

City of San José Youth Commission

**Monday, May 18, 2026
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. ROLL CALL

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

**A. Approve April 27, 2026 Youth
Commission, Meeting Minutes**

A. District 6 Art Workshops Event Proposal

C. Public Correspondence (If any)

III. OPEN FORUM

(2 MINUTES OF SPEAKING TIME IS AVAILABLE)

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IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**A. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
(L. RAMIREZ)**

Agenda Item

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**B. SAN JOSÉ YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
ALLIANCE
(P. RIGUERO AND J. MARCIL)**



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SAFE SUMMER INITIATIVE, AND YOUTH
INTERVENTION SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

YOUTH COMMISSION

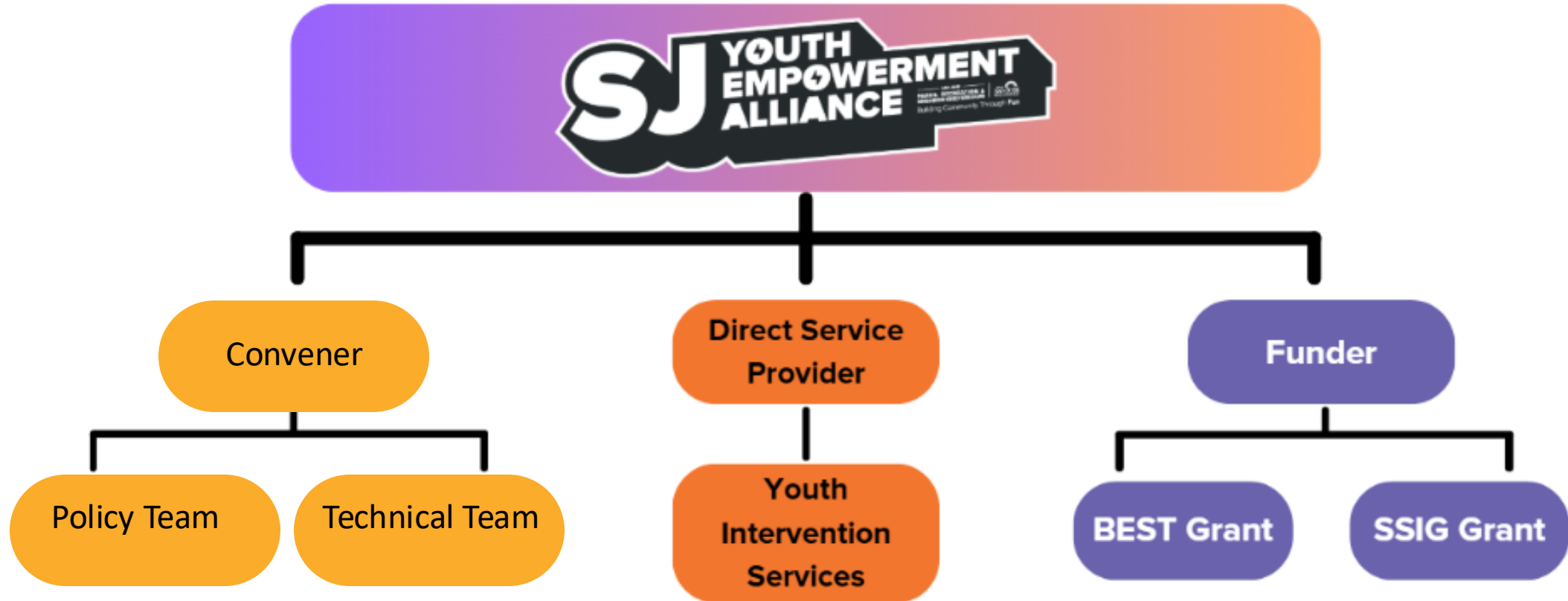
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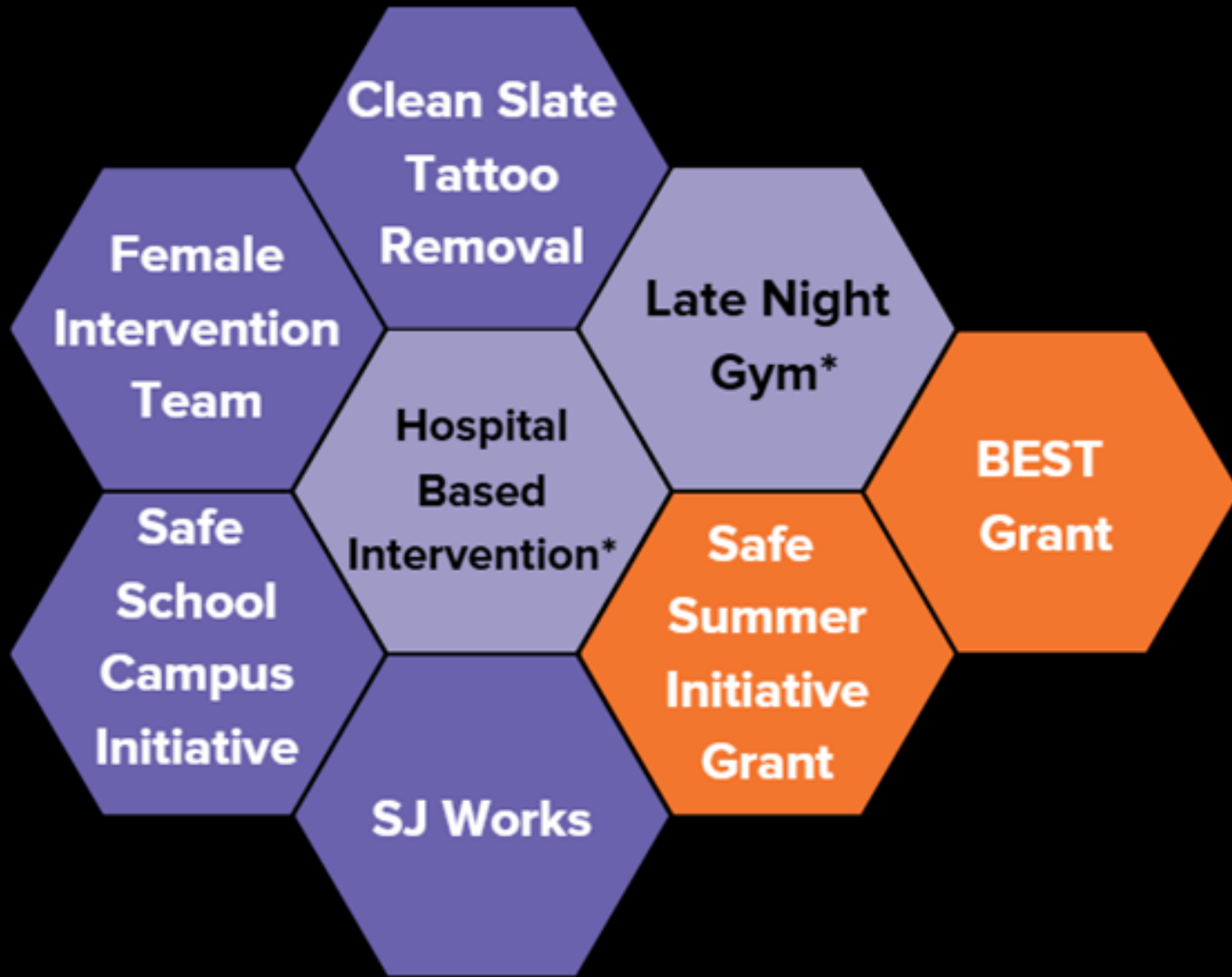
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PROGRAM MANAGER


