Make walking, biking, and
taking transit the preferred
mobility experiences

Hacer que caminar, andar en bicicleta y
tomar el transporte público sean las
experiencias de movilidad preferidas

Làm cho việc đi bộ, đi xe đạp và đi
phương tiện công cộng trở thành những
trải nghiệm đi lại ưa thích

DDF Chapters

OVERVIEW

DESIGN
PRINCIPLES

+ Culture &
Community

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+ Urban Fabric
& Environment

+ Mobility &
Connectivity

REFERENCE

4.1 Block Structure

4.1 Estructura de bloques

4.1 Cầu Trúc Dãy

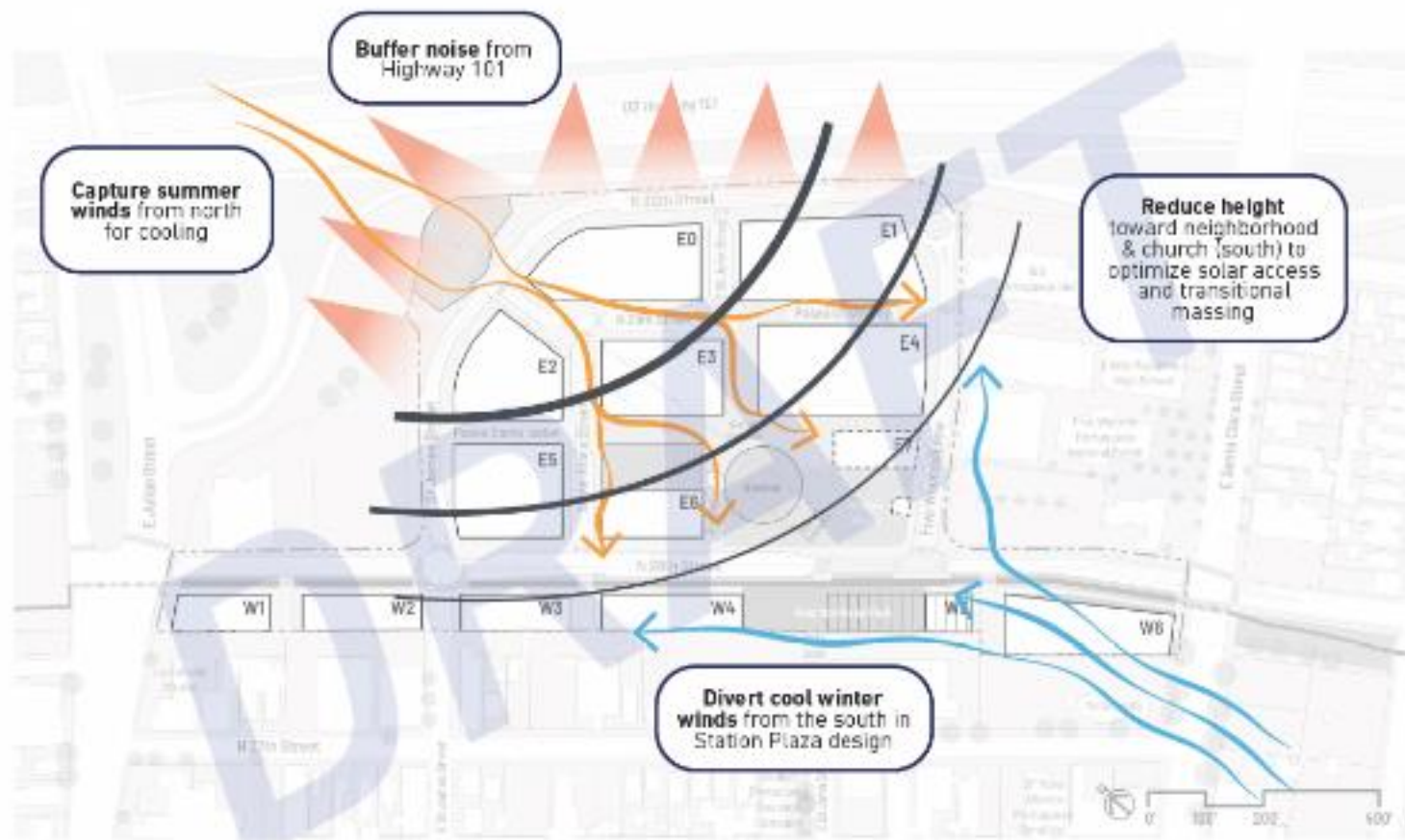


