

San Bruno/South San Francisco Community-Based Transportation Plan



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The Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) for San Bruno and South San Francisco

- Funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) of the Bay Area
- MTC targets Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) throughout the Bay Area
- EPCs: Census Tracts with many low-income residents, residents of color and other key demographics

Key goal: Improve transportation options and mobility for residents living in the EPCs

Equity Priority Communities: Census tracts with many potentially transit dependent residents or those in need of alternative mobility options. Communities with some or most of these demographic factors:



People of Color
(70% threshold)



Low-Income
Residents (28%)



Limited English
Proficiency (12%)



Zero-Vehicle
Households (15%)



Older Adults 75 Years of
Age and Over (8%)



People with a
Disability (12%)



Single Parent
Families (18%)



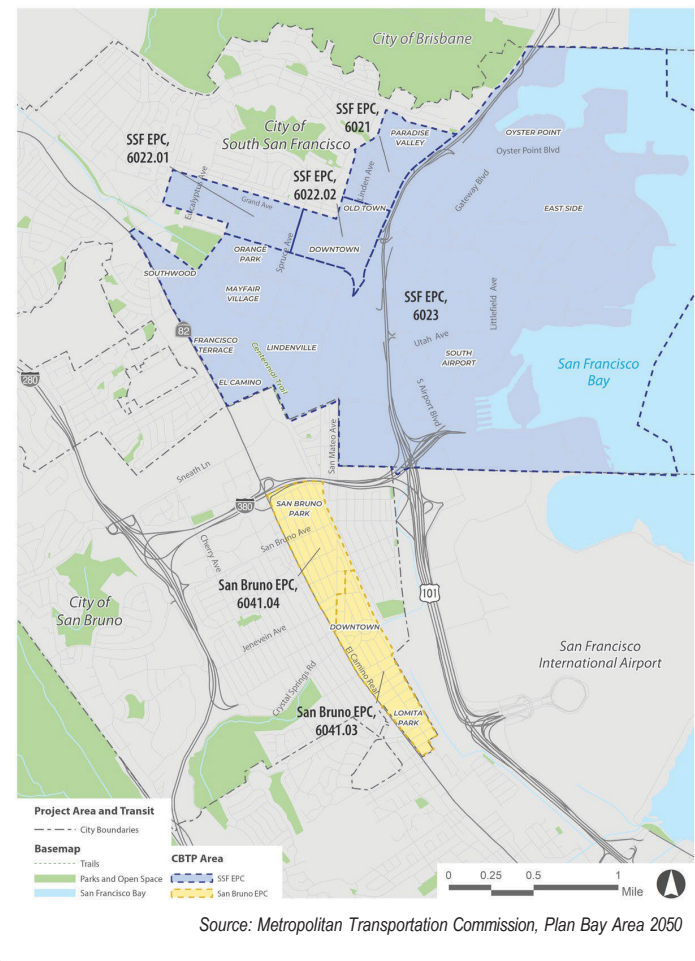
Severely Rent-Burdened
Households (14%)