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 Youth Intervention Services (YIS)

 Grantmaking Programs

 Grant Funded Programs*

KEY RESULTS & BASELINE MEASURES

PREVENTION

Objective	School	2023-2024 Baseline Data	2024-2025 Rate
Reduce Chronic absenteeism in priority schools	High School 1	38%	33%
	Feeder School 1	23%	16%
	High School 2	24%	19%
	Feeder School 2	26%	30%

KEY RESULTS & BASELINE MEASURES

INTERVENTION

Objective	2023-2024 Baseline Data	Key Results
Reduce % of level 1 incident responses proportional to all reported Safe School Campus Initiative responses	41% Level 1	30% Level 1
	24% Level 2	27% Level 2
	35% Level 3	43% Level 3

KEY RESULTS & BASELINE MEASURES

DIVERSION & REENTRY

Objective	2023-2024 Baseline Data	Key Results
Increase number of participants in career & readiness programs	2,431 participants in career & readiness programs	Key results will be tracked through the CYSMP Meaningful & Sustaining Jobs Priority Area beginning April 2026

KEY RESULTS & BASELINE MEASURES

HEALING

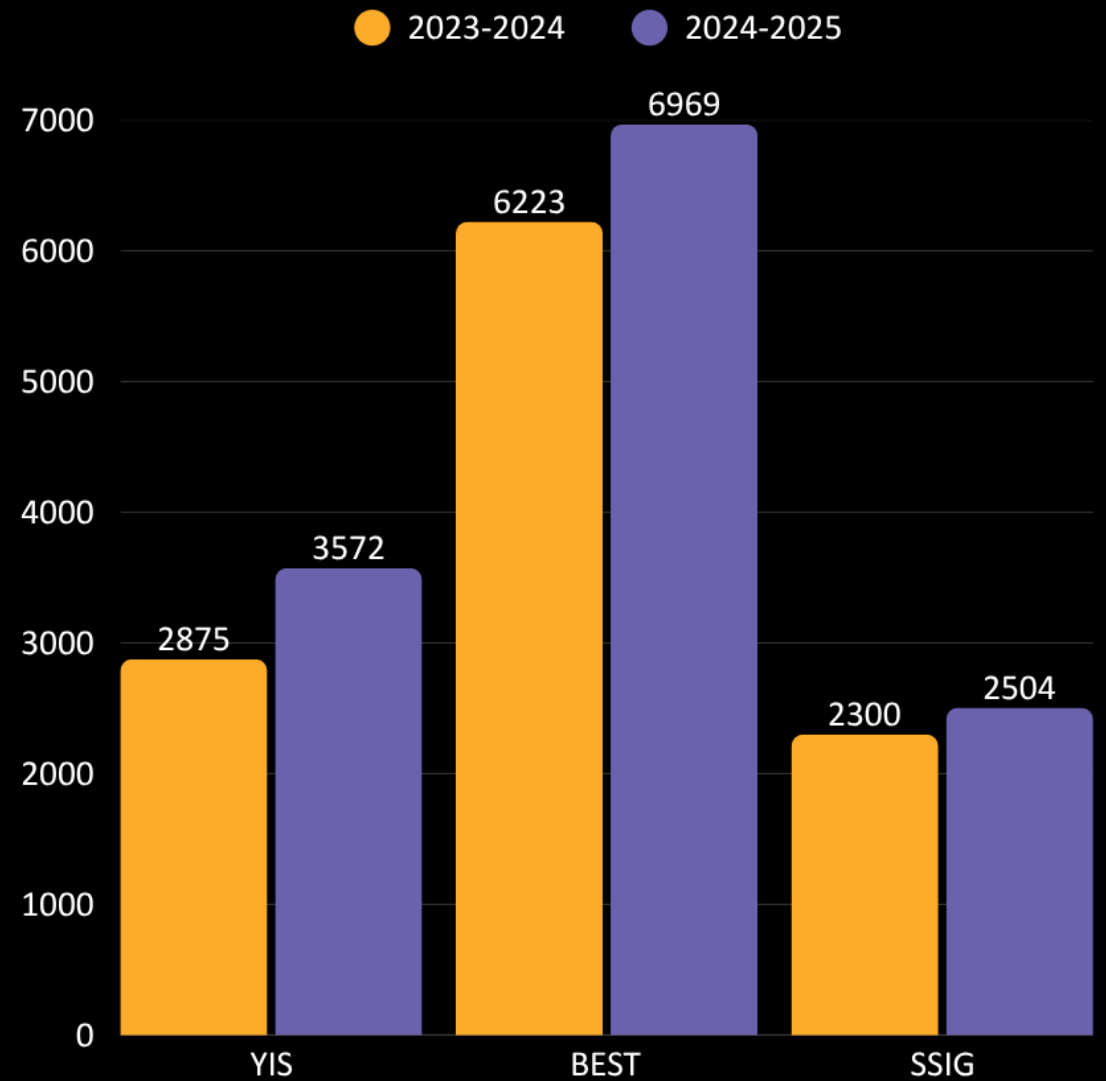
Objective	2023-2024 Baseline Data	Key Results
Implement “No Wrong Door” service delivery pilots at Mayfair/Poco Way and Santee/Seven Trees neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CYSMP was adopted on April 9, 2024• One-time funding of \$1 million to pilot the “No Wrong Door” framework was approved in June as part of the FY 2024-25 budget	Two demonstration sites were selected (services will be provided in the Mayfair and Poco Way neighborhoods and in the Santee and Seven Trees neighborhoods). Services at the demonstration sites began in January 2026.