FIGURE 31. Conceptual TOD orientation opportunities informed by local climate

3.2 Không Gian Mở



FIGURE 13. Conceptual open space network

5.1 Active Mobility Network

5.1 Red de movilidad activa

5.1 Mạng Lưới Di Chuyển Chủ Động

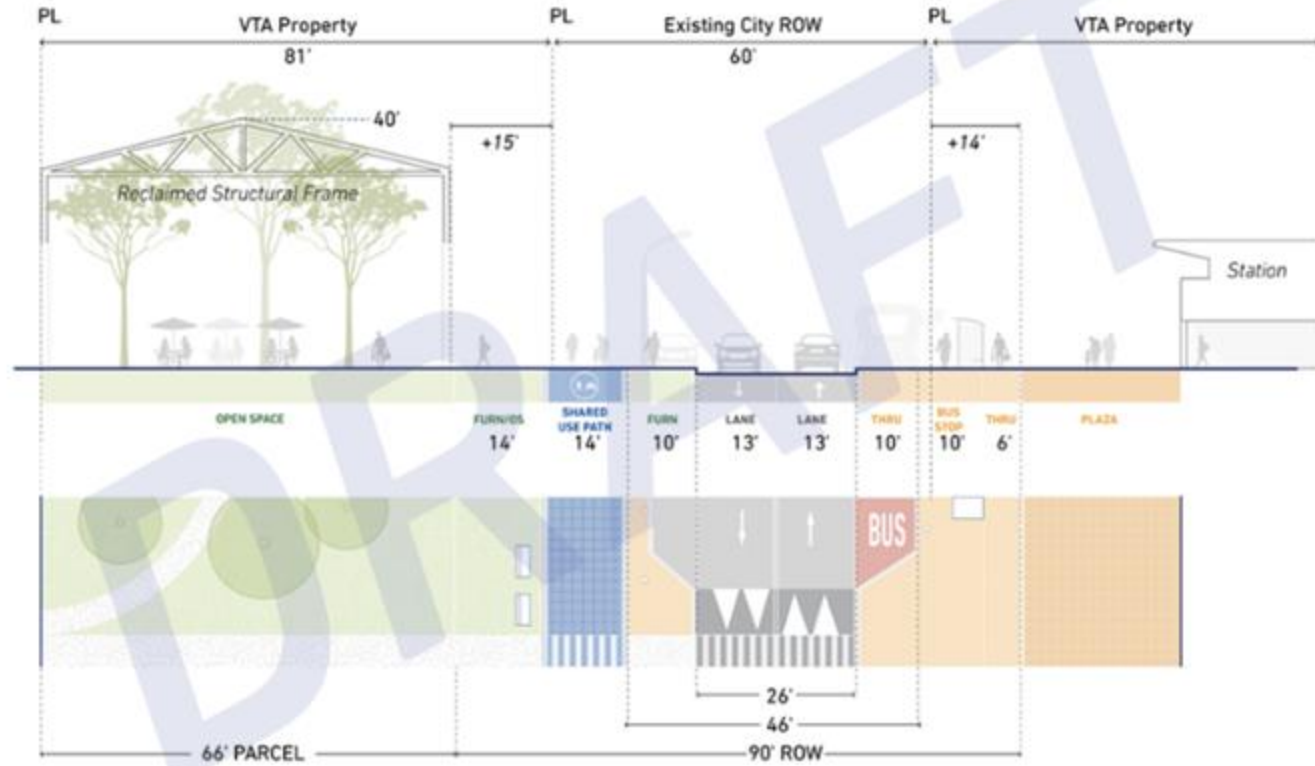


FIGURE 53. Conceptual N. 28th Street section #2 across from Station Entrance with shared-use path

Appendices

- A: Market Study
- B: TOD Framework Memo
- C: Sustainability Memo
- D: Project Context Memo
- E: Engagement Summary
- F: Placemaking Memo
- G: Parcel Plan Evolution
- H: Plaza Comparisons