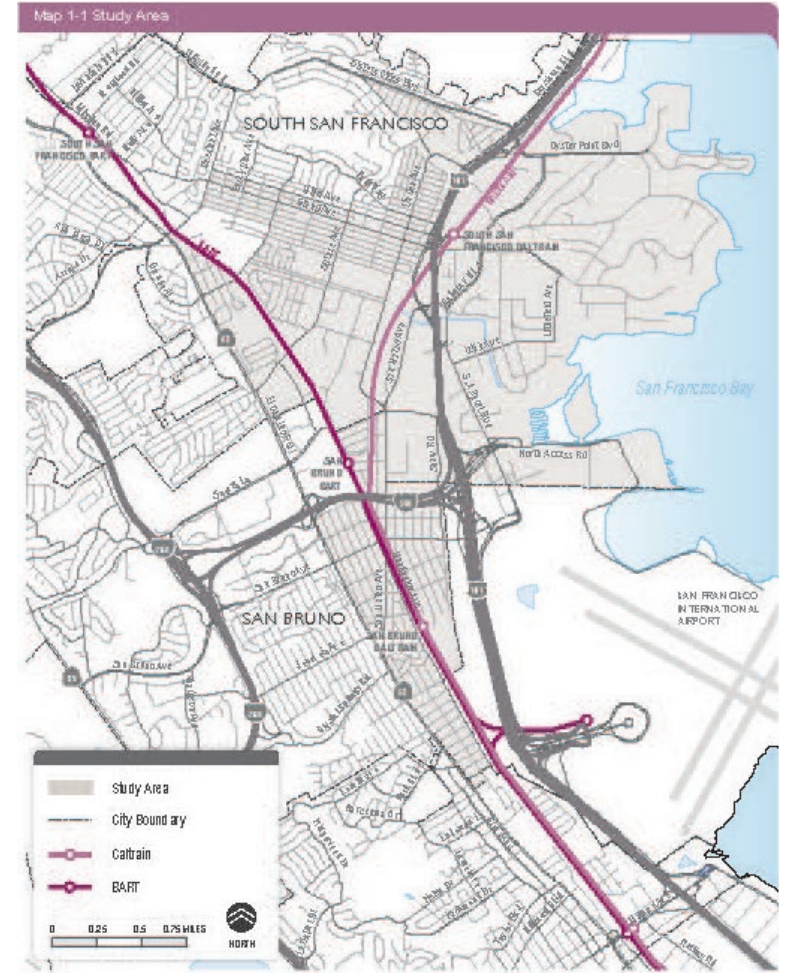
CBTP 2012 and 2026 Plan Areas Comparison

San Bruno census tract east of San Bruno BART and Huntington Avenue was not included in 2026 as an Equity Priority Community by MTC

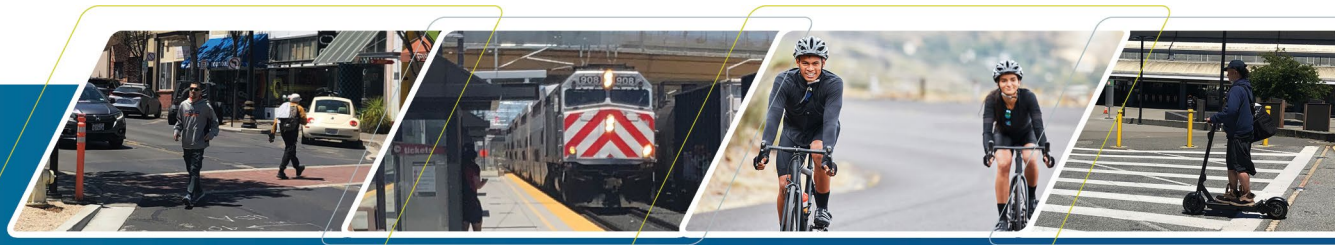
Map of San Bruno and South San Francisco Equity Priority Communities



2026 CBTP Study Area



2012 CBTP Study Area



CBTP Elements

- **Advisory Committee** of local city and agency staff
- **Outreach Strategy** with community advocates
- **Community Needs Assessment** to determine transportation connectivity, safety, and reliability challenges
- **Community-sourced geographic locations** for suggested improvements
- **Strategies, projects, and programs**
- **Implementation plan** and funding suggestions
- **Monitoring and reporting metrics**



Community Engagement Activities

- **Advisory Group**

- Staff from City of San Bruno, City of South San Francisco, C/CAG

- **Five (5) Key Stakeholder Interviews**

- Friends of Old Town -Rise South City -San Bruno Healthy Homes
- Silicon Valley Bike Coalition -YMCA Resource Center

- **Four (4) Focus Groups organized in collaboration with**

- Friends of Old Town -San Bruno Healthy Homes
- YMCA Resource Center -Resilient San Bruno

- **Four (4) Pop-Up Events at**

- All Souls Catholic Church -La Hacienda Market
- La Mexicana Produce Market -Rico Pan Latin Pastries