KEY SUCCESSES AND OUTCOMES

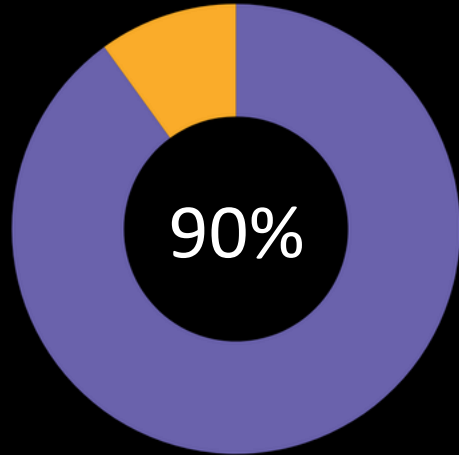
- Youth connection to caring adults increased by 3%, with 92% of BEST grant participants reporting they have an adult they can go to that cares about them
- Three out of four priority schools experienced an overall 5% reduction in chronic absenteeism
- SSCI Level 1 incidents decreased 11%
- SJWorks program completion rate improved by 5%
- Juvenile arrests in San José declined 13% compared to 2024.



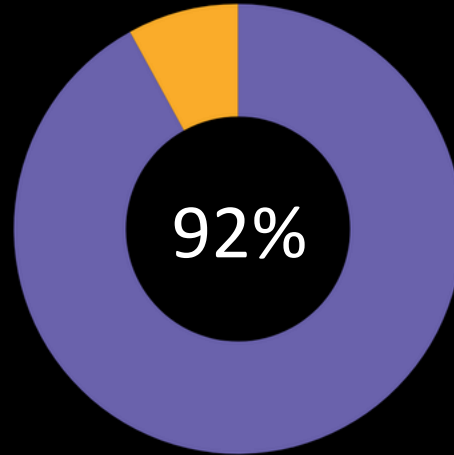
PARTICIPANTS BY PROGRAM



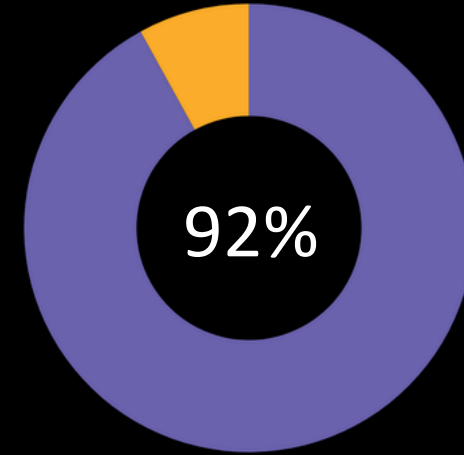
PROGRAM OUTCOMES



School administrators rated SSCI overall efforts as good or excellent at keeping schools safe



Youth felt safe in BEST Grant funded programs



Youth felt SSIG was a safe program

LOOKING FORWARD

- 2026-2029 BEST Request for Qualification
- SJYEA Program Evaluation and Database
- Re-establish the SJYEA Interagency Working
- Youth Intervention Services
 - Saturday Night Lights initiative
 - Violence Prevention Week





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**C. GENERAL PLAN FOUR-YEAR
REVIEW UPDATE
(M.HERNANDEZ AND S. GHOSAL)**



General Plan 4-Year Review

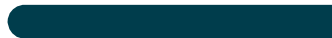
May 18, 2026

Sanhita Ghosal, Supervising Planner
Mia Hernandez, Office of Racial and Social Equity



Today's Purpose

1. *To update the Youth Commission on the General Plan Four Year Review Topics*
2. *Share a little bit about the Community outreach conducted by PBCE and invite you to take part in our Virtual Open House!*



What is the General Plan?