Engagement Summary

Resumen del compromiso

Tóm Tắt Việc Tham Gia

+125



MULTICULTURAL AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY



+123



LOCAL BUSINESSES



+104

LOCAL ART AND ARTISTS

+87



PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY AND LEGACY



+52

ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY CULTURE

+31



AGRICULTURE, DAIRY AND CANNERY HISTORY

+24



INDUSTRIAL AND RAIL HISTORY

Community Engagement to Date

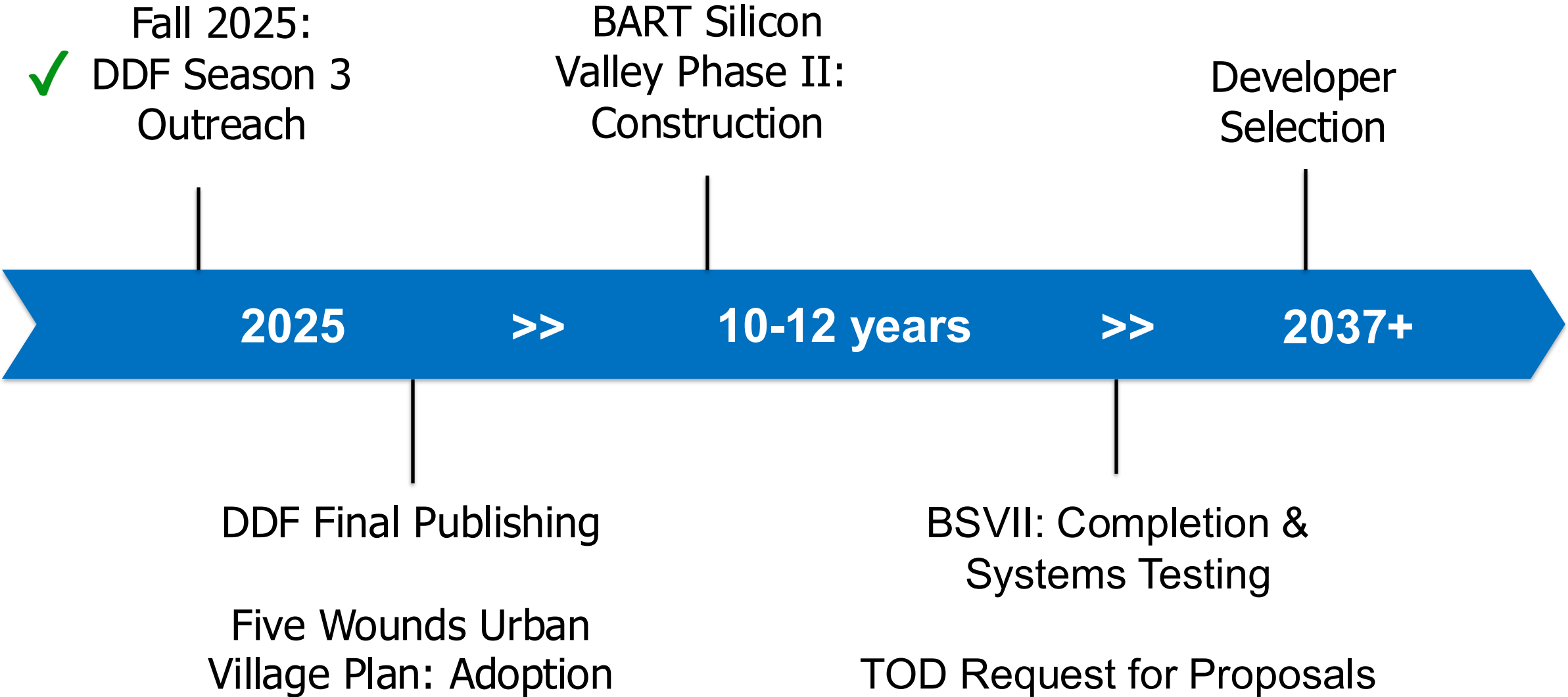
Over 700
estimated
touchpoints across:

- Stakeholder meetings
- Youth engagement
- Pop-ups at events

www.vta.org/28LPdevelopment



Timeline



Thank You!
iGracias!
Cảm ơn quý vị!