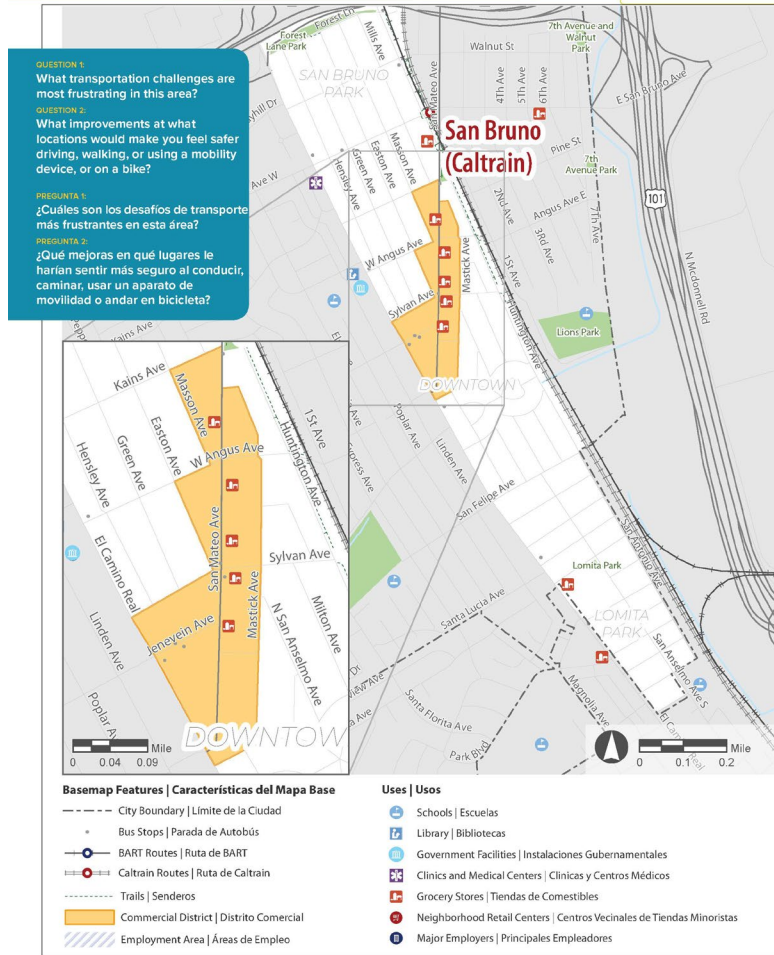
Outreach Materials

We asked:

“What transportation challenges do you experience?”

“What improvements would you make?”

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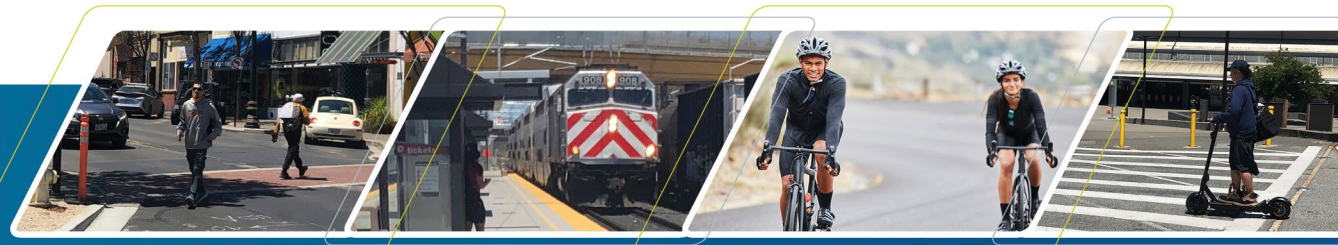


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Key Themes from the Community

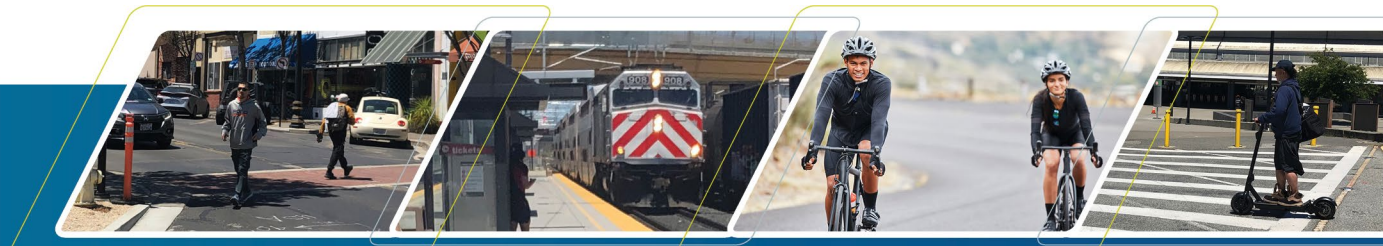
- Safety, Transportation Costs are Barriers to Mobility
- Make it Safer to Walk
- Expand the Bicycle Network and Amenities
- Improve Roadway Conditions
- Expand Transit Services on Nights and Weekends
- Consider Additional Free/Affordable Shuttle Services
- Expand Awareness about Transit and Shuttle Services and Discount Programs
- Prioritize Underserved Neighborhoods for Equitable Investments in Transportation Services Improvements