The City's long-term roadmap for how it grows over time. It guides what gets built — and where.

WHY IS THE PLAN IMPORTANT?

The General Plan influences where homes, stores, parks, and businesses are built.



Transit & Mobility



Housing Affordability



Job Opportunities



Public Safety

Current Reality
\$1,102,000
Median San José townhome — 2025

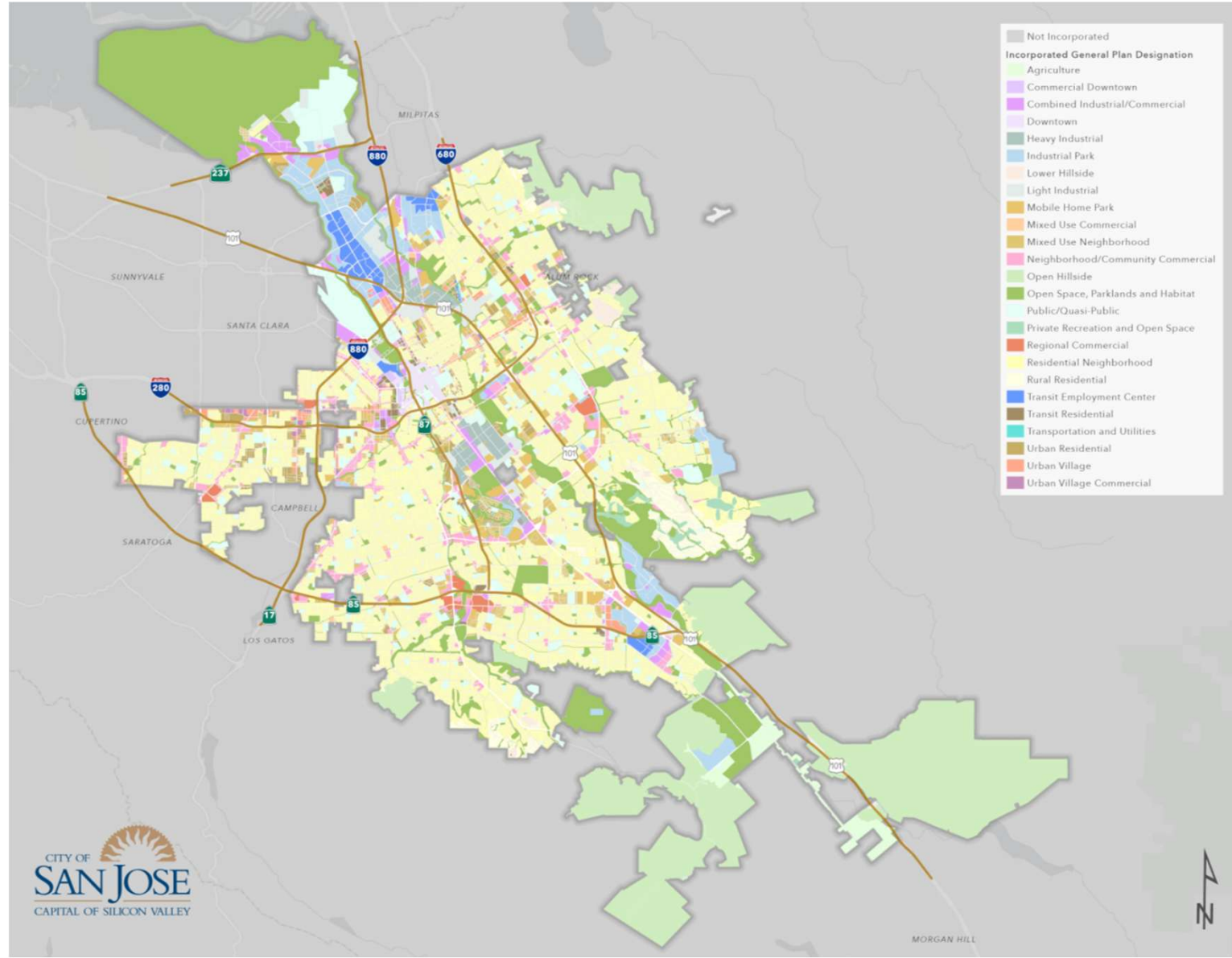
WHAT DOES THE PLAN DO?

- Sets goals for job creation
- Determines how many new homes can be built — target homes: 120,000 by 2040
- Topics: Land Use · Circulation · Housing · Open Space · Safety · Noise · Environmental Justice





What's in the General Plan? Land Use Map



Why Is the General Plan Being Updated?

1. Every four years, San José reviews its General Plan

2. Maintain legal compliance with current Housing Element (2023-2031)

3. Groundwork for next Housing Element (2031+)

THIS REVIEW FOCUSES ON:

-  Increasing Residential Capacity
-  Missing Middle Housing
-  Jobs & Employed Residents Balance
-  Urban Village Strategy



Residential Capacity

Residential Capacity Update



GOAL: Make room for up to 60,000 new housing units – making San José affordable for all.