VTA COPE

community.outreach@vta.org

VTA TOD

TOD@vta.org

Stay Involved!
Manténgase involucrado
Hãy luôn tham gia

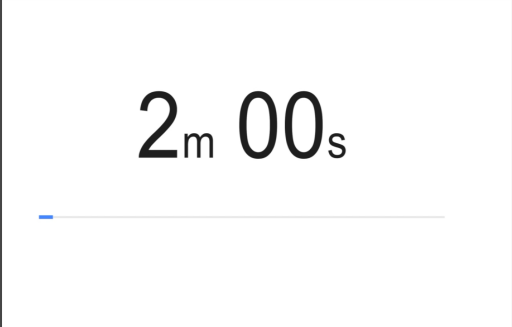
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Additional References:

- **TOD Access Study: vta.org/28LPdevelopment**
- **BSVII Extension Project: vtabart.org**
- **5W Urban Village Plan: sanjoseca.gov/fivewoundsuvp**

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C. INFORMATIONAL:
ADOPT-A-STORM DRAIN PROGRAM
(R. NAIR AND T. NGO)

Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program

Rajani Nair, Deputy Director
Tiffany Ngo, Environmental Program Manager
Watershed Protection Division

September 22, 2025



Environmental Services



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Agenda

- ◆ Regulatory Requirements
- ◆ Program Information
- ◆ Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Contact Information



The Clean Water Act

- 💧 The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948 was the first major U.S. law to address water pollution. Growing public awareness and concern for controlling water pollution led to sweeping amendments in 1972. As amended in 1972, the law became commonly known as the Clean Water Act (CWA).
- 💧 **Prohibits the discharge of any pollutant** into the waters of the United States



Cuyahoga River on fire in 1969



Bridge along Guadalupe River

Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit

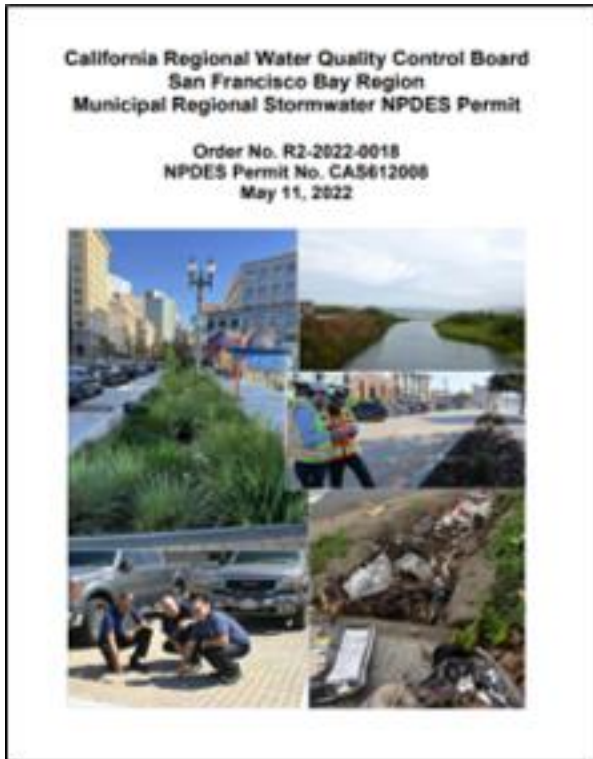
Provision C.10 Trash Load Reduction

Permittees shall reduce trash discharges from 2009 levels, described below, to receiving waters in accordance with the following schedule:

- ◆ 90 percent by June 30, 2023
- ◆ 100 percent by June 30, 2025*

**UNLESS Permittee submits a Direct Discharge Trash Control Plan, then the deadline is December 31, 2025.*

Trash Load Reduction requirement may be achieved through Full Trash Capture or Other Trash Control Measures.