Strategies to Address Transportation Challenges

Figure 31: 2025 CBTP Transportation Strategies

Strategy	Description
Improve pedestrian safety and community access	Improve pedestrian safety and access by installing more crosswalks and safety enhancements to reduce traffic collisions, improve safety, and expand neighborhood accessibility.
Expand bicycle network connectivity, safety, and amenities	Provide bicycle connectivity to existing shared-use paths such as the Centennial Way Trail, on critical corridors such as El Camino Real and San Mateo Avenue. Create safe, comfortable bikeways on streets with high vehicle volumes and speeds. Provide repair stations and additional bike parking at transit stations.
Improve street infrastructure and safety	Repair damaged street pavement and implement traffic management strategies to facilitate safer travel for everyone.
Improve transit amenities	Maintain and expand bus stop amenities such as shelters, benches, restrooms at transit stations, and improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to bus stops and transit centers to enhance the rider experience and encourage new ridership.
Extend and adjust transit service routes, times, and frequencies to reflect the needs of older adults, students, and essential workers	Adjust transit and shuttle routes, timing and frequency to reflect the needs of community members who need travel options in the evenings and on the weekends.
Improve transit reliability and connectivity	Improve on-time performance of existing transit services and ensure riders in need of regional travel can make efficient connections between transit routes and regional transit systems.
Expand options for low- or no-cost transportation services	Expand programs which reduce the financial burdens of transit on low-income residents.
Expand awareness of transit and transportation services	Promote transportation services that are already available to residents through ongoing campaigns to grow awareness among potential riders and encourage mode shift.



36 Project Recommendations from Community Suggestions

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PROJECT

Enhance lighting, bicycle facilities and pedestrian-friendly walkways to the I-380 underpasses at Huntington and San Mateo Avenues, including visible pathway connections to Huntington Ave cycle track and to San Bruno BART station.

Description

Several community members and survey respondents mentioned feeling unsafe when trying to traverse the area underneath Interstate 380, and recommended enhancements to these underpasses, including lighting, walkways and bicycle lanes to make safer connections to Huntington Ave and the San Bruno BART station.

Community benefits

Providing lighting and designated pedestrian and bicycle pathways may help to improve safety outcomes for those who need to travel under I-380 to reach Huntington Ave and the BART station.

Increased mobility and access

This would provide a safe connection to and from the BART station, the cycle track and to the Tanforan Mall for San Bruno EPC residents who live south of I-380 and would expand both access and mobility options for community members who live both north and south of these underpasses.

Existing plans and projects

The City of San Bruno's Walk 'n Bike Plan includes pedestrian-scale lighting, sidewalk enhancements and a separated bikeway along Huntington Ave between the San Bruno BART and Caltrain

stations. Work on the Huntington Avenue Cycle Track, funded by San Mateo County's Measure W, has been completed south of the I-380 overpass. The second phase of the Cycle Track is funded and will be under construction this summer.

Financial feasibility

San Bruno could potentially connect some of this work to its enhancements and bikeway development along Huntington Ave south of the BART station, which should include the I-380 underpass. Other potential funding sources include the statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP), and California Climate Investments STEP Program which funds accessibility improvements in disadvantaged communities.

Ease of implementation

This project would require coordination between Caltrans and the City of San Bruno. This is potentially a complex project, with implementation subject to interagency coordination, technical review of issues and potential enhancements, and funding availability.