CURRENT REALITY

- Limited vacant land
- Housing unaffordable for many residents
- SB 79 overrides local zoning near transit

HOW WE GET THERE

- Rezone retail/office land for housing
- Targeted area - Alameda & Winchester corridors
- “Missing middle” housing in neighborhoods
- Simplify Urban Village process

LAND TYPES to TAP INTO

MUC

Mixed Use Commercial
Up to 6 floors

UR

Urban Residential
Up to 12 floors

TR

Transit Residential
Up to 25 floors



Urban Villages



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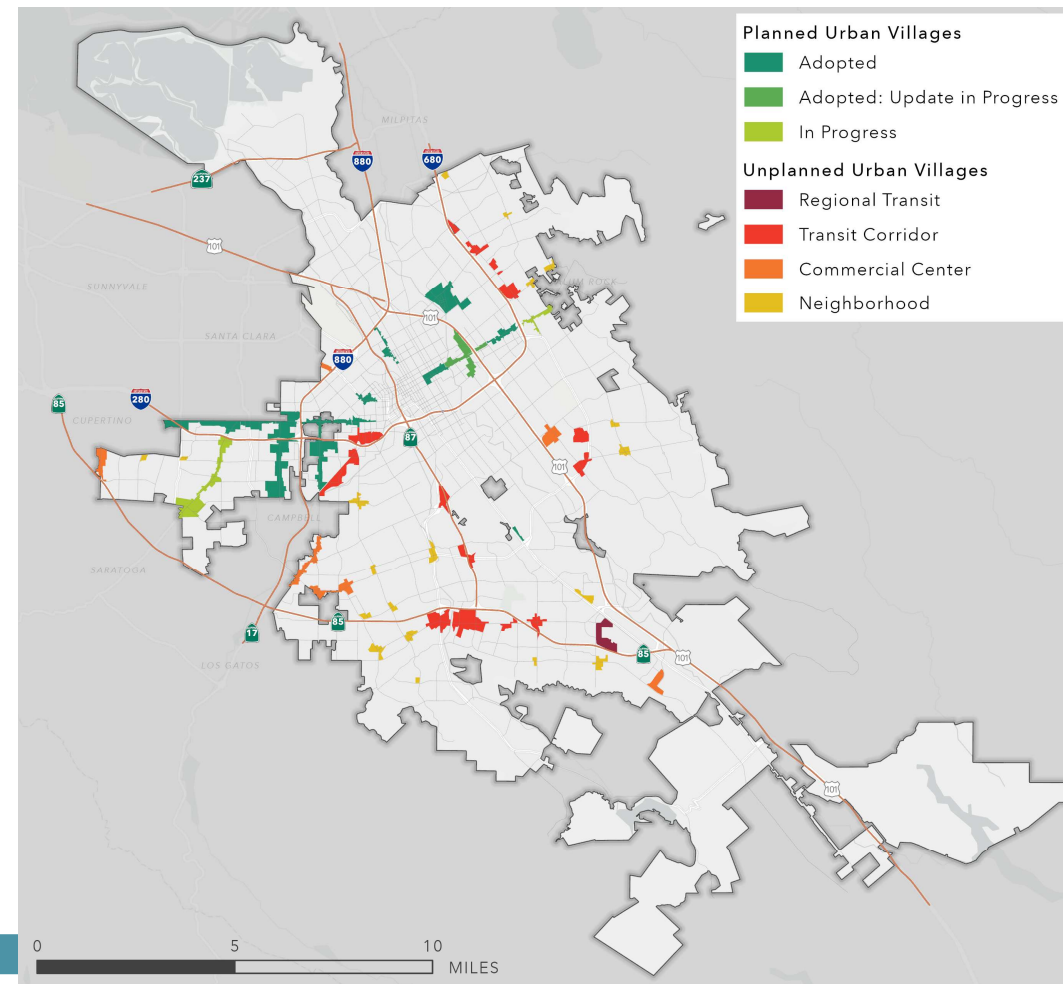
What Is an Urban Village?

Walkable, dense neighborhoods where homes, offices, and retail co-exist — designed for focused, sustainable growth.

Urban Village Types

62 designated urban villages

- **Regional Transit:** mid-rise and high-rise office buildings and high-density mixed-use projects around BART stations.
- **Local Transit:** a mix of retail, services, and housing along light rail and bus rapid transit lines.
- **Commercial Corridor/Center:** Less intensive mix of employment and housing.
- **Neighborhood:** Neighborhood-serving retail and services with some housing development.



Urban Villages: What's Changing



CURRENT REALITY

- Only 16 out of 62 have adopted plans
- 2 plans currently in progress
- 46 villages unplanned – no housing yet allowed

GOAL

- Speed up by combining nearby villages
- Streamline processes & simplify documents
- Ensure community input without slowing progress

PROPOSALS

1. Combine nearby villages
2. Customize plans by area
3. Simplify plan documents



Effect of Proposals



Total Unplanned Villages	42
Regional / Local Transit	17
Commercial Center	6
Neighborhood	19



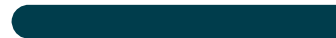
Total Unplanned Villages	15
Station Areas combined into one process for each transit corridor	6
Commercial Center (including two larger neighborhood villages)	8
Neighborhood Villages as one process	1