Stormwater Permit Cover, effective May 2022

San Jose's Trash Reduction Efforts

Trash Control: Full Trash Capture (59.5%)	Number of Systems	Acres Treated
Small Trash Capture	552	687
Large Trash Capture	30	14,444
Trash Control: Private Lands (18.3%)	Total Parcels	Mod – Very High Trash Parcels
Private Land Drainage Area (PLDA) Inspections	~2,400	234
Trash Controls: Other (19.9%)		
Adopt-a-Park	Park Ranger Patrols	
Neighborhood Litter Program	Downtown San Jose Property-Based Improvement District (PBID)	
Public Litter Cans	Removing and Preventing Illegal Dumping Team (RAPID)	
Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Enforcement Team	Neighborhood Beautification Program	
Waste Management for Your Special Event	No Cost Junk Pickup	
Litter Enforcement	Encampment Management Program	
Industrial Commercial Stormwater Inspections	Street Sweeping	
Community Engagement/Public Education	Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance	
Business Intelligence Data Tracking System	Foam Food Container Ordinance	
Offsets (25%)		
Direct Discharge Trash Control Plan (expiring 12/31/2025)	Creek and Shoreline Cleanups (expired 6/30/2025)	

Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program Information

What is a storm drain?

A system on the ground that routes rain and water from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces into an underground pipe system. The water is then discharged into local creeks and rivers that eventually flow into the San Francisco Bay (Bay), often without filtering or treatment.



Illustration of two individuals cleaning storm drains connected to a creek. The storm drain system is translucent and shows trash entering the storm drain, into the pipes, and out into the creek water.

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Why Does It Matter?

1

Keep storm drains from getting clogged

2

Reduce flooding in your neighborhood

3

Prevent pollutants from entering our creeks and the Bay



Storm drain before adoption with trash and debris strewn around it, and after adoption without trash or debris.

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What Adopters Do



Illustration of an individual cleaning trash around a storm drain.

Clean up

Clean storm drains monthly and before rain events

Record

Record clean up data in activity reports

Promote

Promote neighborhood care and resilience

What the City Provides



Clean up kit



Support from City staff



Recognition

How It Works

Step 1

Choose a storm drain, fill out forms, and name your drain!

Step 2

Review the safety video and receive your free cleanup kit

Step 3

Check on your storm drain monthly

Step 4

Report cleanups on our website

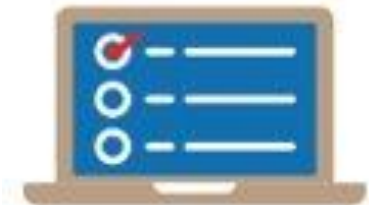
SJEnvironment.org/Adopt-A-Storm-Drain



Storm drain with name tag named Drainy



Broom and dustpan



Laptop with activity report form loaded

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Volunteer Opportunities for the Youth Commission

Adopt	Adopt a storm drain!
Lead	Lead a Cleanup Event
Promote	Promote the program: Door Knocking, Presentations, Social Media

Gain volunteer service hours and engage your community!

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Contact Information



Program ad with volunteer using safety gear and gesturing to cleaned storm drain

Contact our department for questions or opportunities to collaborate!

WSPinbox@sanjoseca.gov

(408) 945-3000



Illustration of bird perched on bush near tree

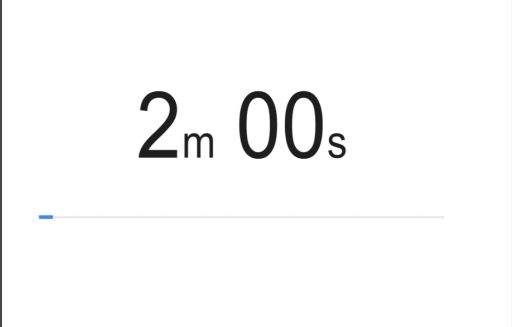
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Thank you!



Animated storm drain with speech bubble saying, "You are helping prevent pollution from entering San Jose waterways" in front of a creek.

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D. INFORMATIONAL:
YOUTH COMMISSION OUTREACH
PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(CHAIR KUCHAROWSKI)

Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Outreach Plan				
Objective	Actions	Outcome	Evaluation	Timeframe
<i>What do you want to accomplish?</i>	<i>How are you going to achieve the objective?</i>	<i>What are the desired results?</i>	<i>How are we going to measure the outcome?</i>	<i>By when?</i>
Promote Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and Youth Commission activities, events, and recruitment	Recruit YAC members via social media and website Promote YAC/Commission applications at events via swag, flyers, and outreach Write monthly blog posts (event recaps, announcements, etc.) for the website Attend community events (at least one Commissioner present)	Increased participation and community attendance at events and work-plan initiatives Expanded reach of the Commission and/or its work within the City (and County)	Consistent submissions of YAC participation survey throughout the year Increase in Youth Commission applications Increase in website and social media impressions Increase in event registration and attendance Responsive community feedback (mainly positive)	Ongoing
Develop community partnerships	Reach out to other Youth Commissions, Key Clubs, and organizations to foster relationships of mutual support Share citywide youth survey with other Youth Commissions, Key Clubs, and youth-led non-profits	Increased participation and community attendance at events and work-plan initiatives Increased number of survey responses Diversified demographic of survey respondents and/or event attendees	Survey questions pertaining to respondent's affiliation and demographic Increase in event registration and attendance	May 2026

Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Outreach Plan				
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Maintain relationships within the City (SJPL Libraries and the City Council)	Update libraries regarding the Youth Commission and YACs monthly (with print-outs to post up) Share SJPL initiatives with YACs Contact Council Members to re-share posts on social media and in their newsletters Attend community events (at least one Commissioner present) hosted by Council Members and the City	Deepened partnerships between Commissioners and District Council offices/SJPL Libraries Increased engagement of youth with library and/or Youth Commission initiatives	Increase in youth participation in library initiatives Increase in youth engagement in District-specific (including YAC) events	May 2026

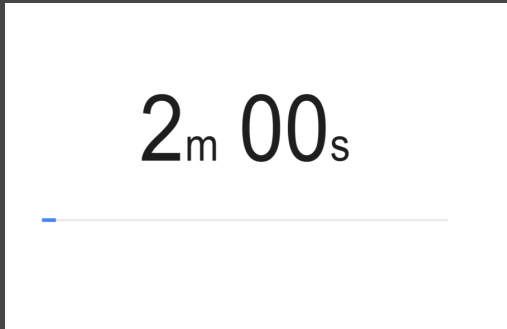
Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Outreach Plan Calendar		
July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
	- Onboarding	- Approve Outreach Plan
October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
- Approve Youth Commission Survey	- Promote Youth Commission Survey - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters	- Promote Budget Summit - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters
January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
- Promote Budget Summit - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters	- Promote Budget Summit - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters - Promote Youth Commission Vacancy Recruitment - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters	- Promote Youth Commission Vacancy Recruitment - Social Media - Website - Schools - Newsletters
April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
- Promote Youth Commission Awards Ceremony - Social Media - YACs - District Council Offices	- Promote Youth Commission Awards Ceremony - Social Media - YACs - District Council Offices	

Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Outreach Plan Calendar	
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Yearlong	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promote District YAC Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social Media- Website- Schools- Newsletters- District Council Offices- Promote (& recap) Youth Commission Events (Tree-Planting)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-- |
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Website



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E. INFORMATIONAL:
IDENTIFY AD HOC COMMITTEES TO
SUPPORT WORK PLAN OBJECTIVES
(CHAIR KUCHAROWSKI)

COMMUNITY AD HOC COMMITTEE

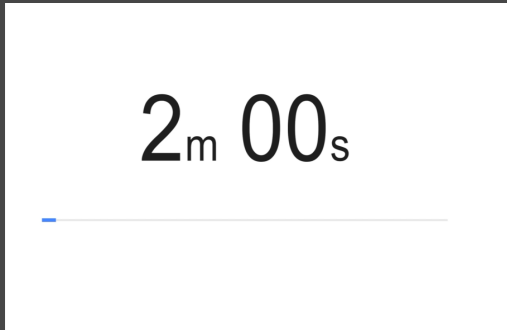
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VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ONLY

A. COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT (A. MONTES)

B. PARKS AND RECREATION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
(L. HAWKINS)

C. SAN JOSÉ LIBRARY REPORT (V. KILAMBI)

D. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT (CHAIR
KUCHAREWSKI)

E. COMMISSIONER REPORT PER DISTRICT



Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department Youth Commission Update September 22, 2025

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Grant Opportunities:

Trust for Public Park

Activation grant - due 9/23

Opioid Overdose Prevention

Grant - due 9/25



SAN JOSE
PARKS, RECREATION & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
Building Community Through Fun

SAN JOSE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND™

Got an idea to bring new energy to your park?

Apply for an up to \$10K grant to host free community events or install fun, temporary features in your local park!