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PROJECT

Provide safety and quality of life enhancements to the Centennial Way Trail, including more lighting, emergency call boxes, benches, and marking lanes for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Description

Several community members said they felt unsafe walking on the Centennial Way Trail (CWT) and requested safety and security enhancements, benches, and marked lanes to reserve separate space for pedestrians and bicyclists. Some safety enhancements have already been completed, such as trail widening and improved lighting on the segment between South Maple and Spruce Avenues.

Community benefits

The CWT is a shared-use path that provides benefits to local residents both as open space and as a connection to key locations along its route. Enhancing the trail could potentially provide improved health and safety benefits to those who live in nearby EPCs.

Increased mobility and access

Increased use among local residents could enhance their access and mobility as well.

Existing plans and projects

South San Francisco's Centennial Way Trail Master Plan, which governs improvements to the trail, indicates opportunities for additional lighting and seating, location-specific signage tied to 911 dispatch, and signage for separation between transportation types.

Centennial Trail Park South opened in Fall 2024 and included a widened trail and improved lighting on the CWT section between South Maple and Spruce Avenues.

Financial feasibility

The City of South San Francisco has recently been awarded federal funds to support upgrades and park development along the CWT. Additional enhancements suggested here could be funded by state grant funds like STEP or through San Mateo County's Measures A and W. There may be ongoing staffing and maintenance needs that will need to be budgeted for as well.

Ease of implementation

Many of these enhancements are already part of recommendations in the CWT Master Plan. Crossings or major modifications would require a case-by-case evaluation. Portions of the trail are on BART and SFPUC property with PG&E easements requiring agency approvals. Time may be needed for design, planning, procuring equipment, construction and any coordination needed with emergency services.

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Tracking Progress and Implementation

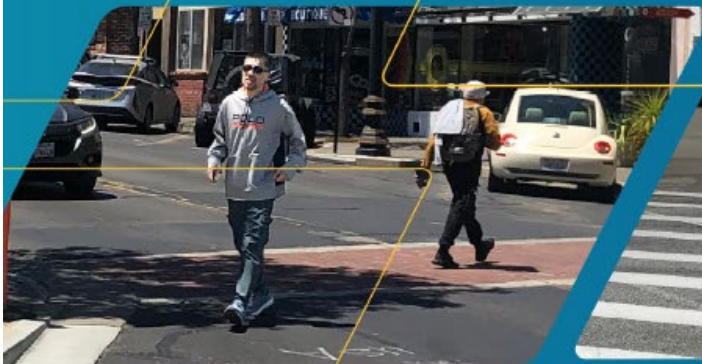
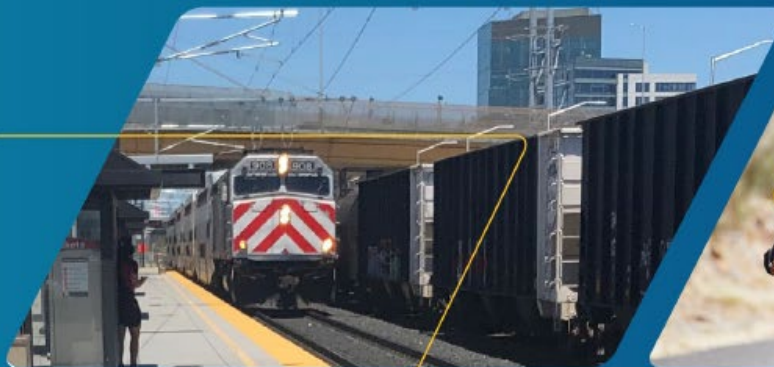
San Bruno/South San Francisco CBTP Annual Tracking Checklist				
CBTP Adoption Date:				
Number of Active Transportation Projects:		Tracking Start Date:		
Number of Transit and Paratransit Projects:				
Number of Safety Projects:		Tracking End Date:		
Total Number of Recommended Projects:				
Project Milestones				
Project Name (Projects may be repeated to accommodate multiple milestones)	Category (Check 1 for each row)			Milestone Description and Date
	Funding	Local Adoption/ Programming	Implementation	
Total Projects Currently Tracked:				

CBTP Annual Tracking Checklist

Coordinated by C/CAG, cities to submit progress on any recommended projects approved for implementation by City Council.



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