Missing Middle Housing

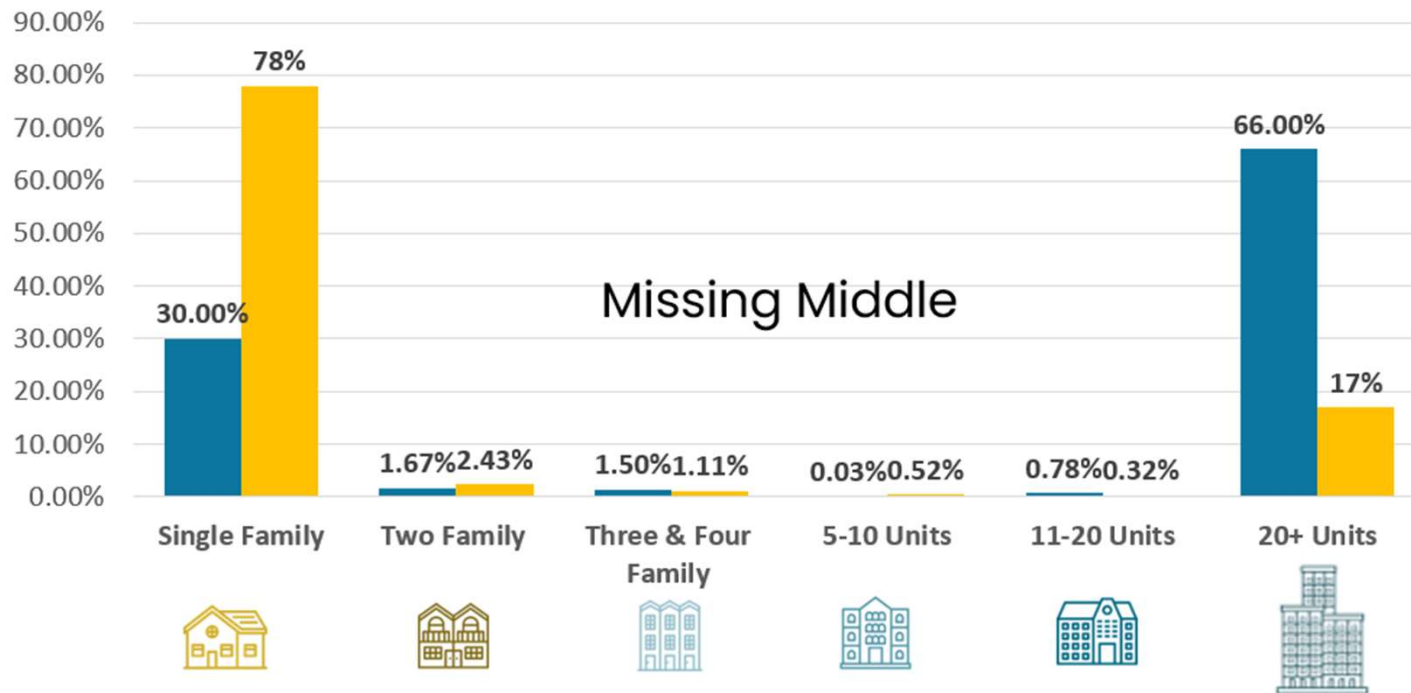
What is “missing middle” housing?

- Medium density level
- Variety of building types
- Roughly 2-20 units
- Scale compatible with single-family neighborhoods
- Smaller “starter” homes (for-sale)



Missing Middle Housing

Housing bigger than a single-family home but smaller than a large apartment complex — duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, etc.



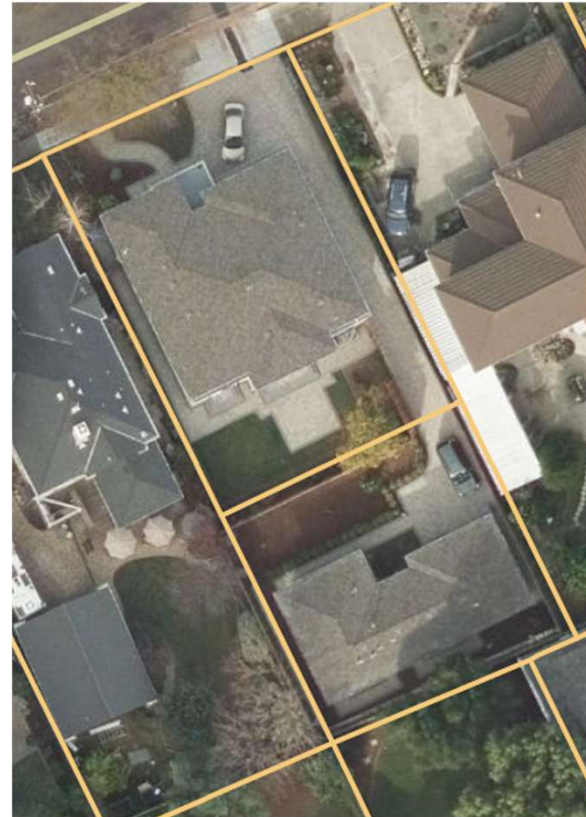
State Laws Context:

Senate Bill 9 (2021)

- Up to 4 units allowed on a single-family parcel: duplex or subdivision project.
- Minimum lot size after subdivision: 1,200 sf.
- Owner-occupancy requirement.