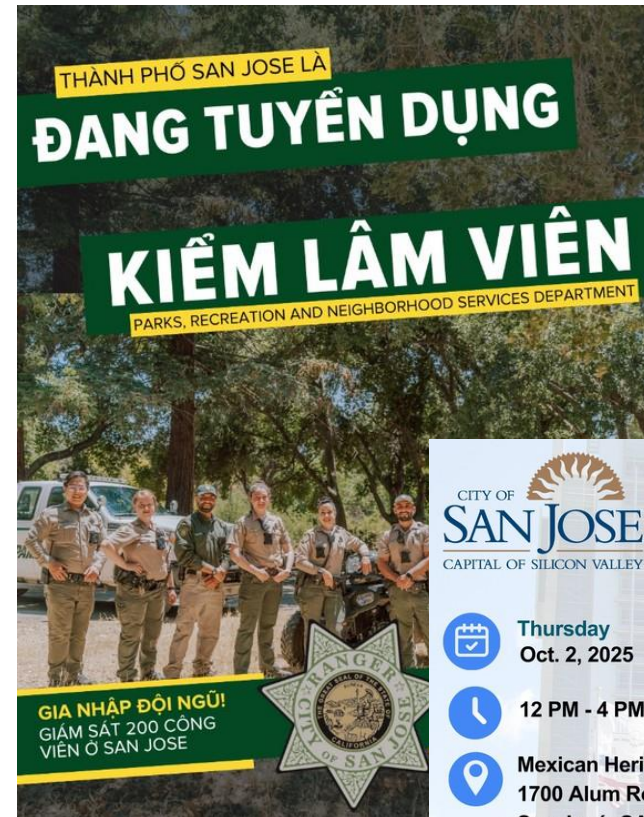
APPLY BY SEPT. 23

Visit: 10minutewalk.org/partnership-fund to apply

RECRUITMENTS

Zoo Keeper Part-Time Unbenefited -
Closes 10/1/2025

Additional jobs can be found on the
City of San Jose [Human Resources
Webpage](#)



CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

CAREER EXPO 2025

Thursday
Oct. 2, 2025

12 PM - 4 PM

Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Ave.
San José, CA 95116

More information at:
tiny.cc/csj-expo2025

REGISTER NOW

qr1.be/ZYGD

- Meet with 20+ departments within City of San José.
- Explore career paths and job opportunities.
- Workshops on how to apply for City jobs and benefits of working for the City (Workshops presented in English only).

Free admission and free parking!

From the Airport to the Zoo, the City of San José has an opportunity for You!

RECREATION DIVISION



SAN JOSE
PARKS, RECREATION &
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
Building Community Through Fun

GET INVOLVED

**JOIN THE CITY SENIOR
CITIZEN COMMISSION!**

**MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES
AFFECTING OLDER ADULTS IN SAN JOSÉ:**

- Health & wellness
- Education & employment
- Housing & transportation
- Food access & nutrition
- Recreation & social connection

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be a San José resident
- Not currently serving on another City Board or Commission
- Not currently a City employee
- Able to attend monthly meetings in person

APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 30
bit.ly/senior-commission

We want you! PRNS is looking for members community to be a voice and represent their council district.

We have vacancies on the Senior Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

RECREATION DIVISION



Your satisfaction is important to us! Your input helps us identify needs and implement changes at your local Community Center.



English



Vietnamese



Spanish



Chinese

RECREATION DIVISION

- Registration is accepted both online and in person.
- Residents can view activities online or by picking up a Community Activity Guide at their local Community Center.
- Save the Date! October the 2026 Scholarship Application will be released



PARKS DIVISION

- Join PRNS for a night of camp-themed fun on Saturday, Oct. 4, 5 to 9 p.m. at Leininger Community Center!
- Our Volunteer Management Unit continue to host their Sunday Series at Parks across the City
- Los Lagos Golf Course Scholarship
- 2026 Viva CalleSJ Date Announced



COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

- Neighborhoods Conference on Saturday, October 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Hall Rotunda.
- Report Illegal Dumping or Graffiti via the 311 or online



STAY UP TO DATE WITH PRNS



@sjparksandrec

Commissioners' Report Per District

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**VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDAS**

VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEM

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT 6:30 PM
AT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY, ROOM 225

IX. ADJOURNMENT