Senate Bill 1123 (July 2025)

- Vacant single-family lots; can designate existing units are remainder
- Subdivisions up to 10 parcels.
- Minimum parcel size: 1,200 sf



Housing Element Strategy P-35: Small multifamily housing

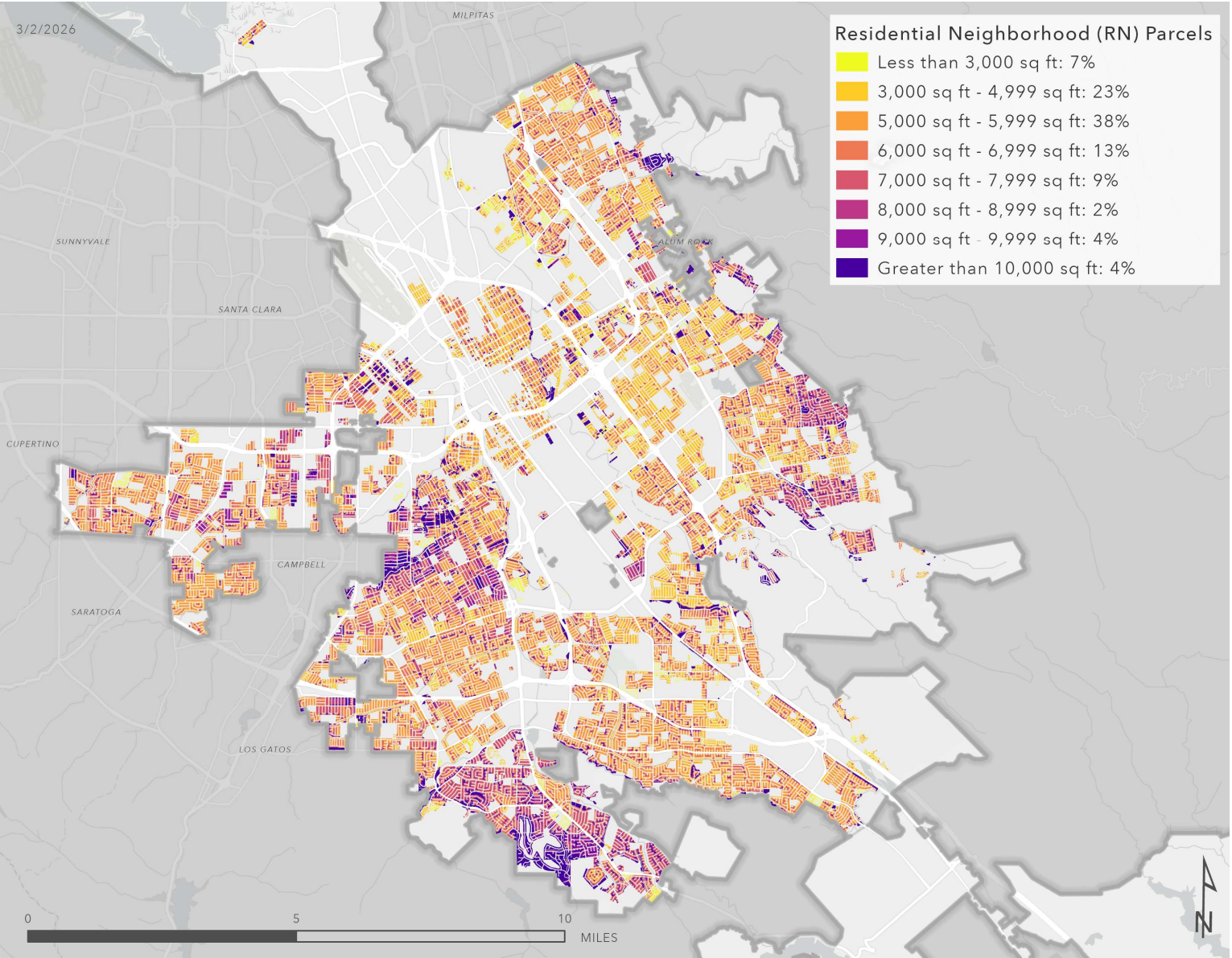
- Allow 4-10 units in locations throughout the city, including in high opportunity areas.
- Consider creating buffer zones between urban villages and adjacent neighborhoods.



Residential Neighborhood density: From 8 units/acre to 32 units/acre

Lot Area (sq ft)	0 - 2,999	3,000 - 4,999	5,000 - 5,999	6,000 - 6,999	7,000 - 7,999	8,000 - 8,999	9,000 - 9,999	10,000+
Primary Units	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	6	6-7	7	7+
ADUs	2	2-3	3-4	4-5	6	6-7	7	7-8
Total	3-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	12	12-14	14	14+





Residential
Neighborhood
parcels:
geographic
distribution by
parcel area

What has community engagement looked like?



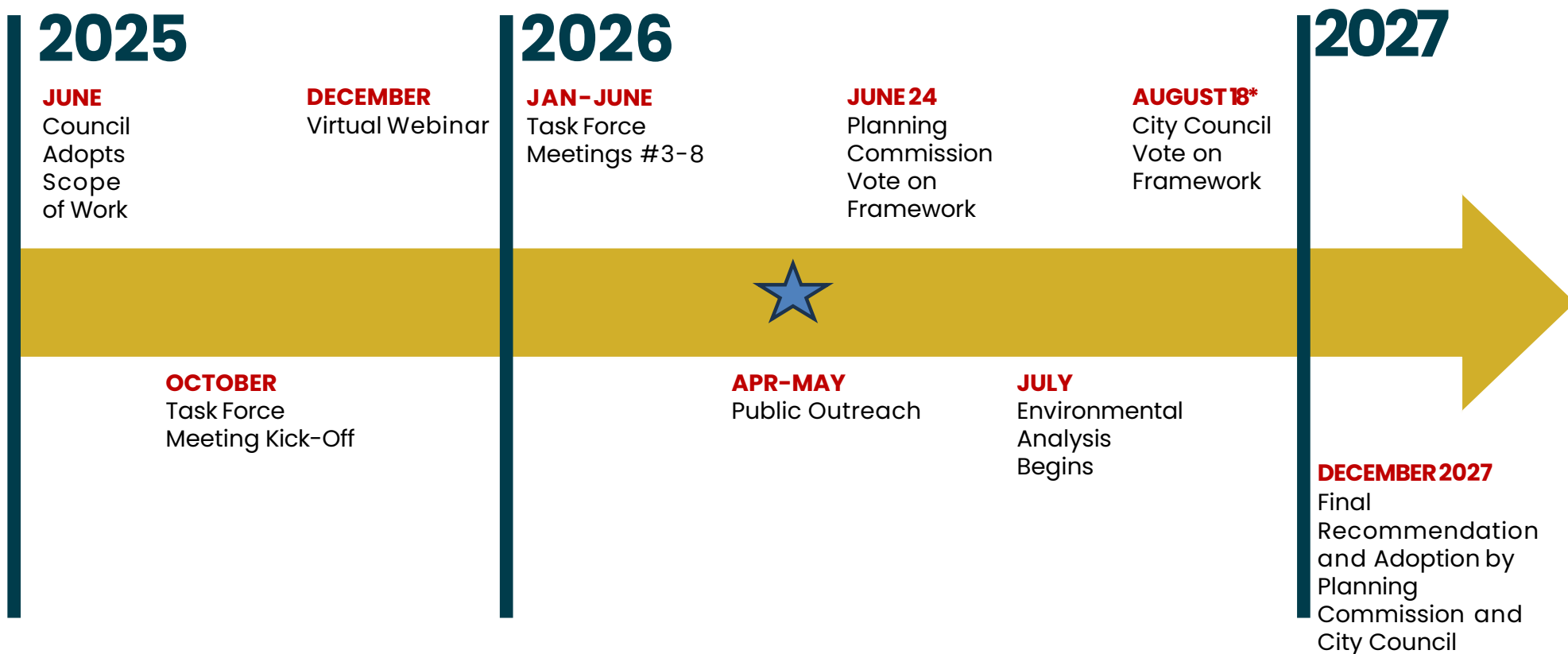
Outreach



- Website, mailing list & social media outreach
- Informational webinar
- Four Open Houses
- Meetings with neighborhood leadership groups and advocacy organizations
- Focus groups led by Office of Racial & Social Equity
- Online engagement tool



Overall Timeline



Community Voices



- GP Four Year Review – 4 Open Houses Held April 23–May 4 and reached over 800 Community members in person!
- **We invite YOU to add to our virtual open house by May 30th!**
<https://bit.ly/GP4virtualOpenHouse>



We want to know....

If you could change one thing about how San José is planned or designed to better City planning support young people, what would it be?

We want to hear from you!



Questions?

Agendas and more:
bit.ly/SJgeneralplan4review



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**D. YOUTH COMMISSION LETTER TO
RENAME CESAR CHAVEZ SITES
(COMMISSIONER CANFIELD)**

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**E. PUBLIC TRANSIT SAFETY INITIATIVE
(COMMISSIONER CANFIELD)**

Letter on Public Transit

Young people across San José depend on public transportation to get to school, work, and opportunity. This is what we found, and what we're recommending.



**San Jose
Youth Commission**

What We've Done So Far



Surveyed ~15 Stops

In an 2026, District 6 YAC surveyed ~15 VTA stops near Diridon Station, documenting litter, poor lighting, and safety concerns.



Issues Documented

Catalogued widespread litter, hazardous debris, poor lighting, and lack of accessible resources and community information.



Reports Filed

Submitted formal reports by email to VTA and attended a VTA Board of Directors Meeting, providing comments at the open forum.



Engaged VTA Leadership

Connected with a VTA board member to understand logistical constraints around QR codes, signage, and reporting infrastructure.

Roadblocks

What's stood in our way

1



QR Code Logistics

We proposed QR codes for easy issue reporting at stops, but a VTA board member flagged real barriers: weather resistance, sun bleaching, and tampering.

2



Reporting Form Visibility

A reporting form exists on VTA's website, but most riders don't know about it, and it's not right there to access.

Ideas

1



Resource Hotlines & PSAs

Post resource hotlines and PSAs at high-traffic stops to maximize visibility, connect riders to support, and reinforce safety across the city.

2



Stenciled Reporting URL

Paint is more durable and tamper-resistant than flyers. Stencil reporting URLs directly onto stop surfaces and prioritize highest-need stops.

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SMS Tip Line

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What We're Asking For



Realistic Next Steps

Guidance on what's achievable given VTA's constraints, and collaboration for next steps.



Council Member Support

Council endorsement and support to move these initiatives forward.



Amplifying Youth Voices

Investing in the rider experience means investing in mobility and access for all San José residents. Help make our transit system safer, cleaner, and work for everyone.



Thank you!

Your vote sends our concerns to the VTA Board and puts youth voices on the record.

[Any questions?](#)

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V. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ONLY

A. PARKS AND RECREATION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REPORT

B. SAN JOSÉ PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

C. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT

D. COMMISSIONER REPORT PER DISTRICT

Commissioners' Report Per District

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

VII. MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT